



**“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.”**



# **River East Collegiate**

**Community Report  
2013-2014**

## **River East Transcona School Division**

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### **ADMINISTRATION**

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## ***About Us:***

River East Collegiate was built in 1960 and is a secondary school in the River East Transcona School Division that offers classes for students in grades 9 through 12.

River East Collegiate is located in an urban area serving the community of North Kildonan, East St. Paul and St. Clements. The student body and community are highly involved in all aspects of the school supporting a strong academic focus and an extensive co-curricular and extra-curricular program.

Enrollment for 2013-2014 was 978 students. River East Collegiate staff consists of 57 teachers 3 administrators, and 45 support staff. Our school is organized in departments and there are 7 teachers who serve as Department Heads. There are 140 courses offered at River East Collegiate this year and over 320 sections.

*Students at River East Collegiate can select a course study from six streams.*

## **REGULAR ACADEMIC**

The academic program at River East Collegiate provides a strong foundation for students, whether they choose to go on to university, community college, or directly to the work place after graduation.

From among the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies students may choose a program of studies appropriate to their abilities, interests and post graduation plans.

To complete their requirements for high school graduation students at River East Collegiate have a variety of electives to choose from. Some electives include: Art, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, Dramatic Arts, Family Studies, French, Geography, German, History, Human Ecology, Industrial Technology, Music, Physical Education, Physical Science, Physics, and Psychology, Skills for Independent Living and Spanish plus electives from Technology Education.

## **TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**

Technology Education offers students an opportunity to graduate with a Business Education Technology Diploma or a Software Technology Diploma. Students have the opportunity to develop computer skills in courses designed to provide access to students at any level of computer awareness.

## **DUAL DIPLOMA**

Students have the opportunity to graduate with a regular high school academic diploma that meets university entrance requirements plus a Business Education Technology Diploma or a Software Technology Diploma.

## **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

This program is intended for gifted and highly motivated students. The course curriculum in grade 10 and grade 11 is accelerated to prepare students for the Advanced Placement coursework and examination in grade 12. Successful completion of these examinations permits a student to obtain advanced placement and often credit in their selected subject area at many colleges and universities in North America and around the world. Advanced Placement courses offered are: Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Literature and Composition, European History, French Language, French Literature, German, Physics, Spanish.

## **CAREER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (CIP)**

CIP is a school to work transition program open to grade 12 students. Students complete their academic programs in April and then intern with a business partner until the end of June. A successful internship could lead to employment and/or entrance into university or community college.

## **MODERN LANGUAGES**

### **Advanced Languages and Management Diploma**

Students must complete standing in at least two languages other than English at the grade 12 level and register for Management 40S or World Issues 40S. Students will also complete an internship with a business partner in a location where the language of study is spoken.

### **English-German Bilingual Program**

This program is a continuation of the divisional program offered in elementary and junior high. To enhance their fluency students take Social Studies in German.

### **French**

French courses are designed to meet the needs of both Basic French and French Immersion students. Students may pick from the basic French courses or Advanced Placement options.

### **Spanish**

Courses are offered at the beginner and advanced levels. This program is designed for students who have not previously studied Spanish.

## **INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

River East Collegiate recognizes itself as a learning community in a global context, connected to other learning communities around the world. Partner schools in Canada, Europe, Central America and Asia collaborate with River East Collegiate in various ways, including student/student exchanges, e-mail and Internet projects and the sharing of educational materials.

We also have an International Student program welcoming students from Brazil, Korea, Germany, Spain, and France to study at River East Collegiate and live in our community. Participation in the International Student Program further supports our global learning initiatives.

River East Collegiate is also working with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO in Ottawa to establish a Canadian UNESCO schools network, linking it with 5600 schools in over 150 countries. The Associated School Network project will provide our students with the opportunity to develop partnerships with students around the world as they focus on becoming global citizens.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

The students at River East Collegiate have the opportunity to participate in a variety of Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Both intramural and interschool athletic participation is offered. Co-curricular music opportunities include Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz, Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble. Drama and Art provide performance opportunities special events throughout the year. The Student Council acts as an advocate for student activities and events and as a liaison with the school administration. Student representatives work throughout the year to publish the school newspaper and an annual yearbook. Other school clubs include the Faith and Life Club and Key Club (student service club supporting both school and community projects). There are many other opportunities for students to participate in both curricular and co-curricular special events.

