

RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration Sept 7 Edition

MISSION: TO IMPROVE OUR STUDENTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH

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

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WELCOME BACK !

We are so excited to welcome families back to Roch Carrier for the 2022/23 school year. During the PD Day on Tuesday, staff will be working diligently on final preparations for the upcoming school year. The building looks amazing, the classrooms all set up, and the staff are ready to greet your children on Wednesday.

Renovations are scheduled for our main building, but will not begin until some time this fall. This has resulted in our office relocating to room 4 in the building.

Registrations continue to roll in which is resulting in us having to revisit class lists. We want to give families the heads up that should this trend continue, this could lead to a reorganisation in the fall.



NEW Daily Schedule:

8:45 am morning supervision begins on the yard - Please do not drop children off prior to supervision starting. Thank you

9:00 am - 11:00 am First Block

11:00-11:20-11:40 am First Break (Building and Portables eat first, then play/Portapac plays first then eats)

11:40-1:00 pm Second Block

1:00-1:25-1:50 pm Second Break (Building and Portables eat first, then play/Portapac plays first then eats)

1:50-3:30 pm Third Block

First Day Logistics:

On the first day, we ask students to meet in the following locations:

Grade 1-3 - tarmac area between building and parking lot

Grade 4-5 - baseball diamond (sandy diamond shape on yard)

Grade 6-8 - basketball court

All staff will be out on the yard to greet students and families.

United Way Gift Cards: We have received the United Way gift cards. They will be sent home with students on the first day of school. If you wish to pick up the card instead, please contact the school office.

Returning of Borrowed Technology: Families who still have a TVDSB device have been contacted by the school this week. Please send the device with your student on the first day. Please ensure that you send the power cords along too! Teachers will be keeping an eye open for them, and will send students to the office to hand in their device.

School Council and RCHSA

We would like to invite families to join us for our first in person meeting of both School Council and Home and School on Thursday September 22, 2022. We will begin promptly at 6:00pm with School Council, and the HSA meeting will follow immediately afterwards.

Message from the Board:

Your child's/children's annual verification forms for the 2022-2023 school year are now available through the TVDSB Parent Portal (www.tvdsb.ca/parentportal). Please take a few minutes to complete these forms online. The use of the Parent Portal will streamline the process to ensure that accurate information is on file at the school with respect to your child/children.

We encourage parents/caregivers to use the link in the Parent Portal to access the Online Payment website

(SchoolCash) to register and pay any student-related fees throughout the year. The Online Payment site accepts payments using credit card, Interac and direct withdrawal to make payments easier.

We recognize and support the diverse needs and backgrounds of our students and our families. If families require any assistance with the registration process or support with providing any materials needed for school, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office team or your child's teacher for assistance.

Student Accident Insurance

For the 2022-23 school year we are pleased to offer families the option of two student accident insurance providers to choose from if they wish to purchase insurance for their children. Please include this information and the links below in your school newsletters so that parents are aware of their option to purchase.

<https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/>

<https://insuremykids.com>

IPOCs For those students with a prevalent medical condition (i.e. Anaphylactic Allergies, Epilepsy, Asthma, Diabetes), please ensure that you have reviewed your child's Individualized Plan of Care through the Parent Portal and made the necessary changes prior to submitting it to the school. You can also generate a new IPOC if your child has a new diagnosis or if you are new to TVDSB. These documents follow students between schools in Thames Valley, so if you are new to Roch Carrier, but were at a TVDSB school last year, it should still be accessible through the parent portal. Also, please remember that if your child requires medicine to be administered at school you must have a Doctor sign off on a PRN form that can be found through the Parent Portal as well. This form must be completed yearly.

Where can I drop off my child? For those families who are dropping off students in the morning. Supervision on the yard begins each morning at 8:45, so we ask that you do not drop your child(ren) off before that time.

Drop off spots in the morning: we have a few options

- You can look at the Drop and Walk 5 map, for areas you can safely stop and let your child out. They would then walk the short distance to the school yard.
- If your child can not exit the car independently, you will need to find street parking near the school, and walk your child to the yard. Leave them at the gate (after the first day) to join the other students and supervising staff on the yard. See the link in the section about parking to identify locations where parking near the school is permitted.

