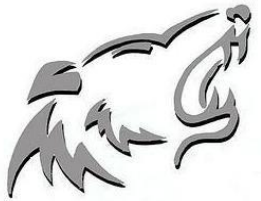


Cosburn Middle School Newsletter

October/November 2017
Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Breakfast Club 8:30 am: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays.
- ◆ Nov 10: Assembly for Remembrance Day
- ◆ Nov 15: Progress Reports go home
- ◆ Nov 16: Parent-Teacher Interview Night
- ◆ Nov 17: PA day-AM Interviews
- ◆ Nov 22 @ 7 pm: School (Parents/Guardians) Council Meeting
- ◆ Nov 29-30: Grade 7 Immunization Clinic

A Great Start!

It has been an exciting and busy time here at Cosburn Middle School.

Curriculum night was a huge success. It was great to meet so many parents. We hope you had an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers and review how you can support your child's learning.

Are you aware our daily school announcements are able to be viewed using the link on our website?

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/cosburn/>

We hope that your child has had an excellent first two months at Cosburn. We are very proud of them and of the staff who work so hard to support them. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Immunization

Toronto Public Health will be holding an Immunization Clinic for grade 7 students at Cosburn on November 29 and 30.

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.

Students without the required vaccines will receive two notices asking for updated immunization information. To avoid school suspension, please report your child's immunization, every time they receive a vaccine or booster.

To report your child's immunization:

Report online

<https://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=c8d66c75f9059510VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

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David Finkelstein, Principal
Vincent Spadaro, Vice Principal



Student Safety

Parents play a vital role in ensuring student safety. We remind all parents that **Cosburn Avenue parking lot 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.

Pick-up or Drop off your child from the front of the school on Durant Avenue on **the East Side of Durant Ave only.** There are no U-turns permitted on Durant Avenue.

Student Absences

Please ensure you 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/office; otherwise a parent must sign the student out. For safety reasons phone calls cannot be accepted for dismissals.

Terry Fox Walk / Run

On September 29 Cosburn held our annual Terry Fox Assembly and Run.

Our special guest speaker was Cosburn grade 7 student Helena Kirk. Helena shared her personal cancer story and recovery with students during the assembly.

Together Cosburn students raised \$639.30 to help support cancer research.

We thank all Cosburn community members who have generously supported the Terry Fox Foundation.

Online donations can be made at www.TerryFox.org

Mr. Brideau

Islamic Heritage Month

Hello, Cosburn! October was Islamic Heritage Month. We created a committee to help promote Islamic Heritage Month and the Islamic Community in Canada. We had an amazing time in the meetings making plans and coming up with different ways of spreading the peaceful and inclusive characteristics of Islam. One way we achieved this was through daily announcements, done by 6th Grade representatives, talking about interesting facts about Muslims - great job to those 6th graders! With Mme. GL's help, representatives from each grade level also made presentations at our Grade Assemblies. Great job to all of the students who participated in our Committee! Stay tuned, Cosburn, for the Islamic Heritage Month classroom challenge. We will be posting a challenge question on the daily announcement page on Wednesday and teachers will be given a link to submit the classroom answer. Classes with the correct answer will be entered in a draw to win a prize! Good luck everyone! Suhail M.

Art Supplies Wanted! Help!

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

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

Our Art Donation Bin is 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

Lunch Reminders

Lunch at Cosburn is from 11:28 to 12:40. Once dismissed, students may go to the washroom and to their locker; collect items needed then proceed to the cafeteria. If they have **written** permission, they may go home or off property. Grade 7 and 8 students with school and parental permission to leave the property are reminded to be on their best behaviour. **Students are not permitted at restaurants on Coxwell Ave nor the Civic Centre cafeteria. They are also not to go further west than Dieppe Park.**

Once students have finished eating they go outside to the field. The entrance area off Durant Ave is not supervised.

As some at Cosburn MS have life-threatening allergies, we are a **nut-free school**. **Please ensure no nut or peanut-containing food is sent to school.** We are proud to be a Platinum Eco School; Students and parents can help us maintain this by packing waste free lunches and by ensuring all waste is put in its place.

