



# Claude Watson School for the Arts

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## Up Coming Events

### December 16 & 17

- Locker Clean-out

### December 18

- Celebrations Rehearsal (Earl Haig)

### December 19

- Celebrations Dress Rehearsal (all day)
- Celebrations Earl Haig (6:30 pm)

### December 20

- Showcase Act 1 (9:45 am)
- Showcase Act II (11:00 am)

### December 20

- Audition Registration closes

### Dec. 23 – Jan 3

- Winter Break

### Jan 6

- School Resumes

### Jan. 17

- PA Day

## Principals Message: Social Media!



CWSA Students from Grades 5 -8 attended **a special assembly on Social Media** with **Steve Chapelle**. Steve has spoken with tens of thousands of students and/or



parents in over 20 schools boards across Ontario. Steve presented online Safety and **Cyber-bullying Prevention** helping students reflect on their online behavior and the associated responsibility to act with careful reflection when your parents have entrusted you with the permission to

open an online account.

Let's continue the kindness at CWSA whether online or in person! Have a great week-end! Ms. Jones

### Me To We - CWSA Toy Drive

As the winter holidays are right around the corner, holiday shopping and gifts are going to be rolling in as well. However, there are many children even in our community who do not have the privilege to receive gifts from family and friends. To help provide an underprivileged kid with a gift this season of giving, **Me To We** will be having a toy drive. Students can bring in new and unwrapped books, toys, and supplies. The toy drive will be open until Thursday of next week. Toys will be dropped off to our donor location on Thursday.

Thank you to anyone who has already brought in a gift for expressing your generosity. Keep them coming Claude Watson!

**Celebration of Music 2019 Recording!** Now on sale through School Cash online. Please note unlike previous years – all recordings are now fundraisers. Proceeds from sales will now be used to support the Arts departments at CWSA.

**Celebrations Tickets!** Claude Watson School for the Arts is proud to present Celebration of Music 2019. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are on sale now through school cash online. Please note seating is General Admission. There is no assigned seating. December 16 all tickets unpurchased will be released to everyone. Please contact the office if accommodations are required for the performance. Doors open at 5:45 pm. Tickets will be sent home with students on Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your tickets with you on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>!



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## School Council

### Welcome to the School Council



### **OUR SUB-COMMITTEES ARE UP AND RUNNING!**

Our 1st Committees Meeting took place on Dec 6. Thank you all who attended. Great minutes, Chandni! Our parent committee leaders for 2019/20, drum roll please ...are:

Communications: Daniel Gogek, Denny Fong  
Fundraising: Emily Leiphart, Sarah Choi  
Parent Engagement: Carl Chen, Weidong Pei  
Bylaws: Thomas White

New members are always welcome and appreciated. Whether you can attend the meetings or have only an hour to spare, there is a place for you and a role to play on School Council!

### **Contribute to Volunteer Appreciation Treat Day - December 17!!**

Parents and students please put your kitchen skills to use and send some treats to the school on [Tuesday, December 17](#) for our amazing CWSA staff and volunteers! All types of treats are welcome (including fruit) - please DON'T send peanuts/nuts and please DO provide a list of ingredients with your items for those with allergies. Gluten-free items will be very welcome.

Treats can be dropped off at the office or in the staff room before school starts. Please email [Karen.elkin@sympatico.ca](mailto:Karen.elkin@sympatico.ca) (grade 7 parent) to let us know what you are sending.

Thank you!



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## Student Page

### Green Team Bake Sale - Karen Z. 8-2

This week, Green Team's Bake Sale was a huge success, we raised **\$275!** Thank you to everyone who supported us by buying the delicious homemade goodies Green Team made. All of the money will be going towards Green Team to organize even better events and activities to raise awareness within our Claude Watson community about the environment.

As always, if you would like to join Green Team, it is in Ms. Cherry's classroom (Room 308) after school on Mondays. Feel free to drop in at anytime to attend a meeting! We hope that throughout the year, students will share the same enthusiasm and passion we have about the environment.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and winter break! We are beyond excited to share with you what Green Team will do in the New Year!

