



SANTA ROSA FRENCH-AMERICAN CHARTER SCHOOL

Communiqué

January 31, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:
Happy New Year and Gong Xi Fa Tsai!

A lot has happened since my last parent newsletter. We were treated to a wonderful night of performances at the Santa Rosa High School auditorium as we travelled throughout France and beyond to celebrate the French culture. The Regions of France theme is one of my favorite themes since watching the Winter Showcase over the past 4 years. It celebrated the diversity and unique cultures within France and abroad. A big thanks to the teachers and parent volunteers that made this a special night.

I want to thank Cindy Avenell for organizing another year of Lion Dancing to celebrate the Chinese New Year-Year of the Rooster. It was a truly colorful dance to go with our students dressed in Neon.

Last week we had our 3rd Toolbox assembly and taught the children about using your words and personal space. We will follow-up with another assembly this month to go along with our Parent Education Night. On February 8th, we will have speakers from the Tool Box group who will present the tools and how parents can support our school efforts at home.

Please read carefully some changes that will take place this month at SRFACS. The policy changes are outlined in this newsletter and supported by the district.

Thanks for your support!
Mr. Johnstone

Morning Drop Off

I want to thank the morning volunteers that keep things moving in the front of the school. Please remember they are volunteers and doing the best they can to keep traffic moving and complying with city traffic laws.

As the result of meeting with the district on security and safety at our city schools, I am implementing a new policy to insure we are safe and secure from intruders who are not part of our SRFACS community. Starting on Monday, February 6th only students are allowed on the blacktop before school. They will be supervised by teachers, duty personnel and myself. Parents that are volunteering in the morning need to stop and register in the office. Of course, parents of TK and K students may come into the first hallway to drop off their children. Thank you for your cooperation in making our school a safe and secure environment.

Independent Study Plans

Since the start of the year, we have had 180 days of independent study requests which is 3 times the amount of the other elementary schools in our district. In order to monitor these requests all independent study requests will need to be approved by Mr. Johnstone and submitted 2 weeks prior to the absence. This will allow enough time for the teacher to prepare the work to be completed during the absence. The completed work needs to be submitted to the teachers and they bring it to the office to be copied and filed. This insures that we earn ADA for the student. This is important as we receive funding based on our students' attendance.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/8** Parent Education Night 6 PM
- 2/13** Lincoln's Birthday- No School
- 2/17** End of 2nd Trimester
- 2/20** President's Day-No School