



Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday October 11, 2019

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Up Coming Events

October 15

- CWSA 2020 Applications open

October 15 - 18

- Grade 7s to Mono-cliffs

October 21

- Gr 5s – Queens Park

October 21

- Gr 8 Parent/Student Information Session 6:30-7:30pm

October 24

- Gr 4s - McMichael Gallery

October 28

- Staff Meeting 3:30 pm
- School Council Meeting 7 pm

October 31

- Pizza Lunch
- Halloween Dance

November 4

- CWSA Program Info Night (Earl Haig)

Principals Message: **Gratitude!**



As we averted a strike and returned to school - this week was a week of Thanksgiving!

We were thankful to our caretaking staff – Jeff, William and Leo for all they do to keep the building clean, safe and in good repair. We were thankful to our office secretary, Ms. Owens, for the countless things she does each day to keep our communication lines flowing as she continually welcomes families, students and community through our school doors while she simultaneously attends to the numerous scraps and falls throughout the day. We also expressed thanks to our Lunchroom supervisors John and Monica for monitoring lunchtime safety both in the Multi-purpose room and on the yard and encouraging students as they work toward a litterless lunch – one of the highest goals of an ECO-school. So many individuals working together to keep students safe and well supervised.

This week one of our caretaking staff expressed how appreciative he was when one of our CWSA students thanked him for his work at CWSA – he was thrilled and very moved by the gesture of kindness. While I don't know who it was we can all be proud of the difference our CWSA students can make in the lives of others.

According to Amy Morin, a Toronto psychotherapist and author, gratitude improves psychological health while reducing harmful emotions that seek to fill us with negative attitudes. Other researchers have linked gratitude to well-being.

I asked students to reflect on 3 things that make them grateful each night to help reset their attitude which will increase their happiness while reducing anxiety.

Ms. Mongillo's students continue to get involved in positive ways in the larger Willowdale community. These students involved themselves in a deeper learning opportunity by interviewing and observing local candidates working in the neighbourhood. CWSA students engaged in hands-on learning beyond the classroom as their parents watched from the sidelines. It's so wonderful to see our students take an interest in community and try to learn about real and relevant issues! I am grateful for CWSA teachers who work so hard to bring relevant teachable moments to our school!



Ms. Jones



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School Council News

Pizza Lunch

"A reminder to place your pizza lunch orders through school cash online. The order deadline is October 18th"

Pizza Lunch days are as follows:

Thursday, October 31, 2019
Wednesday, November 27, 2019
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Wednesday, April 29, 2020
Wednesday, May 27, 2020

PARENT VOLUNTEERS are needed for this fun event! Please contact Suzanne Grant at suturpin@yahoo.ca and specify what dates you are available. Any day is greatly appreciated and thanks for all your help!

Used Uniform Sale

The School Council is working on the next stage in the Used School Uniform sale. They will get back to you.

Safety – In the Loop

Traffic Alert: ALWAYS CHOOSE SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE!

Do NOT aim to drop off your child as close as possible to the school front gates. Always decide to drop off directly beside the sidewalk to the right, regardless of the distance needed to walk. Reduce all risk for your child.

2) Do NOT enter from Hollywood Ave. It is a one-way lane (except for service vehicles). Reduce all risk for neighbours and students walking by that entrance.

3) Do NOT park (even if very briefly) by the garbage containers. The condo management has strongly raised an issue about the ongoing disregard by parents with this illegal parking.

Parent Complaint received – a condo resident has witnessed a number of unsafe drivers - please drive with care!



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Student Council

Now that the year is in full flow, the Student Council would like to introduce themselves to everyone in the community and share some of our main initiatives for the year. The Student Council is a student elected group of people who are in charge of bringing the students' ideas to life. We help organize and run some of our school's most cherished events.

This year, we will be bringing back and improving many CWSA traditions such as the Halloween dance, spirit days and our two seasonal showcases. We will also be adding a junior counterpart of the Student Council soon after the winter break, so stay tuned!

Student Council members:

7-1: Jonathan Liu, Hailey Grant, Jesse Kline

7-2: Alyn Huang (secretary), Michelle Jeon, Leo Zhang

8-1: Frances Zhao, Mahyar Yousefzadeh, Aaron Zhu

8-2: Karen Zhang, Anita Du (president and Student Senate member), William Chiu

The members of this year's Student Council are incredibly proud to be part of this long-standing tradition at our school, and we hope to add on to the positive legacy left by previous Student Councils.

