



CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 8, 2021



Upcoming Dates and Events

October 11: Thanksgiving Monday – No School

October 14: 6 pm to 6:30 pm: CWSA Virtual Curriculum Night

October 19: Photo Day

November 19: P.A. Day

CWSA Virtual Curriculum Night – October 14, 2021 at 6 pm to 6:30 pm

Welcome to CWSA Curriculum Night. Please join your student's teacher to hear about an overview of the curriculum. Topics covered are classwork, homework expectations, assessment and evaluation, reporting, and communication. The teacher will provide a link for the meeting.

Photo Day – October 19

- At this time, group photos are not permitted.
- Individual student pictures are to be taken.
- Students will be scheduled or called down by class for photos.
- Students shall keep their masks on until the actual photo shoot.

Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference 2021

Join us for a virtual conference and learn strategies to support your child, connect with other parents and hear from our inspirational keynote speaker

TDSB is committed to parent, caregiver, and community engagement as an essential element in our shared efforts to improve outcomes for children throughout their lives. Our role is to help build capacity by successfully engaging parents and caregivers, strengthening home-school partnerships, and aligning our collective efforts.

The Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference 2021 provides an opportunity to highlight innovation and high-impact strategies for partnering, collaborating, and nurturing parents and caregivers' partnerships and alliances. Registration is now open! Learn more at www.parentsaspartners.ca

COVID-19 Saliva Testing Program



The Hospital for Sick Children is pleased to provide the **COVID-19 Saliva Testing Program** in partnership with your school. Under this program, we offer COVID-19 saliva test kits for symptomatic staff, students, and household members, or those who have been identified by Toronto Public Health (TPH) as a high risk/close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 positive case. We also offer cohort and/or outbreak testing as recommended by TPH. Through participation in this program, we hope to provide a test that is painless and accessible, reduce COVID-19 cases in your school, keep schools open, promote healthy childhood development, and support the health and safety of your community.

<p>Where do I pick up my kit?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saliva kits will be provided to your school administration if testing criteria is met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 1. Have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 o 2. High risk/close contact identified by TPH o 3. Cohort/outbreak management identified by TPH - You can bring a kit home from school OR a non-symptomatic member of the household can pick one up
<p>What is in my saliva kit?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saliva collection container (the blue liquid deactivates the virus) 2. Laboratory form (must be filled out to receive your results) 3. Saliva collection instructions (on the back of the laboratory form) 4. Instructions for how to access your results 5. A blank label for your saliva container (label with legal full name and date of birth as per your health card and stick onto the specimen container)
<p>When to use a kit?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The individual is experiencing at least 1 or more COVID-19 symptom - The individual has been informed by TPH that they are a high risk/close contact to a COVID-19 positive case - Cohort/outbreak testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Please follow the testing window dates provided by TPH in the close contact letter and include the outbreak number on the lab requisition. If you have symptoms, test right away. Otherwise, wait until the recommended DATE from TPH.
<p>How to collect saliva?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you fit testing criteria, pick up a COVID-19 saliva kit - Collect and label your sample, fill out the requisition, seal it in the biohazard bag, and drop off at the designated school location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Only samples with a fully completed label and lab form will be processed. If you have a health card, the information must match the lab form. Include the outbreak number if provided. - Saliva collection instructions: <i>No eating, drinking, smoking, chewing gum, brushing teeth, vaping 30 minutes before your test.</i> Click here: Saliva Collection Instructions
<p>How to drop off the kit?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At your school, there will be a pre-designated drop off location, open Monday-Friday during school hours - For same day pickup, please have your samples dropped off by 9am or samples may be picked up the next day. - Please place your sealed saliva kit (containing your labelled saliva container and the completed lab requisition) inside the brown paper bag.
<p>When do I get my results?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the sample is positive, you will receive a telephone call from SickKids within 24-48hours and Toronto Public Health to follow up on your result. - If the result is negative, you will not receive a call. - With OHIP - Access your results - Without OHIP – Please write your email on the requisition form for follow up
<p>Questions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please email mobile.outreach@sickkids.ca

TDSB - Parent Concern Protocol

When reaching out to your School, Principal and Superintendent this is the process we follow ([Steps to Address Your Questions and Concerns](#)).

Step One - Classroom Teacher

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments
- Discuss the concern directly with the teacher and try resolve it at that level

Step Two - School Principal

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

Step Three - School Superintendents

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals

Step Four - Trustee

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

Board Office

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- ESL
- Board documents

Phone: 416-397-3000 • Email: GeneralInquiries@TDSB.on.ca

Expected Practices for Understanding, Addressing and Preventing Discrimination

CWSA is committed to an inclusive and positive learning and working environment which actively promotes and supports human rights and social justice. CWSA is committed to teaching and supporting the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Ontario Human Rights Code by providing a safe school that respects the rights of every individual. Every student, employee, parent, and community member have the right to learn and work in an environment free of discrimination and harassment.

Discrimination is when people are treated unequally and unfairly based on their race, disability, sex, creed, sexual orientation, or any other personal characteristic (“ground”) protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code. This includes actions that occur when we act upon our biases, hate, stereotypes and prejudices about another group of people in our schools and workplaces.

Toronto District School Board condemns and will not tolerate any expression of hate based on age, ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, place of origin, creed (religion), (dis)ability (includes mental, physical, perceived), family status (includes child, adoptive, elder relationships), marital status (including single, separated, widowed, common law and covers same and opposite sex relationships), gender identity, gender expression, receipt of public assistance (in housing only), record of offences (in employment only), sex (including pregnancy and breastfeeding), sexual orientation, and the TDSB Human Rights Policy (031) also includes the ground of socio-economic status. Confronting discrimination is everyone’s concern. Discrimination and harassment based on legislated prohibited grounds will not be tolerated and such behaviour will be addressed.