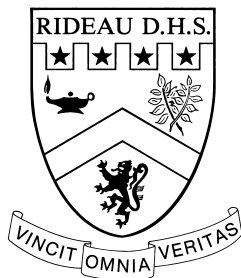


September 12, 2019



NEWSLETTER

RIDEAU LIONS NEWS

Vice-Principal's Message,

On behalf of Mr. Brown, myself and all of the staff at Rideau, welcome families and students to the new school year! I am very excited to be returning this year as I consider it a privilege to work in this community. I hope that as the year progresses, we will get a chance to know each other and that your child will get involved in one or more of the many diverse programs and extra-curricular activities offered here in the Lions' Den. There is something here for everyone!

The school looks great! Over the summer the custodial staff worked their magic and the floors are gleaming, walls have been painted, and everything is spic and span. Thank you so much to this very hard-working team!

We have some new staff in the building this September. Welcome Mr. Pardy, Mr. Dudgeon, Ms. White, Mrs. Bradley and welcome back, Mrs. Perkins. We are so happy to have them in the Den with us. Another new name on the list is Mrs. Nizman. However, we knew her before as Ms. Crozier. Congratulations on your recent nuptials! Welcome also to Brandon Jacques who is here to cover for Rebecca Morrison on the custodial team while she stays home with her new baby boy, Griffin. Congratulations!

Our goal at Rideau is to provide a safe and rich learning environment for all students. Your child's safety is our first priority. The foundation of a safe and successful school is the cooperation between the students, staff, families and the community. Student success is a shared responsibility between the school staff, students and their families. We look forward to working with you and developing a relationship that will assist in the success of your child.

Students, it is my hope that you will meet any challenges with determination and excitement and celebrate all that makes everyone special. In simpler terms, "be the reason someone smiles today!"

As the year progresses, please stop by the office and say "Hello!"

*Aundrea Bright
Vice Principal*

**Grade 7 & 8
Open House
September 26
6—7:30 pm**

**Grade 9—12
Parent/Teacher Night
October 17
5:30—7:30 pm**

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your son or daughter is absent from school please send a note with him or her upon return, leave a message on the school's answering machine at 613-359-5391 (available 24/7) or enter through My Family Room.

For secondary students, notes should be given to Mrs. Miller in the office and an admit slip received prior to the student returning to classes. Should the absence be for one or two days, homework could be obtained from a friend in the class or from the teacher's website. If you know of an upcoming absence of five or more days please obtain a form from the office prior to the absence. This form will need to be signed by each of the student's teachers so they are aware of the upcoming absence.

Safe arrival policy for grade 7 and 8 students requires that we know as soon as possible the reason for a student's absence. If a reason is not known by 8:15 am calls will be placed to parents.

Students who come to school late or leave early must sign in/out at the office. Senior students leaving on their spare need to also sign out so we are aware of who is in the building in case of an emergency.

STUDENT SAFETY

Students being picked up by a parent or guardian during the school day or at dismissal must be picked up at the front of the school (off County Road 8). There are several visitor parking spots available. Any student leaving during the school day must sign out at the office.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The mandate of the Transportation Department is to provide safe and efficient transportation for eligible students **to and from school**.

For safety purposes, we must have accurate knowledge of all students travelling on a bus. **We cannot approve requests to allow students to travel on an alternate bus for: homework, sleepovers, complete community service hours or for a job.**

Housekeeping Items:

- Rideau is a fragrance free environment. Please avoid the use of perfume, scented hairspray, cologne, and other scented products while at school.
- Rideau is a nut free school.
- Only a doctor's note will be accepted in order to miss or to write an exam on an alternate date from schedule
- Students found on the private property behind the school, while not involved in a school organized event, will be charged by the O.P.P. for trespassing.

SECONDARY SPORTS TEAMS

Fall sports teams have begun tryouts. Eligibility to be on a team:

- Student must be enrolled as a full time student in the semester(s) in which they compete
- Student must be deemed in good standing by administration
- Student must purchase a Rideau Student Activity Card (\$20) which are available once student photos have been received
- Student fee to participate is \$50 per sport with a \$5 refund upon the return of a clean uniform at end of season
- Additional costs will incur for hockey (ice rental) and football (equipment fees)
- Student must obtain written parental consent
- Student must comply with the OFSAA rules regarding student transfer (athletic coordinator will verify eligibility)
- Student must comply with the OFSAA age divisions
- Students in grades 9 and 10 must attend a tryout for the junior team and students in grade 11 and 12 a senior tryout

MY FAMILY ROOM

Have you created your profile in My Family Room? My Family Room is the communication tool between you and your child's school. You will be alerted through your choice of contact about your child's unexplained absence, be able to track assignment due dates, tests, bus cancellations, etc. Please ensure the school has your current e-mail address (must be different for each parent/guardian) and you will receive an e-mail with instructions to create a profile. The link to My Family Room is <https://myfamilyroom.ca>.

If you are having difficulties setting up My Family Room, please contact the school and we will try to assist you.

INTERMEDIATE DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00	Classes begin
10:30—11:15	Lunch & recess. *students must be picked up to leave the school grounds.
12:45—1:10	Recess
2:10	Dismissal

Intermediate students are not permitted to leave school property unless a parent comes to the school to pick them up and signs them out. Only exception is for a student that walks to school and will go home for lunch. A note is required in this case.

HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

Period 1	8:00 - 9:00
DOUBLE	9:05 - 10:05
Period 2	10:15 - 11:15
Lunch	11:15 - 12:05
Period 3	12:05 - 1:05
Period 4	1:10 - 2:10

STUDENT HEALTH CLINIC

The Student Health Clinic is open again this year. Our school nurse, Jill Ulrichsen, will be here on **Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00 – 10:00 am**. Jill is a nurse practitioner from Country Roads Community Health Centre. She comes to the school to address student health concerns including sore throats, headaches, muscle strains, fatigue, stress, depression, pregnancy, birth control and any other health problems. The Student Health Clinic is located at the main office; students in **grades 9 – 12** can sign up for an appointment at the office. The clinic is confidential for students in grades 9 – 12. Students in **grades 7& 8** must have their parent/guardian call or send in a note to request an appointment to be seen at the Student Health Clinic.

Please note: the school does not keep Tylenol, Advil or Benadryl on hand for student use.

THANK YOU!

RDHS is extremely grateful for individuals and organizations, who through their support, allow us to provide students with a breakfast program, participation in special educational and extra-curricular opportunities, specific student needs, etc.

Eastern Star	Elgin Lions Club
Farm Credit Corporation	Gordanier Grocery
Kick-in-for-Kids	N.L.Y.T.F., United Way
Nutrition for Kids	PC Children's Charity
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Westport Baptist Church	

