

RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration Sept 13 edition

MISSION: TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

GOAL: TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF ADDITIVE REASONING

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Where did that first week go? Look at that, we made it to Friday. Thank you everyone for your assistance and patience as we worked through the kinks of getting 485 students onsite and heading in the right direction. It was wonderful to see the yard, hallways, and classrooms filled with smiling students again. Our entry and exit routines continue to become smoother as students and staff finetune our movements. Staff are working hard with students to get 'back into the habit' of our COVID and non COVID school routines. We are right on track and have already been able to run our first fire drill! We will continue to work through our required drills over the next few weeks. The CODE RED or Lock Down Drill is scheduled for September 22, more details to follow. We will continue to update families as COVID protocols continue to evolve.

News:

Again this year, there are two days of recognition that are scheduled on Sept 30th, Orange Shirt Day and Rowan's Law Day. In an effort to focus our attention and provide activities that acknowledge each of these significant events, we are choosing to recognize Orange Shirt Day on Thursday September 30th, and Rowan's Law Day Wednesday October 6th.

Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters

On September 30th we invite students and staff to wear orange as we recognize "Orange Shirt Day". This is a day we remember the indigenous children who were sent to residential schools from the mid 1800s up to the 1990s. In class, teachers will share age-specific stories to help students understand the reason for this day of recognition. To learn more, search "Orange Shirt Day CBC kids" for a child-friendly resource, or visit orangeshirtday.org to learn more about the history of Orange Shirt Day and hear stories from residential school survivors.

From the "Bibliotheque"

We are very happy to let you know that the library is open for business! With guidelines in place students are now able to browse the shelves and select books. The online library catalogue is still available and will be shared in each google classroom shortly.

With the various shutdowns over the past 18 months, there are quite a few books that are still out with students. If you have any RCFI library books at home, please send them with your child over the next few days. Current library books are borrowed for 3 weeks at a time but students can request to renew them during their library visit. Your classroom teacher will let you know which day is your scheduled library visit.

Yearbook 2019 - 2020

If your Raptor was enrolled in full remote learning last year and you did not pick up their yearbook from the school, they will receive it next week. These yearbooks were purchased by the Roch Carrier Home and School Association in 2020 as a gift for all students who were enrolled at RCFI during the 2019-2020 school year. If you have not yet received one and your child doesn't bring one home by the end of next week, please email Mme Alyea at m.alyea@tvdsb.ca to request a copy.

From the Main Office

Don't forget that TVDSB has asked that parents complete the school forms in their Parent Portal by September 20th. If you are having trouble navigating the Portal, please contact the main office for support.

Parent Council/HSA

The first Parent Council and Home and School Association meetings of the year will be held virtually on Thursday September 16th, beginning at 6pm through ZOOM.

At the first meeting for both School Council and Home and School, we need to elect new executive members. Please see attached forms if you are interested in running.

Zoom Link for this year:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85488557281?pwd=REFqSmtTVzVZT2ZDdjRJMmh4VFduQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8855 7281 Passcode: 332001

COVID Protocol Update:

Lunchroom litter no longer needs to be taken home!

WAAR (Woodstock Attendance Area Review)

As per the communication sent by TVDSB this past week, if you are interested in responding to the recommendations, delegations are being received by the Board of Trustees the evening of 2021 September 21 and if necessary, 2021 September 22.

To apply for delegation status, an online application form has been made available starting 2021 September 7.

Here is the link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeP2524T69ZMsit5hAQbgl-X33Be0mHhvc66O-4URrRPIXqTA/viewform>

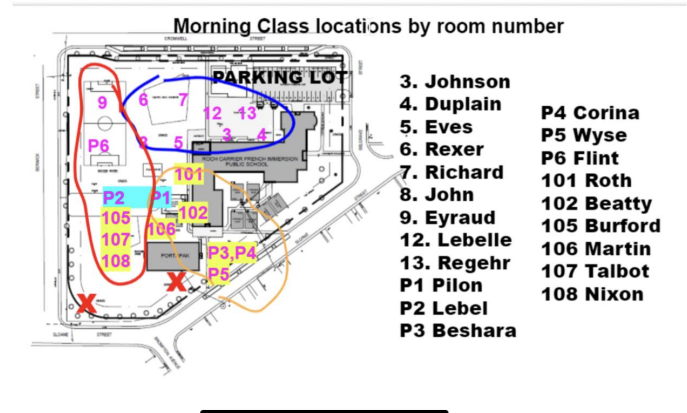
All applications must be received by Friday, September 17 at 9 a.m. There are no exceptions.

Mask Exemption policy: Should your child be unable to wear the required cloth mask while at school and on the school bus, please reach out to the school as there is a process that we can work through with you in an effort to get an exemption.

Entry/Dismissal Update and Reminders: Thank you for your support in our new morning routines with dropping children at the gate and allowing them to enter the yard independently. It has made a huge difference in adhering to the social distancing requirements. See image for zones.

When you arrive at the end of the day to pick up your child, and you have already notified the office that you are doing so, you do not need to come to the door and let the office know that you have arrived. We will pair you up with your child once they come up at 3:30.

Also, please remind your child that when being picked up, during the day, or at the end of the day, we need them to come by the office from inside the school so that one of the secretaries can confirm that the student and parent have connected. Thank you



Attachments:

- OFHSA Promotional Flyer
- RCHSA Executive Nomination Form
- School Council Nomination Form
- International Languages -Elementary Program Flyer

The first week has been a HUGE success! Thank you to our staff for their hard work and determination to make Back to School run smoothly. Thank you also to the parents and families for their continued support as we learn to

navigate all of the new protocols and routines. Together we will get through this.

Your devoted Administrators,
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