

# *From the Raven's Nest...*

for Friday, November 15, 2024



**Time flies when you are having fun...** I can't believe we are in full planning for the first Learning Update and winter celebrations but the time is upon us. On November 21<sup>st</sup> we have our first Curriculum Catch Up afternoon of the year and there will be more information about that below. With the current Reporting Order, the Learning Update that will be available will not have any letter grades, but rather an indication of the level of proficiency (emerging, developing, proficient, or extending) that they have demonstrated in terms of each of the curricular competencies covered. Teachers have been working since the start of the year to help students understand their progress and we will include some information with the update to help you have a conversation with your child about their progress.

We truly believe that this is best for students as it will help them understand their strengths, challenges and what they can focus on moving forward.

Also this year, **all Learning Updates and the year end Summary of Learning will be accessed digitally.**

We will send home a separate message about how that will happen through our ParentConnect system which is the same system you used for permissions at the start of the school year

## What's happening at Rockheights next week:

### Monday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

- 3pm Gr 7/8 Boys Basketball games at SHORELINE

### Tuesday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

- Pizza sales today!- Preorder online by Sunday evening using [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com)
- 12pm Gr 6/7 Girls Basketball practice in the gym
- 3pm Gr 6/7 Girls Basketball games at CENTRAL

### Wednesday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

- Immunization catch up day for grade 6 students that missed
- 12pm Gr 6/7 Boys basketball practice in the gym
- 3pm Gr 6/7 Girls Basketball practice in the gym

### Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

- SUBWAY Lunches for those that ordered (Yes, they will come early!)
- 11:35am – Early Dismissal for CC Afternoon

### Friday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

### Looking Further Ahead:

**December 1** Choir performs at the Celebration of Lights

**December 10** Young Entrepreneur Fair

**December 11** Winter Music Concerts in the gym (7pm)

**December 15-20** Winter Festivities Week – Details as we get closer to the date!



**Pizza update** Thank you to everyone who placed their orders online using SchoolCash Online. **ALL ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY MIDNIGHT ON THIS SUNDAY.** All orders can be placed using [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com) We will still try to have a couple of pizzas for those students that forget to order online, but availability will not be guaranteed if you have not pre-ordered!

### **Curriculum Catch Up Afternoon – Thursday November 21**

Three times a year, we have a “Curriculum Catch Up Afternoon” in which students who are all caught up on their work are dismissed early, while those that are missing tasks from the term are required to stay to complete those tasks. A form was sent home this week that indicated whether or not your child is up to date on all of their assigned tasks. Students that are eligible will be dismissed at 11:35 Thursday November 21. Those that are required to stay will be working in the Learning Commons until their assigned tasks are completed. Students are welcome to be dismissed once they have completed their work as long as they have permission from you to do so. Please ensure you have received your child's CC Day form and that you have signed and returned it to the school by Monday! We realize this can be an inconvenience for families, but if families prefer, you can indicate on the form, and students are welcome to spend the afternoon working/reading quietly even if they are up to date on their work.

## **RMS PAC News:**

# **LAST CALL for Chocolate-lovers!**

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us? Order Purdys chocolates from our fundraiser! This year, we're hoping to raise **\$1000** for Rockheights Middle School PAC, and we need YOUR help!

From **now until November 24, 2024**, you can order Purdys treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, pickup will be held on the evening of the Music programs Winter Concert on Dec 11, 2024.

### **What you'll need to order:**

1. Our campaign number: **70662**
2. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1982981-120957>
3. Click “Join Campaign”
4. Shop, shop, shop away!

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

We know that there have been some strong cold and flu bugs going through our community and we hope that you are reminding your child to continue best practices of hand washing, covering your mouth when they cough and dressing warmly for the weather. We are a community that takes care of each other and hope you are staying healthy.

Sincerely,

*Aaron Maxwell*

Principal

&

*Tania Singh*

Vice-Principal

