



January 12, 2018

Dear parent/ guardians,

Happy New Year! Thank you to those parents who made it out to hear our York Regional Police officer, Julie Thompson and her colleagues discuss social media safety, the new upcoming marijuana legislation and safety in public spaces (e.g. parking lots, elevators, etc.) We had our biggest turnout yet and each person was riveted by the information. A few nuggets to share:

- Would your child initiate a discussion with a stranger on the street? If not, should it happen on-line? What's the difference?
- Have you started a discussion with your children (age appropriately) about Internet safety? Why are they are/not allowed to have a cell phone, data? Age appropriate explanations will go a long way towards compliance.
- Who pays for the cell phone? The parent? If so, then it is the PARENT'S phone that is borrowed by the child and may be requested back at any time (especially if used inappropriately).
- Walking in groups in the street is the safest way to stay safe.
- Do you "beep" your car alarm to find your car in a busy parking lot? A person with malicious intent may beat you to your car and wait for you..... Better to remember where your car is located.
- Marijuana is soon to be legalized. Just as with alcohol consumption and smoking, start the conversation with your children.
- If PARENTS don't have the above conversations, their FRIENDS will. Which information should your child receive?

Please ensure that your children have a change of socks and perhaps even a change of pants in their backpack. The weather changes SO often and we never know when the children will get soaked while playing outside. Being prepared for the weather is always the best way to respond to our Canadian weather! See our Twitter feed for a 100% reliable weather source. Please see the following article:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/forest-nature-outdoor-daycare-program-northern-manitoba-1.4460990>

In order to make everyone's lives simpler and try to alleviate traffic congestion, parents who drop off their children on an inclement weather day may follow the following procedures:

In addition to the parking lot, parents MAY use our bus loop located on Stockbridge Ave. (access from Tower Hill to Alhart Street) to drop off their children in the morning. In the afternoon, pick up will always be Grade 1 & 2 (with their older siblings) picked up in the parking lot, and Grades 3-8 students pick up from the bus loop.

Congratulations to our Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball team who remained undefeated in the tournament held at our school this week!

Subway orders ARE now available on-line. Unfortunately there was a glitch with the notification, but the orders are able to be made for the upcoming sub orders. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Date reminders:

- Jan. 18 is the FI new Grade 1 Information Evening beginning at 7:00 PM. You may mention this to neighbours who may be considering FI for their Grade 1 child in September.
- Jan. 19 is a PA day for teacher assessment, so there is no school for students.

Attached to this email please find:

- 2 flyers for interested community members relating to  [Equity and Inclusivity.pdf](#) and  [Anti-Black Racism.pdf](#)

Have a safe weekend!

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