Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

January 2025

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Temporary Vice Principal: S. Pinder
Secretary: S.Earls, H. Weitzel, N. Whipple
Superintendent:
Tammy Vacante

Important Dates Coming Up

Jan 9 - Clarke Road Secondary School Grade 8 Open House

Jan 13 - 31 Kindergarten registration

January 17 - PA Day

Jan 21 - School Council Meeting 6-7pm
Hybrid (at school and via MSTeams)

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Admin Message

Bonjour!

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing time with their families and loved ones over the break. We are excited to see the students' smiling faces, and we are having a successful first week back. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mme Pinder back to our school as she continues to fill in for Vice-Principal, Mme Hart.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for English Kindergarten in French Immersion will take place during the Kindergarten Registration period of **Monday, January 13 to Friday, January 31, 2025.** Families must register online or in person at their designated English school. Please review the more detailed information included in this newsletter.

Drop Off and Pick Up Zones

We would like to take this opportunity to review very important information about drop off and pick up. If you choose to drive your children to and from school, and you wish to accompany them onto the yard, you must park your vehicle in a designated parking spot. It is not permissible to leave your car parked in the fire lane, located beside the sidewalk, even for a short period of time.

Winter Gear

Please remember to ensure that your children have all the appropriate winter gear packed with them when they leave the house in the morning. For younger students, this includes providing a dry change of clothing in the event that their clothes get wet. Having the appropriate winter gear ensures that students will be safe and warm while playing outside.

School Council Meeting

The next School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It will be in a hybrid format. For those who would like to attend in person, we will be meeting in One World. Should you wish to join online, please use the following link: MSTeams Meeting Link

Happy New Year!

The Louise Arbour Administration Team

ENGLISH KINDERGARTEN IN FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

English Kindergarten Programming is offered as space permits in several French Immersion(FI) Schools. Registration for English Kindergarten in French Immersion will take place during the Kindergarten Registration period of **Monday, January 13 to Friday, January 31, 2025.**

Complete the on-line pre-registration form found on TVDSB's website, school website or click here https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/register-for-school.aspx. As part of the online registration parents/guardians are required to declare their intention to enrol their child in the FI program in Grade 1 (check box). All registrants who declare an intention to register for French Immersion, upon attending at the designated home English school to provide supporting documentation, will receive the Designated French Immersion School English Kindergarten Application Form to complete and return to the home English school. This form must be received from parents/guardians on or before the close of the online Kindergarten registration on **Friday, January 31, 2025** in order to be considered. Please note that siblings are not guaranteed a place in the English Kindergarten in French Immersion program.

If a child was on the waitlist during the 2024-2025 school year, a new on-line registration form needs to be completed for Year 2 of Kindergarten as well as the Designated French Immersion School English Kindergarten Application Form. English Kindergarten Year (2) Programming is also offered as space permits in designated French Immersion Schools. If your child is already attending Kindergarten Year 1 (K1) at the designated home English school, and is interested in applying, please contact the school to obtain an application form.

Should applications for English Kindergarten in French Immersion exceed the number of available spaces, a random selection process will be implemented to determine which children may attend with K1 or K2.

We are also excited to share that TVDSB will be hosting our 2nd annual live Kindergarten information night for Kindergarten families on **January 27, 2025.** Stay tuned for further details. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your designated home English school.

NEW DATE!
JANUARY 9, 2025
6:30 - 8:30 PM

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

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

HAVE A QUESTION?
SCAN THE CODE

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INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

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**.

WINTER CONCERT THANK YOU!

The Junior/Intermediate Winter Concert was a huge success in December! The Music Department wants to give a big thanks to everyone that donated bake sale items, helped out with supervision, and to those that helped with set up and clean up! Everyone worked really hard for our students, and as a result the concert was so much fun and went very smoothly. Between donations at the door and the Bake Sale we made about $600 towards instrument repairs! YAY!

Looking forward to doing it all again in the Spring!
Many thanks! 🎵

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

As we enter the colder months of winter, please remember to send your students with weather appropriate clothing. Our students do go outside multiple times a day and need to be dressed for the cold. Please remember coats, snow pants, hats, mittens/ gloves and boots.

Thank you

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!

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/

Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts invites you…

Students currently in Grade 3 who are interested in attending Pearson, need to attend a two day workshop held in March each year. Students will participate in Dance, Music, Art and Drama each day and will be observed by a combination of teachers and professionals in each area.

There is nothing to prepare for this workshop.

The top 56 students (pending ratios) will be offered admittance for the following school year. Other workshop attendees may be placed on a waiting list in case they are needed. Students in grades 4 – 7 will follow the same process, except they will only attend a 1 day workshop and will be offered a place at the school only if we have a student leave.

There will be an **Open House** Information Night at Pearson on **Wednesday, February 5th @ 7pm** in our gym, 795 Trafalgar St. You do not have to register before the Open House.

Please visit our website (pearson.tvdsb.ca) to begin your adventure! There is an online application that opens Thanksgiving weekend and closes January 31st each year - this year, due to the delay in the Open House, registration closes **February 12th, 2025**. Once the application is complete, you will be emailed a link to SchoolCashOnline for payment; $60 fee to attend. Both must be complete to be registered.