

Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans

2018 Carnival Season Guidance

Carnival in New Orleans is the season that begins on January 6 and extends until Mardi Gras. It is a time of great celebration especially as Mardi Gras nears. Once parades begin to roll, usually two full weeks before Mardi Gras, students may become distracted and easily fatigued. Because instructional time is critical, the following standards are to be upheld by all teachers. Any deviation requires the express permission of the principal.

- **Simple Mardi Gras decorations** may be placed in classrooms.
 - Students may participate in the preparation and placement of decorations only if they are part of the instructional plan. If not part of instruction, other adults, e.g., TAs or parents may decorate the room.
 - Mardi Gras colors are: Purple (justice); Green (faith); Gold (power)

- **Annual Lycée Mardi Gras parade and celebration Friday, February 9th, 1:30.**
 - **Each grade/class will dress to represent some aspect of the theme, Celebrating New Orleans Tricentennial.** Students may come to school wearing their costumes. Masks are discouraged, but allowed if they have large eyeholes so as not to obstruct vision. Face paint is preferred to masks. The costumes should be of used clothing, recyclables, paper, etc, and should not cost parents any money.
 - **All students will begin lining up on the Patton playground at 1:00.** The parade route: Students will process down the carpool drive and turn left onto Patton St. Turn left at Eleonore St, then left on Constance and left on State, left on Patton, and back to the carpool lane.
 - Teachers should determine how many chaperones they need (usually 3-5) from the approved list of chaperones. **Send the names of chaperones to Toni who will only allow those whose names are on the list into the building. Chaperones may begin arriving at 12:30** to assist teachers in getting students into their costumes. Teachers and chaperones must walk with the students making certain to keep students in the center of the street and away from the any of the parade spectators. Students may toss beads or other approved throws to spectators.
 - A **Field Trip Consent** must be received for each child because the parade takes place off the school campus. The consent forms are attached. Please select the appropriate form for your grade level. It is not necessary to make copies of these signed field trip forms. When all forms for your class are collected, send them to Toni.
 - Not all Lycée families celebrate Mardi Gras. Please **send to Toni the names** of all students who do not have permission to take part in the parade. Special activities will be prepared for those students and teachers will be informed as to where to send those students. (Soledad Joseph will supervise those students.)
 - For special needs students who do not have child specific TAs, parents may be required to walk with their child as a condition of keeping him/her safe during the parade. (Background checks are not required for these parents, but they cannot deal with any other child during their time on the campus. They are not considered chaperones.)
 - Parents may be asked to send throws for the parade.
 - Wagons may be used in the parade to haul throws only. No child may ride in a wagon.

- Before the parade students will be able to enjoy a slice of King Cake during recess after lunch, outside on the big playground.
- Room parents have been asked to be in touch with teachers to help get costumes, throws (beads), chaperones, and king cake(s).
- At the conclusion of the parade **all classes will return to their classrooms** to pack and get ready for dismissal. After about 10 minutes parents will be allowed to enter the building and go directly to classrooms to pick their children up. Every parent must sign his or her child out on forms provided by the office. Once the parent signs the child out, the teacher must place a stamp on the hand of the child (office will provide the stamps) to indicate that the child has been properly checked out. Interventionists and counselors are assigned to the exits to make certain all students have been properly checked out prior to leaving the building.
- At the conclusion of the parade all beads left should be placed in the recycling bins located in front of the Patton building.
- While dismissal will occur following the parade, regular (Wednesday) dismissal will take place at 3:05 for parents who've not picked their children up at the end of the parade.
- There is no AfterCare for students on the day of the parade.
- Staff members must remain at school until students are picked up, but not later than 4:15 PM.

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Mardi Gras Walking Parade CONSENT (Grades Pre-K-2)

I hereby give permission for _____
[Student's Name]

To participate in the annual walking Mardi Gras parade on the streets adjacent to the Patton/St. Paul campus

On: Friday, February 9th, 2018
[Date]

To: celebrate the local culture
[Activity on Field Trip]

The cost of this experience is \$ 0.

I understand that Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans is responsible for providing adequate adult supervision during the referenced field trip. However, in consideration of the school's agreement to allow my child to participate in the above-mentioned field trip, I agree that Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans is not to be held liable in those instances during which injury may occur in spite of normal precautions.

In the event it becomes necessary for the school staff in charge to obtain emergency care for my child, I hereby give permission for such emergency medical care, and acknowledge that neither the school staff nor Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans assumes financial liability for expenses incurred because of an accident, injury, illness, and/or unforeseen circumstances.

I acknowledge that participation in such activities is entirely voluntary, and that students whose parents/guardians withhold permission to participate will remain under supervision at a school site, and be given the opportunity to complete assignments and earn credits equal to those credits available to students participating in such off-campus activities.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

date

Home Phone No.: _____

Cell/Emergency No.: _____

Secondary contact person: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Medical condition/needs teachers need to be aware of
