

Cosburn Middle School Newsletter

January 2017 Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

- ♦ Jan 18th Parent Council /Home and School Meeting at 7 pm
- ♦ Jan 20th PA Day
- ♦ Jan 26-Feb 2 Dental Screening
- ♦ Feb 1st Intensive Extended French Information Night
- ♦ Feb 2nd Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day
- ♦ Feb 14th Term 2 Report Cards goes home
- ♦ Feb 16th Parent Teacher Interviews
- ♦ Feb 17th PA Day

Happy New Year!

Congratulations to Ms. Tsang and her family on the arrival of their happy and healthy baby girl. We welcome Mr. Reid who has taken over for Ms. Tsang while she is on leave. We also welcome M. Grogan to our Cosburn community. M. Grogan is taking over for Mme. Lauzon, who has moved to be with her family in Saskatchewan.

Cold Weather and Winter Safety Reminders

Winter is coming and so is the cold, snowy weather. We remind parents that morning entry is 8:50 and our field is supervised starting at 8:40. Please ensure your child is dressed to be outside during lunch and has a pair of indoor shoes.

Grade 7 & 8 Parents:

The rink at Dieppe Park will soon be open and skating is popular at lunchtime for our students. We have a number of students who have come with hockey sticks and skates to school to take advantage of the outdoor rink.

The only concern raised here is safety. Many of the students do not bring helmets, and as a school we are unable to supervise the activities at Dieppe Park. We are asking parents to please send a letter to school letting us know that it is fine for your daughter/son to skate during the lunch hour. They must be wearing CSA approved helmets.

David Finkelstein, Principal
Catherine Munro, Vice-Principal



Me To We

Me to We is very grateful to the Cosburn Community for their support of our various fundraisers for We Villages. Through participation in our Halloween dance and Activity day, as well as our Hot Chocolate and Rafiki Sales, we were able to raise over \$1100 dollars and an anonymous donor matched our donation to bring our donation to \$2200!! The money was sent to support the small community of Rongena in Kenya. You can explore the microsite by [\[clicking here\]](#) and find out what all is happening in this thriving WE Villages community.

We are also thankful for support given to our endeavours closer to home as we donated more than 1200 food items for our We Scare Hunger food drive, 2 large boxes of hats, mittens and other items of warm clothing to a clothing bank from our Mitten tree and many new books and toys to Toy Mountain. We are gratified at the ongoing generosity of our community. Keep your ears and eyes peeled for upcoming projects!

Dental Screening(see attachment

Toronto Public Health will be doing their annual dental screenings starting on January 26th, and will be done over several days. The school screening programs do not replace a dental examination that is done at a dentist's office. The screening can provide an early sign of possible problems that should be looked at more closely.

Grade 7 & 8 Students - Life, Education and Career Planning using MyBlueprint

Grade 7&8 students at Cosburn MS have participated in the MyBlueprint workshop to either create an account or continue in to developing their Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) as mandated by the Ministry of Education. The link is www.myblueprint.ca/tdsb. Students should be working towards 100% completion of their IPP by the end of the school year. Mr. Daniele has facilitated the use of the web-based tool and many students are well on their way completing Goal Setting exercises, Learning Style assessments and reflections accordingly. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to sit down with their Grade 7/8 child so that they may create a "Parent" account that will allow them to link with their child's IPP. This is a useful tool in helping students and parents to plan for decisions around high school and post-

Open Houses

Riverdale CI - Jan 12, 7:00

Northern SS - Jan 19, 6:00

Optional Attendance

For students who are interested in attending a high school other than their home school, the process is as follows:

- (a) Consult the Optional Attendance status of high schools (deemed either Open, Limited or Closed); TDSB publishes report first week of January
- (b) Students may apply to a maximum of 2 Optional Attendance schools deemed either Open or Limited
- (c) Forms will be provided by Mr. Daniele
- (d) Once completed, forms must be delivered to the respective high school(s) by parent/guardian no later than 4pm Feb. 3, 2017
- (e) High schools will render decisions of the lottery on or before Feb. 17/2017

Should you have any questions about creating a parent account or Choices for 9, please feel free to contact Mr. Daniele

Reminders From The Office

Students who need to leave during the school day must have a written note from their parents and present it to the office. Without a note the parent must come into the office to sign their child out. Parents are also reminded when leaving messages to let us know that their child is going to be absent to please clearly state you child's full name and class.

Safe arrival calls should be made to (416) 396-2339. This is a 24 hour phone line.

Items that are left in the office for a student must be labeled 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.

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

Mural Project

For those parents that have been by our school and peeked into entrance #5 you will have seen that our Grade Six Mural Project is well underway! 40 students from various classrooms have been working on the background of the mural over the past week and now, starting on Wednesday, January 18, all Gr 6 classes will get their turn to contribute. The theme of the mural is Celebrating a Growth Mindset, which is knowing that we can accomplish all that we work towards and set our minds to. An email was sent out last Friday asking for parent volunteers, we could use help! If you are interested, please contact Mr. Finkelstein. We can't wait to reveal the finished product to the community soon!

