



REZ NEWS

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Welcome to the next edition of RezNews for the 2009-2010 school year.

As we leave for Christmas break, the staff of Resurrection would like to wish you and your family God's peace and blessings this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.



~ "Follow the star" by Gr. 12 student, Marieke Creese

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And, for up-to-date listings of daily events happening at Resurrection, visit our [online calendar!](#)

Administration & Guidance

Important Deadlines

Given the time of the year it is very difficult to focus on something happening in a month or two. However, there are some important events coming in January and February. Applications for college and university are due, course selections for the 2010/2011 school year at Resurrection will begin in early February. And don't forget the final culminating activities (exams) are happening at the end of January!

Post-secondary application deadlines:

- University – January 13th, 2010
- College – February 1st, 2010

Application Centres will be closed over the holidays

- OUAC – (University) closed December 23rd – January 3rd
- OCAS – (College) closed December 25th – January 1st

What's It All About

All WCDSB students and parents are invited to attend an information session on **Tuesday January 12th 6:30 at St. Mary's High School** to find out more information about Specialist High Skills Major, OYAP, Co-op, Pathways, and more.

Students & Parents What's It All About?



The evening provides information for all high school students and parents regarding special programs available to students in the WCDSB. The evening is coordinated by our consultants in Co-operative education (COOP) including opportunities for high school students at our local college and universities, Pathways to Success, Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP). This informative evening will provide you and your youth with experiential learning opportunities in a variety of settings. [Click here to see the flyer with more details about each session.](#)

Career Cruising

Career Cruising is our on-line course selection tool where students and parents can research, plan and select courses for the next school year at Resurrection. Guidance counsellors will present information sessions too the students during the 3rd week of February. **Final selections will be due before March Break.** You can go online anytime to begin the process by viewing the [Resurrection web site](#) and clicking on the Career Cruising button.

Attention Graduates 2010!

The Graduation Ceremony 2010 will be taking place on Tuesday, October 12th, 2010 at Centre in the Square. Please visit the [Resurrection web site](#) for all information. You will be receiving a package regarding Graduation in the mail during the Christmas break. If you do not receive it, please see Mrs. Maurer in the Main Office when you return to school.

"You're Going To Love This Kid": Educating Students with Autism in Inclusive Schools

On November 17th, Dan Witt (principal), Kathleen Helferty (vice-principal), and Terry Sullivan (program head, religion & family life) attended a one-day conference on educating students with autism. [Click here to read Mr. Sullivan's review of the conference...](#)

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Arts

Notes from the Music Room

The sounds from the music room have been going strong since the beginning of September. More than 150 students are involved in concert band, choir, pit band and percussion ensemble this year. These rock'n musicians have sung and played to standing ovations at REZonance, Grade 8 Parent Night, Graduation and the premier musical event of 1st semester, the Christmas Concert on December 9th. What's up next in room 113? Our grade 9 students will be traveling to elementary schools to perform before the end of the semester, the choir will be singing at the Ontario Vocal Festival at the end of February, all ensembles will be performing at the Spring Concert on April 12th, 2010 followed by 80 music students traveling to NYC to perform and see the sights!

Beauty & the Beast

Over 60 musicians, actors, singers, dancers, and crew have started to put their magic to work. The result will be a fabulous production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast". Where is this fabulous show being presented? Well on our very own Resurrection stage, March 3-6, 2010. Stay tuned for details regarding ticket sales.

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Athletics

Varsity Boys Hockey Team

The Varsity Boys Hockey Team travelled to Kanata, ON for a tournament on Nov 22-24. This was the boys' first time on the ice as full team, as we were waiting for some players who were also on the football team to join us (Congrats to the Football Team on their Championship win!!). We played 3 round-robin games which left us 3-0 after wins of 3-2, 8-0, and 3-1. [Click here for final results of the tournament!](#)

Football @ Rez!

After last year's provincial win at the Rogers Centre, the senior boys' football team returned to the field this season just as strong and were undefeated in all nine of their games this year. [Click here for more details and to see our teams' rosters...](#)

Senior Boys' Basketball Team

The senior boys' basketball team was recently featured on the front of the Sports section of The Record (December 10, 2009) as the team advanced to District 8 play. Brandon Lee was showing his form. The team members include Jason Chris, Cam Gibbs, Ryan Herron, Jamie Keil, Brandon Lee, John Moi, Andrew Mwangi, Mike Pereira, Byron Ramirez, Jeff Rodrigues, Tyler Schneider, Matt Stocco, and Mike Tyler. At least one player has been scouted to play at the college/university level.

Their coach, Matt Kras, attributes their success to their commitment to improving during practices. The players have been working hard on both ends of the court. On defence, the Resurrection team has been out-rebounding most other teams and this has been paying off on the offensive end. "We're improving each week," says Kras, "getting off to good starts in games, and now learning how to finish as well!"

The team's record of 4 wins and 1 loss in District 8 has them in first place as of the Christmas Break. Their tournament play has also been impressive, with their record standing at 10 and 5. When asked why he coaches the team, Coach Kras says: "I enjoy the process of helping the individual

basketball players improve their own game, by passing on the knowledge and skills I've learned from my coaches growing up, and seeing that progress help the team get better as a whole by the end of the season. I LOVE the game of basketball, and sharing that passion with the players on our team, as they share theirs."

