



CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2021



Upcoming Dates and Events

October 19: Photo Day

November 19: P.A. Day

EARL HAIG SECONDARY SCHOOL - Claude Watson Arts Program

The Claude Watson Arts Program is committed to championing artists with or without formal training, who demonstrate passion and potential in their pursuit of excellence in the arts.

Attached is our Open House flyer for grade 8 students interested in a specialized arts high school program: Dance, Drama, Film, Music or Visual Arts at Earl Haig S.S.

Students, family and friends are invited to attend our Virtual Open House on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 PM.

For application and audition information please visit our website at www.claudewatson.ca

Apply To CWSA (grades 4 to 8) 2022-2023

Below is the link to apply for the 2022/2023 school year. The application system closes on Friday December 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE: LATE APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

<https://sprs.tdsb.on.ca/public/Welcome.aspx>

Please note Claude Watson School for the Arts does not require students to submit an Optional Attendance Form

* FYI - once you click on the submit button you will get a message letting you know that "your session time has expired". Your application has actually been processed.

October is Islamic Heritage Month at the TDSB

History of Early Canadian Muslims Poster

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) proudly recognizes Islamic Heritage Month during the month of October since our Board of Trustees passed their motion on June 22, 2016. Our main theme for the month continues to be: Reflect. Celebrate. Learn.

Canadian Islamic Heritage Month has been recognized across our nation since October 2007. Subsequently, since November 2016, the province of Ontario established October as Islamic History Month through the Islamic Heritage Month Act, "proclaiming a month to be Islamic Heritage Month in Ontario will provide all Ontarians, both today and in future generations, with an opportunity to reflect, celebrate, and learn about the rich and longstanding Islamic history in the Province and the diverse roles and contributions of Muslim people in communities across Ontario. This new understanding will turn help combat anti-Islamic sentiment."

The TDSB Islamic Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee initiated a poster created by photographs provided by author Richard A. Awid with the theme History of Early Canadian Muslims. In addition, we're excited to release an updated version of the TDSB Islamic Heritage Month Resource Guidebook (2021) as it may be used as an educational tool to learn about the Islamic heritage.

During the month of October several Islamic Heritage Month events are being organized for students, staff and TDSB community members. TDSB students - Grade 7-12 will be invited to attend a virtual event with Bilqis Abdul-Qadir, former American Professional Basketball Player who challenged the International Basketball Federation when informed that she could not participate in the league while wearing a hijab. Bilqis will share the challenges she faced while trying to change this requirement for players.

TDSB community members, students and staff will also be invited to join a virtual event with Master Chef contestant Reem Ahmed and City TV Host Maleeha Sheikh in the upcoming weeks. We will learn about preparing a meal and we'll hear a candid conversation about Islamophobia and what it is like to be Muslim in Canada. Registration will be required and details will be shared soon.

Follow the Islamic Heritage Month Committee on Twitter at - @tdsb_ihm

French Programs Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Programs, we offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in JK and SK, for September 2022 only) and Middle French Immersion (begins in Grade 4). An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2022 are:

Early French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between November 1 and November 26, 2021.

Middle French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between January 3 and January 28, 2022. Offers of placement within your chosen program (not a specific school) will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window. Families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Virtual Information Sessions for the Early French Immersion application and placement process are available in November on the following dates:

- November 8, 2021 at 7 p.m.
- November 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- November 23, 2021 at 7 p.m.

For more information about the Virtual Information Sessions, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions.

For more information about French programs, the application process and important dates, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french or click on Application Process.