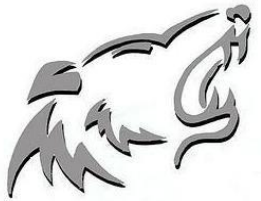


Cosburn Middle School Newsletter

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Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Breakfast Club 8:30 am: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays. And as of Nov 11 Fridays as well
- ◆ Nov 2: Photo Retake Day
- ◆ Nov 9 @ 7 pm: Parent Council / Home & School Meeting
- ◆ Nov 11: Remembrance Day
- ◆ Nov 16: Progress Reports go home
- ◆ Nov 17: Parent-Teacher Interview Night
- ◆ Nov 18: PA day
- ◆ Nov 28/29: Immunization Clinic

A Great Start!

Its been an exciting fall here at Cosburn Middle School. Curriculum night was a huge success! It was wonderful to meet so many parents, even if the weather took our community BBQ indoors. We hope everyone had time to connect with the classroom teachers and learn about what you need to know to support your child's learning this year. Thank you to all who purchased a hot dog in support of our annual Terry Fox fundraiser, it was a very successful event!

Roofing repairs have continued into the fall. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and flexibility as this vital work is completed. Weather permitting; we hope that the work will be completed in the next two to three weeks.

Do you know that you can keep up to date by checking our daily announcements using the link on our website? (schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/cosburn)

We hope that your child has had an excellent first couple of months at Cosburn, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Immunization

Toronto Public Health will be holding an immunization clinic at Cosburn on November 28 and 29.

Grade 7 will receive Hep B, HPV and Meningitis vaccines.

Grade 8 **girls only** will receive HPV vaccine.

Consent forms were sent home in September. If you have not already done so, please complete the form and return them to school as soon as possible. More information about immunization can be found at www1.toronto.ca and then search for immunization

David Finkelstein, Principal
Catherine Munro, Vice Principal



Student Safety

Parents play a vital role in ensuring student safety. We remind all parents that the staff parking lot located off Cosburn Avenue is not a safe place to pick up or drop off your child. **The staff parking lot is for TDSB employees only.** We ask that you kindly respect this.

If you are picking up or dropping off your son/daughter from the front of the school on Durant Avenue, please be mindful of our neighbours. There are no U-turns permitted on Durant Avenue.

Student Absence

Please ensure to call Safe Arrivals **(416) 396-2339** by 9 am if your child is absent or is going to be late for the day.

Early dismissals for i.e. appointments, requires written notice to be provided to the teacher; otherwise a parent must sign the student out. For safety reasons phone calls cannot be accepted for dismissals.

Terry Fox Walk / Run

On September 30 Cosburn held our annual Terry Fox Assembly and Run. We had special guest speaker Justine Mallah from the Terry Fox Foundation share her personal cancer story with students during the assembly. Congratulations to Ms. Clark's Grade 6 (\$ 130.) and Mr. Manistirli's Grade 8 (\$ 210.) classes for raising the highest class totals. Together Cosburn students raised \$1916.20 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Well done Cosburn!!! We thank all Cosburn community members who have generously supported the Terry Fox Foundation. Online donations can be made at www.TerryFox.org

School Council and Home & School

School Council would like to take this time to welcome everyone back to a new school year. At the September meeting we elected our new executives. Co-Chairs (returning) - Shannon Wiens & Grant Daly Secretary- Litsa Babarsikos & Michelle Vinis and Treasurer -Selena Mohammed.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday November 9, 2016 7pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

From Home and School

Thank you everyone for your support with our **Fresh From The Farm Fundraiser**.

We are currently looking for a Treasurer for Home and School. If you are interested please email us. Our **QSP** and **Mabel's Labels** fundraisers are online this year, to support our school by purchasing these items, please visit their websites. **QSP** requires the id# of 3722410 and password 9390.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on November 9th 7-9 pm.

Thank you,

Jolie, Lee, and Alana cosburnhsa@gmail.com

Phys. Ed. "Athletic Dept." T-shirts/Shorts for sale:

Cosburn Phys. Ed. Dept. t-shirts and shorts are now available for sale everyday before school (8:30 AM - 8:50 AM) and after school (3:25 PM - 3:45 PM) in "The Den".