Reminders from the Office

Items that are brought to the office for a student (i.e. lunches/homework/clothing) must be clearly marked with both a student & teacher name. Students are responsible to pick up their belongings - the office staff will not be disturbing classes for dropped off items.

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

Parents: When leaving Student Absence voice messages: **Please speak slowly and spell clearly** the name of the student and include their homeroom class and/or teacher name. Thanks for your help!

Eco Club

We have been busy working to help make our school as ecofriendly as possible. Club members work throughout the year on a number of different fronts for the environment including energy saving, grounds maintenance, recycling and waste reduction, composting and more. October was International Walk to School Month, it was a great way to reduce carbon footprints, encouraging a healthy start to the day. During Waste Reduction Week, the Eco Club organized our Litter-less Lunch Action, which was a big success; our Audit helped the club identify areas of growth. We also resumed the Recycling and Composting program, carried out by our Waste Reduction Team and grade 8 students. These are just some of the events planned so far. We will continue to maintain these good habits for the rest of the year. You can help us by packing waste free lunches and ensuring all waste is put in its proper place. In November, our Eco Club will organize a fundraiser: Bag2School. Families may donate unwanted used clothing (hats, belts, purses, footwear - tied in pairs, and soft stuffed toys included). This program reminds us of the importance of recycling and re-using while diverting unwanted textiles away from Land Fill sites, thereby fostering environmental awareness. Textiles will be collected on Tues Nov 28th. More information will be provided as soon as we launch! Mr. Ginestier, Ms. Keech, Mme. Sezer

Nutrition Program

We are pleased to announce that Breakfast Club is back and up and running. We thank all those who donated for their generosity. Your ongoing support is vital to the success of this program.

Breakfast Club runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, starting at 8:30.

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! Cosburn Staff Volunteers

Cosburn Girls Reign at City Soccer Finals!

Both Grade 6 and Grade 7/8 Girls won the TDESSA City Championship. Each team capped an incredible and undefeated regular season with even stronger playoff performances. After capturing the conference titles in convincing fashion both teams headed into the City Championship Tournament with high expectations.

The Grade 6 girls faced John Wanless for the title and came away with a 2-0 victory with goals by Jocelyn Singh and Alexis Worrel! Coaches: Ms. Little and Mr. Hershorn



The 7/8 Girls faced a familiar foe in Glenview. It was a rematch of the 2015 finals which saw us emerge victorious. Extra time was not needed however, as Cosburn was able to hold on to a 3-2 victory on goals by Paris Argyropoulos (2) and Juliana Rezek as well as excellent goaltending by Isa Gargano-Lucanie. Coaches: Mr. Markovic and Mr. Photos



Me to We

We attended We Day at the ACC recently. The most exciting part about this year's presentation was that we earned seats right in front of the stage! We were treated to inspirational messages from such speakers as Marc and Craig Kielburger, General Ban Ki-Moon from the UN, Rick Hanson and Mia Farrow. We also saw amazing performances by Kelly Clarkson, Hedley and more! Overcoming adversity and youth is the hope for the future, were the main messages. We came away with ideas and strategies for making a difference in our world. We got to sit up front because of the initiatives that we've done in the past so we want to do even more in the future! It was fun to see our teacher (Ms. Agosta!) take the stage in front of 20 000 people! What an honour!

Our "We Scare Hunger" food drive is under way, and our collection of used batteries for recycling will provide zinc supplements for kids in third world countries. We will be selling Rafikis tickets again before the Holidays - they raise money for education and fresh water in developing countries. Rafikis make great Holiday gifts too! We will also have a warm clothing drive; placing a mitten tree in the front hallway to collect new mitts, hats, scarves, sweaters and coats for community homeless shelters. Watch for these initiatives. We appreciate your help! Cosburn Me to We



Sewing Club at Cosburn Needs Help!

