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# Valhalla Community School

Happy New Year!

Welcome Back!!

We hope you've all had a great holiday break and are all rested up to head into the winter session!

## PE News!

Skating will begin in all our classes (K-9) sometime in February. This is a mandatory unit for all students to participate in. Students will need to bring skates and a helmet (any kind of helmet will do) for all sessions. The school has some extra hockey helmets but no skates. If your son/daughter does not have skates, please try to beg, borrow or buy some. We will also need parent helpers to volunteer to help tie skates. A schedule and more detailed information will be coming soon!

## Parent Meetings

### Quebec Trip Planning Meeting

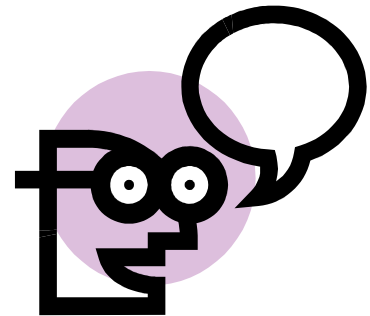
Parents of students participating in the spring's Quebec trip need to attend a meeting here at the school on Jan.10 at 5:30pm. Decisions need to be made about travel arrangements and discussion about fund raising and payment arrangements will be held.

### Grade 9 Farewell Meeting

A meeting will take place on Tuesday, Jan.17 at 5:30pm to plan our grade 9 farewell event. We would like to form a committee of parents, students and staff to plan this occasion. We are looking for input to ensure this evening is



Please attend if at all possible, we NEED to get organized. If you have any questions, please contact the school.



## 4H Speech Competitions Coming!

Students in 4H (grades 7-9) will soon be preparing for the 4H club's annual speech competition. The competition will be held on February 16, 2012.

Because of the large number of 4H members in our multi-club, preliminary competition will be held during school hours. Winners in each competition level will advance to a finals speak-off

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which will be held on the evening of February 16.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with organizing and judging the speech competition.

Together with this event, all non-4H students will also do an age appropriate public speaking activity in class. The best of these will also present their efforts at the Feb.16 evening event.

While students will be given some time in school to work on their written and impromptu speeches, they will need to spend some time at home working on them as well to achieve their best effort.

## Parent Council

A parent council meeting has been called for 7 pm, Monday, Feb.6.

Please plan to attend and be part of supporting our school!

Parent council wants to thank everyone for their generous support of the Christmas silent auction. \$1063 was raised for Parent Council!

### *A Few Reminders....*

#### **Piano Lessons**

Ronda Krause will continue with Piano Lessons here at the school, beginning Monday January 9.

#### **Absences**

If your child(ren) are going to be away from school, please inform the office and the bus driver.

#### **Destination**

If your child is going home with a friend or to a neighbor, please send a note to the bus driver and to the school.

#### **Arrival/Departure**

If your child is arriving late, or being picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office.

#### **Utensils**

If your child needs utensils for their lunch, please provide them.

## Bus Driver's Corner

Welcome back from the holidays. A reminder for parents to have your children dressed for the winter weather (boots on, mitts and toques along) in order that they are prepared in the event of bus trouble en route.

If you are wondering whether the buses are cancelled; you can check the school website, [www.valhallaschool.ca](http://www.valhallaschool.ca), or listen for announcements on either CJXX-93.1 or Sun FM-97.7 FM radio stations. All effort is made to have any bus cancellation announcements ready for 7:00am.



## Basketball News

*The boys and girls basketball teams have a game this Thursday January 5. They will begin playing in LaGlance at 3:30pm. Please come and cheer our school on. GO VIKINGS!*

## Upcoming Events

**January 10, 2012**

**5:30 pm, VCS**

**Grade 8/9 Field Trip Parent Meeting**

All parents of participating students needed!

**January 17, 2012**

**VCS**

**Grade 9 Farewell Meeting**

Come help organize our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 9 Farewell celebration!

**January 30, 2012**

**9am, VCS**

**VSF Charter Board Meeting**

Students attending!

**February 6, 2012**

**7pm, VCS**

**Parent Council Meeting**

**February 16, 2012**

**Time: TBA, VCS**

**VCS 4H Multi-Club Speech Competition**

4H Speech Finals and Non- 4H public speaking displays. Come support our students as they seek public speaking distinction!

## New Library Hours!

Beginning this week the Valhalla Community Library is open the following times:

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| Monday    | 11 - 4 pm |
| Tuesday   | 11 - 4 pm |
| Wednesday | 10 - 6 pm |
| Thursday  | 11 - 5 pm |