Cheers to a great year, The Senior Student Council



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Entry & Extra-curricular

Entry

Please note entry time will be revised as follows:

8:30 am supervision bell - teacher yard supervision begins students line up for entry

8:40 am bell – morning announcements will begin

8:45 am bell – student will proceed to their first period class

3:30 pm dismissal bell – student leave the building under teacher supervision

3:45 pm supervision bell – teacher supervision of the yard/bleachers ends

Note: Students will be considered late if they are not in their Home Room class by 8:45am. All late students must report to the office to get an admit slip.

*Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Teachers will pick-up students at the doors at the top of the bleachers at the start time of the club or activity. Teachers will wait for 5 minutes. Teachers will send a monitor to the door 10 minutes later to let in late comers. Parents are asked to remain at doors and hand off younger children to the student monitors if they are late. CWSA Teachers will register the students and maintain attendance sheets for students participating in clubs and activities.

Name	Day	Room No.	Time
Senior Lyrical (Grade 7+8 only)	Monday – Ms. Schroeder	Rm. 101	7:40 am
Rainbow Club	Monday – Ms. Schroeder	Rm. 310	11:30 am
BMB (Grade 4-8 Boys)	Mondays – Ms. Schroeder	Rm. 101	3:45 pm
Boys' Choir	Tuesdays - Ms. Song	Gym	7:30 am
Choreographer's Ball (Grade 6-8)	Tuesdays – Ms. Schroeder	Rm. 101	7:40 am
Girls' Choir for Grades 4 & 5s	Tuesdays – Ms. Song	Rm. 107	11:30 am
French 7/8 Extra Help	Tuesdays – Ms. Teja	Rm. 300	12:50 pm
Salsa Dance Club	Tuesdays – Mr. Razaghi	Rm. 101	3:30 pm
Peer Homework Club (7&8s helping 4,5 & 6s)	Tuesdays – Ms. Drakes	Library	3:30 – 4:15 pm
Tech Club	Tuesdays – Ms. Diack	Rm. 306	3:35-4:15 pm
Jazz Choir	Wednesdays – Mr. Brown	Rm. 109	7:30 am
Girls' Choir for Grade 6s	Wednesdays – Ms. Song	Rm. 107	11:30 am
Balmatics (Gr. 6, 7 & 8s)	Wednesdays – QSLA /Mr. McNee	Gym	3:30 – 5:00pm
Peer Homework Club (7&8s helping 4,5 & 6s)	Wednesdays – Ms. Fernandes	Library	3:30 – 4:15 pm
Chorale	Thursdays – Mr. Brown	Gym	7:30 am
G-Hop (Grade 4-8 Girls)	Thursday – Ms. Schroeder	Rm. 101	7:40 am
Concert Winds	Thursdays – Mr. Brown	Rm. 109	3:30 pm
Peer Homework Club (7&8s helping 4,5 & 6s)	Thursdays – Ms. Fernandes	Library	3:30 – 4:15 pm
Brass Choir	Fridays – Mr. Brown	Rm. 109	7:30 am
Chamber Strings	Fridays – Mr. Best	Rm. 110	7:45 am
Peer Homework Club (8s helping 5s)	Fridays – Ms. Mongillo	Rm. 303	11:30 am
Yoga	Ms. Currie- Johnston Begins October Date TBA	Rm. 101	3:30 pm
Art Club	Ms. Mongillo Begins Wednesday, October 23 rd	Rm. 209	11:30 am



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Lunch & Snacks

Boomerang Lunch

CWSA students and families should pull together to manage our waste and continue our tradition of being a strong ECO school. According to [CBC only 1/10](#) the plastics we place in recycle bins are recycled the other 90% end up in landfill often in [other countries like Malaysia](#). Let's do our part for the planet reduce the use of plastic wrappers.

Garbage bins at CWSA have been reduced to help us manage our waste more efficiently during the work-to-rule. To assist in creating a safer and cleaner environment we are implementing a new waste management system – **Boomerang Lunch**. What does this mean? As a CWSA community we are asking students and families to pack a litterless lunch to school and to **bring back** unfinished food (wrappers, leftovers, juice box containers etc.). At home you and you child(ren) can sort – recycle and compost the waste. This gives parents/guardians a true window into what their children are consuming at school and also provides a structured learning opportunity at home. We ask you support John and Monica, our Lunch Supervisors, as we try a new way to manage waste and create a cleaner environment for our students with health and environmental sensitivities. Remember to add your child's homeroom number to the existing label on their lunch and remind your child(ren) to bring their lunchbag(s) home each day especially on Fridays. A number of CWSA students have serious allergies. We ask that families avoid the following food items with **nuts and shellfish** as you prepare lunches – the safety of CWSA students is our top priority. **No glass containers please.**

Grade 7 & 8 Off-Campus Lunch Clarification

Please remind your children of road safety rules, as they leave and return to the school - especially when crossing major roads like Yonge Street. Students are welcome to sit on the bleachers after they return from purchasing their lunches. The CWSA expectation is that students clean up after themselves and discard all garbage in the trash can or recycle bin. A compost bin will not be provided at this time. To avoid complaints from our neighbours, students are reminded to be respectful in the community whenever they leave school property. Students behavior both positive and negative directly reflects upon the reputation of CWSA. Please reinforce the expectations when using community facilities such as restaurants, parks. Off-campus lunch is a privilege.

