

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

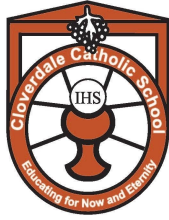
Your child has expressed interest in joining this year's CISVA Readers Are Leaders (RAL) competition. Please see the attached letter with details and the list of novels that each team will be required to read and study.

This is the first year that Cloverdale Catholic will be participating in this CISVA-wide competition, and we are very excited to represent our school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me.

Sincerely,

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December 9, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

CCS will be participating in the CISVA Readers Are Leaders (RAL) competition, a team-based trivia challenge which involves reading and answering questions about award-winning Canadian novels. This program was started by CISVA librarians as a way to encourage students to read the most currently published Canadian children's novels that are nominated by the Red Cedar Books Awards which is British Columbia's *Young Reader's Choice* book award.

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the RAL competition. They will be part of a team of 6-7 students from their cohort who will each read one (or more) of the selected novels. I will meet with the teams every few weeks during school hours to check in on their progress and ensure that they are reading their books. There will be a competition in late March between all the CCS teams, where they will be challenged to answer questions based on information from the books. The team that wins our in-school competition will represent CCS at the CISVA championship. This usually takes place in May, however the exact date has not been announced yet. In past years, the main competition has taken place in different schools throughout the CISVA, however, due to the current COVID precautions, this may be a virtual competition.

The teams will decide whether all team members will read and study each novel, or if they will divide the books up and become an expert on just one novel. There will be one copy of each book provided to the team, however the students are welcome to obtain copies of the books from the public library, or they can order personal copies with the attached order form. Please note that it is not necessary for them to purchase the books, however if they would like to buy their own copy, I can facilitate that.

I am looking forward to guiding our teams through this new and exciting challenge!

Thank you for your support,

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### RAL Book List and Order Form

The following are the Canadian novels nominated by the Red Cedar Books Awards that will be the focus of the RAL competition this year:

- A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying** by Kelley Armstrong  
**The Collected Works of Gretchen Oyster** by Carey Fagan  
**The Unteachables** by Gordon Korman  
**The Vegetable Museum** by Michelle Mulder  
**Harvey Comes Home** by Colleen Nelson  
**A Boy is Not a Bird** by Edeet Ravel

Each team will be provided with one copy of each novel. If your child wishes to purchase their own personal copy, please submit the order form below, along with cash or a cheque made out to Cloverdale Catholic School.

**Orders are due by Friday, December 18.**

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Title	Author	Price (incl. 5% GST)	Quantity
<u>A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying</u>	Kelley Armstrong	\$9.45	
<u>The Collected Works of Gretchen Oyster</u>	Carey Fagan	\$15.75	
<u>The Unteachables</u>	Gordon Korman	\$7.85	
<u>The Vegetable Museum</u>	Michelle Mulder	\$8.65	
<u>Harvey Comes Home</u>	Colleen Nelson	\$18.45	
<u>A Boy is Not a Bird</u>	Edeet Ravel	\$14.25	
TOTALS:		\$	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please pay by cash or cheque (payable to Cloverdale Catholic School)\*

**Return bottom portion with payment no later than Friday, December 18th.**