Ruppel Academie Française

November/ December 2026 Newsletter

October certainly did not disappoint! What a wonderful month of school spirit, community involvement, and Ruppel fun!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make our Trunk-or-Treat, Spirit Week, and Fall Fest such a success! Whether you donated candy, soft drinks, or pumpkins, volunteered your time, or participated in the festivities, your generosity and enthusiasm made a difference. Thanks to the incredible support of our Ruppel families, the PTO raised approximately $5,000 at Trunk-or-Treat! These funds go directly into our PTO account and are reinvested in our school to benefit students in a variety of meaningful ways.

I also want to extend a special thank-you to our PTO board members led by Megan Dickerson, Ms. Darlene, Ms. Myers, Mrs. Loisel, Mrs. Peoples, and the many employee and parent volunteers who worked behind the scenes to bring these events to life. Moments like these don't happen by accident! They require countless hours of planning, preparation, and teamwork, and we are so fortunate to have people willing to give so generously of their time and talents.

Beyond the costumes, candy, and festivities, what makes events like Trunk-or-Treat, Fall Fest, and Spirit Week truly special is the opportunity to come together as a school community. That sense of connection is what makes our RamFam so special! Thank you for making October a month to remember!

UPCOMING EVENTS: As we head into the holiday season, we have many fun events planned for students. The food drive competition will be held November 4-11 to benefit the Gretna Food Bank, and the homeroom that acquires the most non-perishable items will get a dress down. The homeroom teachers and students are also participating in our annual holiday wreath decorating contest. Each class will display the wreath throughout the holiday season and will present their wreath during homeroom announcements. Our school Elf (not to be confused with one of Santa's elves) will be named soon and will be up to silly holiday antics again this year.

PTO NEWS: The PTO is hosting Smoothie King days on November 17 (purchase deadline November 10), December 22 (purchase deadline December 15), February 2 (purchase deadline January 26), and March 23 (purchase deadline March 16).

The next PTO meeting will be on November 18 at 5:30 at this link: https://meet.google.com/gjf-vmeb-kbi

SPECIAL SOMEONE DANCE: The PTO will again host the Special Someone Dance on Friday, December 4 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center for the Arts located at 740 4th Street. The theme will be A Night In The City Of Lights! This is a popular event, but tickets are limited and offered first come-first served. Each student may attend with one adult. This event is for Ruppel students only with one special adult per student. If there are extra tickets available after the initial sale, we will alert families who may want to purchase extra. Ticket sales open on Monday, November 9. A ticket for one student and one adult is $30. It costs $15 to purchase an additional ticket for any siblings who also attend Ruppel. A flyer will be sent home soon.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION: On Tuesday, December 22, the students will get to enjoy a Pajama Holiday Celebration. This dress down is free of charge, and the teachers will be sending more specific details in up-coming communication. Parents may not send class gifts or treats for the holidays.

ACADEMIC UPDATES: Interim reports will be sent home on Wednesday, November 18 and are due back signed by Friday, November 20. Additionally, the second quarter will be concluding before we know it. Teachers are submitting grades before the winter break, so be sure that your child is keeping up with his/her assignments. It is important to check JCampus at least once a week for patterns of incomplete grades.

Benchmark two assessments (3rd-8th science and S/S; 4th – 8th ELA and math) will be administered starting December 7, which count as a major assessment grade. Finally, kindergarten through 3rd graders will be taking the middle of the year (MOY) literacy and numeracy assessments starting on December 1. This assessment is intended to track progress and does not count as a grade.

CLASS PICTURE DAY will take place on Monday, December 21. Students should be dressed nicely in proper uniform. MillerFoto will email parents directly about purchasing pictures. This will also be make-up picture day for those students who were absent on picture day in August.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS dress down days will be Tuesday, December 8 and Tuesday, December 15. Students may dress down on these days if they bring $1 in the VIP folder. Shorts are not allowed on dress down days unless they are the uniform shorts.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS: We want to perk up the building for the holiday season like we did for fall, so we're asking for donations of medium poinsettia plants for the front steps. If you sign-up, please drop off donation during carpool on Tuesday, December 1 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4BACA828A5FC1-58184895-holiday

CONGRATULATIONS! The following students will be inducted into Student Council and/or National Junior Honor Society on Thursday, November 5, 2026.

Student Council Board Members	Student Council Homeroom Representatives	National Junior Honor Society
Harper Taylor - *President*	De'era Cadet	Payton Cherry
Nathan Laurent	Olivia Collo	Justin Davis
Payton Cherry	Alexander Babara	Krystal Nguyen
Eden Williams	Cillian Bonfanti	Lily Roubion
Olive Duckett	Khalil Jebreel	Royce Singleton
Sebastian Bonfanti	Bailee Graves	Emma Tran
Daphne Joseph	Zion Harrell	
	Annalise Cahn	
	Aubree Dickerson	
	Liam Peters	