While quantities/sizes last. Sizes are limited.

\$20 t-shirt & shorts. \$15 t-shirt only. \$10 shorts only.

Cash/Cheque (made payable to *Cosburn Middle School*).

Students bringing in payment can meet Mr. Markovic, Mr. Stone, or Mme. Lauzon in "The Den" before or after school until Nov. 11th.

Eco Club

The Eco Club has been busy working to help make our school as ecofriendly as possible. This club works throughout the year on a number of different fronts for the environment including energy saving, grounds maintenance, recycling and waste reduction, composting and more.

Litterless Lunch week was a big success; the audit helped the club identify areas of growth. October was also International Walk to School month, it was a great way to reduce carbon footprints and encourage a healthy start to the day.

This year, the Eco Club has taken on two special initiatives- Our school will participate in the Highway of Heroes Tribute and we will organize fundraisers in the week prior to Remembrance Day, in order to plant trees in honor the fallen Canadian heroes. More information about the tribute can be found at <http://hohtribute.ca/>

Cosburn will also participate in Canada's 150th Anniversary Celebration, by planting 50 red and white tulip bulbs. These are just some of the events planned so far.

Nutrition Program

We are pleased to announce that Breakfast Club began on Tuesday, October 18th. We thank all those who donated for their generosity. Your ongoing support is vital to the success of this program.

Breakfast Club will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, starting at 8:30. Thanks to our parent volunteers, we will begin Breakfast Club on Fridays too starting November 11! Breakfast club is served in various locations in the school and consists of a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, whole wheat pitas, bagels with cheese, yogurts, and other healthy items.

We encourage all students to participate in the club. It's a great way to start a school day!

Lunch Reminders

Lunch at Cosburn is from 11:28 to 12:40. Once students are dismissed from class, they head to their lockers, collect what they will need over lunch and then proceed to the cafeteria or if they have written permission, go home or off property. Grade 7 and 8 students who do have parental permission to leave school property are reminded to be on their best behaviour. Students are not to be visiting restaurants along Coxwell Avenue or the Civic Centre cafeteria during lunch. They should not go further west than Dieppe Park.

Once students have finished eating lunch, they head outside to the field. Please note the front of the school is not supervised during lunch.

As we do have several students with life-threatening allergies, **Cosburn is a nut-free school. Please ensure no nut or peanut-containing food is sent to school.**

Reminders from The Office

A reminder to parents/caregivers that items that are left in the office for a student must be clearly marked with a name. Students are to take the responsibility of coming to the office to pick up their belongings. We will not be disturbing classes to call students down to the office.

**Safe arrival calls should be made to (416) 396-2339 by 9 am
(messages can be left any time before 9 am)**

Parents are reminded when leaving messages re: absences to slowly and clearly spell the students name and indicate their class and/or teacher name.

Bike Safety

Many of our students continue to be active in many outdoor activities like bike riding. The Toronto District School Board and Toronto Public Health want kids to be safe while playing outdoors. Parents and caregivers can "stay a step ahead" by protecting children when they ride. Here's how:

1. An adult should always supervise children 10 years of age or younger when they are using a bicycle or other wheeled sports equipment. Even older children may need on-going supervision when riding near the road.
2. Make sure children wear the correct helmet properly when they ride. Ontario's bike helmet law requires all children and youth under age 18 to wear an approved bike helmet when riding a bicycle.
3. Keep children away from traffic when they use wheeled sports equipment. Make sure they ride in a safe place.
4. Teach children how to:
 - a. steer, brake and ride in a straight line
 - b. wear the right safety gear, and
 - c. do a safety check every time they ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use in-line skates or wear shoes with wheels.
5. Always walk a bicycle, scooter or skateboard across a street intersection, instead of riding across. This includes crosswalks.
6. Tell children that you are happy when you see them riding safely.
7. Remind children of the safety rules.
8. Be a good role model - wear a helmet and safety gear yourself. Children copy what adults do.
10. Remind children that bikes, scooters and skateboards are not to be used on Cosburn School property between 8 am and 4 pm. This is to keep all students safe.

