



Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday January 10, 2020

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Up Coming Events

Jan. 17

- PA Day

Jan. 21

- Grad Photos

Jan. 22

- Pizza Lunch

Jan. 27

- International Holocaust Day One Book Event - Gr 6s

Jan. 27

- School Council Meeting (7pm)

Jan. 31

- Focus Arts Drama Presentation (1:30) Gr. 6, 7 &8s

Feb. 14

- Parent Teacher Interviews (pm)

Feb. 15

- Parent Teacher Interviews (am)

- PA Day

Feb. 17

- Family Day

Feb. 19

- Pizza Day

Principals Message:

(excerpt from letter sent Jan 10 to parents from Robin Pilkey, Chair of the Board and John Malloy, Director of Education)



Dear parents/guardians,

As you know, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) is currently in contract negotiations with the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, and has been taking part in a selected withdrawal of services since November 2019.

Recently, the union announced Phase 3 of its job action, which is set to begin on Monday, January 13. As part of this phase of job action, ETFO members will:

- **Not** participate in extracurricular activities except for those that are scheduled within the regular school day;
- **Not** participate in field trips (including to TDSB Outdoor Education Centres);
- Not plan or participate in any assemblies, except to provide supervision to students;
- **Not** arrive at work any earlier than 30 minutes before the start of the instructional day for students; and
- **Not** remain at the worksite later than 15 minutes after the end of the instructional day for students

We regret this disruption and understand your disappointment; however, we appreciate your continued understanding and patience during this time. We remain hopeful that an agreement with ETFO can be achieved in the very near future to minimize any further impact on our students.

(end of excerpt)

Ms. Jones





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School Council Page



The School Council values parents' inputs and we want to hear from you. For feedback, questions or comments, or to be added to our School Council communication list, please contact: Fei.Yuan@tdsb.on.ca and Georgia.Nitescu@tdsb.on.ca

The next school council meeting will be held at the multipurpose room on Monday January 27, 2020, from 7 pm to 9 pm. All parents welcome!



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Additional News

Grade 8 Grad Photo Day



Don't forget! Grade 8 Grad photo day is **January 21!** Edge Imaging will be here to capture this exciting accomplishment in your child's academic life. Keep your eyes out for a flyer containing all the details that your child will bring home. Visit edgeimaging.ca for more information.

Some Tips and Info:

- Wearing a white collared shirt pairs nicely with the graduation gown (a tie would be nice too). Our photographers will have some on hand in case your child doesn't own one.
- All props will be provided by Edge on the day of the shoot.
- Remember to have your child hand in the composite photo order on picture day (or parents can order on-line before picture day. Go to edgeimaging.ca/mycomp).
- There is no retake day for grad photos, so if a student is away, and they would like to be on the composite, they will have to make an appointment for one of our studio days. The number is 1-888-416-3343.
- Find out more about what to expect [here](#).

Ballmatics Registration

The Ballmatics group will confirm registered participants directly with those parents that have registered.

Wiz Kids Coding Registration

The Wiz Kids Coding group will confirm registered participants directly with those parents that have registered.

Mobile Devices and Electronics

A reminder to CWSA families, students may bring mobile phones and electronic devices to school, but personal devices are not required for success in the academic program. Students who bring mobile devices do so at their own risk. CWSA and the **CWSA** and the **TDSB** cannot be held responsible for lost, damaged or stolen devices. **Devices should be stored in a student's locker and should only be used before school and after school. For safety reasons Gr. 7 and 8 students are allowed to use cell phones during the off-campus portion of the lunch period – cell phones are to be put away once students are safely back on school property.** Devices may only be used in class with the express permission of the teacher. Students who use devices without permission can face the following consequences:

1. Confiscation of device by the teacher (returned at the end of the day)
2. Confiscation of device by the teacher who will then hand the phone to the office.
3. Repeat offenders will have their device confiscated and parents will be required to pick it up.

Please note the highlighted portion of the policy has been included for clarification and is a slight modification in keeping with the original intent - to keep students safe while off-campus.