



CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 30, 2021



Upcoming Dates and Events

May 24, 2021 – Victoria Day – School Closed

CWSA Student Initiative Team

The student initiative team has organized an International Pink Day assembly for both junior and intermediate grades. The assembly will be informative and include some interactive activities designed to get us thinking about how we can help put a stop to bullying. International Day of Pink took place on April 14th this year (during our spring break), and while we were not able to celebrate together as a school we thought it was still important to acknowledge this day, and find another opportunity to stand together against gender-based stereotypes and bullying.

This is Our Shot

This Is Our Shot is a movement aimed to rally as Canadians and encourage each other to replace vaccine hesitancy with confidence so that we can end the pandemic – together. <https://thisisourshot.ca/>

PIAC

TDSB's Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) invites all parents, guardians and caregivers to take part in our Spring Event "Breaking Barriers by Changing Biases". Join us virtually on May 1st and 2nd, 2021 via Zoom. Registration at <https://bit.ly/2021PIACSpringEvent> to receive the zoom link.

LEARN Mentorship Support Program

LEARN Mentorship Support Program is an academic support program, offering one on one mentorship support to black students in elementary and high school, with the aim of increasing the representation of Afro-Caribbean students completing high school and achieving greater success in their academic careers. Participants receive homework support from University/high school students and adult mentors and participate in facilitated discussions on cultural and social challenges as it relates to their education experience. Students are afforded opportunities to develop and enhance their life skills with accessing school supports, advocating for additional needs, and strengthening their communication and relationships with teachers and school administrators.

The LEARN Academic Support Program operates from a diverse approach to learning that encourages students to express themselves and share their experiences through a variety of platforms. Students gain a better understanding of self and their social location in school, allowing opportunities to identify and strategize ways to address the barriers they face in their everyday lives as it affects their academic success. Through 1:1 mentorship support, students will develop the knowledge and skills to navigate their school community and progress in these 5 indicators for academic success:

School Comfortability – Student Teacher Relationship – Cultural Identity and Classroom Equity -Perceived Racism and Discrimination – Reducing Barriers to Academic Success.

An additional component of the LEARN program is a parent support group, offering education workshops on effective ways for caregivers to navigate the school system to advocate for their children. The parent group utilizes a holistic

support model, encouraging open communication between parents, teachers and community programs and services, bridging the gap between home, community and school.

Variations of the LEARN Mentorship Program are hosted across the GTA at no cost. Participants/ mentors 16 years and up can earn community hours and will receive TTC bus fare for transportation.

WE ARE PRESENTLY ONLY OFFERING PROGRAMS ON VIRTUAL PLATFORMS DUE TO COVID19

For more information Contact:

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Let's Talk Vaccines

Please see the invitation below to join us for our next conversation, Let's Talk Vaccines, with Dr. Vinita Dubey, Associate Medical Officer of Health and Nicole Welch, Director & Chief Nursing Officer from Toronto Public Health.

