

CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 26, 2021

Upcoming Dates and Events

March 3: Grade 3 Parent Audition Information Night
March 6: Grade 3 Student Audition
April 2: Good Friday
April 5: Easter Monday
April 12 to 16th: March Break

March Break Delay

We wanted to provide you with an important update with regard to the timing of March Break. The Minister of Education [announced](#) this afternoon that March Break — originally scheduled for March 15 to 19, 2021 — has now been delayed by approximately a month in hopes of reducing community transmission of COVID-19.

On the advice of public health officials, the break is now scheduled for April 12 – 16, 2021.

Kiss & Ride

The pick-up and drop-off loop continues to be a traffic and safety concern. Please remember the purpose of the loop is for quick pick-up or drop-off. If your child needs to unload a large amount of items please pull over to the right to allow others to keep moving.



COVID-19 Variants of Concern

new strains of the virus that causes COVID-19 have been identified. Some of these new strains are called variants of concern, because they spread more easily between people.

As Toronto continues to experience increased cases of variants of concern, it is more important than ever to follow the steps of self-protection. The public health measures you are practising now will also work to prevent the spread of variants, including:

- ☑ Limiting your contact to household members only, and to stay at home as much as possible.
- ☑ Going out only for essential outings such as medical appointments, food shopping, school, essential work, or for physical exercise.
- ☑ Keeping at least two metres (six feet) apart from others outside your household.
- ☑ Wearing a mask.
- ☑ Cleaning your hands frequently, with soap and water for 15 seconds.
- ☑ Staying home if you are feeling unwell or if you have been told to self-isolate.

Public health measures in schools will also work to prevent the spread of COVID-19 variants. Students, families and staff will need to stay at home when they are not in school, and not gather together outside of the school setting. Social gatherings and playdates outside of the school setting have led to the spread of COVID-19.

To add to the protections for our school communities from COVID-19 and its variants, TPH made some important changes to the **school screening tool** for staff and visitors and students JK-12. **Please make COVID-19 symptom screening part of your morning routine.**

If staff/visitors have one or more new or worsening symptoms they must stay home, self-isolate and arrange to get tested. Please see Follow-Up Instructions for School Students, Staff and Visitors tested for COVID-19 for more information.

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep our schools and communities safe. Please continue to visit our website at: www.toronto.ca/COVID19 to stay up-to-date. For COVID-19 information related to schools, please visit toronto.ca/COVID19SchoolInfo. If you have questions about COVID-19, please call our Hotline at 416-338-7600, Monday-Sunday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM. Interpretation services are available. If you need immediate health care assistance, please call Telehealth Ontario 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-866-797-0000.