

# Imagination Wing Grade 7-12 Student Handbook

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#### MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Welcome to Rosthern Community School! We are very excited to start this school year! Rosthern Community School celebrates the wide variety of culture and tradition that is steeped in our town. We take pride in and work towards our three foundational words: *Relationships, Courage and Success* while maintaining a plan to create **Lifelong LEARNERS**...We are so proud to offer our students an engaging education with trusting educators. It is our mission to have every student feel welcomed, safe and a valued part of the Rosthern Community School family. Additionally, we strive to challenge our students to grow in their academic abilities. Below you will see our division and school directives for maintaining the optimal learning environment and processes. *My Prairie Spirit Classroom* encompasses all we do at Rosthern Community School to achieve Lifelong LEARNERS.

We hope that you find our website helpful and informative. All of the information we send out via email can also be found on this site. Our monthly newsletters are emailed to parents, and we upload them to our website.

We are honoured to serve Rosthern Community School as administrators. It is a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

Mrs. Andrea Foster Principal

Ms. Charmain Laroque Vice-Principal



#### RCS COMMITMENTS

# **Rosthern Community School**

# **Our Commitments**



#### STUDENT CONDUCT

We commit to setting, modeling, and maintaining high expectations for all of our students – we believe in empowering students to be respectful and collaborative leaders. We will help to foster growth and development through the use of graduated privileges and responsibilities.

#### STUDENT GROWTH

We commit to nurturing and celebrating growth in each and every student – this includes academic, social, emotional, and personal growth that recognizes the individuality of each student in our school. We will encourage each student to demonstrate independence and perseverance on their journey to individual success.

# **OUR BUILDING**

We commit to taking pride in our school, showing respect for the spaces that we share, and instilling a sense of ownership in our students – this requires a commitment to consistency and honest communication.

# **STAFF**

We commit to creating a family that values teamwork, knowing, and respecting each other, spending quality time together, and collaborating as colleagues.

# **ADULT GROWTH**

We commit to ongoing personal and professional learning that strengthens our collective efficacy – we will learn from each other, support one another, and be flexible to work outside of our comfort zones.

### **OUR TRADITIONS**

We commit to creating a unified school community that values open communication, acknowledges past traditions, and focuses on the development of a diverse school culture.

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# **RCS LOCATIONS**

# **EXPLORATION**

120	Pre-Kindergarten	Mrs. Hayward
121	Kindergarten	Mrs. Marsh-Hogan
126	Grade 1-2	Mrs. Cottrel
122	Grade 1	Mrs. Thiessen
127	Grade 2	Mrs. Lehmann
129	Grade 3	Mrs. Ens
119	Grade 3-4	Mr. Cardinal
128 Learning Community, 128.1 Collaborate		

# **DISCOVERY**

214	Grade 4	Mrs. Brewster
216	Grade 5	Mr. Arntsen
210	Grade 5/6	Mrs. A Lehmann
209	Grade 6	Mrs. Block
205	Grade 10	Mr. Kroeger
204	Grade 7	Mrs. Kakoske
211	Inquiry Studio	, 215 Connect, 212 Learning Community

# **IMAGINATION**

220	Computer Lab	
221	Grade 8	Mrs. Wood & Mr. Klebeck
224	Grade 9	Mr. Bergen
227	Grade 12	Mrs. McPhail
229	Grade 11	Mr. Derksen
222 Learning Community, 222 Callaborate, 228 Callaborate		

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# INNOVATION

152	Arts	
156	IA/ Grade 7	Mr. Wills
159	IA Lab	Mr. Wills
133 LRC, 200 LRC, 200.1 Cultural Room		

150 PAA Ms. Fehr

# **OFFICES**

103	Office	Mrs. Isaak
104	Principal	Mrs. Foster
105	Vice-Principal	Ms. Laroque
108	Counselor	Mrs. Hildebrandt
119	SERT	Mrs. Roberts
206	SERT	Mrs. Crouch
135.1	Gym Office	Mr. Cilimdzic
228	Grad Coach	Ms. Guy

#### 2023-2024 RCS SCHOOL CALENDAR

**AUGUST** 

Thursday, Aug. 24 Playground Installation!

