



# Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday January 24, 2020

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## Up Coming Events

### Jan. 27

- International Holocaust Day One Book Event - Gr 6s
- IPRC Review Meetings
- School Council Meeting (7pm)

### Feb. 13

- Parent Teacher Interviews

### 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

## Principals Message: Stay Healthy During Flu Season



Flu season is here again. Ontarians are encouraged to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.

The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- **reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;**
- **reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;**
- **watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;**
- **informing the school if your child is ill;**
- **keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.**

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

### Toronto Public Health

We have been receiving a number of questions about the new coronavirus that has originated in China and has been receiving significant media attention over recent weeks. Toronto Public Health has drafted the attached parent/guardian letter for distribution to families. It is also now available on the TDSB [website](#).

- While the Toronto Public Health letter is the best source of information.
- Health Canada (Travel Advice) <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>
- Public Health Agency of Canada <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>
- World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

Ms. Jones



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## School Council Page

Welcome to the  
**School Council**

Big THANK YOU to our pizza lunch volunteers and coordinators Suzanne and Franziska. Pizza lunch is council's biggest fundraiser every year. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated!

The next school council meeting will be held at the multipurpose room on Monday January 27, 2020, from 7 pm to 9 pm. All parents welcome! Childcare will be available.

This meeting agenda includes the election/ nomination for Grade Representatives and Ward Liaison, Principal's report on the school financials, and the school council proposed budget.





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## Additional News

### Ballmatics Registration

**BECOME A MATH/BASKETBALL WIZ!**

**CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS**

**BASKETBALL & MATH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**  
In partnership with QSLA

SHOOTING • INTEREST • DRIBBLING • FRACTIONS • PASSING • GEOMETRY

**OVERVIEW**  
Are you ready to take your Basketball and Math skills to the next level? Join the QSLA Ballmatics Math and Basketball training program for fun new level skill enrichment! In Ballmatics, students will improve their fundamental basketball skills in a fun inclusive environment while learning how in many aspects of basketball skills and relate to math!

Over the course of 8 weeks students will cover math topics such as Angles, Compound vs. Simple, Percentages, Cartesian planes, Fractions, Analytical Geometry and more!

**QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS**  
Our instructors are certified coaches and teachers well versed at teaching the Ballmatics math curriculum. Our basketball coaches have many years of experience training basketball players of all levels with a fun enthusiastic approach. Our program is designed to meet the needs of all student-athletes regardless of age or experience. All are welcome!

**PROGRAM DETAILS**  
Dates: Wednesday, Jan. 22 - March 11  
Duration: 8 weeks | Cost: \$120  
Frequency: Once a week | Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm  
When: After School | Open to Grades 4 to 8

**PLAY BASED LEARNING**  
We enhance each student's interest in bettering their math skills through our play based learning curriculum. Each session of Ballmatics is 1.5 hours in length and includes fundamental basketball skill building (shooting, passing, ball handling, footwork, etc) and fundamental math skills (PMSE). Each lesson includes math topics introduced through FUN basketball activities including modified and real sided games.

**FEATURED ON**  
MATHS TRAINING HUB

info@qsla.ca | www.qsla.org/ballmatics | 416.855.5572

Claudia Mandekic (Academic coach), Dave McNee (Head Coach) and Kaya Fearon (Assistant coach) invite you to register for a new session of Ballmatics at 416.855.5572 or [info@qsla.ca](mailto:info@qsla.ca). The program this term will be open to **Grades 4-8 and run January 22 – March 11**.

**Watch the Live Webcast**  
**TDSB One Book Event: Hana's Suitcase**  
January 27, 2020 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
**With Special Guests:**  
**Heather Reisman, Founder and Chief Executive Officer,**  
**Indigo and Lara Hana Brady, niece of Hana Brady**  
*In honour of International Holocaust Remembrance Day and Liberation75*

CWSA Gr. 6 students will be part of the live webcast. Webcast link: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/livewebcastHS.html>

### Secondary Program Review and Optional Attendance

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is undertaking a review of secondary schools to ensure all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities, as close to home as possible. As part of the [Secondary Program Review](#), the TDSB is reviewing the **Optional Attendance** policy (P013), which allows students to apply to schools other than their designated school by home address.

A public consultation process for both the Secondary Review and P013 started in November 2019. Please visit the TDSB website for more information and opportunities to provide feedback: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review>. If you have any questions and/or comments, please email [SecondaryReview@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:SecondaryReview@tdsb.on.ca)

### Grade 8 Parents Guidance Update

Looking for the latest information on Grade 8 Transitions? Head over to Ms. Castellanos's Guidance Page: <https://www.claudewatson.org/Current-Students/CWSA-Guidance>



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## Making the Best of Winter Weather at our School

Principals are often asked how we decide whether it's too cold to allow our students out in the schoolyard for recess.

Fresh air and exercise are important for children. It keeps them physically fit, and helps them stay alert all through the school day. Parents can help by making sure their children come to school prepared to spend time outdoors. Hats, mitts, boots and a warm jacket are important to keep students comfortable during lunch and recess.

But extreme cold can be dangerous, and parents want to know that their children will be safe. When the temperature is predicted to drop below -15C, the City of Toronto may declare a cold weather alert. Schools are very sensitive to the needs of our students and pay close attention to the weather, especially when the windchill is below -20 C.

The TDSB Severe Weather Protocol is flexible. Canadian winters can be wonderful but when the weather is cold, school staff keeps one eye on the thermometer and the other on the needs of our students - a perfect balance of fun and safety.

## Anti-bullying Assembly

Our Anti-bullying assembly was a huge success! Students laughed and cheered as Coby, teachers and students participated in mesmerizing feats of magic. Coby, who himself was bullied as a child, passionately inspired each of us connected to CWSA to do our part!



*"Creating a bully-free school is a team effort among bullies, victims, bystanders, parents, teachers and school staff." Coby*

