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## October 2023 Newsletter

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### Message from the Office

Fall is upon us and with that comes frequent changes in the weather and temperature. Please ensure that your student is dressed accordingly and is prepared each day. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, so please note that there is no school on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Professional Development Day, and Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, for Thanksgiving, Students are expected to return on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The staff would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

### Important Dates in October

Friday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Shirt Day
Saturday, September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher Night (5pm – 7pm)
Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Council (7pm – 8pm)
Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day (No School)
Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving (No School)
Tuesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Retakes
Monday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Spirit Day   Black and Orange or Halloween Costume

### Orange Shirt Day

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Ridgetown District High School, along with schools across the country will commemorate Orange Shirt Day. The annual Orange Shirt Day opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind on Canada's Indigenous peoples. This is a discussion all Canadians can participate in and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. It is a day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they

matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters and in turn, every adult matters. We were so grateful to have members of our school community wearing orange on September 29<sup>th</sup> in support and commemoration of those who have been deeply impacted by the Residential School System in Canada.

### **Terry Fox Run and Activities**

On Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, students participated in the annual Terry Fox Walk/Run. RDHS was able to raise a total of \$260 which will be donated towards cancer research. A big thank you to our Physical Education teacher, Mr. Ross, for organizing a successful event and providing educational materials on the importance of Terry's goal to run across Canada. Thank you to all students for your commitment and support.

### **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.

### **School Council**

The School Council meets at different times throughout the school year. These meetings take place in person at RDHS, with an option to participate virtually, and are open to any parent or guardian who is interested in attending. There are currently no parent representatives from the elementary program on the School Council, so we greatly encourage and welcome your participation.

**Our next meeting is Thursday, October 5 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the RDHS library.** If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bruette or Mr. Harwood.

### **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 the school administration.