

RCFI Weekly Memo to Families from Administration Sept 5 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 2023/24 school year. The first two phases of the renovation are wrapping up this weekend. Although there will be lingering work in these areas over the next couple of weeks, as they put the final touches on.

Mme Vanpee and I are very excited to welcome anyone to our new main office at the front of the building !!

Classrooms inside the building that are freshly renovated, have had limited access for staff this week. Regardless of this, staff have been working diligently to get rooms ready for students on Wednesday.

All students will use the newly renovated washrooms in the gym hallway until the renovation is complete.

There is a third phase to our renovation which involves the north/south corridor. So, the building exit nearest the portapac is closed until the renovation is finished; however, the south exit will be open for student use, as will the front door.

Staffing Updates

We have four new staff joining the Roch Carrier team this year. First we have Mme M Hansen who will be in our Grade 2/3 homeroom. Next we have Mme E St Denis who will be working with our Grade 5 homeroom. Monsieur E Wijnker will be working with some of our littlest Raptors in Grade 1/2. Last but not least we welcome Monsieur D Oullette who will be a primary prep teacher, working with our Grade 1/2 and our Grade 2 classes.

Revised Daily Schedule (small change):

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

9:00 am - 10:40 am First Block

10:40-11:20-11:40 am First Break (Building and Portables eat first, then play/Portapac plays first then eats)

11:20-1:00 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 1-2 - baseball diamond (sandy area near parking lot and bus drop off)

Grade 3-5 - soccer field

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.

Message from the Board:

Your child's/children's annual verification forms for the 2023-2024 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.

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.

Parking lot

There are simply not enough parking spots in our lot to accommodate our staff as well as all of the construction vehicles. Therefore we are asking parents to use street parking for drop offs and pick ups until the renovation is complete mid October. Thank you for your cooperation while the renovation finishes.

Reminder with regards to Parking

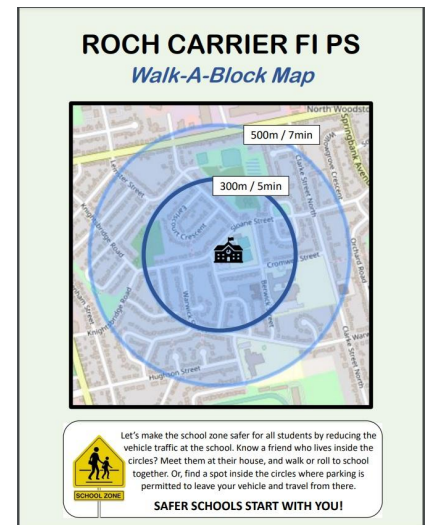
The number of vehicles in and around the school property at drop off and pick up times each day is significant. In order to ensure the safety of all members of the school community and neighbourhood, we ask that families please abide by the parking signs posted throughout our school zone. We have attached 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.

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.



Pick ups

If you know you will be picking your child up from school, please ensure you let the office know as early as possible so that we can ensure a smooth dismissal.

If you are picking up your child during the day, or for a special occasion at the end of the day. These pickups will be facilitated through the office. Please go to the front door of the school and buzz the office.

If your student is always picked up, or walks home - they will be dismissed at the baseball diamond (until our tarmac space becomes available again once the renovation is complete)

All bus students will load via the walkway between the baseball diamond and the parking lot.

Student Accident Insurance

For the 2023-24 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>

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:

Sept 5: PD Day

Sept 6: First Day of the 2023/24 School Year

Sept 12: Sarah Westbrook presentation (full school)

Sept 20 - Code Red Drill

Sept 25 - Francophonie Day (wear green and white)

Sept 27 - Rowan's Law Day (wear purple)

Sept 29 - Orange Shirt Day (wear orange)

Your devoted Administrator,

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