



River East Collegiate

2018-2019 Report to the Community

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Our Mission

River East Collegiate challenges individuals to explore and grow within changing environments by developing academic skills and by encouraging the development of personal and social values, leading to achievement at the highest possible levels.

Value Statements

River East Collegiate is a UNESCO school and shares its values of:

- **Learning to Know** – providing the cognitive tools required to better comprehend the world and its complexities and to provide an appropriate and adequate foundation for future learning.
- **Learning to Do** – to provide the skills that would enable individuals to effectively participate in the global economy and society.
- **Learning to Be** – to provide self-analytical and social skills to enable individuals to develop to their fullest potential psycho-socially, affectively, as well as physically, for an all-round complete person
- **Learning to Live Together** – to expose individuals to the values implicit within human rights, democratic principles, intercultural understanding and respect and peace at all levels of society and human relationships to enable individuals and societies to live in peace and harmony.

About River East Collegiate

- We are located in an urban area serving the community of North Kildonan, East St. Paul and St. Clements and have served the community since 1960.
- We are a grade 9-12 school with a total of 1170 students.
- We offer strong academic programs, advanced placement programs, technology education, languages, International Education, German bilingual and special education programs.
- We have 71 teachers and 38 support staff to support our community.
- We are a community school offering over 160 course selections and a wide range of program choices.
- We have an extensive co-curricular and extra-curricular program.

2019-2020 School Priorities

Our school priorities have been influenced by provincial and divisional priorities, the divisional strategic plan, student, parent and staff feedback, data gathered in 2018 – 2019, our mission statement and values.

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Our Successes 2018-2019

- We had 299 graduates (286 Regular Diplomas, 2 Individualized Senior Year Program Diplomas, 11 Mature Student Diplomas. Students also received, 2 CIST Certificates and 28 Creative Arts Certificate).
- 9 credits were granted for the Community Volunteer credit, 124 credits were granted for Credit for Employment, 20 High School Apprenticeship credits were granted.
- Grade 9 students participated in Take Your Kid to Work Day, a Volunteer presentation, career presentations, mental health presentations and the Get Real presentation
- Students exceeded the average on the grade 12 provincial ELA assessment.
- Multiple students received scholarships totalling over \$100,000.00; and an additional \$70,000.00 was received in music scholarships
- Students had access to 80 laptops in the classroom and library and utilized Bring Your Own Device in many classrooms.
- REC students participated in the Escape Poverty Challenge raising funds, supplying socks, non-perishable food items and created street care packages. We were one of the top high schools across Winnipeg with respect to our contribution levels.
- Staff and students participated in a Grade Wars event in the fall of 2018, which saw the entire student body get involved and created amazing school spirit.
- Our snack shack served over 18,000 food items to student who required a healthy snack.
- REC hosted the Canadian Universities Fair with over 50 universities from across Canada participating
- Theatre sound/lighting upgrade was completed through school and community donations, over \$50,000.00 was raised.
- RETSD Powwow took place at REC seeing over 1,000 community members participate
- over 1500 kids received individual support through REC resource/counselling

Outstanding achievements in athletics:

Athletes of the Year:

