



Claude Watson School for the Arts

Weekly Update - Friday September 9, 2019

Upcoming Events

September 16

- School Photos

September 17

- Grade 8s to Billy Elliot

September 19

- Curriculum Night (6:30 pm)

September 23

- Staff Meeting 3:30 pm
- School Council Meeting 7 pm

September 25

- Terry Fox Assembly 1:30 pm
- Terry Fox Run 2pm

September 26

- Welcome Back BBQ

October 11

- PA Day

October 14

- Thanksgiving

October 15 - 18

- Grade 7s Mono-cliffs

“Lift as you Climb”

Mary Church Terrell



Opening Week!

What a wonderful sight to see all of our students on opening day – so excited to begin a new year of learning.

As I visited classrooms and met students on the yard, I heard of the exciting summer adventures in learning outside the bricks and mortar of our CWSA building. It's incredible how reflective our students can be when asked about their 'learning opportunities'. Whether via a vacation in Canada or abroad, or a staycation in Toronto that included play dates, reading and engaging in personal hobbies children shared their personal learning. That learning reflected three areas – social and interpersonal learning gained through interaction with friends, **“I learned to be more patient with others”**; experiential and intercultural learning from travels in other parts of Canada and the world, **“I learned about the history of Quebec”**, **“I learned how different cultures do things”**, **“I was able to order from a menu in French”**, and finally, personal self-learning through time spent reading and reflecting, **“I learned thinking more positively, makes your feel better”**. Our students also spoke of learning to be more patient, tolerant and accepting – great lessons! Let's work together to build upon their learning as we continue our partnership between school and home.

This week Ms. Schroeder kicked off our Terry Fox activities for the month in a stirring assembly. With a friendly CWSA tradition, we gave a special (and loud) welcome to our incoming grade 4 students during this Friday assembly.



Through the assembly we were reminded of the Terry Fox legacy that embodies – resiliency, selflessness and generosity of spirit. In closing, I reminded the students to follow Terry's example this school year. To be kind to others and especially members of the CWSA community and to build others up. I asked them to resist the allure of negative power that would have them gain attention through acts that divide, hurt or promote conflict. Rather, to live each day embracing those attitudes, behaviors and actions that demonstrate a generosity of spirit.

I look forward to serving you in the September 2019 – 2020 school year.

Have a restful weekend as you transition back to your regular fall schedules.
Ms. Jones

Office Staff

Thanks to Ms. Owens who helped set us up for September Opening Day. Also thanks to Ms. Francis who supported Ms. Owen throughout the week. They will both be back to continue to support us during Ms. Stewarts' absence from CWSA.

Entry

Please note the entry time was incorrectly reported on the orange letter that went out on the first day. In the interest of saving paper we will not resend this correspondence. Please note entry time as follows:

8:30 am supervision bell - denotes teacher supervision of the yard/bleaches begins

8:40 am entry bell – doors open and students enter the building

3:30 pm dismissal bell – student leave the building under teacher supervision

3:45 pm supervision bell – denotes teacher supervision of the yard/bleachers ends

Note: Students will be considered late if they are not in their 1st period class by 8:45am. All late students must report to the office to get an admit slip.

School Break/Lunch Schedule

- Morning Recess (Grades 4, 5 and 6 only)
 - Monday and Friday 10:15am – 10:30am
- First Lunch
 - 11:30am – 12:15pm
- Second Lunch
 - 12:30pm – 1:15pm
- Afternoon Recess (Grades 4, 5 and 6 only)
 - 2:15pm – 2:30pm

Boomerang Lunch

Our Head Caretaker – Jeff and his team spent many hours in summer clean-up – they noted last year health sensitivities (allergies/insects) produced by the large quantities of waste created on site. To assist in creating a safer and cleaner environment we are implementing a new waste management system – **Boomerang Lunch**. What does this mean? As a CWSA community we are asking students and families to pack a litterless lunch to school and to **bring back** unfinished food (wrappers, leftovers, juice box containers etc.). At home you and you child(ren) can sort – recycle and compost the waste. This gives parents a true window into what their children are consuming at school and also provides a structured learning opportunity at home. We ask you support John and Monica our Lunch Supervisors , as we try a new way to manage waste and create a cleaner environment for our students with health and environmental sensitivities.

