

PLAYGROUND

We are hoping to have our new kindergarten area ready for the beginning of October. We have had some delays with some of the seating being installed and the contractors hope to finish soon. Thank you for your patience. We are excited at how it is shaping up!



GRADE 7 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Grade 7 families are reminded that Toronto Public Health will be having their immunization clinic on **Thursday, October 25th**. Forms and information packages have been sent home with all Grade 7 students. Please be sure to complete and return these important forms. Grade 7 students who do not receive immunizations at the clinic will need to be immunized by their family doctor.



SOJOURN HOUSE

Sojourn House is a settlement house in our community that helps refugee families as they adjust to life here in Canada. If you have any of the following items you can donate, please bring them to the Ryerson main office.

Gently used winter coats, hats, mittens, boot, running shoes, lunch bags and reusable water bottles. Please be sure they are clean.

We will be collecting them for the next 2 weeks only.



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

Parent Council has organized activities for Halloween Day. Children are welcome to wear costumes that are respectful to school policies and all cultures. Just a reminder that all weapons (play swords, toy guns, etc) are to stay at home.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

To help you make an informed decision when choosing a high school, TDSB schools host information nights for parents and Grade 8 students each year between October and January. Learn everything you need to know about our incredible variety of schools, programs and courses. The dates and times for all High School Information Nights are available online at

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Open-Houses-and-Information-Nights>

Our guidance teacher, Michelle Bruner also has a website to help keep Grade 8 families informed.

<http://bit.ly/Guidance-Bruner>

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Ryerson/DVMA will be observing Remembrance Day on Friday, November 9 with a school-wide assembly in the morning.



DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIME



It is important that your child arrives on time at school every day. Drop-off time is 8:40 a.m.

Pick up time at the end of the day is 3:30 p.m. sharp. Please ensure you arrive on time.

We appreciate your cooperation.

NUTRITION PROGRAM CASH ONLINE

Morning Snack and Lunch programs continue to provide healthy, nutritious and delicious meals. Your child can purchase a ticket daily or you can purchase for a month, half year or year. We encourage you to pay on cashless for your convenience. <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



FRENCH PROGRAMS APPLICATION DEADLINE

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, we offer an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) which begins in Senior Kindergarten;
- Junior Extended French (JEF) which begins in Grade 4

We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy.



The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2019 are:

- Applications for Early French Immersion (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between October 29, 2018 and November 26, 2018.
- Applications for Junior Extended French must be completed online between January 7, 2019 and February 4, 2019.

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

For further information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and dates for Information Evenings, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

Here is the link for information evenings.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Evenings>

HALLOWE'EN SAFETY TIPS



Halloween provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family parties. Halloween is a big event at schools and provides opportunities for parties, creative activities, art programs and impromptu history lessons. Halloween is also a time for students, parents, and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security.



TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:

- ✓ Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them. Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe or unknown.
- ✓ Have your child carry a flashlight.
- ✓ NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- ✓ NEVER trick or treat with people you do not know.
- ✓ Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- ✓ Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- ✓ Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.
- ✓ Accompany your child when trick or treating.
- ✓ If you can not accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
- ✓ Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
- ✓ Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- ✓ Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk
- ✓ If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- ✓ Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
- ✓ Remind children that not everyone celebrates Halloween, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours yards or gardens.
- ✓ With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
- ✓ Set time limits when children should return home.

STAY SAFE! Halloween Safety Tips



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Wednesday, October 31st, is our Ryerson student Halloween dance & bake sale. Send your child to school in costume with a little spending change to enjoy the treats! All baking contributions are welcome.



Did you know you can raise money for Ryerson when you shop? Hundreds of retailers donate a portion of your purchase to our school fund. Help us reach our \$5,000 goal as you shop for the holidays. Visit www.flipgive.com/f/455582 today

- Join us on Nov.7 at 6pm in the library for the next SAC Meeting. Child minding will be available.



Ryerson SAC meeting
Progress Reports
Photo Retake Day
Parent Teacher Interviews

November 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the library
November 13
November 15
November 15 evening
November 16 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.