Allergy Alert

Information for parents/guardians of students with [allergies](#). Please ensure you have completed the necessary forms at permission clic [\(video assistance\)](#) parents.



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School Related Purchases

School Cash Online

[School Cash Online](#) is an easy to use, safe and convenient way for you to pay for children's school fees, including agendas, yearbooks and class trips. The problems with School Cash Online, have been resolved. If you are not registered use the following [link](#).

Uniform Order & Pick-up

Our Dance department has started to release more dance uniform items on school cash online. Please have a look.

CWSA operates new uniform sales on a cost recovery basis. Uniforms are not fundraisers for the school. Families that require financial support to obtain the mandatory uniforms are encouraged to contact the office. Uniforms purchased through School Cash online (in stock) can be picked up at school.

Here are highlights of CWSA Uniforms:

Performance Uniform: The performance uniform is required for all CWSA performances. As well students will be required to wear their uniforms during selected field trips and events. The performance uniform includes:

- ✓ Blue CWSA Polo Shirt – available on cash online
- ✓ Khaki pants- Available at Old Navy: Boys ([Click Here](#)) Girls ([Click Here](#)) or ([Click Here](#))
- ✓ Students who decide to wear skirts should wear navy blue tights
- ✓ Black Belt – All students wearing pants must have a black belt
- ✓ Black socks and black dress shoes

Physical Education Uniform: CWSA athletic wear is required for physical education classes and activities at Claude Watson School for the Arts. Students in all grades are required to wear:

- ✓ Black t-shirt with CWSA logo
- ✓ Black shorts with CWSA logo AND/OR black track pants with CWSA logo.

The physical education uniform will be available on School Cash Online Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the Welcome Back BBQ. We will also have sizes available at the clothing sale (in the multi-purpose room)



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Excursions & Events

Grade 7 Mono-Cliffs Trip

Classes 7.1 & 7.2 outdoor will be attending an educational leadership trip to Mono Cliffs this Tuesday, October 15 – Friday, October 18, 2019. [Accident Insurance](#) was sent home in September. It is advisable that all students be insured.

Please note all parents need to send students with the actual OHIP Card.

Please email Ms. Jones or Ms. Owens at: [Mono Cliffs Trip Payment](#) if you have trouble paying for the MonoCliffs Trip on School Cash Online.

Terry Fox Fundraising

“The kids had a great time on and we've got the pictures of their smiling faces to prove it!”

- Ms. Schroeder

Thank you to those who have brought in pledge forms already. We will give you an update of our donations in the next newsletter.



Ballmatics Program

Claude Watson Wednesdays
3:30 pm – 5pm
Registration required.



Grade 8 Parent Information Night

Beyond 8 Presentation. Wednesday October 23, 2019
Claude Watson School for the Arts Gr. 8 Parent/Student Information Session 6:30-7:30pm



Upcoming Major Performances

Celebrations Thursday December 19, 2019 (Earl Haig)
Strings Night Thursday April 2nd, 2020 (CWSA)
Dance Night Tuesday May 5, 2020 (Earl Haig)
Reflections Wednesday, June 17 & Thursday June 18, 2020



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Additional News

School Recycling and Environment Days

CWSA will no longer be asking student to bring recycling materials from home to school. We ask that families continue to recycle through their local neighborhood and [Environment Days](#).

Who Teaches My Child?

For your reference we have created a chart to help you remember who teaches your child both academic and arts programming at CWSA. That information can be found in the file: [Who Teaches My Child?](#)

Concussion Guidelines

Each year the TDSB and CWSA published important [guidelines on concussions](#). We ask all parents to review this information carefully.

2019-2020 School Calendar

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar-2019-2020>

Agendas

We have received 108 Premier Agendas, they have been distributed to junior classes. We continue to experience a TDSB wide delay in the delivery of our school's student planners. Thank you for your understanding as we work through this issue.

Emergency Drills

Each year CWSA is mandated to practice for emergency situations. We are required to have six fire drills and two lockdown drills. We have had three fire drills this year. Students and staff should expect one lockdown drills before winter arrives.

Anaphylaxis

If you are the parent of an anaphylactic child please come to the office to check that the necessary paperwork is on file and to provide the school **with an auto-injector Epi-Pen**. If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher and the office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken to ensure everyone's co-operation for a safe learning environment.