

Red River Valley Junior Academy Newsletter

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Bienvenue/Welcome!

Welcome back to a new school year. Regardless of the rains I hope your summer was what you expected. The first day of school for staff is **Tuesday, September 8** and **Thursday September 10** for students.

A new school year is always exciting. Our focus will be to provide each child with new challenges that will result in a rewarding school experience.

In addition to enhancing the spiritual experience of our students, our school will continue to focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Values.

Instruction in the arts, technology, and physical education complete our program providing each student with the opportunity to develop areas of interest and skill.

Communication & Involvement:

As we begin this year, please remember that this is your school and we welcome your involvement. To increase communication between home and school, we are asking all students from Grade 1 -10 to purchase an RRVJA School agenda book.

The cost of this book is \$5.00 and a check may be made payable to the school. The agenda book is good for the entire school year and serves as a link between home and school.

We will send home a calendar each month and additional communication to keep you informed about what is happening at RRVJA.

First Day: Thursday, September 10 On **Thursday, September 10**, all students will report to their individual classrooms at 8:45 a.m. They will meet their teachers. They will have devotion and receive valuable information about classroom routines, textbooks and locker storage.

Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. as this first day is for you and your child to visit with the teacher and be oriented with the classroom routine.

I encourage you to join us in all school activities, establishing strong foundations and being positive role models for your children.

Picture Day: Thursday, September 10 Individual school pictures will be taken **Thursday, September 10th**. Since this is the first day back for students ensure that your child(ren) are dressed in their best! Bring the enclosed flyer on picture day.

Back to School Night (Corn Boil): The annual back-to-school night will be held **Thursday, September 17** beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come and dialogue with your child's teacher and bring an empty stomach to have all the corn you can eat!

Please utilize the school website, <http://www.rrvja.ca> to obtain school policy information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year to provide a productive and safe learning environment that supports student success.

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Ian Mighty, Principal

J/Kindergarten News



*"If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them, and half as much money."--
Abigail Van Buren"*

How do I ... prepare for Kindergarten?

Establish routines. Introduce an earlier bedtime several weeks before school starts.

- Practice the morning routine of dressing and eating breakfast.
- Review several times with your child how he or she will get to and from school.
- Provide your child with a healthy breakfast before school and a nutritious lunch.
- *Choose clothing for your kindergartener that is "easy on, easy off". Choose pants with elastic Waistbands, not zippers and snaps, or overalls, for example, and no belts. Boots must be large enough so the child can put them on independently.
- *To prevent your child from missing out on Physical Education classes, let your child wear sneakers every day. They cannot participate in clogs, sandals, or other types of loose shoes or boots.
- Read to your child daily. Reading increases vocabulary. Read everything and everything from books to the cereal box!
- Realize that kindergarten is different from preschool. Classes are larger, so expecting constant individualized attention for your child is unrealistic. Nevertheless, know that your child's teacher wants to get to know you and your child, to find out how best to understand each student in his or her care.
- Together parents and teachers make a team. The year is about cooperation and trust. If something may be affecting your child, let the teacher know. If you have concerns, share them.
- Make sure that your child has time to play after school and on weekends. Now that your child spends more time in a structured school environment, you should allow more free time at home for play. Kindergarten homework includes *playtime!*
- Help your child develop strategies to resolve peer conflicts and to know when to ask an adult for help.
- Promote an attitude of respect for the rights and properties of others.

Grades One to Two News

Mr. Gordon is anxious to see his new grade one and two students. He had an adventurous summer travelling across Canada. He also visited the US And Mexico.

Mr. Gordon is looking forward to telling his students about his travel adventures this summer.

Grades Three to Four News

Ms. Sampson is returning to RRVJA as the homeroom teacher for Grades three to four. She will be with the students for the greater portion of the day, delivering Bible, English Language Art, French and Art.

Ms. Sampson brings nearly 30 years of teaching experience in Manitoba to RRVJA and you will appreciate her gentleness, care and sincerity.