The boys' next home game is on Wednesday, January 6th, 2010 as they take on Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Go Phoenix!

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Business & Co-op

The Business Specialist High Skills Major ~ A Great New Program!

Pending Ministry of Education approval, Resurrection will be offering a SHSM in Business in the near future! [Click here for full details...](#)

Rez Biz Students at the Leading Edge Biz Conference!

Forty of our senior Biz students enjoyed attending the Youth Entrepreneurship Conference (sponsored by the Business & Education Partnership of Waterloo Region) earlier this fall at Bingeman Park. [Click here for more details and photos...](#)

DECA @ Rez

On Thursday, November 19th, 48 of Resurrection's business-minded students (grades 9-12) took up the challenge of demonstrating their business and marketing skills against 1,000 other students in the DECA Regionals. [Click here for their amazing results...](#)

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Chaplaincy

AIDS Awareness

November was AIDS awareness month at Resurrection. Our red ribbon campaign throughout the month of November and packed Coffee House on November 18th was a huge success...displaying lots of our local talent for the cause of AIDS awareness and research! With this event, and other activities during the month of November, we raised over \$1,400 for ACCKWA (AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo & Area). We also had all senior Religion classes attend a presentation by John, a young man living with AIDS. His presentation was powerful to say the least. Students were touched deeply by his story.

Box Out Poverty

Once again, our Christmas mission project was to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society...this support has become an annual tradition. Our chaplain, Brian Millette, and his peer ministers coordinated a "Box Out Poverty" homeroom initiative. The final Mission collection was on Wednesday, December 16 during Period 1 to accommodate the pick-up of money and gifts by St. Vincent de Paul Society on Thursday morning. The homerooms were very supportive of this "Box Out Poverty" campaign. Boxes were distributed to each homeroom and the following items were collected: Hats, scarves, mitts, socks, hygiene products, books and gift certificates. Monies collected from Friday Mission Collections and our school dress down day raised a lot of money for local families in need. Giving can be fun. As Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "the miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it".

With our successful AIDS coffee house and our overwhelming Box Out Poverty campaign, it's clear that Peer Ministry and the philanthropy at Resurrection is on the rise.

Joseph's Dilemma

It is so easy to judge another human being, indeed people in all of their human weaknesses gives us plenty of things for which we can judge them. It is easier still to make pre-judgments about others without even truly knowing them or understanding their circumstances. I once worked as a high school Chaplain in Halton for 11 years. The last school in which I worked was quite large...1200 Students...100 or so staff... the energy and chaos in one building was overwhelming. You might say that it was a rough school.[Click here to continue reading this message from our Chaplain, Brian Millette...](#)

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Library @ Rez

Rez Reads @ Chapters - success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to Chapters on December 3rd. With your support, we raised **almost \$600** for the school library! Students have been invited to submit their book suggestions to Ms. Martin prior to Christmas break so she can compile her shopping list.

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Rez in Action

Rez has Yoga!

The Yoga Club has members from both the staff and student body, mostly at the beginner level of yoga! We meet every Friday after school at 2:45pm in the Chapel for a one hour class of asanas and relaxation. Wear loose clothing and come out to join us. Improved flexibility and better sleep will be your reward! Mats, blocks and straps are available for borrowing for those who do not have their own.

~ logo by Jennifer Tran, Gr. 12 student



Nutrition 4 Learning

Nutrition for Learning @ REZ has had a very successful first semester. We have been operating our program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:50 - 8:10 in the forum outside of the Youth Care Office...but will be expanding to 3 mornings a week in the new year! On average we are serving approximately 180 students each day.

Currently we are offering pre-packaged snacks (fruit juice, yogurt, cheese strings, fresh fruit, muffins and granola bars) but hope to begin a hot breakfast now that the cold weather is upon us! We continue to find creative ways to fundraise and support our program...[click here to read more about our program and other ways you can get involved!](#)

Dominican Encounter With Faith And Hospitality

On November 28th the Waterloo Catholic District School Board sent 23 students and 3 teachers to Consuelo, Dominican Republic to participate in a week long program called the Dominican Encounter with Faith and Hospitality. [Click here to read more about this trip...](#)

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Student Activities

Student Activities Update

The beginning of December was full of the excitement with our Grade 8 visits. Student Council, Phoenix Friends, and Athletic Council provided fun and games, as well as tours and an information Q&A panel for the future grade 9 students. They did an amazing job at sharing their enthusiasm for the school and demonstrating awesome Phoenix spirit. Special thanks to Ms. Wolf and Ms. Godkin, and everyone that worked to make these tour days so successful!

The Mr. and Mrs. Claus of Resurrection will be decided this week in our first annual Mr. and Mrs. Claus game. This is a fantastic opportunity to include the entire school community. The winners will be announced at the Christmas Assembly where they will distribute door prizes to the students in the spirit of Christmas.

Semi-formal is fast approaching. This year's semi-formal will be held on Friday, January 15th at Fed Hall, beginning at 7:00pm. Tickets for our 'Fab '50's' themed evening are \$22 each, and are on sale from now until January 8th in the tuck shop at lunch. Tickets are limited so make sure you get yours soon!

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Technology

Skills Canada Competitions

Don't miss out! Skills competitions are open to ALL secondary students! Becoming involved in Skills will open doors to a future career or education. Registration begins November 23, 2009. [Click here for registration information and available categories.](#)

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