- Grade 9 boys – Liam Freeman
- Grade 9 girls – Kaitlynn Anderson
- Grade 10 boys – Spenser Okhmatovski
- Grade 10 girls – Alyssa Porco
- Grade 11 boys – Reece Wyke
- Grade 11 girls – Rori Parkin
- Grade 12 – Male Athlete – Samuel Hezekiah, Female Athlete – Emily Koop
- Grade 12 – Sportswoman – Lauren Ens
- Grade 12 – Sportsman – Calvin Reimer, Carson Winkler
- **KPAC Basketball** All-Stars: Kaitlynn Anderson, Morag de Koning, Trevon Julian, Spencer Okhmatovski, Daria Pokrant
- **Cross Country** - varsity and junior varsity boys placed 1st and captured the KPAC Championship banner, junior varsity girls placed 2nd, Calvin Reimer individual 2nd place MHSAA provincials; junior varsity boys team 2nd place MHSAA Provincials, junior varsity girls team 3rd place MHSAA Provincials, KPAC finalist, varsity girls team 3rd place MHSAA Provincials, KPAC Champions!!
- **Track and Field** - Results from the High School Series Track and Field Championships that were held in March: Junior Varsity 60 m hurdles - 1ST PLACE - Adam Andres, Varsity 1500m - 2ND PLACE - Angela Kroeker and Calvin Reimer, 400 m - 3RD PLACE - Maleek Ali, 4 X 200 - 1ST PLACE - Junior Varsity boys - Adam Andres, Branden Huminuk, Taron Barbour and Maleek Ali, Junior Varsity Boys – 200m – 1ST PLACE – Adam Andres
- **Varsity Boys Football** – won the CTV Bowl High School Football Championships
- **Girls Soccer** – Provincial Silver, Kaitlyn Klassen, Lexi Rarog, Claudia Melo – Provincial All Stars, KPAC Champions
- Parent Council held four meetings throughout the year.
- REC students participated in many school trips including: Encounters with Canada, Camp Cedarwood, varsity boys and girls tournament – Brandon, boys high school hockey tournament – Pittsburgh, varsity boys basketball tournament – Saskatoon, varsity girls basketball – Calgary, girls/boys soccer tournament – Kenora, Mantario camping trip, Reach for the Top National competition – Toronto, Brandon Jazz Festival, High School Jazz Band Festival – New York, San Francisco/Silicon Valley Tech tour, Costa Rica Service Learning trip, Hamburg/German Exchange
- **German Language Contest** - Intermediate A: Yvonne Ludwig (3rd Place), Jonas Huebert (1st Place) Senior A: Kaitlyn Klassen (3rd Place), Kara LeBlanc (2nd Place), Sergiy Myastkivskyy (1st Place) - winning a 4-week, all-around trip to Germany!

