



REVIEW



December 9, 2022

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

It is hard to believe we have reached December already! The school year has been going by quickly. The cold weather seems to be here to stay. We encourage all of our students to dress for the winter weather so that they can fully enjoy the outdoors. Please ensure that your child has boots, a warm coat, hat and gloves.

Preparations are underway for two concerts in December. On Wednesday, December 14, Dr. Gunn's music groups will be sharing their musical talents (see poster below). On Tuesday, December 20, our kindergarten concert will take place, beginning at 1:15 pm.. We hope you can join us as the students share their talents! Plans for a bigger concert in the spring are already in the works!

Our Food Drive for the Markham Food Bank has been extremely successful so far! We continue to collect non-perishable items for those in need. Thank you for your support and generosity. Our clothing drive is over and some of what wasn't picked up by our own families was donated to Burningbliss Shelter. At Rouge Park, we believe in giving throughout the school year. We know that the pandemic has been challenging for many families. Please know that you may reach out to me at any time, should you need additional support. Some of these supports could include: providing pizza lunches to your child, providing winter clothing, connecting you to outside agencies for financial support, connecting you to mental health supports, as well as a multitude of other supports. Please know that once you connect with me, it is confidential.

As always, reach out if you need us for anything. We are here to help. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Dec. 12	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gr. 4-8 choir @ 12:20 • Gr. 4-6 (Jr.) boys volleyball @ 12:20
Dec. 13	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gr. 4-6 (Jr.) boys volleyball @ 12:20 • Gr. 1-3 choir @ 12:20 • Int. girl's basketball practice @ 2:45

Dec. 14	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 ● Winter Concert @ 6:30 pm (performers asked to arrive @ 6:00 pm)
Dec. 15	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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
Dec. 16	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GSA 9:50 ● Pop Band Rehearsal @ 12:20 ● Gr. 4-6 (Jr.) girls volleyball @ lunch
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>December 20 - Kindergarten Concert @ 1:15</p> <p>December 23 - Last day of school before winter break</p> <p>January 9 - First day of school for 2023! Deadline to place an order for our next pizza day cycle.</p> <p>January 10 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30 in person at RPPS</p>		

Dressing for the Weather

The snow has arrived! Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. They should have boots, coats, hats, mitts and snowpants. A change of clothes and socks is also a good idea. Our students will enjoy their recesses a lot more if they are dressed for the weather. If you are in need of winter clothing for your child, please let us know. We have many gently used items that have been donated.



Being On Time for School

With the colder weather, we are seeing more students late for school each morning. When a student is late, it is disruptive to the office and to their class when they interrupt the morning learning. It also means your child misses the morning announcements and the start of learning time in their classroom. Arriving at school on time is a life skill we are trying very hard to instill in our students. The kiss n ride is much less busy if you arrive between 7:55 and 8:05 than it is between 8:05 and 8:10. We thank you in advance for supporting an on-time arrival for your child(ren).

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.

Message From Our Trustee

December 2022

I am happy to serve as your trustee on the 2022-2026 Board of Trustees.

As a trustee, my role includes being an advocate for quality public education in York Region, and I want to assure you that I am committed to that work. Every one of our students deserves to be learning in an environment where they feel safe, valued and supported in learning and achieving success.

Part of our role as trustees includes making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and setting our priorities as an organization through a [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). Our board will work hard to keep students at the centre of our decision making, and to build collaborative relationships with the families and communities we serve. The education of our students, your children, is a partnership and the relationships we have with families is an essential one.

Communicating with families and members of the public is also an important part of our role, and I look forward to connecting with members of the school community in the coming weeks and months. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I will be sharing information with you throughout the school year, and letting you know more about our work and priorities as a school board. You can also visit the board website at www.yrdsb.ca or follow on social media.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates in December for different faiths and cultures, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to spend time with family and friends, relax and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Michael Chen
Trustee, Markham Wards 5 and 7



WINTER CONCERT

DEC. 14

6:30 - 7:30
AT THE GYM

GROUPS THAT ARE PLAYING:

- PRIMARY CHOIR
 - GRADE 1-3 RECORDER GROUP
 - GRADE 4-8 CHOIR
 - GRADE 6-8 BAND
 - SOLOISTS
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ROUGE PARK



RAPTORS

JOIN THE FUN!