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

We have started our Leadership programs for students with launch of **PA Helpers** and **PA Announcers**. This week we will be hosting sign-ups for **Office Helpers** and **Student Mounties**. Parents will be asked to give permission for students to be involved with these and other leadership activities. We are currently surveying staff to see what clubs and activities they will generously host for students. We are hoping to have a list of extra-curricular clubs and activities in the upcoming weeks.

Agendas

We have just been informed that due to a significant production issue with our vendor, Premier Agendas, there will be a delay in the delivery of our school's student planners. This production issue has impacted the delivery of planners across the TDSB and across the province. While we can't confirm exactly when our school will receive our shipment of planners, we have been told by Premier Agendas that all schools will receive their planners by the end of September.

As we await our shipment of planners, attached are electronic versions of the school-specific information contained in the planners, as well as TDSB common pages. The TDSB common pages contain information about the Board's homework policy, severe weather guidelines, code of online conduct, and more. Please let the office know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through this issue.

- [Elementary Common Pages](#), [Intermediate Common Pages](#),
- [September/October Calendar \(weekly\)](#) [September/October Calendar \(full months\)](#)

School Cash Online

We are currently experiencing challenges with our school cash online system. We hope to have central support to rectify this issue in the next week or two. In the meantime – do **NOT** send cash or cheques to school unless it is for a lock. We will notify you as soon as the problem is rectified.

Grade 8 Stratford Trip

The Grade 8 Teachers will be fine tuning the organization of the Stratford Trip this week. News to follow from the Core Teachers later this week.

Grade 7 & 8 Off-Campus Lunch

Please remember to bring your **off-campus** permission forms back to school. Off-campus lunch will begin **Monday, September 9th** for **Grade 8** students. Off campus lunch will begin on **Friday September 13** for our **Grade 7** students.

Only students with completed forms will be able to participate in off-campus lunch privileges.

Grade 7 Mono-Cliffs Trip

On **Tuesday, October 15 – Friday, October 18, 2019 Classes 7.1 & 7.2** will embark on a leadership outdoor education trip to Mono Cliffs. More details will follow as we get nearer to the trip date.

Uniform Order & Pick-up

We hope that you all were able to fill your uniform orders in June. If not, please give us time to get organized. In September our School Council will hold their annual gently used uniform sale. Keeping textiles out of landfills is important to the environment. Consider purchasing a gently used uniform in addition to your regular uniform purchases.

2019-2020 School Calendar

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar-2019-2020>

School Recycling and Environment Days

CWSA will no longer be asking student to bring recycling materials from home to school. We ask that families continue to recycle through their local neighborhood and [Environment Days](#).

Photo Day

Monday September 16, 2019 Edge imaging will be at CWSA for photo day!

School Council News

Dear CWSA parents,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year!

For new parents, congratulations on joining a wonderful community, where students are regularly challenged to strive for excellence in a caring environment. As returning parents will attest, you will enjoy many opportunities to appreciate the artwork and performances that will result from the on-going learning and development of your children and their school-mates.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

While the staff and the students themselves are at the centre of the school experience, as parents, you play a vital role in your child's success. One way you can actively contribute is by joining the **School Advisory Council**. There will be 6 or 7 meetings held throughout the year, where you will have the opportunity to connect with Principal Jones and additional staff, and other parents. You will stay informed of school-related activities and be able to discuss issues. You will also be part of some important decisions, such as how certain funds are spent. It is an opportunity to both be a support to the school, and also represent the parent voice at the school.

If you are interested, please attend the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on **September 23 at 7 pm.**

Pizza Lunch

Please note that pizza orders are on hold and will begin once the school Cash Online system is working properly.

Welcome Back BBQ

Every September, council partners with the school to host the Welcome Back BBQ. This year's event will be held on **September 26th, 2019**. Parents are asked to purchase meals using the Cash Online System (embed link) which will be available the end of next week. A notice will be sent to parents when the link is live along with the cost of food and beverages.

Last year's council did decide to plan this year's event without the air-filled bouncy equipment, and rock-climbing activity, specifically due to the cost, relative to the length of the event. Please let your children know in advance, so they are not overly surprised by the absence of activities from years past.

As always, council members are happy to respond to your questions and concerns to the extent that we are able, and can be reached at claudewatsonsac@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Jay Kang, John Choi
On behalf of SAC