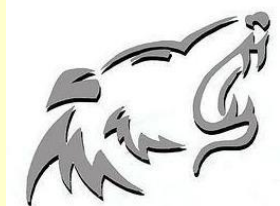


Cosburn Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 6:
 - EQAO Gr. 6 Information Night @ 6:30 pm in the Library
 - Art Show-main floor 6-7:15pm
 - Concert in the Den 7:15pm
- ◆ March 7: School Council and Home & School meeting
 - 7 pm in the staff room
- ◆ March 9: Grad Picture Retakes
 - pm only
- ◆ March 10: Winter Activity Day
- ◆ March 13-17: March Break
- ◆ March 22: Screenagers screening and discussion @ 7-9pm in the Atrium
- ◆ April 14-17: Easter Break
- ◆ May 29 & 30: Public Health -2nd Vaccination Clinic

March News

Term 2 is well underway. Thank you to all who came to Parent-Teacher interviews to discuss the Term 1 Report Cards. Regular communication between school and home is invaluable to student success. Please remember, due to conflicts with Grade 9 High School Open Houses in December, our Winter Concert and Art Show have been postponed to Monday March 6. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Cash Online

Cosburn is continuing our quest to have as many families as possible sign up for the new Cash-On-Line system. *Currently we have a 53% participation rate.* Here are some of the great reasons to sign up:

- Receive automatic email reminders when trips/items are posted and due dates for payments
- No more lost cash/cheques
- No more NSF charges
- Convenient 24 hr service
- Secure payment options: credit card or bank account

We would like EVERYONE to sign up. By registering, it does not mean you must pay on-line **BUT** it will assist you with reminders and notifications when items due.

EQAO Parent Information Night

Parents of Grade 6 students are invited to our EQAO information night on Monday **March 6th** at 6:30 pm in our Library. Please join Mr. Finkelstein and some of our Grade 6 teachers to learn more about EQAO and how parents can help support their child(ren) prepare for the assessment. Our Grade 6 students will be writing the EQAO in the last week of May.

David Finkelstein, Principal
Catherine Munro, Vice Principal



Art Show & Concert

Please join the Cosburn students and staff in our Annual Arts night beginning at 6 pm. Many classes will have their artwork on display throughout the main floor of the school. Visitors are welcome to walk through the various galleries and view our beautiful new Grade 6 Growth Mindset stairway mural in entrance 3 before our Music Concert.

At 7:15 PM, please join Ms Darrigo and Ms Agosta and the Cosburn music students in the "Den" for an hour of Band and Choral music and our special guests this year, The Korean Drummers of Gr 6!

All Music students are expected to meet with their ensembles and conductors at 6:45. See you all there!

From the School Council

Our March School Council/Home and School meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY, March 7 at 7:00pm** in the staff room. Please note that we are meeting on a Tuesday instead of our regular Wednesday evening. We will send out an agenda on Monday. We hope you will be able to join us.

THANK YOU PARENTS!!!

for the breakfast the staff at Cosburn received on Thursday February 16. The food was **AMAZING** and very much appreciated! A special thank you to Catherine Walker and her team for putting it all together! Our staff feel very lucky to work in a community with such amazing and supportive parents!

Student Absences

If your child is going to be late or absent, please ensure to call our Safe Arrival line **(416) 396-2339** by 9 am. Slowly and clearly spell your child's name when leaving the message.

Early dismissals (i.e. appointments) require 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.**

For **extended absences** we ask that you complete the **form attached** and submit to the teacher or the office. The form will also be posted on our website.

Art materials

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:

- old keys
- large beads
- paper punches
- cardboard tubes (over 12" long)
- men's ties
- stencils
- shoe boxes
- dental floss
- spiograph

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.** Cosburn is proud to be a Platinum Ecoschool; Students and parents can help us maintain this by packing waste free lunches and by ensuring all waste is put in its proper place.

Lost Something?

Our **Lost and Found** has been overflowing lately. Next time you are in the school, please take a moment to check for your child's belongings. ***We will be clearing the tables and donating all leftover lost and found items during the March Break.***

Thanks to the volunteers who have been helping keep the lost and found organized.

From The Home and School

Thank you to all parents who sent in your yummy food or donated to the staff appreciation breakfast on Feb 16. The teachers loved everything and said it was the best one to date. They commented on how delicious all the food was and that Cosburn parents are the best. There were also lots of leftovers for the staff to enjoy throughout the day.

A special thank you also to the moms who volunteered their time on Thursday in helping set up for the breakfast, serving and the clean up afterwards. You ladies are fantastic.