Many Thanks, Green Team

### Ballmatics - Here's what CWSA students are saying...

*Ballmatics is a great way to make new friends! Dave develops your skills in Basketball and Claudia helps you think in a different way when solving math problems. I'm really glad I joined - I was able to meet new people in higher grades. I also developed skills like how to make new friends and how to cooperate with other teammates. I would really encourage student who are interested in math and basketball to join because it's a great program.*



*I wish Ms. Jones would continue this Ballmatics for the next term and in the future.*

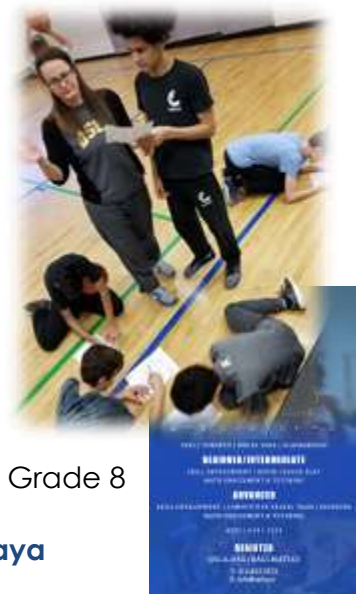
Andrew L. Grade 6

*"Ballmatics was fun a good learning experience. I enjoyed it a lot."*

Andy D. – Grade 8

*"Ballmatics was a very good program. It exercises my mind. They teach strategies to play and think about the sport. It was a good environment and the instructors were great. I would recommend the program to other CWSA students."*

Alexey G. Grade 8



**Claudia Mandekic (Academic coach), Dave McNee (Head Coach) and Kaya Fearon (Assistant coach) wish you a wonderful holiday!**

**Registration Information for the January session will be out in the next newsletter!**



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## Extra-curricular and Additional News

### Looking for Dance Shoes

Parents have been asking where to buy dance shoes...Try the danceshoppe.

**danceshoppe**  
 50 Sheppard Ave West, Suite 200  
 Toronto, ON M2N 1M2  
 phone - 416.225.6962 or 1.888.897.9393  
 fax - 416.225.9044  
 info@danceshoppe.com  
 danceshoppe.com  
 facebook.com/danceshoppe  
 instagram: @danceshoppetoronto

**Store Hours**  
 Tues - 11am to 5pm  
 Wed & Thur - 11am to 7pm  
 Fri, Sat & Sun - 11am to 5pm  
 Mon - Closed

**Summer Hours**  
 \* Victoria day to Labour day  
 Tues, Thurs, Sat - 11am to 5pm  
 Sun & Mon - Closed

the pointe shoe specialists

### Strings News

#### Audition Orchestra

Grade 8 string players auditioning for Earl Haig are invited to an audition preparation session on Friday, January 10th at 8am in room 110. Please bring your ensemble audition music.

#### Chamber Strings

Due to the high demand for extra help time, chamber strings will not continue in term 2. It will be replaced with Grade 6 only extra help time. Thank you to everyone who participated!

#### Strings Extra Help

Mr Best is now offering Friday mornings at 8am (by appointment) for grade 6 students only. Please sign up in room 110.



### Celebrations Rehearsal Schedule

Mon, Dec. 16	Tues, Dec. 17	Wed. Dec. 18	Thurs, Dec 19	Fri, Dec. 20
8:45-9:30 7/8 Band				
1:15-2:15 Junior Girls Choir, gym (Gr. 5 boys to Health)	8:45-9:30 Gr.5 IM, gym 9:30-10:15 5/6 Choir, gym	AM - Finale  PM - walk through without instruments	Dress Rehearsal	Talent Show
1:15-2:15 Jazz Combo	2:30-3:30 Finale, gym			Clean-up
2:30-3:30 Gr.4 IM, gym				