



Ridgetown District High School
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December 2023 Newsletter

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Message from the Office

Moving into December, the temperature will continue to drop and winter weather will arrive. We remind students to wear appropriate clothing for the weather i.e., jacket, gloves, toque, boots, etc. Aside from extreme weather conditions, students are expected to be outside for the duration of recess as well as for daily physical activity.

This year, Winter Break is from December 25th to January 5th. The last day of school is Friday, December 22nd, with classes resuming on Monday, January 8th. We hope that all our students, staff and families have a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday season!

Important Dates:

Wednesday, December 6 th	Pizza Day Spirit Day – Pajama Day
Wednesday, December 13 th	Pizza Day
Wednesday, December 20 th	Pizza Day
Friday, December 22nd	Last Day of Class
Monday, January 8th	School Resumes
Wednesday, January 17th	Grade 8 Open House

The Holiday Drive

We would like to extend a large thank-you to everyone who donated to the holiday toy/food drive. The Goodfellows are grateful for our donation, as the need in our community is large. We are very proud of how our students are influencing our community with positive actions and deeds. Thank you again, to all who helped make a difference!

Harvest Table Restaurant Hot Lunch

On Monday, November 27, some of our students had a hot lunch from the local restaurant Harvest Table. We received a lot of positive feedback from the students and the business was wonderful to work with, so we will be offering a hot lunch on Mondays from Harvest Table in the new year. We are currently working with them to provide students with different, affordable meals.

School Attendance and End of Day Dismissal

Regular school attendance is extremely important the success of all learners. As difficult as it can be some days, beginning the instructional day on time is an important step in making sure your child achieves their goals this school year.

We would also like to quickly remind parents/guardians that we are unable to accept phone calls that provide students with permission to drive with other students or parents/guardians to extra-curricular activities or change their arranged transportation at the end of the day (e.g. walk with a friend home instead of taking the bus). RDHS always prioritizes student safety and having clear, written permission from a parent or guardian ensures that staff are safely dismissing your child at the end of the school day. Please email your students' teacher or provide your child with a note prior to the beginning of the school day if there is a change in their regularly scheduled day.

Connections with Naahii Ridge Elementary School

Over the course of November, our Grade 7 and Grade 8 students have been participating in a reading buddies' program with the kindergarten students at Naahii Ridge Public School, as well as other fun and engaging activities. This has been an excellent opportunity for our students to build their leadership skills and connect with their previous school.

School Clothing



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SPIRIT WEAR

Our new school spirit wear shop has been launched and can be found at the following URL: **rdhsroyals.entripyshops.com**. There is also a link at the bottom of the RDHS website called Royals Spirit Wear that will take you to the official store site as well as being on the RDHS 7-12 Facebook Page. This store is open and can be accessed all year. Our new store offers a variety of clothing options and accessories at a range of prices. After choosing the item you would like to purchase, you can choose your colour, size, logo, location of the logo, etc. Some items also have a customizable option to add a name or a favourite number. The best part about our new spirit wear store is that all purchases are made through the website and are shipped directly to you.

Check It Out Today!

Electronic Newsletter

This year, much like last year, to reduce the amount of paper and copying, we are asking that parents access the monthly newsletter and calendar through the RDHS website. Each month, the newsletter will be posted as close to the beginning of the month as possible. There will be no paper copies sent home. You can bookmark the site using this address

<https://www.lkdsb.net/school/RDHS/7-8/Pages/default.aspx#/=>. The school newsletter will also be e-mailed via School Messenger each month.

Staying Connected with RDHS

For the most up-to-date information, please consider following us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is intended to be an information page that gives reminders about upcoming events and does not take comments or receive messages. You can also find important dates and upcoming events by following us on Twitter @ridgetown_dhs as well as on our school website, <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/RDHS/7-8/Pages/default.aspx#/=>.

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Communication between home and school is key to your child's success. If you ever have concerns or questions, please speak directly to your child's teacher. If any concerns remain, please contact Ms. Bruette or Mr. Harwood.