

2022/23 Clinton Cougar Chronicle Vol. 2

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Dear Clinton Community:

If are enjoying your first year as a Clinton Cougar family, then you will quickly realize that being a Clinton Cougar requires a degree of flexibility. In our first weekly Chronicle, we mentioned that the newsletter would likely be sent out each Friday. Yet here it is only Thursday and this week's issue is being delivered. That's just how we roll. We put a plan in place, but if stuff comes up, we adapt to best meet the needs. There were a few pieces of Clinton news that came to light this week and we wanted to share them with you as soon as possible.

Clinton Construction:

As was mentioned last week, Clinton Street PS is in the process of receiving a new roof. On Wednesday, September 14, the construction crew started on the final section (the roof over the gym, library, and kindergarten hallway). We are not allowed to use the internal spaces below the section that is under construction so the two kindergarten classes have moved to rooms 109 and 110 and the library and gym will be out of bounds.

All the machinery, trucks, materials, etc., will be in our parking lot that is accessed from the Clinton Street side. The device the crew refers to as 'the kettle' is now active so you will also be able to smell the non-tar material that they use on the roof. For those families accustomed to walking through the parking lot to move between Manning Ave and Clinton Street, we would ask that, for safety reasons, you do not use that walkway until the work has completed.

We met with the construction crew on Tuesday, and they feel that five full workdays should be enough to complete the job and they intend to work on the weekend.

We are hoping that by Friday, September 23 all the work will be completed, materials cleared away, and we will have full access to our school and its grounds.

The final piece of the roof puzzle involves re-installing the solar panels. That work is scheduled to start in late October, be completed in November, and should have minimal impact on our daily schedule.

Clinton Curriculum Night and School Council Meeting – Thursday, October 6

Since the beginning of the pandemic, one of the events that families and staff have missed is the Clinton Curriculum Night. If your oldest child is in grade 2 or under, and you are wondering, 'What is Curriculum Night?' allow us to explain. The curriculum night is an evening gathering during which time families may go into their child(ren)'s classes, hear about the key pieces of the academic program for the year from the teacher(s), and basically get to say hello to one another like a genuine community. It is a lovely way in which to welcome families to Clinton and celebrate the new school year.

We are extremely fortunate to have a vibrant school council at Clinton Street and the work they continue to do for the school helps to establish both our welcoming and inclusive environment and enriches opportunities for the students.

The council is looking for more parent volunteers this year and we expect several of the council's executive positions to be available. We hope that you will consider lending your time and support to our school council.

To respect the schedules of our Clinton community, we will look to hold both events on the same night.

Thursday, October 6 Curriculum Night – 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. School Council Meeting – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you.

Clinton Clothing

In the winter of 2022, the two Clinton Street Cougar logos were created. Many items of 'spirit wear' clothing with the new logos were made available for sale to students, staff, and families as a school fund-raiser. The items were extremely popular, and you see our students and staff wearing them each day.

We are using the money raised from the spirit wear sales to purchase new team jerseys for Clinton Street PS sports teams. Indeed, this week we are ordering new jerseys for our soccer and football teams due to the funds we raised last year. Last year's spirit wear funds cover roughly half the cost of the purchase.

The jerseys are to arrive by the end of September which will be just in time for the upcoming athletics season.

We have received many inquiries already about the possibility of offering Clinton Street Cougar spirit wear again this year. If you are new to Clinton, all the ordering is done on-line, and the ordered materials arrive at our school individually packaged for the student, family, or staff member. Along with colours (blue or yellow) and sizes, you can pick which of the two logos you would like printed, and, for an additional fee, there is an option to customize some of the clothing pieces.

We are pleased to announce that the Clinton Street Clothing store is open once again.

All the items from last year are available along with a few new pieces. Due to the dapper fashion sense displayed by so many students in Ms. Sieber's class, and the fact that this summer weather

might never end, we have added a bucket hat. In case the colder weather does arrive, we have also added some toque options (with or without a pom-pom) and some adult fleece pieces – either vest or full-sleeve.

Again, we will be dedicating any money we raise to the purchase of new school team jerseys.

For items to arrive at the school before the Thanksgiving weekend, all orders need to be placed by Friday, September 23. The store will become inactive after that date.

Please find the spirit wear link below and feel free to connect with Principal Taylor if you have any questions.

https://clintonstreetps.topuniforms.store

Clinton Cougar Teams

Practices for the fall Clinton Cougar school teams begin next week.

We are all excited to be able to offer athletic co-curricular teams for your children.

Please keep in mind that by allowing your child to participate you are also agreeing to ensure that they are at practices on time and, for after school practices, that that are picked up upon the practice's conclusion.

We are not able to reschedule any TDSB busing for school teams.

Please go to our website <u>www.clintonstreetschool.ca</u> as the practice times for all our fall teams are listed on our school's calendar and on our school's athletic calendar.

Go Cougars!

Clinton Clubs

Junior students in grades 4-6 are invited to participate in the school choir. Students who would like to participate must bring their lunches to the music room at the start of lunch, as we start promptly at 12 noon. We will begin choir practices on Monday, October 3rd, and we will rehearse every Monday unless otherwise notified. If students would like to hear more about choir, please come get an info letter and permission form from Ms. Wolf.

Guitar and Ukulele Club begin on Thursday Oct. 6th. Students in grades 4-6 are invited to use the music room to practice ukulele and guitar during lunch recess, from 12pm-12:40. Students will not be permitted in the music room before noon. if you're interested in participating in uke and guitar club, please see Ms. Wolf for more information

Thanks again for such a great start to the school year and you can look for another newsletter next week no later than Friday.

Sincerely,

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