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# VALP Newsletter

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Please see the attached information posters with regards to:

- 1) a new Child and Youth Advocacy Centre in Vernon - Oak Centre
- 2) Having a Friend



## **CHAOS: CREATING HEALTHY ACCEPTANCE OF SELF**

A group for teens 13-16 focused on developing interpersonal skills to empower youth to achieve greater success in school and other social settings.

Feb 16-Mar 10 - Tue & Thursday – 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Contact Leah

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### COURSE COMPLETIONS

The following students have completed:

Luis Cardenas - Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 10  
 Gabby Coufal - Physical Education 10  
 Anastasia Curtis - Social Studies 9 & English 9  
 Cameron Henson - Physical Education 10  
 Nikki Joe - Physical Education 9  
 Aja Lee - Physical Education 10 & Science 10  
 Nick MacMain - Math 9N  
 Isaac McNiven - Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 10  
 Michael Morris-LaMontange - Physical Education 10  
 Jelisa Schols - Physical Education 10  
 Hailey Wadsworth - Physical Education 10

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

February 5 – 14 – Vernon Winter Carnival  
 Monday, February 8 – B.C. Family Day  
 Friday, February 19 – Pro D Day  
 Monday, February 22 – Pro D Day  
 Friday, March 18 – Last school day before Spring Break  
 Monday, April 4 – First school day after Spring Break  
 Friday, April 22 – Pro-D Day

PARENTS, PLEASE **REFRAIN FROM TEXTING OR CALLING** YOUR CHILD DURING CLASS TIME. IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (250-545-1736) AND THE TEACHER WILL EXCUSE YOUR CHILD TO ANSWER THE CALL.



# INFORMATION SESSION



## Oak Centre

Child and Youth Advocacy

Oak Centre invites you to attend a free information session about the new Child and Youth Advocacy Centre in Vernon. Topics include the purpose of Child and Youth Advocacy Centres, how referrals are made, and how your agency can utilize Oak Centre.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18**  
**9:00AM - 11:30AM**  
**AT THE SHUBERT CENTRE**  
PLEASE RSVP TO [ROSALIE.P@VWTS.CA](mailto:ROSALIE.P@VWTS.CA)

Oak Centre is a child friendly space where children and youth who have experienced abuse, sexual assault, or witnessed a crime can meet with police and child protection workers. The Centre minimizes the trauma a child may feel when disclosing, and offers both the child and their caregivers support through our Child and Youth Advocate, who ensures that the entire family receives the referrals and long term support they need in order to move forward.