

*“Character is forged in the smallest of struggles.  
Then, when the big challenges come, we’re ready.”*

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Last Thursday evening was RJG Back to School Night, and it was a grand success. Our school was full of excited parents and guardians meeting their children’s teachers and learning about the curriculum for the coming year. I spoke with many parents throughout the evening and one of the most common themes I heard (aside from their getting lost) was that they wished they could have gone to junior high at RJG; a few in fact asked if they could enroll themselves and start on Friday!

During my opening remarks I spoke about our commitment to strong home/school communication. If you did not get a chance to complete and submit the **“RJG Junior High Opening Days Feedback Form”** at Back to School Night, or were unable to attend altogether, we still want to hear from you. Forms can be picked up and returned to the Main Office. If you prefer, please feel free to simply complete the form online at <http://ab.mec.edu/cgi-bin/survey?s=RJG-Integrity-3>.

The first 8th grade dance of the year was held last Friday evening and 200 students spent the night laughing, dancing, and hanging out with their friends, not to mention munching on chips and cookies. Thanks to Michael Balulescu, Heidi Porten, Carmen Comella, Ri Harrington, Allen Warner, Molly Merrick and Student Council Advisors Ms. Lin and Ms. Berberian for chaperoning the activity. I also want to thank parents Peggy Barach, Lee Ann Gilligan, Janice Boyce, and Bonnie Maserang for their assistance and support.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, many of our school buses are filled to capacity. While we are happy to provide a bus pass for students who wish to ride on buses that have additional space, it is important for students to inquire about a pass first thing in the morning. That way, if students ask for a pass on a closed bus, there is adequate time to make alternate arrangements.