



CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 11, 2020



Grade 7 and 8 Vaccinations

Update from Toronto Public Health:

All school immunization clinics are suspended for the 2020-2021 school year. Students in Grades 7/8 can still receive their vaccinations at Toronto Public Health clinics later, by appointment only. The three vaccines available for free are:

- Meningococcal-quadrivalent
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Hepatitis B

Toronto Public Health will be offering free community clinics for students, beginning in 2021, by appointment only at www.tphbookings.ca.



CWSA GIVES – Winter Donation Drive

Just a reminder about our Holiday Donation Drive to Eva's. We will be collecting gift cards until Wednesday, December 16, 2020, and all gift cards will be accepted. Some suggestions are gift cards from grocery stores, Amazon, WalMart, Sport Chek, Shoppers Drug Mart, H&M, fast food gift cards etc.

Please click on the link to learn more about **Eva's**:
<https://www.evas.ca/>

If you would like to donate gift cards, we would like everyone to follow these steps:

- Please send gift cards in with your child.
- Your child can place the gift card in the designated collection box in the office.
- Your child will be asked to fill out a thank you card. These cards will be on display by the office as well.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pyjama Day

On our last day of school before the Winter Break, (Friday, December 18, 2020) we will be having **Pyjama Day** at Claude! Send your child to school in their favourite, cozy pyjamas and maybe a pair of slippers too.



Flu Season

Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.



The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- Reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- Reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- Watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- Informing the school if your child is ill;
- Keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website www.toronto.ca/health, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.