**SEPTEMBER** 

Tuesday, Sept. 5 First day of classes: Semester 1

Thursday, Sept. 28 Orange Shirt Day, Meet the Family Picnic BBQ, Football Game

Grades 7-12

Friday, Sept. 29 No School: Truth and Reconciliation Day

**OCTOBER** 

Monday, Oct. 2 Picture Day (Kindergarten A).
Friday, Oct 6 No School – Prep Day
Monday, Oct. 9 No School - Thanksgiving Day
Friday, Oct 13 Circle Letters (Gr. 7-12)

Thursday, Oct 26 Learning Conferences Grade 1-12

Friday, Oct. 27 No School – Day in Lieu

**NOVEMBER** 

Thursday, Nov. 2 Picture Re-Takes (Kindergarten B)

Friday, Nov. 10 No School – Prep Day
Monday, Nov. 13 No School – Statutory Holiday
Friday, Nov. 17 Progress Report (Grades 7-12)

DECEMBER

Friday, Dec. 1 Progress Reports (Grades 1-6)
Friday, Dec. 8 Circle Letters (Grade 7-12)
Wednesday, Dec. 20 Christmas Concert Grades K-3

Friday, Dec. 22 Last Day of Classes

**JANUARY** 

Monday, Jan. 8 Classes resume.

Wed-Tues, Jan. 24-30 Grade 10-12 Exams

Wednesday, Jan. 31 No School - Prep Day

**FEBRUARY** 

Thursday, Feb. 1 Grade 12 Cap and Gown Photos

Monday, Feb. 5 Progress Reports (Grades 7-12), RCS PD Meeting

Mon-Fri, Feb. 19 – 23 No School - Winter Break

MARCH

Friday, March 8

Monday, March 11

Thursday, March 28

Circle Letters (Gr. 7-12)

No School – Prep/PD Day

Progress Reports (Gr. 1-6)

Friday, March 29 No School

**APRIL** 

Monday April 1-5 No School - Spring Break
Thursday, April 18 Learning Conferences K-12

Friday, April 19 Day in Lieu

Monday, April 22 No School – Prep Day

Friday, April 26 Progress Reports (Grades 7-12)

MAY

Friday, May 10 No School – Prep/PD Day
Friday, May 17 **Circle Letters (Grade 7-12)**Monday, May 20 No School – Statutory Holiday
Friday, May 24 RCS Grade 12 Graduation 2024

JUNE

Monday, June 3 No School – Prep Day Friday, June 7 Circle Letters (Grade 7-12)

Friday, June 21 National Indigenous People's Day, RCS Awards

Mon. June 24 -Thurs. June 27 Grade 9-12 Exams

Thursday, June 27 Last Day of School/Final Progress Reports (K-12)

#### **DAILY BELL SCHEDULE**

8:45 am First Bell \*Students enter classes.

8:50 am Start of School Day

10:59 am-11:10 am Recess

12:13-12:55 pm Lunch

12:55 pm Warning Bell \*Students enter classes.

1:00 pm Class Starts

3:06 pm End of School Day

\* Thank-you for sending your child to school at the first bell.

#### LUNCHTIME EXPECTATIONS

Imagination Wing: (Grade 7-12 students)

Students may go home or eat their lunch at the designated lunchrooms A supervisor will be present.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase their lunch from our School Store Servery – *Huskies Cafe* 

Microwaves are also available to this age group of students.

Eating at school is a privilege and students will be expected to follow the guidelines.

## PEANUT/NUT/FISH ALERT SCHOOL

We are a **nut**, **fish**, **shellfish free school**! Thank-you for reading labels carefully and not sending items to school that contain or may contain any nuts. Please be mindful about sending this in lunches.

# **STUDENT FEES**

#### **Grade 7&8:**

No School Supply Fee: Students purchase their own school supplies from their class list.

\$20 Practical and Applied Arts projects that are taken home.

\$20 Student Activity Fee: This is for SRC activities, bussing for field trips.

\$10 Athletic Fee: each sport a student participates in will collect the athletic fee.

#### Grade 9-12:

\$20 Student Activity/Supply Fee: SRC events, field trips, art supplies, school supplies.

#### PAA:

- \$30 Grade 9 Practical and Applied Arts projects.
- \$40 Grade 10-12 Practical and Applied Arts projects.

#### **SPORTS**

- \$20 Athletic Fee: this fee is required for each sport they participate in (unless volleyball or basketball).
- \$40 Volleyball/Basketball fee: this is required for payment of referee's.
- \$120 Football Fee: All participants in football are required to pay this fee.

Students may be requested to assist in paying for other school trips and events approved by the administration. *All fees are to be submitted to the office*.