Art

We are in search of specific items that can be used in art projects and help with the art supply storage room, such as:

- cork
- string, ribbon, wire
- specialty paper (wrapping, origami)
- cardboard tubes
- thread spools
- upholstery samples, fabric and leather scraps
- foam board
- clear storage containers (square or rectangular)
- metal and plastic lids, any colour any size
- CDs
- small wood pieces and blocks
- wallpaper rolls and book
- newspapers
- maps
- bubble wrap
- stencils
- yogurt containers
- magazines with high quality photography
- empty paper and tea boxes
- shoe and boot boxes
- white plastic bottles
- big clear plastic wide mouth bottles with cap
- hair dryer
- plexiglass

All items can be dropped off in the Art Donation Bin located in the office.

If you are wondering if your item has a second life, please email one of our great parent volunteers, Lynn Frost (lynn.frost33@gmail.com)

Cross Country

Mr. Ryan and Mr. Hershorn would like to congratulate this year's Cross Country Team for an outstanding season.

On October 6th, over 80 students competed at the South Conference Qualifying Race at Ashbridge's Bay. The vast majority of our students achieved their personal best at this race. This, of course, is the ultimate goal. Amazingly, both of our Grade 6 teams placed first, with many of our runners coming in the top 20. Honorable mentions go out to Hughie Graham in first place and Josh Kane, close behind in second. Racquel DeCoste Sanchez also came in second place along with several other girls in the top 10. Simon Gomes and Keegan Driscoll clinched the top two positions in Grade 7, helping the boys' team to garner second place. The Grade 7 girls' team won third place.

In total, 33 finalists moved onto the Conference Finals held on October 19th. This event was also highly successful for our students. Out of 33 runners, 21 qualified for City Finals. Honourable mentions go out to Josh Kane who placed second in Grade 6 and Simon Gomes who took third place in Grade 7.

City Finals take place on October 27th at Centennial Park. While students are preparing themselves for cooler temperatures, increased competition and a grueling course, they should be proud of all of their achievements this year.

General Reminders

- ◆ Morning Entry Time is 8:50, students MUST be in class by 8:55
- ◆ Lunch is from 11:28 - 12:40, entry is at 12:40, students MUST be in class by 12:45
- ◆ Dismissal is 3:18

ALL VISITORS TO COSBURN, INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS, ARE TO SIGN IN AND OUT WITH THE OFFICE.

Choices for Nine Transitions

“Choices for 9” is well under way. Please take note of the following general timelines:

High School Information Evenings/Open Houses

(Range from Oct 10/16 - Jan 23/17)

Some traditionally frequented Open Houses by Cosburn MS students.

Marc Garneau CI TOPS - Nov. 1 - 7pm

Bloor CI TOPS - Nov. 9 - 6:30pm

Birchmount Pk CI BEAP - Nov. 1 - 6:30

Etobicoke School of the Arts - Nov. 1 1:00pm Students;

Nov. 3 - 6:00 & 7:30 Parents

Ursula Franklin Academy (IT & Social Justice) - Nov. 1 - 7:00

Earl Haig SS (Claude Watson School of the Arts) - Nov. 2 - 7:00

Wexford CI School of the Arts - Performing Arts - Nov. 8 - 7:00; Visual & Media Arts -Nov. 9 - 7:00

Danforth C&TI - Math, Science, Technology (MaST) - Nov. 8 - 7:00

Monarch Park C. - Nov. 15 - 7:00

Rosedale Hts. School of the Arts - Nov. 17 - 6:15 & 7:00

Danforth C&TI - Regular Program - Dec. 6 - 7:00

Leaside CI - Dec. 8 - 6:30

Riverdale CI - Jan. 12 - 7:00

North Toronto CI - Dec. 14 - 6:30

East York CI - Nov. 16 - 6:30

Northern SS - Jan. 19 - 6:00

For a complete listing of High School Information evenings, go to www.tdsb.on.ca under High School>High School Information Evenings.

Specialized Schools/Programs

Students are allowed a *maximum of 2* choices beyond their Home Schools and Optional Attendance options.

- These programs have specific and unique application requirements and due dates.

