



# Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

December 2024

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## Important Dates Coming Up

Dec. 2 - 6

Donation Drive for Family Centre Carling  
- Thames Centre

Dec. 2 - 6

Scholastic Book Fair

Dec 8

Clarke Road Secondary School Grade 8  
Open House

Dec. 11

Bus Safety Presentation

Dec. 12 & 13

Kinder Winter Concert

Dec. 17

Primary Winter Concert

Dec. 17

Junior / Intermediate Winter Concert

Dec. 16 - 20 SPIRIT WEEK

Mon 16 - Festive Accessories

Tues 17 - Festive Clothing

Wed 18 - Blue & White or Winter Outfit

Thurs 19 - Holiday Sweater

Fri 20 - Pajama Day

Dec 23 - Jan 3

Winter Break

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## Admin Message

Dear Louise Arbour Families,

As the Winter Break approaches our students and staff are getting into the festive spirit. We have many events planned for the last few weeks of school and we hope that parents and guardians will have the opportunity to join us. Please ensure to mark these important dates on your family calendars!

We wish all of our Louise Arbour families a safe and happy holiday season. We hope that your winter break is spent making joyful memories.

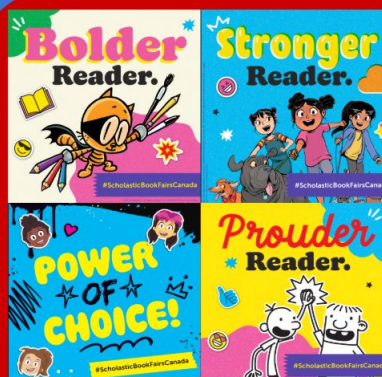
Warm wishes,

Mme Blais

Principal

## News from the Library Learning Commons (LLC)

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR! Dec 2nd - 6th



This year, students are invited to preview and purchase books in-person during the week of **Monday, December 2nd** to **Friday, December 6th.**

All purchases benefit our school and earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school's classrooms and library learning commons.





Please take a moment to read the following important information.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCESS**

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on TVDSB's Inclement Weather process, as the winter months approach.

### ***What families need to know when severe weather causes bus cancellations and school closures?***

During severe winter weather, the safety and security of students and staff is Thames Valley's highest priority. Here is important information for families to remember:

#### **School Closures**

- The decision to close a school is based on the best information available to the TVDSB regarding road and weather conditions. There are times when a school may also be closed due to events such as power outages and water main breaks.
- In the event of a school closure, access to virtual learning opportunities will be available to students through their Google Classroom or Brightspace platforms.
- Your child(ren)'s teacher will communicate how students can access this information; if you need more details, please reach out directly to your child's teacher in advance of these potential inclement weather days.

#### **Bus cancellations**

- In most cases, when buses are cancelled, **schools remain open**.
- Staff will be available for those students who arrive at school.
- Some families may determine that their children can safely make their way to and from school while other families may wish to keep their children at home.
- Parents/caregivers may drop off/pick-up their children, however, it is **not** an expectation that parents/caregivers transport their children to school in the event of bus cancellations.
- If a student does not attend on inclement weather days, there will be **no** negative impact to their official attendance record.

#### **Notification of Bus Cancellations and School Closures**

- It's easy to find out if your school is closed by checking your school or [TVDSB's website](#), [X](#), [Facebook](#), or [Instagram](#) as well as local media in your area.
- **All information about bus delays and cancellations are available on [www.mybigyellowbus.ca](http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca).**

# SPIRIT WEEK

## DECEMBER 16-20

### MONDAY

#### Festive Accessories

Wear your festive socks or hats or headbands.



### TUESDAY

#### Fancy Festive Wear

Primary concert day. Dress in your favourite festive clothing.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Winter wonderland

Dress in blue or white or your favourite winter outfit



### THURSDAY

#### Festive sweater day

Wear your favourite holiday sweater

### FRIDAY

#### T'was the night before winter break

Pajama day





## Junior/Intermediate Winter Concert

We are pleased to inform you that LAFI is hosting a Junior/Intermediate ***Winter Concert!***

Our students have been working very hard in their Music classes with Mme Singh & Mme Regehr, and are ready to showcase what they've been rehearsing. We would like to invite any friends and family to come join us for the presentation of these talents on **Tuesday, December 17th** in our school Auditorium at **5:30pm**. There will be many student performers that evening, and we are happy to let you know that there will be a Treat Sale as well!

