



# Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday November 1, 2019

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## Up Coming Events

### November 4

- CWSA Info Session (Earl Haig 7pm)

### November 5

- Photo Re-take Day

### November 11

- Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45 am)

### November 14/15

- Progress Reports

### November 25

- Staff Meeting (3:45)
- School Council Meeting 7 pm

### November 27

- Pizza Lunch

### December 3-5

- Dental Screening

### December 3

- Raptors Trip Gr 8 (7pm)

### December 19

- Celebrations (7pm)

## Principals Message: Stand up Against Injustice



This week has been a trying week for the CWSA as a school. We continue to struggle to be our best selves under the weight of uncertainty and change. I encouraged our students and staff to maintain a grateful and positive attitude and to choose justice, truth and compassion. I left students with this quote from William Faulkner,

“Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion, against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world...would do this, it would change the earth.”

The year was 1951; Faulkner was speaking to a graduating high school class in Mississippi. The aftermath – death and devastation – of the Second World War is still an open wound. Two years earlier Faulkner would have received a Nobel Laureate for literature. Faulkner, born and raised in Mississippi and a product of the racist American south of which he had written about since his youth is 52 years old when he gives this address. Faulkner, in his old age, is a changed man – a man weathered by life and experience.

His address was meant to inspire these young high school students to choose a wiser path in life – wiser than the adults who preceded them. A path that would move the world away from war, injustice and suffering and toward peace. Faulkner’s life is not a perfect life – like each of us – he has suffered from his own imperfections, biases, and at times perhaps even an unexamined life. And having lived through the messiness of life that his older eyes have seen, he maintains that the threat of atomic annihilation is not what we should fear. Rather is it fear itself. Fear that reduces us to ‘an unthinking mass.’

In the address, Faulkner implies that individuals with courage to stand up against injustice are what will save us. In these difficult times at CWSA let us too have courage.

Have a great day!

Ms. Jones



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## School Council News



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## Grade 5s Visit to Queens Park

### The Legislative Assembly Of Ontario

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On Monday, October 21st, the grade fives went to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Here is what we learned. The lieutenant governor represents her majesty, the queen, and cannot vote for laws because she was not elected to be part of the government. Our lieutenant governor right now is Elizabeth Dowdeswell. She is Ontario's 29th lieutenant governor. Ontario's flower is the trillium and it is on our health cards. When I was comparing other places to Ontario, I discovered that people in Ontario can drive when they are 16 but in Alberta, you can start to drive when you're 14 because there is not a lot of traffic. The legislative chambers is where the people that are MPPs gather and talk about new laws for Ontario. My class went to do an activity in the 'mini' chambers because it is small and it is for kids like us to learn about the government. Another cool thing I learned was that one riding has one MPP and in that riding there are about 100,000 people living there. The government is the party that got the most seats in the legislative chambers. The opposition are the other parties that got less seats in the legislative assembly than the government. The speaker is a very important duty and is extremely hard. The

referee so he or she keeps is also the clerk who was not long time to get the job. It is a very important duty. The clerk the legislative and helps the clerk right now is Todd Decker. sergeant-at-arms. He or she is detail and is the only one in all touch the mace. She lives in England. That job is of history! The original on Niagara on the Lake but it because Americans were prone one point, the Americans stole



speaker is kind of like a everyone in check. There elected but works for a job for life and is also a knows all the history of speaker keep order. The Finally, there is the the boss of all the security of the legislative that can represents the queen who also for life. Now a little bit legislative assembly was was too dangerous to attacking that place. At the old mace. They did