Optional Attendance - Students interested in schools other than their Home School(s)

- *Maximum of 2 choices*
- Forms are distributed week of **Jan. 11th**, once the TDSB publishes the status for Optional Attendance for each school, Open, Limited or Closed
- Forms are distributed week of Jan. 9th (maximum of two choices per student)
- Parents/guardians must deliver forms to selected schools **no later than 4pm Feb.3/17**
- High Schools render decisions by **Friday, February 17/2017**

Final Choices for 9 and Course Selection Form

- Students who have been accepted by Specialized schools/programs, must adhere to those respective timelines and application requirements
- For students who don't intend to apply to Optional Attendance or Specialized Schools/Programs, final Course Selection Forms must be completed online using MyBlueprint.ca and paper copy by **Friday, February 24/2017**
- Students waiting for Optional Attendance or Specialized Schools/Programs decisions, must complete paper copy only, by **Friday, February 24/2017**
- Final Course Selection Forms delivered by Guidance to respective schools no later than **Friday, March 3/2017**

Students will be receiving a copy of the “Choices for 9” guide soon. Please take the opportunity to review the information provided. Now is a good time to ensure that students and parents have either created or updated the MyBlueprint account needed to guide students’ transition plans. Instructions on how to access the web-based tool and linking with student accounts, have been provided. Should you wish to review and discuss your child’s transition plan, please feel free to contact Mr. Daniele at (416)396-2335 ext. 20040.

News From The Library

Great things are happening in the library!

Students are encouraged to take advantage of these open hours!

	Before School	Lunch	After School
Monday	8:20 - 8:50	Closed	3:18- 4:00
Tuesday	8:20 - 8:50	12:20-12:40	3:18- 4:00
Wednesday	8:20 - 8:50	Closed	3:18- 4:00
Thursday	8:20 - 8:50	12:20-12:40	3:18- 4:00
Friday	Closed	Closed	Closed

Library Events and Activities and Information:

- Library helpers are working diligently to keep our space tidy and welcoming to all staff and students.
- Visit the Makerspace to take part in STEM (*science, technology, engineering, mathematics*) activities and challenges - prizes are awarded to winners
- Congratulations to Xavier, Solaiman and Zakk in Mr. Kirk's class for building a tower that was 192cm tall! They are our first winners of the Makerspace Challenge. A new Makerspace challenge will begin on Oct. 24th!
- Forest of Reading books have arrived and began circulating last week. Students are encouraged to read as many fiction and non-fiction books as they can!
- Our Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place the week of November 14th. The more we sell, the more rewards we receive towards our library!
- Parent volunteers are needed for the Scholastic Book Fair. If you are interested, please contact the office and ask for Ms. Bagli!
- Don't forget to follow the library on social media! Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @cosburnlibrary

The Wonderful World of Sports at Cosburn

Cosburn Howling Commando Challenge

64 grade 8 students have been participating in a strength and speed obstacle course to determine who is in fact the strongest and fastest at Cosburn Middle School. The 8 teams battling it out for supremacy at lunch on the Diefenbaker field are the *Dragons, Wolves, Lions, Kraken, Bucks, Sunspears, Muskies and Bears*. The challenges include but are not limited to; tire flip relay, weighted sled rope pull, a parachute run relay race and a harnessed sled pull/push relay.

Grade 7/8 Boys Slo-Pitch

On October 11 at Topham Park the Grade 7/8 Boys played their tournament. The team was coached by Mr. Markovic and Mr. Ginistier. The boys put in a great deal of time practicing with one scheduled at the team's request at the crack of dawn. All this hard work paid off as the boys advanced to the semi-finals of the tournament. Team members include Matthew G., Griffin W., Aamir E., Lukas K., Mathias A., Colin Y., Tyler B., Oscar V. R., Will T., Hudson N., Dante H.-S., Alex A. and Esa H.

Cosburn Flag Football League (C.F.F.L.):

Beginning the second week of school, 100 of our Grade 6 students signed-up for and participated in our first lunch hour intramural league, the C.F.F.L. The league was comprised of nine teams: *Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Saskatchewan, Edmonton, Calgary, and B.C.* Mr. Stone was impressed by the skill, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship displayed by all who participated. Congratulations to *Ottawa* on winning Cosburn Bowl I, 26 - 20, in a thrilling Overtime game. It's been an exciting early fall on the Cosburn Field.

