



December 6, 2019

Celebration of Music 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Thursday, December 19, Claude Watson School for the Arts will be presenting Celebration of Music 2019 in Cringan Hall at Earl Haig Secondary School. The performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. The students have been working extremely hard to provide a program that will highlight the Claude Watson music program.

The following information is very important and should be considered carefully in order for the rehearsal and performances to run as smoothly as possible.

Tickets

Claude Watson School for the Arts is proud to present Celebration of Music 2019. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are now on sale through school cash online. Please note seating is General Admission. There is no assigned seating. Please purchase a maximum of 2 tickets. Any remaining tickets will be offered online December 16. Please contact the office if accommodations are required for the performance. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets will be sent home with students prior to the performance. Please bring your tickets with you.

Rehearsals

There will be a number of rehearsals held at Claude Watson and at Earl Haig over the next week. It is extremely important that all students be at school as regularly as possible so that they do not miss rehearsals. A copy of the rehearsal schedule is posted in all homerooms, in the multi-purpose room and on the website. Students should check it regularly and listen for changes announced on the PA system. Listed below are the main technical rehearsals that have been scheduled.

Dress Rehearsals

Wednesday, December 18	Rehearsal at Earl Haig (AM Finale, PM walk through)
Thursday, December 19	Rehearsals at Earl Haig (Students must bring a lunch)

Lunch: On Thursday, students must bring a lunch that does not require heating or microwaving. It should be in a safe container with the child's name on it and a non-carbonated beverage should be provided. Students **will not be able to purchase lunch from the cafeteria.** Grade 8 students will **not be going Off Campus.** Lunch Lady will continue.

Permission Forms: The Toronto District School Board requires a permission form whenever students leave the school property. The walking permission form that was signed in the package at the beginning of the year covers these rehearsals. No other permission form is needed.

Uniforms: Students are **not** required to wear their performance uniform for the rehearsals.

Instruments: Students are required to transport instruments to the rehearsals unless their music teacher has given them other instructions. Music teachers will instruct students on whether or not they are to return instruments after the performance.

Valuables: Students are encouraged to bring some **homework** or **books** to occupy their time while they are not on stage. We strongly recommend that students do not bring valuables. There will be no provisions made to secure money, wallets or purses.

Students should not be bringing electronics to the rehearsal.

Parent Attendance at Rehearsals: Rehearsals at Cringan Hall require tight time-management and focus. We would ask you to appreciate that this is not a time for parents to be in attendance in the audience or backstage. If you need to pick up your child from a rehearsal, please send a note in the morning and see a teacher when you come to Cringan Hall. The teacher will help you locate your child. If you plan to bring your child late on rehearsal days, we would ask that you take them directly to Earl Haig, have them sign in with a teacher and call the B.A.R. Line.

Performance Night

Time and Location: String students with private instruments should be at Earl Haig by 5:45 p.m. in order to have their instrument tuned. All other students should be in their assigned holding rooms by 6:00 p.m.

After the Class students are responsible for making their way to Earl Haig with parents.

The staff of After the Class will not be escorting students to Earl Haig.

Dress: All students must wear their **full performance uniform**. For safety reasons, no high heel shoes will be permitted on the stage. Dress shoes, dance slippers or character shoes only, please.

Jewellery: Students should not wear jewellery when on stage. This includes watches, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, etc. Exceptions: glasses and medical alerts. We do not have facilities to store jewellery so children should leave it at home.

Instruments: Students are required to transport instruments to the performance unless their music teacher has given them other instructions. After the performance, all instruments should be transported from Earl Haig by parents. They can be returned to CWSA and the appropriate music rooms as the building will open for a short time. They can also be kept for the holiday and returned when they are needed for class after the break.

Tickets: All individuals will require a ticket to view the performance. **Students do not require a ticket.**

Valuables: Students are encouraged to bring some homework/books/ or a quiet game to occupy their time while they are not on stage. However, we strongly recommend that students do not bring valuables. There will be no provisions made to secure money, MP3 players, iPods or electronic games. **Students who bring these items during the show do so at their own risk.**

Backstage and Pick up: For the safety of the performers, audience members will not be allowed backstage on the night of the performance for any reason. Students will be instructed to meet parents in the main lobby of the auditorium after the performance. Students will not be allowed to leave the rehearsal area until after the performance has ended. For the safety of the performers we would recommend you establish a meeting place outside the building or inside away from the main exit area. This will help lessen the confusion in the holding areas.

Friday, December 20 is a regular school day. If students are going to be absent or late, please ensure that you notify the school.

Cameras and Video Taping: Photography and video taping is **not** permitted during the performance. We kindly ask parents **not** to bring cameras and video recording devices to the theatre. Flash photography and digital display screens are distracting to the performers and can cause them to lose focus. It is also very distracting to audience members. **We must also consider that not all students and parents have given permission for their child to be captured on film.** For the protection of our students and for the integrity of our performance, we would kindly ask you to refrain from any kind of photography or video taping.

Performer Behaviour Code

We would ask parents to please review the **Performer Behaviour Code** with their child. This can be found in the school planner and on the school webpage. Following the rules will make the performance much more enjoyable for all performers, staff, backstage crew and audience members.

We hope this information will be helpful in making Celebration of Music 2019 a success. We look forward to seeing you and we hope you enjoy the performance.