



Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday September 9, 2019

Upcoming Events

September 16

- School Photos

September 17

- Grade 8s to Billy Elliot

September 19

- Curriculum Night (6:30 pm)
- Mono-Cliffs Info Session

September 23

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

September 25

- Terry Fox Assembly (parents welcome) 1:30 pm
- Terry Fox Run 2pm

September 26

- Welcome Back BBQ

October 11

- PA Day

October 14

- Thanksgiving



“She the North!”

This week we celebrated the wonderful victory of Canadian Teen - Bianca Andreescu in the US Open. A proud moment for Torontonians and indeed, all Canadians!



Students reflected on Bianca's maturity, humility and respect under pressure - markers of a true champion. CWSA students were reminded that how you win is just as important as winning. I asked each of them to always treat others with respect while aiming high.

That Bianca unseated - Serena Williams such an accomplished athlete - at 19 years old is incredible! As Bianca continues to make her debut on the world stage, we will learn more about what motivates her love of tennis. One thing, however, is clear. Bianca has been working hard. She has worked on her skills in the game but also on skills of the mind including her behaviour and attitude.

Over the week we also explored Serena's humble beginnings - she was not born to wealth, grew up in a tough neighbourhood, and yet she would excel in spite of her challenges. Serena's example demonstrates that an enabling mindset, with hard work can be far more powerful than environmental contexts in our journey to succeed. Whatever challenges we face can be overcome with the right supports.

We reflected on the commonalities shared by the women. Both champions using their voices to advance women in sport. In an interview on The National, Bianca Andreescu, clad in a T-shirt bearing the word Equality, told the interviewer that she would like to continue the fight for pay equity for female athletes who currently earn substantially less than their male counterparts. It was Serena Williams who years earlier also drew attention to the differential pay for women in sport when she became the first woman to make the Forbes 100 list of top paid athletes. Bianca and Serena are two great women who have, and are making their mark in sport and raising their voices strongly through word and deed for not only women in sport, but all women.

Thursday we recognized our privileges and benefits. We are in a school of tremendous resources in a prosperous city and country. In our reflections, I asked students to be thankful for their good fortune but to guard against becoming complacent. Just like Bianca Andreescu and Serena Williams, we can all be agents of change - breaking barriers and using our voices and deeds to challenge injustices. We can all support social justice issues we notice locally and globally. We can all use our voices to advocate for issues we see as inequitable or raise our voices in support of others. We can open doors for others around us and make our society more accessible for all. Throughout the week perhaps your child began to voice their reflections on current issues and events that have now come to their attention. Perhaps they even began questioning what might be done.

This week marked the first televised National Leaders Debate. These debates provide a quick introduction to many of the issues facing our country and are a wonderful learning opportunity to hear interpretations of the issues facing our country. As we anticipate the coming election, there continues to be rich opportunities for learning beyond the classroom.

Have a great day weekend. As always, we are thankful for our tremendous and hardworking staff at CWSA! Our students are indeed fortunate. Ms. Jones

Peer to Peer Homework Club

Ms. Fernandes is in the process of organizing peer to peer homework club for our younger grades. The grade 7's and 8's will be offering homework help for the grade 4's, 5's and 6's during a few lunch times and a number of after school days. Towards the end of this month, a schedule will be communicated to all parents and all students that will commence Sept. 30th.

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Concert Winds begins Thursday September 26th in Rm. 109 at 3:30 pm.

Brass Choir begins Friday, September 27th in Rm. 109 at 7:30 am

Jazz Choir begins Wednesday, September 25th in Rm. 109 at 7:30 am

Chamber Strings begins Friday, September 27th in Rm. 110 at 7:45 am

Salsa Dance Club begins Tuesday, September 24th in Rm. 101 at 3:30 pm

Art Club begins Wednesday, October 23th in Rm. 209 at 11:30 am

Boys' Choir begins Tuesday, October 1st in Gym at 7:30 am

Chorale begins Thursday, October 3rd in Gym at 7:30 am

Girls' Choir for Grades 4 & 5s begins Tuesday, October 1st in Rm. 107 at 11:30 am

Girls' Choir for Grade 6's begins Wednesday, October 2nd in Rm. 107 at 11:30 am

Boomerang Lunch

Lunch Containers – Please consider purchasing reusable plastic lunch containers as opposed to glass jars. We had a glass jar break this week and glass shards pose a safety risk for students.

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 your child(ren) can sort – recycle and compost the waste. This gives parents 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.

Grade 7 & 8 Off-Campus Lunch

Please remind your children of road safety rules, especially when walking across major roads like Yonge Street. 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 privileges – not a right.**

School Cash Online

School cash online has opened up slowly. You should have received notices for Pizza Sales and Activities Fees. We hope to have all items up and running by the mid-week.

Photo Day

Monday September 16, 2019 Edge imaging will be at CWSA for photo day!

Grade 8 Stratford Trip

Stratford Trip forms and information went home last week.

Grade 7 Mono-Cliffs Trip

On Tuesday, October 15 – Friday, October 18, 2019 **Classes 7.1 & 7.2** will embark on a leadership outdoor education trip to Mono Cliffs. Parent information session will be held on **Curriculum Night – September 19 in Rm. 308**. If you have questions teacher will address them then.