Cosburn Handball Championships (C.H.C.):

80 of our Grade 7 students have been participating in our lunch hour European Handball intramural league taking place in "The Den". European Handball is a fast moving 'territory' sport in which participants need to rely on teamwork, communication, and quick transitions from defence to offence. Eight teams have been participating: *Knights, Squires, Barons, Marauders, Lion Hearts, Dragons, Falcons, and Masons*. Congratulations to the Squires, team members: Manny, Georgios, Luka, Aaiman, Charlie B., and Rona on winning the Championship Final on October 21st. All grade 7s are encouraged to continue signing up for our intramural sports program.

Grade 6 Slo-Pitch Team:

Congratulations to our Grade 6 Slo-Pitch team on a strong season. The team, coached by Mr. Hershorn and Mr. Stone, was formed in early September. After working

hard through several afternoons of practice the team attended the TDESAA Grade 6 Slo-Pitch tournament on Tues. Oct. 4th at Grenoble P.S. The team played very well and won both of their games, 5-0 over Grenoble and 5-2 over Gateway. On October 12th the team hosted Williamson Rd. in the TDESAA quarter-finals. Cosburn put in a great effort against a very strong team. Mr. Hershorn and Mr. Stone were happy to see the improvement of the team throughout the season. Team members: Renee W., Dylan D., Markos S., Callum J., Owen D., Konstantinos T., Josh L., Josie Z., Trinity A., Aidan W., Keenan M., Hughie G., and Patrick M.

Grade 7/8 Girls Slo-Pitch Team:

With very little time for preparation, the Girls' Slo-Pitch team played a tournament on October 5th at Topham Park. They lost a very close game to the eventual champions, had a commanding win, and lost another very close game in the preliminary round, before losing another very tight game in the semi-finals. Every player had at least one big play, whether fielding, or hitting and base-running, in the day, and the coaches, M Ginestier and Mme Lauzon were very proud of the team. The members were Anna Sofia P., Annika C., Antonia F., Dimitra S., Eleftheria P., Ella M., Katerina M., Lily M., Maddie B., Maya B., Payton J., Quinne K.-M., and Yianna R.

Grade 7/8 Flag Football:

Congratulations to both the Cosburn "Timber" Wolves and Cosburn "Arctic" Wolves on an outstanding showing at this year's TDESAA Co-Ed Flag Football Tournament at D.A. Morrison on Oct. 18th. Both teams demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and great skill recording a combined 8-3 record over the day-long schedule. Team members: Liam G., Ella, Eric H., Migel, Zach M., Jared R., Eleftheria P., Madeline B., Priscilla, Antonia, Leopold, Falakyar, Hudson, Keegan, Hope, Zane B., Jeffrey, Asad, Taysir, Ben, Tibor, Madison, Hannah, Marina, Izzy K., Aamir, Colin Y., Michael M. Defeating D.A. Morrison in the Conf. Final, the Cosburn "Timber" Wolves will represent our school at the TDESAA City Championships on Nov. 1st at Northview S.S.

Grade 7/8 Boys' Volleyball Team:

The Cosburn Wolves recently took to the volleyball court hosting Glen Ames for an exhibition game on Thurs. Oct. 20th. After losing the first set, 21-25, the team re-focused, dug-in, and improved it's serving and passing in the final two frames of the best of three, capturing the match, 21-25, 25-14, 15-8. The team is now preparing for TDESAA League Play: Nov. 2nd vs. Bowmore, Nov. 7th at Earl Grey, Nov. 8th vs. G.A. Brown, Nov. 10th vs. Hodgson, Nov. 15th vs. Earl Grey, Nov. 22nd at Hodgson, Nov. 24th at Bowmore. Good luck to the team: Justin H., Leopold, Charlie P., Ryan D., Liam G., Jake, Vasili I., Lucas K., Matthew G., Esa, Jared R. Go Wolves!