

Churchill Heights P.S. Newsletter March 2023



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Message from Admin

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello CHPS Community members and welcome to March 2023. As we approach the turning point in

the year (where there are now less months remaining than have passed) it's important that we take a moment to celebrate the many positive things that take place here at CHPS as a result of the hard work of so many people.

First, a thank you to you, the community. Your partnership in support of learning is fantastic and something we strongly encourage everyone to do. Speak to your child's teacher for ways to support the learning done here in class. As well, School Council is always looking for volunteers to help out with activities. You don't have to be a full member to lend a hand.

Secondly, a thank you to the students who come to school eager to learn and often end up teaching us new things as well (who knew there were THAT many different Pokemon animals?). Their curiosity and desire for new learning and experience is great and drives everything we do here at CHPS. We have a wonderful community of scholars here who are focused on achievement, kindness and wanting to make the world a more positive space. It really is inspiring.

Finally, a thank you to our staff. From the engaging, thoughtful and thought-provoking lessons to the clubs and sports teams they coach, our staff work hard to provide a safe and caring school for all of our young scholars. We know that their dedication and hard work is paying off with excellent achievement for everyone.

March brings with it the March Break (March 13-17). School is closed that week. We also know

that this month is typically tough weather-wise so we encourage everyone (especially our younger students) to pack a change of clothes to help avoid the awkward phone call for socks or a clean pair of pants.

We look forward to another great month of learning together at CHPS.

Sincerely,

Talcia Richards, Principal

David Leavitt, Vice-Principal

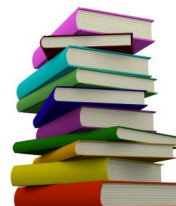
Greek Heritage Month

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize [Greek Heritage Month](#) (GHM) during the month of March. During the month of March, several activities will be shared to mark GHM. A poster contest was held and all students from the Toronto District School Board were invited to submit images that best reflected this year's theme, which is based on TDSB's priorities: Joy, Engagement, Belonging.



Toronto Public Library

Click [here](#) to find out about some exciting events for the whole family at Cedarbrae Library during the month of March.



Absence Reporting

1-833-250-2290



To help streamline the student absence reporting process, a change has been made to the Safe Arrival option when the school phone number is dialed.

Effective immediately, when the Safe Arrival option is selected, the call will be transferred directly to the School Messenger phone system. (Parents/Guardians can still call the 1-833-250-2290 directly and receive the same options.)

Depending on the phone number they are calling from, callers may hear one of the following messages:

Calling from a phone number registered in PowerSchool

- Parent/Guardian calls main school number and listens to the welcome message
- To report a student absence, press 1 (can be 2 or 3 depending on your specific school) (caller hears "Wait while I transfer your call")
- Then "Welcome to School Messenger notification system for Toronto District School Board"
- For student attendance, press 3
- For student A in grade..., press 2
- For student B in grade..., press 3
- For student C in grade..., press 4

Calling from a phone number not registered in PowerSchool

- Parent calls main school number and listens to the welcome message
- To report a student absence, press 1 (can be 2 or 3 depending on your specific school) (caller hears "Wait while I transfer your call")
- "Welcome to School Messenger notification system for Toronto District School Board"
- For student attendance, press 3
- Please enter a phone number that you have registered with a school
- If phone number is registered then parents/

guardians will be able to pick the student and report the absence

- If the phone number is not registered then they will receive the message "This phone number does not have any children registered to it". Parents/guardians will need to call the school and update data in the Student Information System.

Questions & Concerns?

The TDSB wants to hear your questions and concerns, and makes every effort to address them as quickly as possible.

In any situation, your child's classroom teacher is the first point of contact, followed by the school's principal, the school superintendent and your Trustee.

For more information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns>.




Earth Hour 2023

Earth Hour is a world-wide celebration where millions of people turn off their lights for one hour to tackle the dual challenges facing the planet – climate change and loss of nature. During Earth Hour, TDSB schools and offices are asked to go as electricity-free as possible for **ONE HOUR on March 25th at 2pm**. Wherever possible, our schools and offices will turn off interior lighting, and any non-essential electronics and power bars.



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Girls Volleyball at Cornell Jr PS Winter Olympics	2 Achievement Night 6—7 pm	3	4
5	6 Gr 6 Visit Africentric Black History Assembly	7	8 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	9	10	11
12 Daylight Savings (Clocks "Spring Forward")	13 MARCH	14 BREAK	15 SCHOOL	16 IS	17 CLOSED	18
19	20	21	22	23 Agamy & Ali at Young People's Theatre	24	25 Earth Hour 2 pm
26	27	28	29	30	31 Pizza Lunch 	

Upcoming Events

Apr. 7 Good Friday Holiday—no school
 Apr. 10 Easter Holiday—no school
 Apr. 19 Aga Khan Museum
 Apr. 20 More Than Our Skin Parents' Conference
 Apr. 24 Gr. 7 Immunization Clinic
 Apr. 28 Recognition Assembly
 Pizza Lunch
 May 14 Mother's Day
 May 22 Victoria Day—no school
 May 26 Pizza Lunch

June 2 P.A. Day—no school
 June 18 Father's Day
 June 23 Recognition Assembly
 Pizza Lunch
 June 30 Last Day of School
 July 10 Office closed for the summer

Churchill Heights PS 2022 - 2023

H	Statutory Holiday
B	Bd. Designated Break
PA	PA Day

September						
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Respect						

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	2					
Responsibility						

November						
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Empathy						

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Kindness & Caring						

January						
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Teamwork						

February						
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Fairness						

March						
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Honesty						

April						
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Co-operation						

May						
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28	29	30	31			
	4	5	1			
Integrity						

June						
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				2	PA	
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	3	4	5	1	LD	
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