- REC hosted 26 International students and 9 German exchange students.
- Student leadership hosted a grade 9 orientation and barbeque, the spring Kodiak “Karnival”, Halloween haunted house, grade wars, karaoke in the cafeteria, spirit week, Remembrance Day,
- REC staff and students collected and delivered 18 hampers to our families
- **School field trips included:** Discovery Days in Health Science, Engineering is for Girls, Greenspace Conference, Indigenous Student Leadership, Youth Nuclear Summit training session, International students visit to the Manitoba Museum and walking tour through the Exchange District, division-wide International student soccer tournament, attended a Winnipeg Jets practice on November 26. Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards Banquet, Reach for the Top, Students participated in a 2-day workshop – Red Cross Healthy Youth Relationships Training Symposium, Law Courts, Gimli trip (grade 10 geography students)
- **Key Club** – hosted bake sale to buy items for the Operation Christmas Child and packed four shoeboxes to go to the Ukraine, hosted a Fall Rally on November 17 in our theatre and invited members from Key Clubs in our area, five members volunteered at Sobeys to collect donations for the Christmas Cheer board, visited Donwood Manor, students made Christmas cards to be sent to an organization that distributes them to people in the armed forces. Key Club and Students Without Borders worked together to clean up our neighbourhood
- **Music/Arts:** Winter Chamber Concert, Winter Concert at NKBB Church, Dance Recital, Winter Jazz Concert, REC Jazz Orchestra Recording Sessions, Independent Skills Coffee House, REC Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble Concert (Wpg International Airport) as part of Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra New Music Festival "In The Community" Concert Series, REC Vocalease and Jazz Orchestra performances with Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra, All REC Arts Performances/Showcases at REC Open House, REC Wind Ensemble performance at Classic 107 Concert Band Festival, REC Jazz Band and Jazz Orchestra performances at Classic 107 Jazz Festival, REC Chamber Choir performance at Winnipeg Music Festival, Drama "Clueless" performances, all REC Jazz Ensemble perform at Brandon Jazz Festival, Every Voice Matters (newcomers) – music collaboration with feeder schools
- **Students Without Borders** - started vermicomposting for the main floor, organized a clothing swap, worked on new signage for classroom recycling bins and recycle everywhere bins, working with Jack.org chapter to plan Mental Health Awareness Week in May
- Sarasvati Theatre production at REC attended by grade 11 students
- The UNESCO team/Students without Borders participated in numerous local, national and international events. They organized a week-long event delivering a positive message about mental health awareness through the Jack Chapter.
- Students participated in the international day against bullying and discrimination “Day of Pink”.
- REC participated in Run for the Cure (21 years in a row)
- International students participated in numerous field trips including Lower Fort Garry, Oma’s Schnitzel Stube, Assiniboine Park
- KASP (Kodiak Aeronautics Space Photography) second successful launch and recovery of our High Altitude Balloon (HAB) project
- group of REC students participated in the Bell Ringing Event at the Legion and East St. Paul municipality celebrating 100th anniversary of the end of WWI
- music therapy for our Independent Skills students
- Grade 11 human ecology students made pjs as a final project and donated them to the United Way
- REC hosted a Yellow Bench assembly
- REC 3rd place finish - University of Manitoba High School Computer Programming Competition (Alex Senden, Jascha Petersen, Landon Colburn); also 10th and 14th out of 28 teams
- Matthew Kwiatkowski, Carter Grycko, Landon Colburn, Jascha Petersen, Terence Fung – Canadian Cyber Defense Challenge winners (against 31 other schools and second year in a row REC has won)
- Drama Fest 2019 – REC earned GOLD standing
- Grade 9 German bilingual students visited the Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- REC students participated in Drama Fest, MADD presentation, Breast Cancer Awareness hockey game
- REC dragon boat team – one of the events top fundraisers; placed 2nd in the final race
- Reach for the Top students competed in all events held during the year; students met 2-3x per week to practice, Senior team challenged City Councillors; REC received an invitation to the Nationals in Toronto (top 2 teams in province were invited)
- REC celebrated PI day with special activities and games

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Erin Rogowsky** was presented with the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Medal
- **Anja Krueger** – qualified to compete at the Canadian Swim Trials in Toronto
- **Emma Friesen** signed her letter of intent to play for the Wesmen women's soccer team at the U of W in 2019.
- **Morag de Koning** – signed with CMU for basketball -
- **Miona Milovanovic** was selected as the 2018 recipient of the Manitoba Band Association Marlene Stephen Memorial Leadership Award. Miona was also contracted to perform with the "Two Cellos" concert earlier this year. Miona was selected as an Outstanding Soloist for the Jazz at Lincoln Center's Essentially Ellington
- **Samuel Hezekiah** – awarded the Winnipeg Blue Bomber Legacy Award for best overall high school player of the year at the High School Football Banquet November 28; selected to the 2018 Nissan All-Canadian TITAN team weekend at the Grey Cup
- **Alex Wieczorkiewicz** signed to play Wesmen volleyball for 2019-2020.
- **Independent Skills** students were highlighted in The Herald in January – Good Vibrations – Music Therapy
- **Jordan Crerar** participated at the 2019 Canada Winter Games – gymnastics; silver medal
- **Peyton Crerar** – 5th place finish – 2019 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships in Quebec City
- **Chasity Swan** – quilted a traditional star blanket
- **Will Angus** was invited to the Bantam Combine Lacrosse camp in Saskatoon (1 or 4 Manitoba athletes selected to participate in this camp)
- **Josip Zorica** – played soccer for HNK Gorica – DIV 1 – Croatia
- **Ethan McColm, Nathan Driver, Hayley Johnson** selected to represent Team Manitoba at the 2019 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Whitehorse
- **Janna Rutherford** – recipient of the Winnipeg Jets Alumni Scholarship
- **Jascha Petersen** – awarded an international internship in Heidelberg, Germany at the Haus der Astronomie