



Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday March 29, 2019

Upcoming Events

April 1

- Immunization Clinic
- Parent Council (7pm)

April 9

- Earl Haig Dance Matinee (9:30 am)

April 10

- International Day of Pink

April 17

- Strings Night (6:30)

April 18

- Pizza Lunch

April 19

- Good Friday Holiday

April 22

- Easter Monday Holiday

April 30 - May 3

- Gr. 8 Montreal Trip

May 6

- Gr. 4/5 Zoo Trip

May 9

- CWSA Dance Night

May 15

- Gauss Test

May 20

- Victoria Day Holiday

May 25

- School Council Event

May 27 - 29

- EQAO

A Life lived with Purpose...



Last week we ended the week being thankful for the kindness and generosity of individuals in the CWSA community. On more than one occasion, I have expressed to our students that each week, I am grateful for the excellent teaching that happens at CWSA. For example, over the last few weeks Ms. Mongillo, Ms. van de Sanden and the grade 5 students have been discussing the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy to our development as global citizens. What a powerful lesson as we see an example of a life lived with purpose and integrity. Although Dr. King Jr. has long left this world, the generosity of his life spent advocating for civil rights - human rights - continues to affect individuals locally and globally.

I gave students examples of several individuals who, despite the challenges of their times, chose to work with humility aspiring to do good for others for a purpose far higher than financial gain. These individuals became politicians, professors and entrepreneurs. They led movements, changed laws and left legacies.

Many of our CWSA students report that they are stressed-out in today's hectic society. They express desperation to get into *this* or *that* school as if the meaning of their life is dependent on where they go to school and the position they will eventually hold in life.

I challenged CWSA students to make the choice to fill this world with kindness and positive vibrations through their generosity, integrity and commitment to others. While I wish each child success in all that they do, our children need to understand their worth stands outside a role, degree, or university alma matter. When we operate from a sense of purpose, we can be hopeful in all life's situations. We have the strength to create new opportunities and pathways where none exist. We endeavour to live lives that contribute to the betterment of society even if others don't recognize us. We understand the power in each of us to make a difference!

Have a wonder-filled week-end!

Ms. Jones





Introducing Ms. Rosen...

I am pleased to announce that Ms. Lindsay Rosen will be teaching Grade 7/8 Science. She will also be collaborating with a group of students to produce this year's **CWSA yearbook**. Ms. Rosen has taught at Claude Watson in the past, including the 2018 Summer School program and is enthusiastic about re-joining the team. Ms. Rosen is currently leading the Science Club and Sr. Green Team. Ms. Rosen received a BFA and BEd from York University and completed her MEd focusing on arts literacy and inclusive education. In her spare time, she enjoys singing in a community choir and is also taking her Orff qualification through the Royal Conservatory. I hope you will join me in giving Ms. Rosen a warm welcome to the Claude Watson community. Ms. Rosen would like parents to feel free to email her with any questions at Lindsay.Rosen@tdsb.on.ca.

Earth Hour Activities

This afternoon students at Claude Watson and across the TDSB participated in Earth Hour by turning off all interior lights and minimizing electricity usage. In 2017's the TDSB scored a 28% reduction in electricity during Earth Hour we hope we were able to beat that record today! This week-end take some to turn the lights out and show your support for the environment and protecting wildlife, forests, oceans and rivers. This [WWF link](#) has alternative ideas to inspire you to spend time engaging in family friendly fun.

Immunization Clinic – Grade 7s

The second dose of Hep B and HPV vaccines will administered Monday, April 1st (AM). Toronto Public Health nurses will also immunize Grade 7 & 8 students who missed the Hep B, Meningococcal and HPV vaccines at previous clinics.

Dental Screening

Toronto Public Health (TPH) will be providing dental screening at CWSA June 3-6.

TDSB Summer Music Camps

TDSB has released its [2019 summer music camp brochure](#) for summer opportunities in the city. For an alternate experiences please apply.

CWSA Summer Music Academy

CWSA is offering a variety of music & literacy programs July 2- 26 from 9am – 12 pm. Please follow the link to our web site to gain valuable information and to apply.

<https://www.claudewatson.org/CWSA-Program/Summer-School-2019>

Earl Haig Dance Matinee

On Tuesday, April 9th CWSA students will take a walking field trip to experience Earl Haig's annual Dance Matinee! **Students should be dressed in their uniforms** (shirt and pants/skirt). Students are encouraged to **wear running shoes** as we will be walking to Earl Haig.



Strings Night (revision)

CWSA Strings Night is **Wednesday, April 17th, 2019** at 6:30 pm in the Gym.

Dance Night

Please mark your calendars CWSA Dance Night has been moved to **Thursday, May 9th, 2019** stay tuned for details.

CWSA Hours

School Entry time is 8:30 am. Please **call** 416-395-3180 before 8:25 am to report a student absence. Please note entry doors open for extra-curricular at 7:30 – 7:45 am. Doors will remain locked until 8:20 for regular entry.

Traffic Safety – In the Loop

Traffic Alert: ALWAYS CHOOSE SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE!

- 1) Do NOT aim to drop off your child as close as possible to the school front gates. Always decide to drop off directly beside the sidewalk to the right, regardless of the distance needed to walk. Reduce all risk for our children.
- 2) Do NOT enter from Hollywood Avenue. This is a one-way lane (except for service vehicles). Reduce all risk for neighbours and students walking by that entrance.

Left: Toronto Police Service visited the school in the afternoon to assess the traffic situation.



School Council - 'Celebrating Our Community' Day!

Save the date: Saturday, May 25, 8 am – 12 noon! The Claude Watson School For the Arts is hosting a 'Neighbourhood Day' to celebrate the school and its talents with the community. All parents are highly asked to come volunteer and also join in the fun. Details of this event will follow next week.

Next School Council meeting – Monday, April 1 (no joke). All Welcome!

Lunch Lady Wacky Pasta

Please see the attached special menu from the [Lunch Lady](#) .

Pizza Lunch Volunteers – April 18

School Council calling for volunteers on the Pizza Lunch sub-committee! Please email co-chair Jay Kang Jay.Kang@tdsb.on.ca. A member of the Pizza Lunch sub-committee will contact you with details on how to get involved.

Lost & Found Extended

Looking for **your water bottle!** Please check the **lost and found** display the week of **Monday, April 1st, 2019**. Items will be displayed for this one final week after which we will recycle or find them a good home.