****The school parking lot will be accessible but there are limited spots.

Reminder with regards to Parking

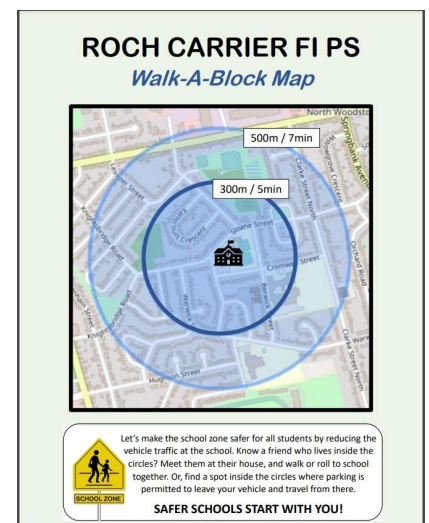
The number of vehicles in and around the school property at drop off and pick up times each day is significant. In order to ensure the safety of all members of the school community and neighbourhood, we ask that families please abide by the parking signs posted throughout our school zone. We have attached a link indicating where parking is and where it is not permitted by City Bylaws for your reference

(<https://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/en/residential-services/school-zones.aspx>). We would hate to see anyone receive a ticket should the Bylaw Officer be on site during these times. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

Messages from STS:

Possible Bus Driver Shortages

Parents and guardians are asked to prepare for school bus service disruptions. Unfortunately, it is possible we may experience some driver shortages in our service area. The reality of driver shortages means route cancellations will be unavoidable in some cases. We recommend that you check our website in the morning and afternoon and download the BusPlanner Delays app to stay up to date.



****New** Eight Light Amber-Red Warning Light System on School Buses Coming July 2022**

Ontario will require all school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2005 to be equipped with four (4) overhead amber signal-lights and four (4) overhead red signal-lights. The current system in place in Ontario uses red lights only. The new Eight Lamp Amber-Red Warning system uses two stages of flashing overhead signal-lights to signal that a school bus is slowing (amber lights) and stopping (red lights) to improve clarity to surrounding road users. The adoption of this system will improve student transportation and road safety and align Ontario with measures taken in all other provinces who have already adopted the Eight Lamp Amber-Red warning system. School buses servicing schools in the London District Catholic School Board and Thames Valley District School Board will be retrofitted over the summer in order to ensure compliance with the new regulatory requirements.

Looking for backup Noon Hour Supervisors

If you are interested in working for a few hours each week as a lunchroom and yard supervisor (approx. 1 hour/day), please contact Mme Moodie by email at jen.moodie@tvdsb.ca. We will continue to be a Balanced Day school next year with a 40 minute break in the morning and a 50 minutes break in the afternoon.

Dental and Vision Screening:

Consent for VISION SCREENING (K-2 students only) and DENTAL SCREENING (any elementary students) performed by the Middlesex–London Health Unit and Southwestern Public Health will now be done through a passive consent process.

Passive consent means that all eligible students will receive dental or vision screening unless the parent/guardian indicates that they do not want their student to participate. Parents/guardians may decline screening on the Parent Portal or by submitting written communication to the school.

Schools will provide class lists to the clinic team on clinic dates indicating any students who should NOT be screened based on any parental/guardian submissions.

Since screenings have not been possible during the pandemic, the health units may have several dates that they will be performing screenings at your sites.

Clinic Dates for RCFI:

Dental Screening (grades 1 & 2) December 12 and 13, 2022

Vision Screening (all students grades 1-8) April 4 and 5, 2023.

Dates to Remember:

Sept 7: First Day of School (WEDNESDAY)

Sept 9: Grade 6&7 students to London Airshow field trip (forms may be emailed prior to start of year, watch email)

Sept 22: School Code Red Drill (mandatory practice)

Sept 22: School Council Meeting 6:00pm; RCHSA Meeting 6:30pm

Sept 29: School Photos (retakes on Nov 3)

Your devoted Administrators,
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