

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter December 2022



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The countdown is on! December is always a short but busy month as we get ready for the winter break. This is an important time for us to stop, and take time to remember to be grateful for all of the people in our lives - our families, our friends, our neighbours. Don't forget to take a minute amidst the hustle and bustle to enjoy each other.

We would also like to thank our wonderful staff team for their hard work throughout the year, and especially for their support throughout these difficult times we face as a global community. Our teachers and support staff who are so caring of the children and passionate in their desire to help all students achieve. Our office staff – Mary Ellen and Seetha, who greet all visitors, answer the phones AND complete all the unseen admin tasks that keep the school functioning. Michael and Lila, who look after the school and keep the grounds clean. The workload at the end of the year is quite daunting and they continue smiling throughout. I'm sure you would like to join with me in wishing them a happy and restful holiday break.

As the festive season is just around the corner, I want to take a moment to thank all parents, guardians and staff for your support and dedication in giving our students the best educational experience. I hope each family has a happy and healthy holiday. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and all the best in the New Year! We're all in this together.

Sincerely,

Talcia Richards, Principal

David Leavitt, Vice Principal

Day of Remembrance

On December 6, TDSB students and staff mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day coincides with the anniversary of the death of 14 young women who were tragically killed on 6 December, 1989, at l'École Polytechnique in Montreal because of their gender.

On this national day of remembrance, we honour the memory of these women and reflect on the ways that gender violence continues to affect us. For more information, visit Status of Women Canada and participate in their #ActionsMatter campaign.

To find out how you can help prevent violence against women visit www.ontario.ca/page/lets-stop-sexual-harassment-violence. Within the TDSB, please contact www.tdsb.on.ca/gbvp for further support or questions on any issues related to gender-based violence.

Dress for the Weather



Buses and Winter Weather

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs because of severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.

With approximately 235,000 students in 583 schools, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose.



Parents/Guardians of our Gifted students who take a school bus, be sure to sign up for [Bus Planner](#) to get information about your child's transportation.

For more information on severe weather policies, please see:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Severe-Weather/Snow-Cold-Weather>

Reducing Spread of Illness

A reminder of the number of steps that can be taken to help keep children and others safe from an increase in respiratory viruses among children, including Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Influenza and COVID-19.

Please note that Toronto Public Health, together with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, strongly recommend the wearing of a well-fitted mask in indoor public settings, including in schools and childcares.



If your child is ill, please consider keeping them home until they are well.

Punctuality & Attendance



As a school staff we are concerned about students who are struggling to arrive at school on time. We want our students to be successful and to feel prepared and confident. Students can only do this if they develop appropriate skills throughout their elementary years.

Being late is a habit. When a student is late for school it disrupts the learning environment of all the other students in the class. Classmates and the teacher are distracted by the individual's late arrival and often forced to wait for this individual to get settled and ready to learn. All students must respect the fact that what they do affects others.

Arriving on time is a life skill. At this time we are asking for your support in ensuring your child is able to arrive at school on time, both in the morning and after lunch. Students should arrive no later than **8:10 a.m.** to enter the building with their class for 8:15 a.m. and **12:00 p.m.** after lunch. Please support your child in establishing a schedule that permits ample time to get ready and travel to school so that they can meet these timelines, especially in winter weather.

Report your child's absence/late each day at

416-396-6160

Lost & Found

There are numerous items in our lost and found cupboard. Please come by and pick up your belongings **before the break**. All unclaimed articles will be donated or thrown out.





December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 P.A. Day—no school	3
4	5	6	7	8 Gr 6 Volleyball Tournament, Woburn C.I. Grade 8 Info Night 6:30pm	9 Favourite Hoodie Day	10
11	12	13	14	15 Jr Boys Volleyball Tournament, Kindies at Famous People Players	16 PJ Day	17
18	19	20 Dominos Pizza Family Night	21	22 Pizza Lunch	23 Festive Sweater Day, Recognition Assemblies, Last Day Before Holidays	24
25	26 Christmas Holiday	27 Christmas Holiday	28 Christmas Holiday	29 Christmas Holiday	30 Christmas Holiday	31



Upcoming Events

Jan. 9	Return to School	Feb. 24	Recognition Assembly Pizza Lunch
Jan. 13	P.A. Day—no school	Mar. 12	Daylight Savings—"spring back"
Jan. 26	Grade 8's at Aga Khan Museum Winter Concert	Mar. 13-17	Mark Break—no school
Jan. 27	Pizza Lunch	Apr. 7	P.A. Day—no school
Jan. 30	Graduation Photos	Apr. 10	Easter Holiday
Feb. 2	Africentric Drummers	Apr. 28	Recognition Assembly
Feb. 6	Chinese Dance Workshop (all day)	May 22	Victoria Day—no school
Feb. 7	Chinese Dance Workshop (a.m.)	June 2	P.A. Day
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day	June 23	Recognition Assembly
Feb. 15	Marlies Game—gr. 4-8	June 30	Last Day of School
Feb. 17	P.A. Day—no school	July 10	Office closed for the summer
Feb. 20	Family Day—no school		

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H	Statutory Holiday
B	Bd. Designated Break
PA	PA Day

September						
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Respect						

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Responsibility						

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Empathy						

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Kindness & Caring						

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Teamwork						

February						
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Fairness						

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Honesty						

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Co-operation						

May						
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Integrity						

June						
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Perseverance						

Professional Activity Days:

Tuesday, September 6, 2022
Friday, October 7, 2022
Friday, November 18, 2022
Friday, December 2, 2022
Friday, January 13, 2023
Friday, February 17, 2023
Friday, June 2, 2023

First Day of School:

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Last day of school for Elementary students:

Friday, June 30, 2023

Dates to Remember:

Labour Day: September 5, 2022

Thanksgiving: October 10, 2022

Winter Break: December 23, 2022 -
January 6, 2023 (last day of school
December 26, 2022; school resumes
January 9, 2023)

Provincial Family Day: February 20,
2023

Mid-Winter Break: March 13 - 17,
2023

Good Friday: April 7, 2023

Easter Monday: April 10, 2023

Victoria Day: May 22, 2023