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Dear Clinton Community:

Any member of the Clinton Street PS Community who enjoys sports, will be aware that if a team has an excellent beginning to their season, they are often said to be, “off to a hot start.” Well, there is no doubt that the 2023/24 season for the Clinton Street Cougars has been positively scorching thus far. It is safe to say that, during our opening week, the two larger air-conditioned areas of our school (the library and the new gym) were quite popular places. Although we fully expect to continue with our figuratively sizzling start to the school year, we will all be appreciative if the temperature drops a few degrees. Thank you for ensuring that the students were bringing water bottles, summer hats, and appropriate clothing. During the first few days of the year, the Chronicle Editorial team went through a Beyoncé-esque number of wardrobe changes and would have given anything for the industrial-sized fan she used in the ‘Crazy in Love’ video.

Speaking of sports, one of the main questions asked by our junior (Grade 4, 5, and 6) students upon returning to school, is about Clinton Street sports teams. For the families who are Cougars for the first time, Clinton Street prides itself in our co-curriculars, and our sports schedule is the first one to start. We are looking forward to another school year of exciting athletic opportunities for students. These experiences are made possible by teacher-*volunteers* who have offered their time and expertise to coach teams. Here are some ways for families to keep informed of the full Clinton sports schedule.

Calendar

Teams, practices, tournaments and more can all be found [here](#).

Permission Forms

All students attending a practice or try-out must have a completed EMA permission form, which is done online. A tutorial can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Fall Sports

Cross Country (grades 2-6)

Football (Junior Boys and Girls)

Soccer (Junior Boys and Girls)

The [Clinton HPE and Athletics website](#) can answer most of your questions about teams and sports at Clinton. For any other inquiries, please contact jonathan.ball@tdsb.on.ca

School Organization:

The classrooms, staff, and schedules that start a school year are crated based upon a school's projected enrolment. In the TDSB, schools receive their projected enrolment in the late winter of the previous school year. In the past, the formulae used by the TDSB planning department to determine upcoming enrolment numbers had proven to be extremely accurate overall. However, as in all aspects of our lives, the pandemic made things harder to predict. According to projections, Clinton Street PS was expected to have 291 students this year. After taking very careful attendance this week, we are starting the year with 321 students. We will not be informed for another week if there will be any change to our current classroom configuration or staff. We will keep you informed if anything changes, and the schedule by which those changes are to be implemented.

School Communication:

As you can see on the Chronicle banner, our school's website is found at www.clintonstreetschool.ca. We consistently update the website so that it is the main source for school-wide information. The school's calendar is also accessible via the website to keep you updated on whole-school or multi-class events (Photo Day – Oct. 2). Classroom teachers will communicate with their families regarding items more specific to their classrooms. We are a busy school and strive to keep you informed of all the activity.

Transportation:

Roughly half of the families at Clinton Street PS rely on TDSB transportation services to safely get their child(ren) to and from school.

There are roughly a dozen different vehicles that service our school each day.

We place a great emphasis on ensuring that our students disembark and board the buses safely.

The front entrance to our school from Manning Ave. is the drop-off and pick-up location for our buses.

If you are driving your child to school, you might want to consider picking a location on the Clinton Street side for drop off and pick up.

Please remember that no member of the Clinton Street PS staff creates or co-ordinates the transportation schedule.

Transportation requests are submitted to the TDSB Transportation office for consideration and requests are either approved or denied by the Transportation Department.

For this year, the busing schedule is to commence as follows:

September 5: Transportation begins for all Clinton Street PS Special Needs Students (excluding gifted) who travel to school on minibuses, minivans, taxis, and wheelchair-accessible vehicles

September 11: All remaining students and programs will start transportation assuming there are no significant challenges with driver recruitment

We are looking forward to a great school year and thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

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