

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 LEARNERS FOR LIFE...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 strategic plan that provides directives for maintaining the optimal learning environment and processes. *My Prairie Spirit Classroom* encompasses all we do at Rosthern Community School to achieve LEARNERS FOR LIFE.

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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EXPLORATION

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

DISCOVERY

214	Grade 4	Mr. Cardinal
216	Grade 5	Mr. Arntsen, Mr. Weibe
210	Grade 5/6	Mrs. A. Lehmann
209	Grade 6	Mrs. Block
205	Grade 10	Mr. Kroeger

- 204 Grade 7-8 Mrs. Kakoske
- 211 Inquiry Studio, 215 Connect, 212 Learning Community

IMAGINATION

220	Grade 7	Mr. Klebeck
221	Grade 8	Mrs. Wood
224	Grade 9	Mr. Bergen, Mr. Young
227	Grade 12	Ms. McPhail
229	Grade 11	Mr. Derksen
222 Learning Community, 223 Collaborate, 228 Collaborate		

INNOVATION

150	PAA	Ms. Fehr
152	Arts	
156	IA	Mr. Wills
159	IA Lab	Mr. Wills
133 LRC, 200 LRC, 200.1 Cultural Room		

OFFICES

- 103 Reception Mrs. Isaak, Mrs. Werschner
- 104 Principal Mrs. Foster
- 105 Vice-Principal Ms. Laroque
- 108 Counselor Mrs. Hildebrandt
- 119 LST Ms. Cox
- 206 LST Mrs. Brewster
- 135.1 Gym Office Mr. Cilimdzic, Ms. Linklater
- 228 Learning Community

2024-2025 RCS SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday, Sept. 3	First day of classes: Semester 1
Thursday, Sept. 12	RCS Assembly: Literacy , Orange Shirt Day, Meet the Family Picnic BBQ Under the Lights Football Game
Monday, Sept. 23	No School: PD/Prep Day for Teachers
Thursday, Sept. 26	Picture Day
Friday, Sept 27	RCS Buddies Day
Monday, Sept. 30	No School: Truth and Reconciliation Day
OCTOBER	,
Thursday, Oct 10	Circle Letters (Gr. 7-12)
Friday, Oct 11	No School – Prep Day
Monday, Oct. 14	No School - Thanksgiving Day
Monday, Oct. 21	Scholastic Book Sale all week
Thursday, Oct 24	Learning Conferences Grade 1-12, RCS Buddies Day
Friday, Oct. 25	No School – Day in Lieu
Wednesday, Oct 30 NOVEMBER	Picture Re-take Day
Friday, Nov. 8	No School – Prep Day
Monday, Nov. 11	No School – Statutory Holiday
Friday, Nov. 22	Progress Report (Grades 7-12)
Friday, Nov. 29	RCS Buddies Day
DECEMBER	
Monday, Dec. 2	No School - RCS PD/Prep Day
Friday, Dec. 6	Progress Reports (Grades 1-6)
Friday, Dec. 13	Circle Letters (Grade 7-12)
Thursday, Dec 19	Christmas Concert Grades K-3
Friday, Dec. 20	Last Day of Classes, RCS Assembly: Relationships, RCS Buddies Day
JANUARY	
Monday, Jan. 6	Classes resume
Friday, Jan 17	RCS Buddies Day
Fri-Thurs., Jan. 24-30	Grade 10-12 Exams
Friday, Jan. 31	No School - Prep Day
FEBRUARY	
Friday, Feb. 7	Progress Reports (Grades 7-12)
Mon-Fri, Feb. 17 – 21	No School - Winter Break
Friday, Feb. 28	RCS Buddies
MARCH	
Friday, March 7	Circle Letters (Gr. 7-12)
Monday, March 10	No School – Prep/PD Day
Friday, March 28 APRIL	Progress Reports (Gr. 1-6), Assembly – Courage, RCS Buddies
Thursday, April 3	Learning Conferences
Friday, April 4	No School - Day in Lieu of Learning Conferences
Thursday, April 17	RCS Buddies
Monday April 21-25	No School - Spring Break
MAY	
Friday, May 2	Progress Reports (Grades 7-12)
Friday, May 9	No School – Prep Day
Monday, May 19	No School – Statutory Holiday
Friday, May 23	RCS Grade 12 Graduation 2025
Friday, May 30	RCS Buddies Day

JUNE Friday, June 6 Friday, June 20 Thurs. June 19 -Thurs. June 27 Thursday, June 26

Circle Letters (Grade 7-12) N.I. People's Day, Assembly – Success, RCS Buddies Day, RCS Awards Summative Evidence Collection, Last Day of School/Final Progress Reports (K-12)

RCS SCHOOL CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

Progress Report Dates

Grade 1-6:	Grade 7-12:
December 6	November 22
March 28	February 7
June 26	May 2
	June 27

Circle of Intervention Letters (Grade 7-12)

October 10 December 13 March 7 June 6

Learning Conferences and Days in Lieu

Learning Conference-Thursday, October 24 Day in Lieu-Friday, October 25 Learning Conference-Thursday, April 3 Day in Lieu-Friday, April 4

No School for students:

September 23, October 11, November 8, December 2, January 31, March 10, May 9, June 27

RCS Assembly

Kick Off Assembly- September 12 Relationships-December 20 Courage-March 28 Success-June 20

RCS Buddy Days

Friday, September 27 Thursday, October 24th Friday, November 29 Friday, December 20 Friday, January 17 Friday, February 28 Friday, March 28 Thursday, April 17 Friday, May 30 Buddy Picnic Hot Dog Day Friday, June 20

Other Important Dates

Sept 12 Meet Family BBQ, Under the Lights Football September 26 Picture Day October 30 Picture re-take Day Friday, June 20 Awards Program

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.
*Parents MUST check in/sign in at the office.

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 *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 quidelines.*

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.

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 referees.
- \$140 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.*

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.)

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 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.

CELL PHONES

Pre-K – Grade 7 Students may not bring cell phones in the school.

Grade 8 & 9 Students may have their phone at breaks. They are not to be in the classroom. Discretional use can be decided on the classroom teacher.

Grades 10-12 To maintain a focused and engaging learning environment, we ask that students keep their cell phones put away during class. If you need to use your phone, please talk to your teacher so we can find a solution that works for you.

Parents are reminded that they should contact the school office should they need to get in touch with their children.

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.

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 a time that 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.