Accident Insurance was sent home in September. It is advisable that all students be insured as accidents happen. Please note all parents need to send students with the actual OHIP Card. More information to come.

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.

Uniform Order & Pick-up

We hope that you all were able to fill your uniform orders in June. If not, please give us time to get organized. In September our School Council will hold their annual gently used uniform sale. Keeping textiles out of landfills is important to the environment. Consider purchasing a gently used uniform in addition to your regular uniform purchases.

2019-2020 School Calendar

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

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](#).

Entry

Please note entry time as follows:

8:30 am supervision bell - denotes teacher supervision of the yard/bleaches begins

8:40 am entry bell – doors open and students enter the building

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

3:45 pm supervision bell – denotes 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.

School Council News

Dear CWSA parents,

School Advisory Council (SAC)

While the staff and the students themselves are at the centre of the school experience, as parents, you play a vital role in your child's success. One way you can actively contribute is by joining the **School Advisory Council**. There will be 6 or 7 meetings held throughout the year, where you will have the opportunity to connect with Principal Jones and additional staff, and other parents. You will stay informed of school-related activities and be able to discuss issues. You will also be part of some important decisions, such as how certain funds are spent. It is an opportunity to both be a support to the school, and also represent the parent voice at the school.

If you are interested, please attend the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on **September 23 at 7 pm.**

Pizza Lunch

Please order now through school cash online.

Welcome Back BBQ

Our annual fall BBQ will be on **Thursday September 26, 2019**. Thank you to all the parents and staff for their work getting prepared for the event. We are in need of volunteers to help out at the event. If you are interested in volunteering please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B45A9AB2BA3F58-cwsa>

and select the slot for the specific activity you can help us during the event.

As always, council members are happy to respond to your questions and concerns to the extent that we are able, and can be reached at **claudewatsonsac@gmail.com**.

Welcome Back BBQ Menu:

- \$10 for beef burger combo
- \$10 veggie burger combo
- \$9 hot dog combo
- All combos come with corn and drink

CWSA Used Dancewear, Athletic & Uniform Sale

Date: Thursday, Sept.26th, 2019

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm (during Welcome BBQ Event)

Location: CWSA Multipurpose Room

We want to sell your gently used CWSA dancewear, athletic and uniforms!

The Used Dancewear, Athletic & Uniform Sale is a tradition at CWSA of families helping families. The following is a comprehensive list of approved used items accepted for sale:

Please DO NOT submit non-approved items for the Sale.

Performance Uniform items:

- Blue Polo shirt with CWSA logo.
- Khaki Pants (approved).
- Khaki Skirt (approved)

Athletic Uniform items:

- Black Track Pants with CWSA logo
- Black T-Shirt with CWSA logo
- Black Shorts with CWSA logo

Dancewear items:

- Dance Skirt (with or without ribbon trim)
- Black Dance Pants with CWSA logo
- Blue or Orange Girl's Dance Top with CWSA logo
- Black Leotard
- Shoes: tap, jazz, character, ballet (pink for girls, black for boys)

Important: We will be using standardized pricing for ALL SALE ITEMS. Please refer to the attached CWSA Price List and guidelines on preparing your items for sale. Following the guidelines makes the entire operation much more manageable for both our volunteers and sale shoppers. Note: The prices were established through consultation between administration and teachers to ensure fairness.

Drop Off: Items may be dropped off outside the main office before or after school or during lunch.

Last day to drop-off items is Monday, Sept. 23rd, 2019.

Sale Proceeds: Families will be contacted by email when sale proceeds are processed. Sale proceeds Will be paid out to families unless they wish to donate the proceeds to Parent Council fundraising.

Please be sure to include a parent/guardian email address on your inventory sheet.

Unsold Items: Unsold items will be returned via your child. Some parents may choose to donate unsold items to the school's "lending inventory" - for use during school hours in case a child forgets their uniform.

Please note: sale proceeds/returned items will not be available until **after the Thanksgiving weekend So please be patient and refrain from calling the school for details.

Volunteers: **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Volunteers are needed to sort items prior to the day of the sale and to help during the event (Check-out, Sale Attendants, Traffic control, Tag Sorting, Set-up/Clean-up).

**To Volunteer, please email:
Monica Walsh, CWSA Support Staff
Mawalsh64@gmail.com
Thank you for supporting CWSA families!**

CWSA Used Uniform, Athletic & Dancewear Sale

STANDARDIZED PRICE LIST

Please use the following prices *ONLY* to sell your gently used items.

Performance Uniform

Polo Shirt with Logo	\$ 10.00
Approved Khaki Pant	\$ 10.00
Approved Khaki Skirt	\$ 10.00

Dance Wear

Dance Skirt	\$ 10.00
Dance Pants (all styles)	\$ 10.00
Girls Dance Top (all styles)	\$ 5.00
Leotard	\$ 5.00

Tap Shoes **\$ 20.00**

Jazz Shoes	\$ 10.00
Character Shoes	\$ 10.00

Ballet slippers **\$ 5.00**

(No dress shoes please)

Athletic Wear

Track Pants	\$10.00
Athletic T-Shirt	\$ 5.00
Athletic Shorts	\$ 5.00

Additional information:

- ✓ [Guidelines - Preparing Items for Sale](#)
- ✓ [Inventory List](#)