



Claude Watson School for the Arts

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Up Coming Events

October 7

- Gr 7s Immunization Clinic

October 11

- PA Day

October 14

- Thanksgiving

October 15 - 18

- Grade 7s to Mono-cliffs

October 21

- Gr 5s – Queens Park

October 24

- Gr 4s - McMichael Gallery

October 28

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

Principals Message: **One small change can unleash INNOVATION!**



This week we continued to contemplate how small positive acts can make positive change. Inspired by Ronak B., 9 year old Grade 5.1 student, who's ability to look at a situation – no bouncy castles - differently and see it as an opportunity rather than a negative situation. Ronak's decision to take on a new positive perspective allowed him to think creatively and come up with a new idea - **flying kites** at our Welcome Back BBQ. He asked **Canadian Tire** to help him make this idea a reality and they generously supported him by **donating 100 kites!** Ronak's ability to **think outside of the box** turned the event into a fun family affair for hundreds of CWSA families. It's really a gift that Ronak's given to each of us. His act has shown the **power of positivity and flexibility** being adaptable enough to see things from another perspective. Each of us has that same potential - to fill CWSA and our world with creative, positive energy!



I think that's the kind of **21st century attitude** we are looking for as we enter a world where we will be creating jobs that have never existed before. That's the kind of thinker, [Davinder Singh](#) is – According to a CBC report - as a high school student he always dreamed of having a car that would be fueled by alternate source other than the traditional combustion engine. Later as professional mechanic he didn't let the price of electric vehicles thwart his dream – instead he determined to convert his own combustion engine to electric. He made his dream a reality and now he is a successful entrepreneur converting combustion engines and helping to save our environment. What an amazing story! **It's about having the right attitude.** That's the same **positive and optimistic attitude** that creates innovation around the world. People that have an ability to create and imagine. It all starts with an ability to see change as an opportunity.



I asked students to contemplate once small change they can make in their lives that would be helpful. To that I now encourage you to help them to view change as an opportunity. With this change in perspective perhaps the next innovator of the future will be a CWSA student!

Ms. Jones



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School Council News

Pizza Lunch

A **reminder** to place your Pizza Lunch orders through school cash online. 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!

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



The TDSB Student Senate is a group of 24 democratically elected students from the GTA. The Student Senate members advocate for students' voices and discuss issues in the learning environment by hosting monthly meetings. If you're a student who is passionate for change, please join us at our meetings. The first meeting will be on October 10th at Stephen Leacock Collegiate Institute from 5-7 pm.

Free pizza and TTC tickets will be available. All students are more than welcome to attend!

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.



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Entry & Extra-curricular

Entry

Please note entry time will be revised as follows:

8:30 am supervision bell - teacher supervision of the yard/bleaches begins
 - teachers will start lining up students for entry and send them into the building

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 1st period class by 8:45am. All late students must report to the office to get an admit slip.

*Please note Teachers made PA announcements regarding registrations. Teachers had students sign-up at the first class, others had student pre-register through sign-up in their rooms.

Morning Extra-Curricular 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.

*Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Name	Day	Room No.	Time
Concert Winds	Thursdays	Rm. 109	3:30 pm
Brass Choir	Fridays	Rm. 109	7:30 am
Jazz Choir	Wednesdays	Rm. 109	7:30 am
Chamber Strings	Fridays	Rm. 110	7:45 am
Salsa Dance Club	Tuesdays	Rm. 101	3:30 pm
French 7/8 Extra Help	Tuesdays	Rm. 300	12:50 pm
Boys' Choir	Tuesdays	Gym	7:30 am
Girls' Choir for Grades 4 & 5s	Tuesdays	Rm. 107	11:30 am
French 4 Extra Help	Wednesdays	Rm. 300	12:50 pm
Girls' Choir for Grade 6s	Wednesdays	Rm. 107	11:30 am
Girls' Choir for Grade 6's	Wednesdays	Rm. 107	11:30 am
Chorale	Thursdays	Gym	7:30 am
Peer Homework Club (8s helping 5s)	Fridays	Rm. 303	11:30 am
Yoga	Begins Monday, October 22 nd	Rm. 101	3:30 pm
Art Club	Begins Wednesday, October 23 th	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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Excurisons & Events

Grade 7 Mono-Cliffs Trip

Due to the pending Labour Unrest the status of the Mono Cliffs trip is uncertain. More news will follow early next week via an email to grade 7 parents.

The tentative date for the **Classes 7.1 & 7.2** outdoor education trip to Mono Cliffs is 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.

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.



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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 just been informed that due to a significant production issue with our vendor, Premier Agendas, there will be a delay in the delivery of our school's student planners. This production issue has impacted the delivery of planners across the TDSB and across the province. While we can't confirm exactly when our school will receive our shipment of planners, we have been told by Premier Agendas that all schools will receive their planners by the end of September.

As we await our shipment of planners, attached are electronic versions of the [TDSB common pages](#). The TDSB common pages contain information about the Board's homework policy, severe weather guidelines, code of online conduct, and more. Please let the office know if you have any questions.

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 two fire drills this year. Students and staff should expect a third fire drill and two lockdown drills before winter arrives.