From the Art Room

Thank you to all who made donations of materials to the art room. Not only are our students able to make amazing art with them, we are also supporting our Ecoschools goals by reducing, re-purposing and recycling. At this time we are looking for the following materials which will complement our existing supplies which will expand the art project possibilities:

- Christmas / Holiday Cards
- Gift Cards/ Gift Bags
- 2016 Calendars
- embroidery related supplies (thread, needles, bobbins)
- twine, string,
- crochet related supplies (cotton,
- needlepoint related supplies
- cross stitch related supplies
- macrame related supplies (e.g., beads, patterns, hangers)
- beading wire/ large wooden beads
- old sewing patterns
- unused paint sticks
- stencils
- patterned paper
- plastic spice jars
- fishing line
- wire (leadfree, bendable)
- cardboard tubes (over 12" long)
- shoe and boot boxes

If you have other art related supply items or items that can be repurposed and want to donate please email Lynn Frost at lynn.frost33@gmail.com

The Wonderful World of Sports at Cosburn

Cosburn's Grade Six Girls are Champs

The 2016 Cosburn Middle School Grade Six Girls' Basketball Team can definitely be called a "dream team." They "ran the table" on their way to winning the TDSB City Championship. That means they were undefeated on their march to the title. G.A. Brown, Jackman, Ossington, Williamson, Brown, Blythwood, and John G. Althouse schools were all dispatched by the Cosburn juggernaut. No team really seriously challenged the Cosburn girls who won all their games by sizable margins. Their success on the court could only be matched by the sportsmanship and grace they demonstrated along the way. Congratulations to all the players on the team. You will be fondly remembered for your greatness.

Cosburn Ball Hockey League (C.B.H.L.):

Congratulations to the *Flames* on winning the Grade 6 Ball Hockey Cosburn Cup in December. Team members: Darius M. (capt.), Kiefer A., Maluk B., Vaya, Ryan-Michael, Keenan M., Chris M., Evan A., Olivia G. This year the Grade 6 Ball Hockey Intramural took place in the morning before school. 90 of our Grade 6 students participated.

Cosburn Ball Hockey 'Morning Monster' (Grade 7/8):

As soon as the Grade 6 C.B.H.L. wrapped up the Grade 7/8 ball hockey intramural began for 80 of our senior students. Known as the 'Morning Monster' all league games were played before school in the Lair. Teams: *Solar Bears, Mallards, Gladiators, Aces, Swamp Rabbits, Beast, Admirals, Walleye.*

Cosburn Basketball Association (C.B.A.):

Lunch hour in the Den has seen 150 Grade 6 & Grade 7 students participate in the highly popular C.B.A. intramural. Each team played 3 regular season games before advancing to the Silver Ball Championship Playoff Tournament. Mr. Stone has been very impressed with the skill and enthusiasm shown by all participants. He is grateful to all of those who helped ref and score keep.

Grade 8 Boys Basketball Team:

The senior boys basketball team is participating in TDESAA Div. 1 this season. Coached by Mr. Stone and Mr. Photos, the team is comprised of 13 dedicated team members: Tibor M. (capt.), Eric H., Mathias A., Justin H., Tunde, Cody S., Ryely L., Aamir E., Matthew G., Michael M., Taysir, Terique, and FiFi. The team is scheduled to play Westwood (Jan. 12), Milne Valley (Jan. 13), S.A.M. (Jan. 16), and Valley Park (Jan. 17). Go Wolves!

Grade 7 Boys Basketball Team:

This year Cosburn also has a Grade 7 Boys team competing in TDESAA Div. 1. The team is coached by Mr. Reid and will be participating in several after school games: S.A.M. (Jan. 16), George Webster (Jan. 18), Lord Dufferin (Jan. 23), Glen Ames (Jan. 25), Alex Muir (Jan. 30). Team members include: Malcolm, Gabriel, Joseph T., Noah G., Mahdi, Jared R., Alex S., Kosta, Simon G., Keegan D., and Chase. The team has worked extremely hard in practice in preparation for what promises to be an exciting season. Go Wolves!

Cosburn Hockey:

The Cosburn Wolves Hockey team ended the year on a high winning for the third time in a row, the annual East York Goliath Showdown against their cross town rivals Westwood in a thriller with a final score of 7-5.

The season starts officially on Thursday January 12.

Teen Programs: January - March



Get UR Game On!

Lunch Time Gaming

Wednesday: Jan 11, 25, Feb 8, 22, March 8, 22

Time: 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Rated: PG (Teens ages 11-18)

Location: Auditorium



Bring your game face and challenge your friends to X-Box, Wii or a classic board game.

Hobbies, Culture and Entertainment

Get Inspired: Mehndi Henna

Time: 4:00-5:30 PM

Dates: Friday March 17

Discover the traditions of Henna.

Free. All materials provided.

Ages: 11-18. Call 416-396-3975 to register



East End Writers' Group Parent Council News

Time: 7:00-8:25 PM

Dates: Wednesday Jan 25, Feb 22, March 29

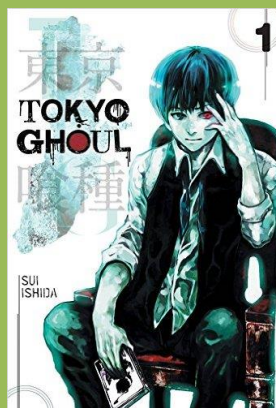
Join the East End Writers' Group and Read your Poetry or Fiction. Work with a professional writer.

Free. Light Snacks.

Ages: 13+. Drop In.



Teen Suggestions



Tokyo Ghoul

[Graphic Novel]

By:

Sui Ishida

Next Youth Advisory Group Meetings

Date: Jan 3 (5-6PM), Feb 14, March 14,

Time: 4:00-5:00 PM

Pick up an application form for the Youth Advisory Group at the Information desk.

*Registration for Spring Session by Feb 1, 2016