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## February 2024 Newsletter

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### Message from the Office

February is a busy month. Take a look at the important dates outlined below as well as the information included in the newsletter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at the school. As a reminder, as it is now winter, we encourage all 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.

### Important Dates:

Friday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Professional Development Day <b>(No School)</b>
Wednesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Day
Thursday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Council (Virtual) 7pm
Friday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Grade 8 Grad Photos</b>
Friday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First Term Report Cards go home.</b>
Monday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day <b>(No School)</b>

### Term One Report Cards

Term one report cards will be sent home on Friday, February 16th. Please note, for term one report cards, Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled on an individual basis. If you would like to connect with your student's teacher(s), please indicate that you would like a meeting on the parent guardian portion of the term one report card that you are to record your comments, sign, and return. As well, you are free to reach out and connect with your student's teacher(s) at any point via phone or e-mail.

### Grade 8 Grad Photos

Grade 8 Graduation photos are scheduled to be taken on Friday, February 16th. A graduation gown will be provided for students to wear in their photos; however, the photographer encourages students to wear a white or light-colored shirt underneath. Please note that only students who have their photo taken will be featured in the class composite photo. Also, only students who order graduation photos will be given a copy of the class composite photo.

## 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.

## 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#/=>.

## Staff Contacts

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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.