

CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

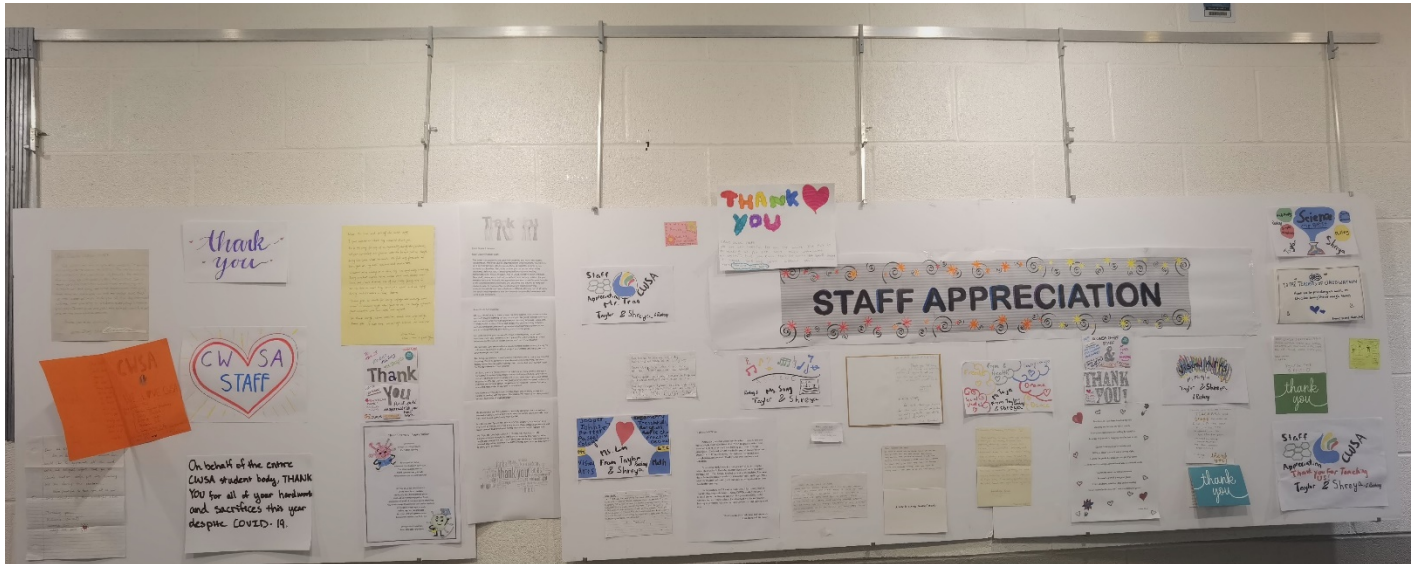
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Upcoming Dates and Events

April 2, 2021 - Good Friday
 April 5, 2021 - Good Monday
 April 8, 2021 - Brushmania
 April 14, 2021 - International Day of Pink
 April 22, 2021 - Earth Day

Staff Appreciation

Thank you to everyone whom contributed to our Staff Appreciation wall. The message we have received are heart warming and bring a smile to our faces. Below is a picture of the wall.



Book Fair Update

On behalf of the fundraising committee, we would like to express our appreciation to the CWSA community for their participation in the Scholastic virtual book fair. Yesterday was the last day to order books and we are excited to announce **159 books were sold at this year's virtual book fair, which helped raise almost \$400 for our school.** We are grateful to the community for the enthusiasm showed towards this fundraising initiative. Happy reading!

Kiss and Ride

The pick-up and drop-off loop at CWSA continues to be a traffic and safety concern. Please remember the purpose of the loop is for quick pick-up or drop-off. Members of our school council are working hard to advocate for some more permanent solutions to the limited parking in our area, and we will continue to keep you updated as things progress, however in the meantime, we would like to highlight for you some other options when picking up and dropping off your child. Please see the attached map of our area with alternative pick-up and drop off areas highlighted in red. Please note, while these suggestions work well for pick-up and drop off, they are not designated parking areas, and as a result you can not leave your car in these spots unattended. Leaving your car in these spaces unattended to may result in tickets from Toronto Parking Authority. Using these alternative pick-ups and drop off spots will help alleviate the traffic build-up on our loop.

Stopping in the loop, double parking, and parking in areas that obstruct the flow of traffic in our loop create safety risks for our families and children. Obstructing the loop in any way forces pedestrian traffic to weave through vehicles and increases the potential for collisions resulting in unsafe circumstances on our shared road.

Beginning next week, we will begin a community education campaign reminding parents about not blocking the loop. Cars that are double parked or parked in areas that obstruct the easy flow of traffic will be asked to loop around the block and come back. They will no longer be permitted to stay and will be asked to circle around and come back so as not to obstruct traffic.

If your child needs to unload a large number of items please pull over to the right to allow others to keep moving. Do not block the drop off and pick up loop waiting for your child to come from the school yard. Try to make arrangements with your child to wait by the fence.

In order to simplify your pick-up and drop off, we ask that you consider making arrangements with your child to try one of the alternative pick-up locations. We will unlock the north gate to Hollywood so student can exit. We kindly ask parents to wait outside the gate.

Students should not be in the school yard before 8:40 am and must be picked up between 3:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

We would also like to remind all of our families to drive slowly through the pick-up and drop-off loop. The safety of students, parents, pedestrians and staff is our primary focus.