

Richmond Rose Weekly Communication				
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### Parking Lot Safety

The safety of our students is our top priority and we need your cooperation to ensure that we are able to keep your children safe. **Parents are to use the kiss-and-ride to drop off children and not park in staff parking spots** and have children run across the parking lot. We have witnessed many unsafe actions in the parking lot and these are becoming even more concerning with the winter weather upon us. Cars can't stop as fast and visibility is reduced during the winter months.

In addition, for those that choose to park on the street and have your children j-walk across the road, we recommend that you walk over to the crosswalk and cross with the crossing guard. This will ensure a safe crossing for all of our students. A reminder that u-turns are not permitted on Frank Endean Drive as this creates an even greater risk of an accident.

We appreciate your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Parking Lot Safety	
DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk or ride (bike or scooter) to school with your children or have your child walk or ride to school with a group of people</li> <li>• Students should use the paved walking areas when walking to the school yard</li> <li>• Use the Kiss and Ride to drop off your child(ren)</li> <li>• Park in legal areas on the street</li> <li>• Cross the street at the crosswalk</li> <li>• Drive with extreme caution, assuming children have the right of way</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DO NOT PARK OR STOP IN THE BUS LOOP at any time of the day and regardless of the weather</li> <li>• Do not allow students to run across the parking lot</li> <li>• Do not J-Walk across Frank Endean Rd.</li> <li>• Do not do any U-Turns on Frank Endean Rd.</li> </ul>

### Every Student Counts

On November 12, York Region District School Board invited all students to participate in the Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS). Thank you to all of the families who have completed the survey so far. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

This is a friendly reminder for families with child(ren) in Kindergarten to Grade 6 to please complete the online survey at home with your child by November 30. Earlier this month, you should have received a school letter with a link to the online survey. Families with more than one child in Kindergarten to Grade 6 were asked to complete one survey per child.

The online survey is available in English, Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese.

If you have misplaced your letter, please contact the principal. If you have already completed the survey, please disregard this letter.

The ESCS is voluntary and confidential. Survey results will be used to help improve our schools and to:

- Identify and eliminate systemic barriers to student success;
- Create more equitable and inclusive school environments; and,
- Improve student achievement and well-being.

A summary of the results (grouped data only) will be available at schools and on the Board's website in Spring 2019.

If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to contact me. Additional information about the survey (i.e., FAQs and survey questions), is available at [www.yrdsb.ca/escs](http://www.yrdsb.ca/escs).

This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments. Parents and guardians are our strongest partners in education and we thank you for your support.

### Subway Lunch at Richmond Rose

<b>Dates</b>	Thursday, Dec 6th
<b>Size:</b>	6-inch sub
<b>Cost:</b>	\$5.00 per sub (taxes are included)
<b>Choices:</b>	Ham OR Turkey OR Roast Beef OR Veggie ( <b>choose one</b> )
<b>Ingredients</b>	All orders include: 9-grain bread, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, light mayonnaise and processed cheese
<b>Allergy Alert</b>	Please order with caution should your child have an allergy to mayonnaise or any egg product
<b>Deadline to Order</b>	December Sub: <b>Deadline to order is Dec. 3rd</b>

## **NEW! Pathways Planning and Course Selection Platform: Grades 7 - 12**

**The York Region District School Board** will be providing your child with an engaging and new interactive online education and career/life planning platform starting in November 2018. Career Cruising will not be available to students after November 15, 2018. Students will be notified via their GAPPS account email of the steps required to save information, that has been stored in their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP,) from Career Cruising into their GAPPS account.

This new platform will include a number of beneficial resources to support your child as they progress from grade 7 to 12, including:

- ✓ **Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)
- ✓ **High School** – A tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways
- ✓ **Post-Secondary** – A database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada
- ✓ **Goals** – An interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans
- ✓ **Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs
- ✓ **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters
- ✓ **Money** – An engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- ✓ **Job Search** – A tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- ✓ **Portfolios** – A portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share it with parents, teachers, or future employers

***Schools will be receiving more information regarding the transition to this new platform in the coming weeks and will continue to provide students and parents/guardians with updates.***

## **Flu Season**

Flu Season is here and York Region Public Health wants to ensure that everyone is aware of the benefits of the flu shot. Please visit [york.ca/flu](http://york.ca/flu) for more information.

## **School Assistants**

We are accepting applications for the position of School Assistant, which is a paid position. Our school assistants help to supervise students inside the classrooms while students eat and they go outside with the students during outdoor play. A safety vest will be provided to wear at all times when on the school property. If accepted to this position, the successful

candidate(s) would need to bring in a completed York Region Police Check. If interested in this position, please forward a letter of interest with your contact information to [richmond.rose.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:richmond.rose.ps@yrdsb.ca)

### **Cold Weather and Daylight Savings Time**

As we enter the winter months, **please ensure that your child is dressed warmly for recess** and their commute to school. This means wearing the proper jacket, hats, mitts/gloves and boots for the coming cold months. Students will be going outside during the winter months and playing in the snow and cold weather. They need to be dressed appropriately to stay safe.

With the change of daylight savings, this means longer, darker days. Give extra care to and instruct your children to be aware of walking, riding bikes or playing when dusk settles (e.g. being more aware of their surroundings, wearing bright clothing etc.).

### **Le Club Update**

The following is a list of upcoming dates & activities for Richmond Rose's Le Club. We hope to see you there!

#### **WINTER BREAK**

January 2 - 4, 2019 (in-house)

2nd: Ceramic Creations

3rd & 4th: Exploring and designing outdoors with ice. \*\*Parental newsletter to follow\*\*

### **WEEK AT-A-GLANCE**

<b>MONDAY</b> November 26	<b>TUESDAY</b> November 27	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> November 28	<b>THURSDAY</b> November 29	<b>FRIDAY</b> November 30
Open Art Studio - Gr. 6-8 @ 10:15 am  Well Being Meeting @ 3:15 - 4:00 pm in the Library - All are welcome to attend	Pizza Lunch  Grade Three Gifted Screening	Open Art Studio - Gr. 6-8 @ 10:15 am  Grade 3 Gifted Screening  Grade 6 VIP		
<b><u>Dates to keep in mind:</u></b>  <b>December 3 -School Council 6:30pm</b> <b>December 6 - Chai and Chat @ 9:00 am in the Library</b> <b>December 7- House Assembly</b>				

**Richmond Rose – TOUCHSTONE** At Richmond Rose, we take responsibility for our work, words and actions. We put in our best efforts, enjoy our successes, and learn from our mistakes. We embrace each other's differences and care for each other's feelings. We think before we speak and use words that are appropriate for school. Our community is a safe community; a place where we treat people with kindness, respect and dignity. No one is afraid at our school. At Richmond Rose, we are free to succeed!