



CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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At CWSA, we promote and support the positive impact of parent engagement on student achievement. Our students are supported and inspired to learn in a culture of high expectations in collaboration with parent(s), guardian(s) and staff. CWSA values and appreciates this community partnership to nurture the students' learning and development.

Daily Health Screening

Before coming to school each day, all students must conduct an active student health screening self-assessment (link to: <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/994c-Screening-Questionnaire-Child-Care-Day-Camp-School.pdf>) and then record the information on either the TDSB Student Health Pass (paper) or by using the Daily Health Screening app. Learn more. link to: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Daily-Health-Screening>

Mask Wearing

Wearing a mask is an important strategy in slowing the spread of COVID-19. In TDSB schools, all students, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, are required to wear a mask indoors at school. During recess, if they are unable to maintain physical distance from others outdoors, it is advised that they keep their mask on. If this is not possible, then masks breaks can be taken outside while students are with members of their cohort.

Parents/guardians and other visitors are also required to wear a mask on school property, including during pick-up and drop-off. For more information, read the TDSB Mask Procedure. (link to: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/COVID-19MaskProcedure-PR730-completeset.pdf>)

Absence Reporting

Please call 1 833 250 2290 to report your student's absence

One measure of keeping students safe is ensuring students have safely arrived at school. If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason, it is important that you contact the office immediately and report the reason for the absence.

At the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) we now have an automated call-out system that will attempt to contact you if your child is late or absent on the day where the school was not previously informed.

The system call-out will work as follows:

- Parents/guardians identified in TDSB's Student Information Systems who has access to student records, and emergency contact with priority 1 or 2 will receive a call.

- When you receive the call, you are required to listen to the entire message and follow the prompts accordingly.
- You will be asked if you are aware or unaware of your child's absence.
- If unaware, you will be asked to call the school immediately.
- If you are aware of the absence, you will be asked to enter the reason for your child's absence.
- The following options will be provided for you:
 - Illness
 - Doctor Appointment
 - Dentist Appointment
 - Family Matter
 - Weather
 - Other
- At the end of the message, you will have to press 2 to confirm you received the message.
- If you do not confirm receipt, you will receive a call on your mobile phone.
- If there is no response from a Priority 1 contact, this same process will be followed for Priority 2 contacts.
- If there is no contact with either Priority 1 or Priority 2, this entire process will be repeated 3 times in 10 minute intervals.

In the evening, all parents/guardians of students who were late that day will receive a call informing them of their child's tardiness.

With this in mind, it is important that your contact information on file at the office is current and up to date. Please let the office know immediately if your contact information changes at any time throughout the school year. We recognize that regular attendance is essential to the safety, academic success, and well-being of all students. Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep your child safe and accounted for.

School Yard Zones

This is the zoning for all students when they arrive at school in the morning. The students are In cohorts by class.

Entry & Dismissal

Like last year, the playground will be closed during entry in the morning and dismissal at the end of the day. Students from the different cohorts do not mix and to minimize large group gatherings. Students should arrive be ready to enter at 8:50 a.m. and line up at their designated class line (more info to follow). We also ask that once students are dismissed to parent(s) / guardian(s) at the end of the day that you exit the grounds.

Expected Practices for Understanding, Addressing and Preventing Discrimination

CWSA is committed to an inclusive and positive learning and working environment which actively promotes and supports human rights and social justice. CWSA is committed to teaching and supporting the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Ontario Human Rights Code by providing a safe school that respects the rights of every individual. Every student, employee, parent and community member have the right to learn and work in an environment free of discrimination and harassment.

Discrimination is when people are treated unequally and unfairly based on their race, disability, sex, creed, sexual orientation or any other personal characteristic ("ground") protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code. This includes actions that occur when we act upon our biases, hate, stereotypes and prejudices about another group of people in our schools and workplaces.

Toronto District School Board condemns and will not tolerate any expression of hate based on age, ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, place of origin, creed (religion), (dis)ability (includes mental, physical, perceived), family status (includes child, adoptive, elder relationships), marital status (including single, separated, widowed, common law and covers same and opposite sex relationships), gender identity, gender expression, receipt of public assistance (in housing only), record of offences (in employment only), sex (including pregnancy and breastfeeding), sexual orientation, and the TDSB Human Rights Policy (031) also includes the ground of socio-economic status. Confronting discrimination is everyone's concern. Discrimination and harassment based on legislated prohibited grounds will not be tolerated and such behaviour will be addressed.