All donations of fabric, thread, and notions (buttons, ribbons etc.) are WELCOME. Please contact Ms. Clark if you have any questions.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cosburn Cross-Country TEAM for a very successful 2017 year! What an exciting time!!

A record 90 athletes signed-up to be members of the team back at the beginning of September. From that number, an impressive total of 21 runners survived the Conference Qualifying and Final Meets to make it to the City Finals at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. Our Cosburn students made their mark there too. Leading the way was Jocelyn Singh who placed first against all other Grade 6 runners in Toronto! Our Grade 7 girls also came first in the team competition.

This means that our top 4 runners combined for the lowest score compared to all other schools in the city! Honorable mention must go to Valerie Snow who was the 4th fastest Grade 8 girl in Toronto.

As much fun as it is to mention the names of our top finishers at the City Finals; the greatest thrill was watching our entire team of 90 students training 3 times a week. Their dedication and love of the sport provided the needed support for everybody to reach their potential and proudly represent Cosburn in front of the hundreds of people who watched them compete. We are so proud of you all!

Mr. Hershorn, Ms. Faveri and Ms. Simmons

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 9” is Underway!

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

High School Information Evenings/Open Houses

(Range from Oct 30/17 - Jan 18/18)

Marc Garneau CI TOPS - Oct. 30 - 7pm

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

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

Etobicoke School of the Arts - Nov. 14 1:00pm

Students; Nov. 15 - 6:00 & 7:30 Parents

Ursula Franklin AC (IT & Soc Justice) - Nov. 7 - 7:00

Earl Haig SS (Claude Watson--Arts) - Nov. 26 - 6:00

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

Danforth C&TI - Math/Science/Tech - Nov. 7 - 7:00

Monarch Park C. - Nov. 23 - 6:00

Rosedale Hts. School of the Arts - Nov. 16 - 6:15 & 7:00

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

Leaside CI - Dec. 7 - 6:30

Riverdale CI - Jan. 11 - 7:00

North Toronto CI - Dec. 14 - 6:30

East York CI - Nov. 8 - 6:30

Northern SS - Jan. 18 - 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

Library News!

Remember that the library is open outside of classroom hours. Please see the following schedule. Times may sometimes change in emergency situations, but a schedule is always posted on the library window for students to check!

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:20-8:50am	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed
12:10-12:40pm	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
3:18-4:00pm	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed

Library Events, Activities and Information:

- Special thank you to all the library helpers working hard to keep our space tidy! We would not have a functioning library without them! Stay tuned for the library helpers potluck in December.
- In November, the Makerspace will be up and running again! Stop by to build your own creations with LEGO or K'nex, or stay tuned for a new Makerspace challenge!
- Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place the week of November 13th to the 17th. The book fair will also be open during parent-teacher interviews on Thursday the 16th in the evening and Friday the 17th in the AM.
- Parent volunteers are needed for the book fair. Please email (Nina.Bagli@tdsb.on.ca) if you are interested in helping out. Thank you for giving up your time to support our school!
- Forest of Reading books are available in the library to all students. Students may borrow one at a time. Students who read 5 books in a category (by April) are eligible to vote for their favourite, and to attend a trip in May! Get reading students! For more information about the Forest of Reading Program, check out <http://www.accessola.org/web>
- Remember to follow the library on <https://twitter.com/cosburnlibrary>

Ms. Bagli

application requirements and due dates.

- Please visit school website to download application packages or online application procedures

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

- **Maximum of 2 choices**
- Forms distributed week of **Dec.11th**, once the TDSB publishes the status for Optional Attendance for each school, Limited or Closed (maximum of two choices per student)
- Parents/guardians must deliver forms to selected schools **no later than 4pm Feb.2/18**
- High Schools render decisions by **Fri. Feb 16/2018**

Final Choices for 9 and Course Selection Form

- Students accepted by Specialized schools/programs must adhere to those respective timelines and application requirements
- Students not applying to Optional Attendance or Specialized Schools/Programs, final Course Selection Forms must be completed online using MyBlueprint.ca & paper copy **by week of Feb12/18**
- Final Course Selection Forms delivered by Guidance to schools no later than **Friday, March 2/2018**
- Now is the time to ensure students and parents have either created or updated 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.

