



Claude Watson School for the Arts

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Up Coming Events

Feb.10

- SST Meetings

Feb. 11 & 12

- rotating strike impacting the TDSB
- Province wide Strike

Feb. 14

- Parent Teacher Interviews
- PA Day

Feb. 17

- Family Day

Feb. 19

- Pizza Day

Feb. 24

- School Council (7pm)

Feb. 26

- 26 Pink Shirt Day

March 9

- 9 IST Meetings
- School Performance -Outside troupe

March 16

- 16 – 20 March Break

Principals Message:

Student Peer Leaders Give Lessons on Clean Hands!



This past Wednesday February 5th, 8 Peer Leaders from Grade 7 & 8 were trained by Toronto Public Health Nurse Hillary to educate CWSA junior students on **Clean Hands**.

Gr 4 & 5 students learned that the most common way to spread germs is through our hands. They also learned that there are many types of germs (bacteria and viruses) and that these bacteria and viruses can cause illnesses such as cold and influenza.



Left: Gr. 7 & 8 Peer Leaders Zeyad, Jade and Elly give a Clean Hands Presentation to Gr. 4s Right: Hands on the left were washed with water and soap. The hands on the right were washed with just water.

Our peer leaders then educated students on washing hands and using hand sanitizer to reduce the spread of illness and disease. Leaders engaged students in a hand-on demonstration with ultra violet light to observe bio-germs on hands and reinforce the message of proper hand sanitation.

Inspired by their experience peer leaders' Jade, Elly and Zeyad approached our Caretaker Mike with a request for hand sanitizer, hand soap and paper towels in classrooms. I'm pleased to report that Mike quickly responded and 10 classrooms now have a hand soap dispenser by the sink. Hand sanitizer and paper towels are on the way. Our students learned a valuable lesson on working together to create solutions.

Please continue to reinforce these messages at home.

Ms. Jones

Labour Update: ETFO Strike Action on Feb.11 &12

Please keep updated through the TDSB website - [Click here](#) IEPs, Report Cards, & Parent-Teacher Interviews

Elementary Update – [Click Here](#)



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School Council Page



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AND CHILDCARE

The next school council meeting will be held at the multipurpose room on Monday February 24, 2020, from 7 pm to 9 pm. All parents welcome!

If childcare is required, please email to SC.ClaudeWatsonSchoolfortheArts@tdsb.on.ca by February 17. If no one sends the request, the childcare service will not be reserved / provided for that evening.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST POSTPONED

Due to the job action being taken by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario and potential strike on Tuesday February 11, the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast originally scheduled on that morning will be postponed until the labor situation is stabilized.

SCHOOL COUNCIL BYLAWS

School council bylaws are set of rules defining operational procedures, as well as roles and responsibilities of council members. Ministry of Education Reg 612 makes it mandatory for each council to establish bylaws governing: election procedures, filling of vacancies, conflict of interest and conflict resolution process (for internal disputes).

The school council is developing our council bylaws. Please email to SC.ClaudeWatsonSchoolfortheArts@tdsb.on.ca if you have any suggestion or comment.

MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE BROWN:

WARD 12 / Willowdale Meeting Opportunity

I am planning to meet with parents and any other public education supporters who want to share their feedback with me directly on the Optional Attendance and Secondary School Reviews.

DATE: February 10th, 2020

TIME: 7-9pm

LOCATION: Willowdale Middle School

Contact Elise Davis for more information or reserve child care: elise.davis@tdsb.on.ca



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Additional News

Auditions

As you know, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) is currently in contract negotiations with the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. The union has been taking part in a selected withdrawal of services since November 2019. As part of this ongoing job action, the Saturday, February 8 auditions are postponed. We will share more information about the February 22 and March 7 auditions soon.

We recognize that parents/guardians will have a number of questions and we will provide updates in the days and weeks ahead. We regret this disruption and appreciate your continued patience. We also remain hopeful that an agreement with ETFO can be achieved soon.

Adults in the Building

Parents are asked to make the office their first stop at CWSA. Parents are required to sign-in at the office if they are visiting a class to volunteer or see a teacher. While volunteering parents should wear a lanyard that identifies them as a visitor in the school. These precautions are so all children feel safe and secure with the adults they see in the hallways and classrooms.

Private Instructors

Private instructors are engaged by parents to teach students in various music related lessons. They give private or group instructions to some CWSA students. All private instructors have had police checks as part of their registration with the TDSB's Business Services. If you have a question or concern about your private or group instructions please contact them individually.

Private Music Instructor list 2019/20

Marcus Ali, saxophone	marcusali@gmail.com	647-829-6254
Adam David, percussion	drumdoghowl@gmail.com	416-606-3396
Norman Engel, trumpet	nengel@rogers.com	647-285-8472
Mary-Katherine Finch, cello	mkfinch@rogers.com	416-464-4594
Gillian Howard, oboe	gillianhoward@hotmail.com	416-529-9509
Linzy Kim, flute	mail.linzy@gmail.com	647-233-2378
Joy Lee, piano	joyleepianist@gmail.com	647-668-9247
Ching Ping Lin, double bass	cpbass@gmail.com	416-889-0598
Deanna Pauletto, voice	dpauletto@yahoo.com	416-892-3525
Carla Perrotta, clarinet	carlaperrotta@hotmail.com	416-992-3694
Robert Spatafora, violin/viola		647-234-2349
Jamie Stager, trombone/tuba	jstager@sympatico.ca	
Sam Fraser, bassoon	samthebassoonguy@gmail.com	416-688-4745
Barbara Bloomer, French Horn	bloomer@istar.ca	
Edwin Mansook, piano, violin, trumpet	Judaharts.ca@gmail.com	647.948.9892
Bijan Sepanji, violin	bijan.sepanji@gmail.com	647-525-3161



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Toronto Public Health Clean Hands Messages

How to Wash Your Hands

- Wet hands
- Apply soap
- Lather for 15 seconds. Rub palms, back of hands, fingertips, between fingers and under the nails
- Rinse well under running water
- Dry hands well with paper towel or hot air blower
- Turn taps off with paper towel, if available

How to Use Hand Sanitizer

- Apply sanitizer (70 – 90% alcohol-based) only if hands are not visibly soiled
- Rub hands together
- Work sanitizer between fingers, palms, back of hands, fingertips, under the nails
- Rub hands until dry

For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website www.toronto.ca/health, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.



7.1 & 7.2: Kathleen, Derek, Sean



8.1: Serene, Mahyar Derek



8.2: Jade, Elly and Zeyad



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Parents for French



Elaine Sun
Co-Chair, Toronto East Chapter,
Canadian Parents for French



The Lunch Lady

Here at The Lunch Lady, we love being able to offer students at your school hot, healthy & delicious lunches. What makes it even better is when we can do this and also make lunch FUN!

The Valentine's menu will be offered alongside the regular menu on your lunch service days on **Feb 13 & 18**.