Grades Five to Six News

It never fails! Mr. McGuire has been hunting this summer and will probably have stories to share. He is anxious to meet his new Grade 5/6 students with whom he will be exploring Space and Flight as part of their studies in science. All aboard!

Adventist Christian Education Unique at RRVJA

**Opportunities for students to accept Jesus as their savior*

**Quality academics*

**A life of service to others*

**Friendships for a life-time*

**Positive teacher-student relationships*

**Value for student work ethic*

**Campus Safety*

**Emphasis on healthy living*

**Values and virtues*

Grades Seven to Eight News

Mrs. Landry sends warm greetings to all her students and parents. Students in Grade 7 & 8 are expected to receive instruction in both Art and Home Economics this school year. Mrs. Landry's has a broad knowledge of the Math and Science Curriculum and our children will benefit immensely from her ability to instruct in these areas.



Grade Nine to Ten News

Mrs. Gordon had a great summer. She spent part of the summer pursuing her Master Degree and is looking forward to seeing here Grades 9 & 10 students. The buzz of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics will get louder over the next few months as this class plans and fundraises to attend this event in January. They are counting on whatever support you can give.

Every Day 2 the Grades 9-10 students will be transported from RRVJA to Churchill High School (510 Hay Street). The students will receive instruction in either of Graphic Arts Design, Woods, Automotive Technology, Metals or Home Economics.

Transportation from RRVJA to Churchill High School will again be provided by City Limit Charter. Students will be transported from RRVJA at 12:45 p.m. to reach Churchill for 1:10 p.m. The students will be transported back to RRVJA for approximately 3:30 p.m.

Cost for transportation is \$200.00 for the year. Parents who have not made payment arrangements are requested to do so as soon as possible.

Home & School

Special thanks to our Home and School for their generous donation a new seating station. This will be outside the front office as an added convenience for our visitors.

The Home & School will have their first meeting at 3:45 pm on September 14th. While the Home & School is comprised of elected members, its meetings are open to any RRVJA parent as we look forward to you ideas for improving our school.

The Home & School will is greatly in need of your assistance in various projects such as the Hot Lunch Program throughout the year.

Needs

The school administration would like to thanks last year's fundraising committee for their efforts in raising funds for a new Public Address System. If you have bright ideas or just want to be involved, please sign up to be a member of the school's fundraising committee. We would like to address the following needs:

*Attractive Display Sign

*Floor scrubber machine

*Carpet Cleaner



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New Students

We would like to extend a special welcome to all our new students and their families.

At RRVJA we pride ourselves on having close family relationships and invite you to become part of our family.

We will endeavor to provide our new students with an orientation. Our teachers will endeavor to assign a buddy to new students. Your buddy will help you become familiar with the

expectations and routines of your new school.

We practice an open door policy here at RRVJA and strongly encourage our new families to ask questions if uncertain about routines and or school policies.

From time to time, there are events outside of school hours and we invite our new families to show your support by attending and participating in these events.



Band/Music News



Dr. Schofield and Mr. Aasland are with us again for the new school year. The computer lab has been remodeled to accommodate for a band room.

Mrs. Gordon will be offering choral music to Grade 1-4.

Physical Education News

Mr. Prime is looking forward to another exciting year of sports and fitness for the students. T-shirts for PE classes will be available for sale this year. More details will be sent home to you.

Other Upcoming Events:

RRVJA Board members please note that our first School Board Meeting will be held **Monday, September 14th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** All Board members should plan to attend this first meeting for the 2009-2010 school year.

Alumni Celebration!

Thanks to Karl and Monica Hergenroeder and Evelyn Sinclair, an Alumni celebration event was planned over the August 29 weekend. The event included a potluck style luncheon at the school, followed by a Riverboat Cruise and Sunday Brunch at Buccacino's Cucina Italian Restaurant. There were over 30 out of town guest (former students, teachers and principals) in attendance.