

## **RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration December 19 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 has the time gone? How is it we are in the last week of 2022 already! The first third of the school year is in the books, and what a great year we are having! It is so much fun to have all of the pre-covid activities up and running for students. There is such great energy in the air! As we head into the winter break, I want to again wish Mme Moodie all the best as she moves into her new position at Oliver Stephens in January. Thank you Madame for all of your hard work, and positive energy you have shared with us during your time at Roch. You will be missed. We will also be saying farewell to Mme Surette who has been working with one of our Grade 8 classes.

Our final week of 2022 is setting itself up to be loads of fun, with a Winter Concert, classroom celebrations, **Red and Green Day**, and some carolling and shenanigans to wrap up Friday. Buckle up friends, it is going to be a great week!

### **Used Books +more Sale Update**

Thank you for your contributions to the book sale - we have had many happy shoppers this week. We've had some new items arrive so there are still lots and lots of books to choose from. Games and puzzles are now sold out.

The sale continues on Friday! Due to the bus cancellation, we will be extending the sale next week - we will announce to students when we have sold out.

Just a few reminders:

- We are not accepting any more donations of used items this year.
- We cannot make change, so please do not send \$20 or \$10 bills unless your child wants a LOT of books 😊
- If your child brought home something you can't use (ie. VHS/CD) they may return and exchange the item while the sale is ongoing.

Thanks so much for your support of this annual event. Our library helpers have been working hard running the sale, and are very pleased to be able to contribute the proceeds to DASO.

### **Skating Update:**

Unfortunately our final date for skating was squashed by the bus cancellation this week. We will not be able to reschedule this trip prior to the winter break. There has also been a new policy released by TVDSB which makes ice skating trips HIGH RISK now, as well as a new requirement that students must wear HOCKEY helmets when on the ice. We do not have sufficient hockey helmets available to meet this new requirement. If families of students in Grades 1-5/6 would like a refund for this trip, please reach out directly to your child's classroom teacher. Any remaining funds will be used to offset incidental costs associated with this trip (i.e., bus for the group when the weather was bad, buses were more expensive than we anticipated as a whole). Thank you for your understanding

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mme Boomen for organizing this school wide activity. We truly appreciate her efforts to ensure all of our Raptors had the chance to participate.

We would also like to thank all of the parent volunteers who supported this field trip. It would not have been possible without your help.

### Holiday Concert Wednesday Dec 21

We will be hosting Winter Concerts for Gr 1-4/5 . Due to our small gym, we will have mini concerts for groupings of classes throughout the evening. There will also be an opportunity to purchase pizza, organised by our Home and School group, as well as a silent auction.

Group 1: Johnson, Richard, Rexer, Johnstone

Doors open at 6:00, Show starts at 6:15 (approx 30 mins), then you can view the silent auction, and have pizza from HSA (pre-orders encouraged as there will be limited availability to buy single slices the night of).

Group 2: Eyraud, Flint, Corina, and Boomen/Watt

Encouraged to view silent auction and have pizza PRIOR to the presentation, Gym available @ 6:50, Show starts at 7:00 (approx 30 mins).

SILENT AUCTION CLOSES at 7:00pm - items can be picked up with payment at 7:00 if your child was in the first performance OR after the second show if your child is in the later one. If you are unable to pick up that night, you can coordinate with the office for pick up on Thursday or Friday.

### Skate Exchange

For years I (Mme Boomen), and my RCFI colleagues, have organized repeating skating field trips for students. As of this year there are new guidelines which make organizing this trip even more prohibitive. Over the years, generous families have donated skates that they no longer need. As a result we have a huge number of skates that have been donated to RCFI (most particularly for those in grades 1-4) although there are a couple of larger ones too.



I will be arranging an outdoor display of skates the night of the Winter Show (Dec 21). We will set up at the covered area near the primary entry doors (near the baseball diamond). Mme Roth has volunteered to help sort out the skates with families. **There is no cost for borrowing skates.** They will be lent out using an honour system. We would expect that they please be returned when they are no longer useful for your family unit. Some of the skates have been idle for a while and will need to be sharpened (this is not done by the school). Merci! Madame Boomen

**Food and Toy Drive:** Thank you, Roch Carrier Families!

Your generous donations are going to make a difference for many families in Oxford County. A total of 158 toys and 992 food items were collected!! We should be very proud of the over 1100 items we collected!!

Congratulations to Mme Richard's class for earning a movie party as they brought in the most toys - 47!

Bravo to Mme Flint's class for donating 171 food items!! They have won a pizza party for their efforts!

Thank you for your generosity and showing our students the importance of giving back to our community- Bravo Raptors!

### Mint Smoothie Delivery/Distribution

Chocolates arrived early and have been distributed today by Mme Martin and the Grade 8 students. If you have a large order please contact the school to coordinate an alternate pick up time.

### Save the date Grade 1 French Immersion Information Night (2023/24)

Please spread the news, our Information Night for Gr 1 French Immersion (2023/24) will be February 1st, from 6:00-7:00 pm in our gymnasium. We hope you can share this information with friends/families that you now are considering sending their child to French Immersion.

**Kindergarten Registration at home schools (ENTRY AT FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOLS BEGINS AT GRADE 1 ONLY)**

Registration for Kindergarten will take place during the period of **Monday, January 23rd to Friday, February 10th, 2023**. Parents will complete the **online pre-registration** form found on TVDSB's website under "Parents" and then under "Kindergarten Program".

Parents/caregivers will receive a confirmation email upon completion of the online pre-registration form, indicating that they will be contacted by the school for verification of documentation to complete the registration. The confirmation email from the online pre-registration indicates the required documentation.

If parents/caregivers do not have access to technology they may complete the paper registration form. The school can directly mail paper copies to them, or the parent/caregiver can pick up the forms at the school.

**Voilà Learning is a virtual learning platform** that offers online homework help and tutoring for all students in Grades 1-12, including those in French Immersion programs, at no charge to TVDSB families who register. Support for English literacy, French literacy, and mathematics (in English and in French) will be provided by a live tutor, Mondays to Thursdays, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (EST), effective immediately until May 30, 2023. Support will continue to be offered in June, July, and August 2023, Mondays to Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., as well as 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Specifically, the types of support available to students include:

- one-on-one homework help;
- one-on-one or small group differentiated tutoring;
- interactive games; and
- opportunities to practise, reinforce, or challenge students' math facts, or reading, writing, listening, and speaking abilities in English or French.

Please share this link with parents/caregivers so they can register and view a short registration tutorial video:

<https://voilalearning.com/en/ohh-registration/>

**School Council and RCHSA**

The next meeting for the Home and School Association Tues January 17 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join us virtually, here is the **LINK**. In person location to be determined depending on status of renovation.

Meeting ID: 224 678 324 571 Passcode: pmqMjT

**Please don't forget:** all Family Weekly Memos can be found (sorted by year) on our school website at

<https://rochcarrier.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/school-newsletters.aspx>

**Dates to Remember:**

Dec 21: Winter Concerts (Gr 1/2/3/4)

Dec 23: Last day of school before winter break **RED and GREEN DAY!**

Jan 9: First Day Back

Jan 20: PD Day

Feb 1: Gr 1 French Immersion Information Night (2023/24)

Your devoted Administrators,

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