

Claude Watson School for the Arts

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Up Coming Events

Feb. 18

Hoza Performance (pm)

Feb. 19

Pizza Day

Feb. 24

School Council (7pm)

Feb. 26

• 26 Pink Shirt Day

March 5

 Anti-bullying class workshops (4.1, 4.2, 6.1)

March 9

- 9 IST Meetings
- School Performance

 Outside troupe

March 10

 Anti-bullying class workshops (7.1, 7.2, 5.1)

March 11

 Anti-bullying class workshops (5.2)

March 12

 Anti-bullying class workshops (8.1, 8.2, 6.2)

March 16 - 20

March Break

Labour Update: ETFO Strike Action on Feb.21 - Click here

Principals Message: Farewell

What a busy and successful year we've had a Claude Watson!

Highlights:

- o We continued our Art Summer program for 188 students.
- We held successful Auditions & Callbacks for 451 Grade 3 students in February & March 2019 and 273 older students in May 2019.
- We attempted to link parents to the continued Mental Health & Well-being focus at school through parent evenings series Winter/Spring 2019 in partnership with Toronto Public Health.
- We established a new opening day procedure staggered entry for our Junior and Senior students reducing the traffic congestion while responding to neighbourhood safety concerns.
- o We **continued our Arts programming** with a reduction in 1.0 staff.
- We successfully maintained our school arts performances without an Artistic Director – Strings Night, Solo-brations, Dance Night, Reflections and Celebrations.
- We hosted school wide assemblies to attend to the well-being of our students: Kindness (Nov), Social Media Awareness (Dec), Antibullying (Jan), with two more to come this year – Equity & Diversity (Feb), Mental Health (March).
- We continued to develop student leaders through office activities:
 PA Helpers, PA Announcers, Office Helpers, Yearbook Club.
- We provided a whole school focus through Senior peer leaders:
 2019 C.A.R.E. Peer Led Mental Health workshops, 2020 Peer Led Clean Hands workshops.
- We developed partnerships to keep revenues in school our recordings no longer take \$3800 out of the school, instead they generate proceeds to enrich our arts programming!

Thank-you Claude Watson teachers and staff for caring, nurturing, correcting and challenging CWSA students. Thank-you for developing in them the skills and attributes that will help them whatever path they choose 'curiosity, perseverance, integrity and a love of learning.

CWSA students let's be filled with **love** and **kindness**. Remember each of you is special and has purpose. Be encouraged, dream big, set goals and reach for them. You have abundant potential!

Claude Watson students as you soar remember to be kind to others, be generous of spirit and as in the words of <u>Mary Church Terrell</u>, always "*lift as you climb.*" Ms. Jones



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Welcome to the School Council

The next school council meeting will be held at the multipurpose room on Monday **February 24, 2020**, from 7 pm to 9 pm. All parents welcome!

School budget and council budget will be discussed, and our superintendent will attend the meeting to provide an analysis of our school budget needs going forward.

If childcare is required, please email to <u>SC.ClaudeWatsonSchoolfortheArts@tdsb.on.ca</u> by February 17. If no one sends the request, the childcare service will not be reserved / provided for that evening.

We wish everyone a great Family Day weekend!

