



December 16, 2022 Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Today started as quite the adventure with our parking lot and roads left unplowed. We would like to send a huge thank you to our staff, students and families who made the very best of a somewhat stressful situation. We had staff forming walking school buses on the sidewalks, many pushing out stuck cars, parents walking students to school for other parents ... it's sometimes in times of trouble that we see the true beauty of community! Thank you!

This week we celebrated the season with a winter concert that showcased Dr. Gunn's music groups. Thank you to Dr. Gunn for running countless lunchtime rehearsals to help our young musicians prepare for their performances. Many of our students have never had the opportunity to participate in an evening concert because of Covid so it was extra special to see them up on stage. Thank you to parents for attending and celebrating their musical success. On Tuesday afternoon we will get to see our kindergarten classes in action as they host a concert of their own!

Next week is spirit week at Rouge Park. Our student leadership team and the staff supervisors have planned a week full of fun. Please see the calendar and visual below to see what is happening each day. If you have younger students at home, thank you in advance for helping them prepare for each day. Along with the daily themes, we will also have a school-wide Bingo tournament that will run all week. The winning classes will get an extra gym class hosted by administration.

As we approach the holidays, we want to wish all of our families a healthy and happy time with family and friends.

As always, reach out if you need us for anything. We are here to help.

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Dec. 19	5	 School Spirit Day - Wear spirit wear or school colours Gr. 4-8 choir @ 12:20 Gr. 4-6 (Jr.) boys volleyball @ 12:20
Dec. 20	1	 Twin Day Gr. 4-6 (Jr.) boys volleyball @ 12:20 Gr. 1-3 choir @ 12:20

		Int. girl's basketball practice @ 2:45
Dec. 21	2	 Games Day Snack Shack @ morning recess Gr. 4-6 (Jr.) girls volleyball @ morning recess Grade 7 and 8 band @ 12:20 Int. girl's basketball practice @ 2:45
Dec. 22	3	 Cultural Day Jr. Boys volleyball skills @ first recess Gr. 4-6 (Jr.) girls volleyball @ lunch Gr. 5-6 Band @ 12:20 Int. girl's basketball practice @ 2:45 Pizza Day - last one for this session
Dec. 23	4	 Movie and P.J. Day GSA 9:50 Pop Band Rehearsal @ 12:20 Gr. 4-6 (Jr.) girls volleyball @ lunch

Upcoming:

January 9 - First day of school for 2023! **Deadline to place an order for our next pizza day cycle.**

January 10 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30 in person at RPPS

Being On Time for School - Huge Improvement!

We have seen a massive decrease in the number of late arrivals since sending out the email on Tuesday. Thank you for helping your children arrive at school on time. We truly appreciate your partnership.

Book tasting event at RPPS

Students were served some very delicious books in the library last week. Students "tasted"/ sampled these books at our book cafe in order to decide which books to use in our literature circle. Their choices are highly valued in our classrooms. Students explored different genres, familiar and new authors and different writing styles to communicate their interest. Their responses were critical and informative. We are excited to take a deep dive into the books that they selected.







Illness and Covid Guidelines Families are asked to screen their children using

https://www.ontario.ca/school-screening/
Please note that if a student arrives back after testing positive for covid, they must wear a mask for 10 days. Siblings who live in the same household should also wear a mask while at school. We ask that students only return when they are feeling better. If your child has the flu, they should also stay home until they have fully recovered so that they do not spread the illness to classmates. Thank you for doing your part to keep the students and staff at Rouge Park safe and healthy.

Prayer Room

Our prayer room is in room 117 (Ms. Ahmed's room) and is available to students and staff who wish to pray during the school day. Please let your child's teacher know if they need help finding and accessing the prayer room.

School Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm. All are welcome to join us for this face to face meeting at Rouge Park.







Winter Concert



