If you wish to discuss your child's transition plan, please contact Mr. Daniele at (416)396-2335 ext. 20040.

More Athletics at Cosburn!

INTRAMURAL PROGRAM:

COSBURN HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Grade 7)

The school year began with the continuation of the European Handball intramural that this year's grade 7s began last June. Euro Handball is an excellent Territory/Invasion lead-up sport which enhances and promotes teamwork, communication, and quick decision-making. The playoff tournament tipped off on Sept. 21st and continued with Semis and Finals taking place on Sept. 25th. Congratulations to the **Lion Hearts** on becoming 2017 Champions! Team members: Markos S. (capt.), Aki Z., Jessica B-H, Charlotte T., Alyssa L-L., Maya A., Alexia B., Eoghan G., Diego F., Brendan L., and Peter S.

COSBURN FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Grade 6)

Our Grade 6 students have already begun participating in many fun and exciting lunch-time activities. This has allowed them to meet new friends in other home room classes. In early September the C.F.F.L. took place at lunch on the Cosburn Field. 120 Grade 6 students participated. Teams included: Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Montreal, Winnipeg, B.C. Lions, Saskatchewan, Calgary, and Edmonton. In the Championship Final game (**COSBURN BOWL II**), **Toronto** prevailed over Winnipeg. Congratulations Argos! Team members: Cole J. (Quarterback), Mia B., Adam G., Kieran H-G., Juers H., Orion F., Nikolas R., Sam V., Isobel J., Cameron Q., and Emery S.

COSBURN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (C.B.A.)

(Grade 6 & Grade 7)

Lunch hours in the Den (old gym) have come alive with two separate basketball intramurals tipping off this October. The Grade 6 version of C.B.A. includes 125 players participating on 10 teams: Lakers, Spurs, Thunder, Warriors, Jazz, Raptors, Cavaliers, Bulls, Celtics, and Knicks. Grade 6s are currently building fundamental movement skills related to basketball in Phys. Ed. lessons. The lunch hour intramural league gives students the opportunity to play the game of basketball while meeting new friends who've come to Cosburn from other k-5 feeder schools.

Grade 7 students have also begun play in lunch hour C.B.A. It promises to be an exciting season with 8 teams contending for the Silver Ball Championship Trophy. Good luck to all teams: Duke, North Carolina, U.C.L.A., Kentucky, Villanova, Gonzaga, Harvard, and Connecticut. See you in the Den!

SCHOOL TEAMS:

This Fall Cosburn has continued its tradition of fielding successful sports teams in a wide-range of sports. Coaches are currently preparing their teams for upcoming T.D.E.S.A.A. Playoffs in **Cross Country Running, Soccer, Flag Football, and Flag Rugby**. We are also laying the groundwork for an exciting Late Fall season with try-outs occurring for **Boys Volleyball and Girls Basketball and Hockey**. Go Wolves Go!

Mr. Stone (and all our incredible volunteer Cosburn Coaches)



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STEAM: Board Game Fair!

Cosburn hosted a fun, engaging, bilingual and very successful grade 7/8 Board Game Fair on Wednesday, October 25 at 11:30 AM in the Atrium. Students from almost every class in Grades 7 and 8 participated.

This event was organized by Mr. Racca, who wanted to engage the students' creativity as well as logic.

What we saw at the Board Game Fair was a great example of the arts, engineering, mathematics and media savvy coming together in a single package.

Families: Thank you for supporting the students who worked at home as well as in class on these amazing Board Games.

The next unit of study: Creating Animations and Games using Scratch 2.0.

Families are welcome to access this free coding platform on line at home!

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Why not play as a family while creating an amazing project together. There are lots of ideas and tutorials in the Scratch 2.0 site.

Mr. Racca

Visit us at <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/cosburn>

For School Announcements; Calendar e.g. Field Trips, Sporting Events please visit us