## **STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

River East Collegiate practices fair and balanced assessment. Reporting to students and parents occurs three times each semester and student/parent/teacher conferences are held in conjunction with the first report each semester. Students in Grade 12 write Provincial standards tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics in January and/or June. Exams are administered in the subject areas at the end of each semester and constitute approximately 25% of the final grade.

## **SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2013-2014**

1. To enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate literacy instruction.
2. To enhance student achievement through the use of technology.
3. Students will be able to articulate what respect looks like in various areas of our school building and the community.

## **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

### **River East Collegiate Advanced Placement Scholars 2013-2014**

National Scholars (3)  
AP Scholar with Distinction (1)  
AP Scholar with Honour (1)  
AP Scholar (5)

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

### **EXCHANGE 2013-2014**

Hamburg, Germany – 7 students





## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

### **ACTIVITIES:**

- grade 10 parent orientation
  - grade 10 first day orientation
  - organized refreshments for awards night
  - Meet the Teacher night
  - helped with picture day
  - helped with run for the cure
  - Halloween festivities (handed out candy and had a costume contest)
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- 3 pep rallies
  - student council retreat
  - spirit week
  - karaoke in the cafeteria
  - school dances – Halloween Howl , Night in White
  - Christmas food drive
  - Remembrance Day ceremony
  - grad garden party
  - organizing student council elections
  - lend support to school events
  - UNESCO activities & Key Club
  - Kodiak Appreciation Day
  - Kodiak Karnival

## **CIP**

### **ACTIVITIES:**

- Creation/Innovation conference & workshop
- Resume workshop
- Interview workshop
- The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens workshop
- CIP Luncheon
- CIP directed; volunteer activities
  - Special Olympics Manitoba
  - Canadian Blood Services
  - Boo at the Zoo

Enriching the  
student  
experience  
outside of the  
classroom.

## **BAND**

### **PERFORMANCES and HIGHLIGHTS**

- Senior Provincial Honour Band
- Winter Concert at Concert Hall; Spring Concert at North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church
- Winter Jazz Concert at REC
- Optimist Concert Band and Jazz Festivals
- Grade 10 orientation
- Contemporary Music Ensemble Concert
- Chicago Tour

## **CHORAL MUSIC ENSEMBLES**

### **PERFORMANCES and HIGHLIGHTS**

- Winter Concert at Concert Hall; Spring Concert at North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church
- Winter Jazz at REC
- Brandon Jazz Festival
- Grade 9 orientation days and evening
- numerous community events
- RETSD divisional events
- Spring Jazz Concert at REC



# PROMOTE AND CELEBRATE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RESPONSIBILITY AND DIVERSITY

## Curriculum and Special Activities

- UNESCO Film Festival (Video Production 31G)
- Winnipeg Harvest
- Habitat for Humanity
- Poverty Walk
- Project Legacy
- School Initiated Course – Native Studies



## UNESCO

Over 40 students are actively involved in our UNESCO leadership committee; however, whole classes have been involved in a variety of fundraising & awareness campaigns including:

- Grade 11- 12 Video Production 31G class creating documentaries on global & local issues for their UNESCO FILM FESTIVAL
- Grade 12 World Issues classes continuing to create an awareness of human rights issues for our student body
- Humanitarian trip to Costa Rica with 20 students

## PEACE GARDEN

A beautiful courtyard filled with shrubs and flowers, maintained by staff and students at River East Collegiate (dedicated for unity and a celebration of beauty in diversity).

## RUN FOR THE CURE

River East Collegiate staff and students participated in the Run for the Cure for the past 17 years and raised over \$76,000.

River East has won the School Challenge Award 10 out of the 17 years.



## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- departments continued their work in the area of curriculum mapping
- staff prepared to welcome our new grade 9 students