<sup>\*</sup>Parents MUST check in/sign in at the office.

## **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

*Grades 7 - 8:* All subjects offered all compulsory and all students have a full timetable with no spares. Grades 7-8 have some optional courses.

*Grade 9:* All subjects are compulsory, and students have no spares.

Grade 10: All subjects are compulsory, and students have no spares.

*Grade 11:* ELA20, History 20, One 20- level Math, and One 20-level Science. Students must also take elective subjects for a total of 16 credits. Five must be at a 20-level for Grade 11 standing. *Grade 12:* ELA A30, ELA B30, and History 30. Students must have a total of 24 credits for graduation. Five must be at the 30-level for Grade 12 standing.

# **GRADE PROMOTION**

Grades 7, 8, 9: Students normally spend one year in each grade. Parents of students identified as "at risk" for completion of the learning outcomes, for their grade, will be contacted by the school at the end of the second term to begin a conversation that may include retention. A final decision will be made at the end of the year.

Grades 10, 11, 12: Students' progress on a per subject basis not on a per year basis (i.e., once the Departmental requirements, number of credits and compulsory subjects of one grade are completed, the student can proceed from there.)

#### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Grades 7-12: November 17, February 5, April 26, June 27

# **CIRCLE OF INTERVENTION LETTERS**

Grades 7-12: October 13, December 8, March 8, June 7.

These letters take place during reporting periods. It is a unique way for RCS teachers to communicate with students and parents any concerns with attendance, participation and if many assignments are falling past due dates.

# **LEARNING CONFERENCES:**

Grades 7-12: October 26 & April 18

These are opportunities for students and parents to discuss their learning progress. Should concerns arise that a student is struggling in a particular course, that teacher will be in contact with the parents via email, telephone, or letter.

#### **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Academic dishonesty will have consequences that vary from a mandatory alternate assignment to removal from the course, depending on the circumstances of the incident. The assessment in question also needs to be redone. The consequences will be at the discretion of the administration and the course instructor. Plagiarism is considered cheating. Plagiarism is when a student uses another person's ideas or words and does not give the author credit.

#### RCS ATTENDANCE POLICY

The safety/attendance/education of your child is our first priority. Please call in any absences and lates to the office OR enter absences into your Edsby app.

Research states that students need to be in class, we want to work with students and families to help support regular attendance. Please read our new attendance policy below.

5-8 absences: teacher will contact the home via email and phone call.

8-12 absences: administration will meet with the student and parents to determine an attendance plan.

20 absences: students may be asked to withdraw from the course credit.

\*The exception to this policy is when students arrange with the teacher regarding learning outcomes prior to the absence.

#### **RCS AWARDS**

A variety of awards are given out to deserving students in June each year. Criteria for awards will be established by school staff, and selections will be made by staff committees (with the exception of awards that are sponsored entirely by outside agencies).

#### **GRADUATION POLICY**

Graduation exercises are a school activity, and they are generally held on the Friday evening after the long weekend in May.

Students eligible for graduation must:

Be registered in sufficient credits to graduate.

A minimum of 45% at the end of term 3 in required courses.

Be under 22 years of age.

Exercises include a banquet and a graduation program. The graduating class in cooperation with a staff advisor plans school-based graduation activities. Any other "after-grad" will not be considered a school-sponsored activity.

The graduating class is permitted to sponsor fund-raising projects during the year to help defray the costs of the exercises. All monies fundraised though the school belong to the school.

Valedictorian Selection: RCS staff will generate a list of eligible candidates for the graduating class to vote on. Criteria for eligibility will focus on academics, attitude, and school/community involvement.

# **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

Responsibility of being a student at RCS: When a RCS student observes a plan to threaten, or harm (physically, emotionally, verbally) another person it is their duty to tell administration immediately.

At RCS, we have five overarching expectations that we believe foster a safe and productive learning environment for all students. We expect that:

- 1. Students will arrive in class on time with their books and materials.
- 2. Students will attend to the lesson and will not disrupt or interfere with the teaching or learning in the classroom.
- 3. Students will be respectful and speak with common courtesy to all individuals in the room, and elsewhere in the school. School-appropriate language will be used at all times. Profanity will not be tolerated.
- 4. Students will comply with all reasonable requests, whether from teachers, EAs, substitute teachers or other support staff, in an appropriate manner and time frame.
- 5. Students will respect the building and all items/property within it. We ask that students take pride in their school.

