



River East Collegiate

2016-2017 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 1175 students.
- We offer strong academic programs, advanced placement programs, technology education, languages, international education, German bilingual and special education programs.
- We have 72 teachers and 42 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.

2017-2018 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 2016-2017 and our mission statement and values.

- (1) To enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate literacy instruction across the content areas.
- (2) To enhance the climate, culture and inclusivity at River East Collegiate.
- (3) To enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate mathematics instruction.

2016-2017 School Priorities

(1) Assessment

To strengthen assessment practice in order to inform teaching and to enhance learning. All teachers will use outcomes based gradebooks for all courses.

(2) Technology

To enhance student performance through the integration of technology in teaching and learning.

(3) Safe Schools

To promote a positive approach to safety and belonging; continuing to create a positive school wide culture.

(4) Literacy

To enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate literacy instruction across all curriculums.

(5) Numeracy

To enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate mathematics instruction.

Our Successes 2016-2017

- We had 249 graduates (238 Regular Diplomas, 4 Dual Diplomas–Software Technology Program , 1 Individualized Senior Year Program Diplomas, 6 Mature Student Diplomas).
- 29 High School Apprenticeship program credits were granted to REC students and ten students completed the Community Volunteer credit.
- We had seven Advanced Placement Scholars, two Advanced Placement Scholar with Honours.
- Grade 9 students participated in Take Your Kid to Work Day, a Volunteer presentation and a career presentation
- Students exceeded the average on the grade 12 provincial ELA assessment.
- Multiple students received scholarships totalling over \$10,000.00 (not including university entrance).
- Students had access to 60 laptops in the classroom and library.
- The Nakoda girls participated in bi-weekly activities as mentors for Donwood and Chief Peguis students.
- We blessed our very own Aboriginal Drum
- Our German Bilingual program students collaborated with Donwood and Springfield Heights students on a recycling project.
- Quiana Kumar was selected to participate in the City of Winnipeg Page Program.
- REC students participated in the Escape Poverty Challenge raising funds, supplying socks, non-perishable food items and created street care packages.
- We viewed the “Shattered” production at the grade 11 level dealing with breaking the stigma around mental high at the high school level.
- Students in grade 9 made donations to the Children’s Hospital fund and to the Children’s Oncology ward.
- We hosted the inaugural event of the year for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- We held a Rockin’ for Change event and had 3 sessions with the Winnipeg Police Service and paramedics to provide drug awareness and drinking and driving awareness sessions to our students. We also held a TADD session on Safe Driving.
- A music mentorship day was held with our grade 8 feeder schools where we invited 200 students to work with our music students.
- Our volleyball teams were ranked top five during the last week of September.
- Staff and students participated in a Grade Wars event in the fall of 2016, which saw the entire student body get involved and created amazing school spirit.
- A social media information evening was held for parents and caregivers.
- The Manitoba Band Association honoured our music program staff for the excellent work they have done.
- Our entire staff participated in a divisional in-service on October 7, 2016.

Outstanding achievements in athletics:

- Grade 9 girls volleyball team – KPAC champions
- Grade 9 girls basketball team – KPAC finalists
- Grade 10 girls basketball team – KPAC finalists
- junior varsity girls – KPAC Indoor Track and Field champions
- varsity girls – KPAC Indoor Track and Field champions
- Winnipeg High School Football League – Stuart Campbell won the Jim Foubister Memorial Award for Excellence and Sportsmanship
- Emily Tham and Aaron Mitchell – KPAC Basketball All-stars
- Ariana Streu and Katarina Toews – Manitoba Volleyball Grad All-stars
- Kodiak football: Darnelle Wyke and Bryson McNeil selected to participated in the WHSFL Senior Bowl
- Women’s hockey player Kailee Anderson who won top goaltender award at the WWHSHL awards banquet

Athletes of the Year:

- Grade 9 – Madison Loewen and Reece Wyke
- Grade 10 – Daria Pokrant
- Grade 11 – Taryn Warnock and Liam Fergus
- Grade 12 – Ariana Streu and Brayden Sul
- Grade 12 – Sportswoman – Katie Toews and Kezia Balzer
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- Parent Council held four meetings throughout the year.
- REC students participated in many school trips including: Encounters in Canada, multicultural exchange experience – Camp Cedarwood, Hamburg/German exchange, boys hockey tournament in Anaheim, California,

- girls hockey trip to Toronto, Ontario, ski trip to Panorama, winter camping trip, Canoe Trip – Lone Island, Madrid & Barcelona trip, girls soccer tournament in Kenora, Chicago Music Tour
- REC hosted 22 International students and 6 German exchange students.
 - Student leadership hosted a grade 9 orientation and barbeque, the spring Kodiak “Karnival”, Grade Wars, karaoke in the cafeteria, spirit week, Remembrance Day, grad garden party and a pep rally.
 - Our music program held a winter and spring concert at North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church, a New Music concert, winter jazz/choral concert, participated in the Brandon and Optimist festivals. We participated in the WSO event; shared our music at several middle and elementary schools and participated in the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra concert. RECMAPA fundraising concert with Sisters of the Holy Rock.
 - The UNESCO team/Students without Borders participated in numerous local, national and international events. They organized an assembly delivering a positive message about mental health awareness. Jayda Hope – Young Humanitarian Award for her work the Peace of Mind 204.
 - Students participated in the international day against bullying and discrimination “Day of Pink”.
 - REC partnered with MSIP focussing on incorporating UNESCO’s core value into our daily work.
 - REC participated in Run for the Cure; 38 students and 12 additional family members participated and raised \$5,504.22 for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.
 - Key Club completed fundraising and awareness campaigns including the Humane Society, Ronald MacDonald House and visitations to Donwood Manor and raised funds for Harvest.
 - REC students participated in the Natural Helpers retreat; Drama Fest, MADD presentation, Breast Cancer Awareness hockey game.
 - REC production of “Sixteen Candles”
 - Big Brother/Big Sister mentors participated in a variety of activities throughout the year.
 - Students from REC created a high attitude balloon and launched it.
 - REC dragon boat team B Divisional champions, 2nd place overall for fundraising - \$2,208.00.
 - Reach for the Top returned to REC and placed 2nd in our region, REC rookie team placed 4th overall at provincials.
 - Visual Arts students created an adult colouring book with grade 9-12 student artwork and sold copies at select school events.
 - April Demeule represented Manitoba at the Western Canadian Gymnastics Championships and the Canadian Gymnastics Championships where she placed 3rd.
 - Jordan Gates awarded the Yes I can Award at the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children evening.
 - Grade 12 woodworking students mass-produced 30 toy vehicles for the Christmas Cheer Board.