



# CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### APRIL 23, 2021



#### Upcoming Dates and Events

May 24, 2021 – Victoria Day – School Closed

#### Yonge Street Tragedy Commemorative Event

We all carry memories of that beautiful spring day on April 23, 2018.

Let us share an evening together so we can remember and celebrate the strength of our community that arose out of the Yonge Street Tragedy. In this time of isolation - it is important for us to find meaningful ways to gather.

Please bring your own dinner and join us for this free virtual event.

If interested in joining Zoom, RSVP at: <https://lovewillowdale.eventbrite.ca/>

#### Elementary Summer School Program

The focus of the Elementary Summer School Program is to address student learning gaps and to continue student engagement through the month of July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the local summer school principal to reflect the local school focus. Thirty-eight programs are offered to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, from July 5 – 30, 2021, in-person or online through virtual instruction.

Registration is now open! Click [here](#) for a full list of participating schools and registration information.

#### April is Latin-American Month at the TDSB

During the month of April the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is proud to recognize Latin-America History Month. In April 2016, our TDSB Board of Trustees voted that April be designated as Latin-America History Month at the TDSB.

As outlined in the TDSB Days of Significance Resource Guide:

"Latin-America immigrants began arriving in large numbers in Toronto in the late 1970's. Latin America is generally defined as the countries south of the United States where people speak Romance languages (such as Spanish, Portuguese, and French). Today, some of the people from these countries might identify as Latino, Latina, Latinx, or Hispanic.

"Before 1970, there were only around 3,000 people who identified as Latin American in Canada. In the early part of that decade, around 68,000 Latin Americans started arriving, some on tourist visas. Canada then, had a policy that allowed people to arrive as visitors and then apply for landed immigrant status.

"At this point, most Latin American immigrants were from the Andean region, where economic prospects were shrinking. In the 1970's, political unrest in Central and South America led people to flee their homes and countries, with thousands choosing to move to Canada."

#### April is Sikh Heritage Month at the TDSB

Sikh Heritage Month is proudly recognized at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) during the month of April. On March 22, 2016, the Board of Trustees voted to designate April of each year as Sikh Heritage Month, making TDSB the first school board in Canada to do so, and matching recognition by the Province of Ontario who proclaimed the Sikh Heritage Month Act in December 2013.

April is an important month for the Sikh community. In this month, Sikh Canadians celebrate Vaisakhi, which marks

the creation of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith. Sikh Canadians widely celebrate Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, across Ontario.

By proclaiming the month of April as Sikh Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Sikh Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Sikh Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario."

This year the Khalsa Day parade scheduled to take place in Toronto, ON (between Canadian National Exhibition grounds and Toronto City Hall) on Sunday, April 26 has been cancelled as a result of the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus).