

R.B. Russell Vocational High School

Community Report

2022-2023

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Our Purpose

Winnipeg School Division provides a learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential and provides equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and diverse society.

Our Vision

Is for current and future students learning and working within the Winnipeg School Division to be:

Engaged, Confident, Inspired, and Successful Learners.



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About Our School

At R.B. Russell Vocational High School, nestled in the heart of the Winnipeg School Division, we provide wrap around support for our students and their families. We look at the whole-child and what the students need to feel successful inside and outside of school.

R.B. Russell is a dynamic learning environment where we strive to meet the needs of all of our students. We have an incredible staff with a passion for teaching and an enthusiasm for working with learners of all ages.

R.B. Russell offers programming in specialized classrooms for students who need a wide range of supports. Within our school there are Jr. and Sr. Learning Assistance Centres, Jr. and Sr. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder classrooms, a Special Education Centre, and a Youth Justice Transition Program.

As a vocational school, R.B. Russell provides the opportunity for a rich learning experience. Nine vocational programs are offered, along with academic options that meet the requirements for entrance into post-secondary schools.

Mission Statement

Our priority at R.B. Russell Vocational High School is to provide a learning environment that encourages students to recognize their potential for education and employment.

Highlights

2022-2023 presented many opportunities for R.B. Russell students, their families, and the community.

A few of the highlights included:

- Cultural opportunities/teachings/ceremonies
 - Daily Smudging
 - National Indigenous Peoples Day
 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
 - Tipi Teachings
 - Land based Education
 - Community Elders
 - Medicine Picking will continue next school year
- Tobacco was offered for the rebuilding of the R.B. Russell Sweat Lodge
- Indigenous Knowledge Keeper/Elder
- Building of our Lodge Room with our Knowledge Keeper. Official opening will be in the fall of 2023
- Jordan's Principle Support
- Sacred fires were lit throughout the year
- School visit to the Human Rights Museum
- School visit to the Manitoba Museum
- After hours community activities
 - Zumba
 - Beadwork Circle
 - Chiefs Basketball
- Believe, Dream, Dare Tutoring Centre
- Morningstar Network of Student Support
- Student Voice
- G.S.A - Rainbow Eagle Feather
- Young Womens Group
- Young Mens Group
- Mount Carmel Young Parents Group
- Partnership with CEDA Pathways
- Mobile Vision Care provided glasses for students
- In-Person Open House
- Culturally focused curricular programs
- Community Support Worker
- Athletics
 - Basketball - Football - Rugby
- Career fair / Resource fair
- Karaoke (weekly)
- Festival du Voyageur
- Manitoba Museum
- Mind over Metal Welding Camp
- Community Referral Partnership with Assiniboine Credit Union.
- North End Grad Walk



Priorities for 2022-23

In a continued effort to support our learners, the R.B. Russell staff set four priorities.

Collaboratively, we have identified plans in the following areas:

- School Culture and Community Engagement
- Credit Attainment and Marks
- Graduation
- Attendance

Throughout the school year staff collaborated to develop these priorities, which have become a part of a living document at RB Russell and we will be working towards planning expected outcomes.

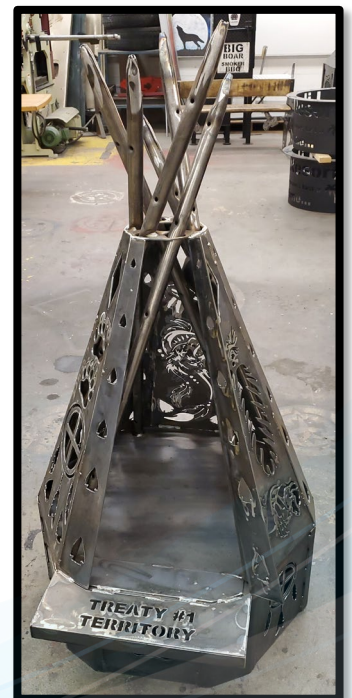


Priorities for 2023-2024

During the 2022-2023 school year, we will continue to work on the four priorities we set as part of our three-year plan. Our belief is that these priority areas will ensure that all of our students leave R.B. Russell High school understanding who they are as individuals, with the ability to be successful in whatever comes next.

Community, in every sense, will continue as a priority at RB Russell. Students will graduate at a rate closer to that of the provincial average. Students will have narrowed the gap between school and divisional averages related to credit attainment and marks. Students will attend class more consistently.

Staff will meet in departments to develop plans that target specific areas of improvement we hope to see for our students. The school is developing school-wide expected outcomes, creating strategies to help reach these outcomes, determined indicators of success, with a focus on data collection to show progress towards the goals.



Parent and Community Involvement

R.B. Russell Vocational High School welcomes parents and the surrounding community to participate in numerous activities throughout the year. This past year, we were able to resume many activities since Covid.

Our school has an active Parent Sub-Committee that meets monthly during Nutrition Bingo. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education. R.B. Russell Vocational High School invites family members to participate in feasts, gatherings, and school activities. This past year, families joined us for the following:

- Celebrations of Learning with a light supper
- Feast of generosity
- Holiday Market
- Children's Holiday Party
- Graduation Feast

For next year, we are also planning for the return of the following, now that we are post-Covid.

- R.B. Russell welcome back BBQ
- Grade 9 parent welcome dinner

We were able to hold in-person Graduation Ceremonies for the 2022-2023 graduating class, where family and friends were able to celebrate together with their graduating child.

Plans for parents and community members to attend numerous activities that were offered at the school included:

- Beadwork Circle
- Sewing of traditional skirts
- Moccasin and mukluk making
- Traditional jewelry making
- Moss bags
- Cultural teachings
- Sweats (will resume next school year)
- Pipe ceremonies
- Medicine picking (will resume next school year)
- Traditional parenting group
- Community Zumba with Child Minding (weekly)
- Nutrition Bingo (monthly)
- Community Schools Career Fair
- Safe Talk
- Teen Clinic
- Various Feasts
- Parent Paint Night
- Healthy Living Workshop
- Fearless R2W
- Planting of the Community Gardens
- Open gym basketball
- Zumba

