



École Robert H. Smith School

The Communiqué

January 11 - 15, 2021

Message from the Administration

What a mild week of winter weather for the first week of January it has been! As we witness the beginning in Manitoba of vaccinations for our health care professionals, we urge our students and families not to let down their guard – wash hands, wear a mask, avoid travel and gathering, and keep a good distance.

Merry Christmas to our Orthodox Christian families for January 7. For many people from countries like Russia, Ukraine, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Greece, Christmas Day is celebrated according to the Julian calendar. Many Manitobans with this heritage have the pleasure of traditional meatless dishes on Christmas eve, including fish, sauerkraut, borscht, and perogies.

This coming week will be the second week of our optional remote learning period. Approximately forty-five RHS students (about 12%) have chosen to learn from home. Teachers have been checking in with students about their progress at regular intervals, with class coverage provided.

A public thank you to our teachers who have, without complaint, shifted their teaching to unusual learning spaces and arrangements parameters. The amount of equipment lugging done by Mr. Donato for his outdoor physical education program or by our intrepid, roving music teacher, Mr. Ossachuk, has been impressive and appreciated. Thanks to those teachers setting up classrooms in library and gymnasium spaces. Much gratitude, also, for those educators managing two grade six French Immersion classrooms in three physical spaces. Thanks, finally, to Madame Maynard, whose job was reassigned twice, yet has forged ahead with her usual vigour.

Next week, we welcome a new staff member to our school, Ms. Janet Alake. Her role as a supply teacher for the school division means that she will be available a full-time substitute teacher to multiple schools. Congratulations, too, to our student teacher, Myriah Tollenar, who has been offered a job in the Winnipeg School Division when she completes her practicum with RHS.

School Patrols

Patrols from 115B (formerly 212) are on duty this week.

Virtual Open House 2021

Save the date! École Robert H. Smith School will be hosting a Virtual Open House on **Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30 PM** for nursery school students and new student transfers to our school in grades K-6. We will post a link to the event on our web site, and subsequently post a recording of our open house for those who couldn't come to the live stream. The online registration process will then follow in the first weeks of February.

On the Horizon – Next School Closure Day

Please note that our next school closure day will be **Monday, February 8, 2021**.

Referral Letters

Some students leave grade six for private schools and ask for referral letters from the teacher or principal as part of the application process. Please contact the school if your son or daughter needs a referral.



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