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Hello Parents and Guardians,

You will find an added attachment to this week's parent message that speaks to Emergency Closures of Schools and the procedures that will be followed in the event that our school is closed due to inclement weather. After last week's weather and our weather today, it seems prudent to get this out right away.

The **Holyoake DRUMBEAT Program** is an evidence-based curriculum used widely across Australia, and other countries that explores relationship issues central to healthy relationships and lifestyles. This fun and interactive program has a structured format that extends across 10 one-hour sessions.

The drum circle reflects a community and provides a safe place to explore human relationships and practice healthy social interaction. Sessions are structured and have specific themes that explore issues such as peer pressure, dealing with emotions, friendships, risk taking, identity, social responsibility & teamwork. The DRUMBEAT program is primarily an experiential process that does not rely heavily on conversation.

Jennifer Rowe (Rocky View's Family School Liaison) will be joined by a WH Croxford staff to deliver this beneficial program for 10 weeks, to a small group of high school students.

There is no cost to participate in this program and participation is purely voluntary. If you are interested in having your child participate in this program or you would like more info, please contact Jennifer Rowe @ 587-777-3261 or Jrowe@rockyview.ab.ca

Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 students are reminded to ensure that you have returned signed consent forms to the school for immunizations. Your child would have received the form on October 3. Please contact Karina Lartiga, our Public Health Nurse at 403-9112-8400 or email: karina.lartiga@albertahealthservices.ca if you have any questions regarding vaccinations.

We still have some 2017-18 Yearbooks for sale if you or you know of any last year graduates who may like to purchase one. If you would like one, please send cash or cheque in the amount of \$35 and give it to Mrs. Parker or the office.

The Early Bird price for the 2018-19 yearbooks is \$35 until October 28. After October 28, they will be \$40 and will only be on sale until January 31, 2019. Payments can be made using School Cash.

Our next School Council meeting will be October 16 from 6:30 – 7:30 in the office conference room. All parents are welcome.

Out of province Post-Secondary Fair will take place on October 17 in the Learning Commons from 6:30 – 8:00. For a listing of post-secondary schools attending, please head to the school's website.

Ms. Morck, our Guidance Counsellor, is organizing a trip to SAIT for their Open House on October 19. This field trip is open to students in Grades 10, 11, and/or 12. Please get forms from the front office if you wish to attend. There will be a firm deadline of Monday, October 15 at 9am and a limited number of seats are available. ALL FORMS must be returned by this date.

Croxford will host an Awards evening on October 18 from 6:30 – 7:30. Parents of students who will be receiving an award will be sent an email by October 10.

Until next time,

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