



**Clinton
Street PS**

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Dear Clinton Community:

School Organization:

As we have mentioned in all our communications this school year, Clinton Street PS was expected to have 291 students and we currently have 322 students. On Wednesday, September 20, we were informed by the central offices of the TDSB that our school will need to re-organize due to the increased number of students. We have been allocated an additional full-time teacher to open a new class. The changes will impact each grade-aged class in our regular stream. Here are the key pieces of our re-organization:

- There are no changes to any of our Kindergarten, or ISP classes
- We will no longer have a grade 3 /4 class
- The number of students in our junior regular stream classes (Grade 4, 5, 6) will be reduced
- The number of students in our primary regular stream classes (Grade 1, 2, 3) will be reduced (we are not allowed to have more than 20 students in any primary class)

For the remainder of the 2023/24 school year, the organizational model for the regular stream of Clinton Street PS will be as follows:

- Grade 1 / 2 – room 204
- Grade 1 / 2 – room 207
- Grade 2 / 3 – room 200
- Grade 2 / 3 – room 205
- Grade 4 / 5 – room 304
- Grade 4 / 5 – room 307
- Grade 5 / 6 – room 308

All the re-organized classes are to be established and running by Monday, October 2.

Over the next few days, the Clinton Street teaching staff will be following a diligent, thoughtful, and professional process to facilitate the necessary student movement for the new school structure. We will try to navigate this process with minimal disruptions for our students and families but there will be students changing locations in each regular stream grade classroom.

Once our new classes are created, we will be connecting with the families of the students who are impacted by the change.

Even though the restructured classes will not begin until Monday, October 2, we are endeavouring to have the new class lists established by Monday, September 21 so we can let families know as soon as possible.

The new teacher will be assigned to the Grade 2 / 3 class in Room 205.

Just as Clinton Street was informed yesterday that we would be gaining a teacher, other TDSB schools, whose enrolment has declined, would have been informed that they would need to declare a teacher surplus. We might receive a teacher who has been declared surplus from another school or we might be able to hire for a permanent teacher. We should be informed as to whether we will be hiring or receiving a teacher very soon.

We thank you for your understanding during this process and we look forward to the school year ahead.

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.

Clinton Street School Council Meeting – September 28, 2023

The first meeting of the Clinton Street School Council will be held on September 28 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Our school's council is an active and dynamic group that actively supports many of Clinton Cougar initiatives. It will be a virtual meeting and there will be more details to follow.

Clinton Street PS Curriculum Night – Wednesday, October 4 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

From 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, Clinton Street PS will be holding its Curriculum Night. Whether you are new to Clinton, or an experienced Cougar family, we invite you to come to the school that evening, see your child(ren)'s classrooms, chat with the staff, our school council, and other members of the community. We hope to see you on October 4.

Clinton Cougar Spirit Wear

The Clinton Cougar Spirit Wear on-line store is now open. For families who are new to Clinton, two years ago, we created new logos for the school and made them available on various items. Last year we created a third logo in tribute of the 100th anniversary of a 1923 Clinton Street PS Hockey Championship team. As you will see on the site, there are different items available and there is an option to personalize pieces. All pieces can be delivered to the school and will arrive with a tag attached with your child(ren)'s name(s). We are looking to put any money made from the spirit wear sales towards upgrades for our new gym.

<https://clintonstreetps.topuniforms.store/>

We hope you enjoy the first days of fall. For the baseball fans in the Clinton community, this is the best time of the year.

Sincerely,

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