not return it until the time when Roosevelt became president and personally gave it back to Canada. Now, we have a fancy one that is made of gold on the outside and silver on the inside. The mace is used to represent the queen and it shows that she is letting us make our own laws so without it, Canada can't make laws. Now, back to the present. When making new laws, there is always a vote. At that time, if there is a tie, the speaker is the only person who can break the tie because the sergeant-at-arms and clerk were not voted by Ontario to represent them. Also, something I found was very interesting was that the mace always points at the premier who always sits in the 6th seat from the speaker. Our premier right now is the Honourable Doug Ford. Another job at Queen's Park is the hansard reporters. They record everything the MPPs say. The microphones at each MPP's seat also records everything so hansard reporters can check to see that they have all the words written down correctly. Finally, there are the legislative pages. These people are students that are in grade 7-8 that have been chosen throughout Ontario to represent their community. They pass messages between MPPs to staff and send messages out to their community too. To be a page, you have to have high marks at school, a letter of recommendation from your teacher, and you have to write a letter to the sergeant-at-arms. Maybe, only then can you be a page. **One day, I hope to be a page at the legislative too.** An awesome thing I learned was that today, 39 percent of the legislative are women!!! Before, it was all men which is very unfair. I hope that back then, women demanded social justice to have seats at the legislative assembly. I learned a lot at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and how citizens have roles and responsibilities in government.



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## Extra-curricular and Additional News

### \*Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Teachers will pick-up students at the doors at the top of the bleachers at the start time of the club or activity. Teachers will wait for 5 minutes. Teachers will send a monitor to the door 10 minutes later to let in late comers. Parents are asked to remain at doors and hand off younger children to the student monitors if they are late. CWSA Teachers will register the students and maintain attendance sheets for students participating in clubs and activities.

### Who Teaches My Child?

For your reference we have created a chart to help you remember who teaches your child both academic and arts programming at CWSA. That information can be found in the file: [Who Teaches My Child?](#)



### Parent Concern Protocol

It is the expectation that all parents follow a process when communicating concerns. Please use the TDSB parent protocol and the TDSB Code of Conduct to navigate issues.

### Budget

The TDSB has just released the budgets. We are analyzing what this will mean for CWSA. We will share information at the next **School Council Meeting – Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

### Congratulations Pearl Zhang !

CWSA would like to Congratulate Pearl Zhang on her participation in the Page program from October 24 – Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



Pearl's parents would like to express their appreciation to our excellent CWSA staff for the high quality education Pearl received in Claude Watson. In the past four years, Pearl has grown so strong both academically and socially.

### Farewell to Jeff Thomas

Jeff Thomas has been promoted! Congratulations! We wish him well at his new school. Jeff's last day is November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



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## CWSA Admissions Information Night

On Monday, November 4, CWSA will be hosting the Admissions Information Night at 7 pm at **Earl Haig Secondary School**. The agenda will highlight the program and cover the online application process, auditions and feedback process. Please pass along this information to friends and family.

## Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be distributed to the students on Tuesday, November 12. Teachers will be conducting Parent/Teacher Interviews on Thursday evening and Friday during the day. If you have not yet scheduled an interview with your child's teacher, please take time to email them and schedule an interview time. The most direct way to schedule an interview is to email your child's teacher directly.

## Professional Development Day

Friday, November 15 is a Professional Development Day. Teachers will be conducting interviews. There are no regular classes.

## Lost and Found

Our lost and found bins are overflowing! John has generously sorted items to be claimed and taken home. We will be placing the lost and found bins in the Multi-purpose Room next week and they will be cleared out on Friday after the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Please have a look as you attend Parent/Teacher Interviews November 14 & 15.

## Afterschool Coding & Robotics Program

Starts Wednesday in the Library!

<http://wizkidcoding.com/claudewatson/>





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## Dental Screening Dec 3-5, 2019



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

School Year 2019-2020

To identify children with oral health problems, a screening program is offered by Toronto Public Health (T.P.H) to students in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Health requirements for mandatory health programs. The screening is an assessment by an oral health staff member using a separate sterilized mouth mirror for each child. The oral health staff member will assess the need for topical fluoride, scaling, sealant and any other obvious dental needs.

As a follow up to the screening, only parents whose children were screened will be notified and a note to that effect will be sent home with their child/ren for your information and action. You may also receive a phone call from T.P.H. dental staff to assist you in accessing care.

Please be advised that this screening assessment does not replace the dental examination done by a dentist.

### The screening date for your child/ren's school has been scheduled for:

Dec 3-5, 2019

**If you do not wish your child/ren to be screened, please inform the school staff and the classroom teacher.**

For additional information, please contact us at the phone number listed above or visit us at [http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children\\_youth.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children_youth.htm).

Please note that all personal health information (PHI) collected during the screening process will be protected under the provincial Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA).

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