Protocol of steps if these behaviour expectations are not met. Should a situation arise that is persistent in nature, the following protocol will be followed:

- 1. Situation dealt with at the classroom level.
- 2. The student is referred for an administrative visit.
- 3. The student, teacher and administration will determine a plan. Parents will be notified.
- 4. The student and their parents will meet with the teacher and administration to come to an understanding on how best to deal with the ongoing situation. Referral to the school counsellor will be made.

## **COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL**

If students or parents have concerns or questions about an issue at school, please follow this communication process:

- 1. The classroom teacher is to be the first person to hear and address any concerns from a student or parent.
- 2. If the issue cannot be resolved with the teacher, the principal is to be contacted.
- 3. If the matter remains unresolved, the parent may request a meeting with the superintendent.
- 4. If further discussion is required, the parent may ask to meet with the Director of Education.
- 5. Finally, the parent may request the issue be heard by the Board of Education.

#### **DRESS CODE**

Rosthern Community School encourages healthy, positive lifestyle and choices. We know that clothing provides an opportunity for students to express themselves – we also want to ensure that the clothing of staff and students does not distract from teaching and learning. We believe that certain clothing is not appropriate for a school setting, including:

- Shirts or tops that expose too much.
- Exposed underwear.
- Clothing that displays sexual or graphic images, advocates/advertises drugs, or alcohol, or promotes offensive/discriminatory messaging.
- Sunglasses (indoors).

These expectations are not designed to hinder anyone's right to choose clothes, but instead they are intended to assist students with the development of positive and responsible attitudes toward situationally appropriate clothing. Like all student conduct, student dress is subject to staff approval — if deemed inappropriate, staff members may provide students with alternate options (ex: change into gym clothing, wear school-provided clothing, or go home to change).

#### **TWO SHOES**

Thank-you for sending an indoor (non-marking soles) for physical education classes. Students will NOT be allowed in the gymnasium with outdoor shoes on.

## **CELL PHONES**

**Grades 7 are not permitted cell phones in the school**. Any students in this grade will have them confiscated and left at the office.

Grade 8 students are permitted their cell phone ONLY at breaks. They are not to be in the classroom. Discretional use can be decided on the classroom teacher.

Grades 9-12 students will leave their cell phone in their locked locker. Phone use will be restricted to school breaks unless specific permission is granted by a staff member. Cellphones will be confiscated by school staff if used inappropriately or in violation of teacher instructions. Parents are reminded that they should contact the school office should they need to get in touch with their children.

#### INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS

Access to the Internet is an individual privilege, not a right. Any student who violates these guidelines or any other code of conduct outlined by an individual school will have his or her access removed for such period of time as is deemed appropriate by a teacher, the teacher librarian or school administrator.

# DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO USE

Students are not permitted to use tobacco products or vaping devices on school property or within direct sight of the school.

Students are not permitted to possess, use, or be under the influence of any drug (including marijuana and alcohol).

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & FIELD TRIPS**

Extra-curricular activities and school trips are a privilege to attend, and all school rules apply to both. Course academic trips are considered compulsory, and attendance is mandatory. Participation in extra-curricular activities or field trips may be withheld if students fail to meet academic expectations.

#### **BICYCLES AND SKATEBOARDS**

Bikes, skateboards, and similar modes of transportation are to be used to get to and from school only. During the school day, including the noon hour, they should not be used on or near the school property for any other purpose.

#### **LOCKERS**

Lockers are school property, and the school reserves the right to inspect lockers at any time. Wherever possible, each student will be assigned an individual locker. Only authorized locks may be used, and a record of the combination must be kept in the office. The school is NOT responsible for articles missing from lockers. Students are advised to make certain that lockers are locked at all times and are advised not to give out their lock combinations to any other students. Students will be required to clean out their lockers on the designated day at the end of June. The school will not be responsible for any articles left in the lockers after that time.

#### **SCHOOL SURVEILLANCE**

RCS is equipped with surveillance cameras within the school building itself as well as around the outside areas. Please be aware that these cameras are on 24 hours a day.

#### PARENTS DRIVING FOR SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

According to PSSD policy, parental volunteers, approved by school administration, are permitted to transport students for school events. A criminal record check is required. It is recommended that they carry \$1,000,000 liability insurance on their package policy. It is school policy for students to not transport other students unless specific arrangements have been made through school administration.