



CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 9, 2021



Upcoming Dates and Events

April 12 -16, 2021 – April Break – no school
April 14, 2021 - International Day of Pink
April 19, 2021 – Brush-a-mania
April 22, 2021 - Earth Day

Winner Mira Rosenberg - Claude Watson School for The Arts

Do you have what it takes to be the hottest new traffic reporter at 680 News? Well, thanks to our junior traffic reporter contest with 407 ETR, you can get your chance. Grade 5- 8 winner Mira Rosenberg received a prize of \$500 for herself and \$500 for her school Claude Watson, also she gets VIP treatment at the 680 newsroom – including a tour and she was featured on-air and online at 680News.com. Congratulations Mira !

School Closure

This is a very important update about the status of in-person learning at the TDSB. Toronto Public Health (TPH), has just announced that **all schools in Toronto, including those at the TDSB, will be closed to in-person learning as of Wednesday, April 7, 2021 and remain closed up to and including Sunday, April 18, 2021.** This TPH order is being made under Section 22 of Ontario's Health Protection and Promotion Act in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.

TDSB Honours International Day of Pink 2021

Wednesday, April 14th is the International Day of Pink. The TDSB supports this important day by encouraging staff and students to wear pink to raise awareness to stop discrimination, gender-based bullying, homophobia, and transphobia. It's also a way for the TDSB to show its support and stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to continue fighting for equality and acceptance.

This year, International Day of Pink falls under the Spring Break mandated by the Ministry of Education and schools will be closed during that week beginning April 12. However, the TDSB intends to still honour the day by raising the rainbow flag at TDSB headquarters and turning the main page of the TDSB website pink. Some of our schools, such as Central Toronto Academy, are marking the day in advance.

Central Toronto Academy has chosen Friday, April 9 as their Day of Pink and have organized a virtual movie night given the move to remote learning earlier in the week. The Student Council has chosen the film *Mean Girls*, to align with its anti-bullying message.

Its original plan, which was a day filled with student-run activities with the help of its ARTisvism Inclusivity Movement(AIM), Youth Empowerment, Student Council, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) and the ECO Club, will be postponed until schools return to in-person learning.

International Day of Pink is celebrated every year at TDSB schools. It's more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity, it's also a commitment to creating a more inclusive and diverse world that is open-minded and respectful.