Thanks Again!
Catherine Walker

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)

The Wonderful World of Sports at Cosburn

Cosburn Cricket Club:

The first ever Cosburn Cricket Club began practising in late December indoors in the Den. The group continued to work on their bowling, batting, and fielding upon returning to school in January. On Jan. 26 the C.C.C. travelled to L'Amoreaux C.I. to participate in the *2nd Annual Scarborough Super Smash Indoor Cricket Tournament* featuring teams from Sir Ernest MacMillan S.P.S., Bliss Carmen S.P.S., and Charles Gordon S.P.S. At the tournament Cosburn belied it's relative inexperience in the sport of cricket and finished with a 2-2 record. Cricket will continue this winter and spring. Howzat!?!

Soccer-Cricket Intramural (Grade 6):

After continuing to utilize sound Striking and Fielding skills in Phys. Ed., Grade 6 students are currently signing up for and looking forward to a new intramural activity called **Soccer-Cricket**. It is a fun, social activity which requires strategic playmaking in the field and while up to bat. Games will be played at lunch in the Den. Please check Google Announcements to find out when your team plays.

Hockey:

On March 1 the Cosburn Hockey Team claimed its first ever Hockey Banner by winning the TDESSA South Conference Championship over Glen Ames in a thrilling 2-1 overtime game.

The Wolves entered the contest as underdogs against a stacked first place Glen Ames team but came out flying and quickly went up 1-0 on an unassisted goal from Michael Mathews. Glen Ames tied it up in the second period and a third netted no goals due to large part to some sensational goaltending from Aamir Emes. Overtime beckoned and it was Cosburn who answered. Liam Giggall scored the game winning goal with 15.6 seconds left in OT on assists from Captain Maddie Briggs and Griffin Wood. With the win the Wolves move on to the City Championship on March 9.



Greek Heritage Month

Since 2015, March has been declared Greek Heritage Month in the TDSB. This year's theme is Philoxenia, Philotimo and Philanthropia. These attributes of Hellenistic culture are recognised around the world as profound qualities of Hellenes. Throughout mythological, ancient and modern history, Greek people have demonstrated their humanity and love for humankind, their hospitality and their keen sense of honour. This is your opportunity to express and represent "*Philanthropia* (love for humanity), *Philoxenia* (hospitality), and *Philotimo* (love for honour)" to the TDSB and its school communities. At Cosburn, there will be several events to acknowledge Greek Heritage month: daily trivia questions on the announcements with a prizes to be won every day, classes are studying Greek art, and learning Greek dances. To follow TDSB events on Twitter please search [#tdsb_GHM17](https://twitter.com/tdsb_GHM17)

The TDSB is hosting a Greek Heritage Month Festival at East York CI on March 25th at 2:00 P.M. For anyone that is interested please contact 416-396-6605.

Library News

Forest of Reading is in full swing! Students are encouraged to read 5 books in one category in order to vote for their favourite Canadian book/author. We are excited to announce two upcoming author visits:

- On **Thursday, February 23rd**, we welcomed Lorna Nicholson, author of "*Born With*" and "*Fragile Bones*". She talked about her experiences as an author, and also sold and signed copies of her new book "*Bent Not Broken*", which won't even be in stores until March!
- On **Friday, March 24th**, we will welcome R.J. Anderson, author of "*A Pocket Full of Murder*". For a talk about how to become an author! Stay tuned for more details on this visit in the next newsletter.

The **Festival of Trees** award ceremony will be held at the Toronto Harbourfront **May 16th** for *Red Maple* readers, and on **May 17th** for *Silver Birch* readers. PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help supervise this trip. Please contact the office if you are available on either of these dates to help supervise; we truly appreciate all your involvement to make this event a success!

Our Spring **Scholastic Book Fair** will be taking place from *May 9th to May 15th*. New titles, posters and gadgets will be available, along with a more extensive French section. I hope that we can repeat our great success from the fall!

Remember to follow the library on Instagram **@Cosburnlibrary** for updates on new books, book recommendations and more!

Cellphone and Electronic Devices

All students are reminded at about our school expectations on cellphone and all other electronic devices. Cellphones are to be stored in lockers during the school day unless a teacher has told the class they can bring their phone to class for a specific period. As useful as these devices can be, they can also be very distracting. Please review appropriate cellphone use with your child and reinforce the importance of following our expectations here at school. Your support is appreciated.

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 @ THE OFFICE.

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Absence Notification

There is no need to call the Safe Arrival phone line to record your child's absence if this form has been submitted

Note: planned absences longer than 5 school days must be communicated well in advance

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

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Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

- My child/ren will be absent on the following date(s):

- Returning to school on (date): _____

- Reason (i.e. Religious Holiday/Vacation): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN THIS NOTE TO: Cosburn School Office / Teacher