On the night of the concert, we will be accepting non-perishable food/hygiene donations for the YMCA centre next to our school. The LAFI music department is also accepting monetary donations to put towards instrument repairs if you'd like to show your appreciation! If you're unable to donate, no matter, you are still invited! All are welcome, and we hope you will enjoy this arts-filled evening.

Musically yours,

**Eryn Singh & Natasha Regehr**



## Primary Winter Concert



Our school will be holding a Primary Winter Concert this year on December 17th.

The concert will start at 11:00 am and the doors to the school will open to families at 10:40 am.

Admission will be by donation, and all proceeds will go towards the year-end primary field trip.

The classes performing will be all students in Grades 1, 2, and 3, as well as Mme Anderson and Mme Grado's 3/4 classes.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Donation Drive

From December 2nd to December 6th, Mme Chute's Grade 7 class will be hosting a "Donation Drive" to support the Family Centre Carling-Thames next door and therefore, families in need in our local community.

We encourage families to bring in any type of donation from non-perishable food items to hygiene products. The items most in need are personal hygiene items such as pads/tampons, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner as well as pasta, pasta sauce, soup, canned fruits and vegetables!

We appreciate anything you can do to help, and look forward to delivering the items on Louise Arbour's behalf!



Merci!

## BIRTHDAY TREATS



If you choose to send treats for your child's birthday, please consider sending non-edible treats such as pencils or erasers. If you do send edible treats, our preference is always pre-packaged treats with ingredients clearly written on the packages. If not pre-packaged, then they need to be made in a commercial kitchen that is a nut-free facility with someone who has food handling certification and ingredients have to be clearly labelled.



## SOCKS & MITTENS NEEDED



We would welcome any **BRAND NEW** sock donations for our little feet that get wet and cold.

We would also welcome any new or gently used mitten or glove donations.

Please drop off in the office, merci!

# CLARKE ROAD SECONDARY SCHOOL

A SCHOOL WITH A PATHWAY FOR EVERYONE

## GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE 2024

*Academics, French Immersion, Technology, and so much more*

*Join us for an exciting evening to meet the Trojan staff and students and explore what Clarke Road has to offer*

**THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 5, 2024  
6:30 - 8:30 PM**



HAVE A QUESTION?  
SCAN THE CODE

### Don't miss this opportunity to:

- ✓ Learn about our new French Immersion Program
- ✓ Gather information on classes, programs, clubs
- ✓ Meet the staff and students
- ✓ Explore the classrooms, library, tech wing, weight room, gyms, and more

📞 519-452-2640

🌐 <https://sites.google.com/gotvdsb.ca/trojanclass>

📍 300 Clarke Road

📧 [ClarkeroadeTVDSB.CA](mailto:ClarkeroadeTVDSB.CA)

# Lions SAS Club

## Looking for Enriching French Activities for Your Family?

Does your family have children who attend a French school? The Lions Club SAS is the perfect place for youth and adults looking for engaging French Immersion experiences. Since 2013, we have specialized in offering high-quality, French-language activity sessions during the fall, winter, and spring. Our activities include swimming lessons for both children and adults, basketball lessons, soccer lessons, and arts lessons. Additionally, our Francophone summer day camp welcomes students aged four to eleven for a season filled with fun, learning, and discovery.

## Why Choose the Lions SAS Club?

Our programs offer numerous benefits for youth and adults alike, including:

- **Access to Exceptional Facilities:** Enjoy learning and playing in top-notch locations.
- **French Language Development:** Deepen your French language skills while having fun.
- **Motivating and Educational Experiences:** Participate in activities designed to inspire and teach.
- **Cultural Immersion:** Enhance your sense of belonging to the Francophone community.
- **Professional Environment:** Benefit from a supportive, well-structured atmosphere.
- **Expert Coaching:** Receive guidance from skilled young Francophones and experienced instructors.
- **Skill Discovery and Growth:** Learn and practice new skills while building confidence.
- **Swimming Lessons and Water Safety:** Our French swimming lessons focus on teaching essential water safety skills to children and adults, ensuring confidence and security in and around water.
- **Safe and Enjoyable Environment:** Thrive in a welcoming space where friendships and fun flourish.

Discover a world where French immersion meets personal growth, all in a safe and dynamic environment with the Lions SAS Club! <https://www.lionssas.ca/>