

# Cosburn MS Newsletter

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## A Great Start!

We hope that your child has had an excellent first few months here at Cosburn. We are very proud of them. Students have been engaged in many wonderful opportunities in and outside of our classrooms, including whole school, Division or grade groupings and co-curricular events as well.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of our Office, Caretaking and Support Teams who help keep our school operating safely, effectively and who also support students when in need of additional support.

A big welcome to our new staff who add a great deal of experience to our Cosburn community: Mr. Mohammed, Ms. Chong and Madelle Berry.

Looking back on our year so far, we can see much has happened in so short a time: Students becoming comfortable in new grades, environments and classrooms, Curriculum and Welcome Night back in September, school teams, clubs, and groups getting organized (Student Council, Me to We, many athletic teams) Remembrance Day, Progress Reports and Interview nights recently.

If you have any questions, concerns, or wonderings please contact your child's homeroom teacher, as they are the primary source of contact.

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

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

## Get Involved!

Your involvement in your child's education and school life can contribute to their success. There are numerous ways you can get involved, such as taking part in our school council, volunteering to coach sports or supervising field trips.

To explore these opportunities, and others, visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved)

For up to date information, dates and times of various events, please check our website.

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

Also, we encourage you to visit the Board webpage for parents, [www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents). Here, you will find helpful resources for both parents and students, including homework tips, the school-year calendar, transportation information and updates, and supports for mental health, healthy living and bullying.

## Student Safety

Students and families are reminded of the following **on school property, school hours:**

- If using a bike, scooter or skate board: please walk with it. This is to prevent injuries.
- Durant St Drivers: Obey traffic/parking laws—don't double park/speed

# Library News

The Library is a welcoming space that is open to all students. Students are encouraged to visit before, during and after school. Most weeks, **library hours are:**

**Monday-Thursday: 8:30- 8:50 AM**  
**LUNCH: 12:10-12:40PM**  
**After school: 3:18- 4:00 PM**

Students are to wait at the doors closest to the Library and the Librarian-Ms. Bagli, will pick them up at the designated times. Book borrowing periods are two weeks long and students are encouraged to sign out English and French books frequently and consistently. Reading is thinking! The Library is a physical and virtual space. To access the Cosburn Library online use the following address:

[www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/links.asp?schoolNo=1521](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/links.asp?schoolNo=1521)

The Library website contains on-line encyclopedias, Web2.0 Tools, data bases for research and many other useful tools for students. The Library appreciates and welcomes both student and parent volunteers. Applications are available in the Library. Come and join us!

## **TDSB VIRTUAL LIBRARY**

Online resources are available (news/magazine/journal articles, e-books, pictures/videos, helpful web sites/tools) for projects and personal interest: **How to connect from outside of TDSB:**

1. <http://aw.tdsb.on.ca> – sign in with student/employee number and network password – locate *my home* tab (top navigation bar) – *Virtual Library* (left navigation bar)
2. <http://www.tdsb.on.ca> – locate *find your school* (top navigation bar) – *school name* – *Virtual Library* link (left navigation bar)



**TDESSA 2019 COSBURN MS Gr. 6 Girls Soccer City Champions!!**

## **Athletics** LETS GO WOLVES!

GRADE 7/8 Girls Soccer team have once again defended their title and for the first time in the school's history have won 3 TDESAA City Championships in a row. Wow!! Congratulations!



**TDESSA 2019 COSBURN MS Gr. 7/8 Girls Soccer City Champions!!**

Cosburn Grade 7/8 Boys Soccer Team: the boys and the coaching staff were very excited about the season and making it to the Championship!

Be sure to check out our daily announcements: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/cosburn/> for information on our numerous activities offered by our dedicated, motivated and supportive teachers.

Without them, we wouldn't be able to offer such incredibly diverse activities. Hats Off to coaches and staff involved!!



*Digital Learning—Global Competencies: Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, Critical Thinking/Problem Solving, Global Citizenship and Character Development*



# Student Absences/Late

## Safe Arrival and late arrivals (sign-in);

- Parents/Guardians should call School Messenger directly **1-833-250-2290** (by 9 am) to report their child's absence for the day to avoid the School Messenger automated call back.
- If your child will be late for school (i.e. due to appointments) the same applies. Please call it in. All students are considered absent for the whole day until they arrive at school.
- All students arriving late must visit the school office FIRST to receive a Late Slip before heading to class. The slip indicates they have arrived to school and their absence will be reversed in our system. There is no sign-in book!

Afternoon absences only: if your child will not return to class after lunch please call the School Office at 416-396-2335 to report to avoid the automated call back.

## Me to WE Scare Hunger!

Thank you to families who donated food for our Yonge St. Mission "We Scare Hunger" food drive! Thanks also to Me to WE members who promoted and collected donations from classrooms. All items were packed and collected. Classes kept track of your their donations. Ask your child if their class had the highest donations!



STEAM-Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math



Teamwork or?

## Transition to Secondary School

### Preparation for Secondary Schools

Thank you to Ms. Melissa Duff, our new Guidance Counselor, who works tirelessly to support our Gr 8 students, parents and teachers through this process.

Ms. Duff has been busy meeting with whole classes, individual students and communicating with parents and multiple colleagues from various schools to coordinate efforts.

Ms. Duff organized multiple student and teacher visits to multiple Secondary School programs in November and December.

Soon, she will host many In-class sessions for students on My Blueprint strategies.

### **Melissa Duff, OCT**

#### *Elementary Itinerant Guidance Counsellor*

<a href="#">Cosburn M.S.</a>	(416) 396-2335
<a href="#">D.A. Morrison M.S.</a>	(416) 396-2400
<a href="#">Earl Beatty Jr. &amp; Sr. P.S.</a>	(416) 393-9070
<a href="#">Earl Haig</a>	(416) 393-1640
<a href="#">George Webster E.S.</a>	(416) 396-2375
<a href="#">Gordon A. Brown M.S.</a>	(416) 396-2440



*Sharing a laugh and ice cream!*

## Secondary Program Review

**Consultation – Secondary Program Review and Optional Attendance Policy:** The TDSB is undertaking a review of secondary schools to ensure all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities, as close to home as possible. As part of this review, the Board is also reviewing the Optional Attendance Policy (P013), which allows students to apply to schools other than their designated school by home address. A public consultation is currently underway, including public meetings and an online survey. For more information, including meeting dates and other ways to provide feedback, please visit the TDSB webpage for [Secondary Program Review](#).

## Cosburn School Council

Please see the attached note from your parent/guardian Cosburn School Council.

Topics include:

School Budget

“Screenagers”, and “Screenagers: Next Chapter”

Changes to the French streams

2019-2020 Council Co-Chairs:

Kelly Pinellis and Caroline Wai

For request for special topics, please email:

[cosburnsc@outlook.com](mailto:cosburnsc@outlook.com)

## Improvement Goals

### Student S.M.A.R.T. Goals—Visible Reminders

Students are encouraged to reflecting upon, record and post their own SMART Goals on their lockers. They are encouraged to review and update or change their goals as they grown and learn.

Encouraging students to think of their short, mid and long term goals, then having them record and keep them visible/posted on their lockers supports this initiative.

While students have had goals posted for the first few months, and in time for Curriculum Night, they are urged to consider revising their goals to ensure they are **SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely.**

Consider asking your child—what are your SMART goals currently?

**KIND WORDS**  
can be short and  
easy to speak, but  
their echoes are  
**TRULY ENDLESS.**  
{Mother Teresa}

*Kindness, Caring and INCLUSION—**WE all belong.** Words matter. In early December, students were asked to prepare positive messages we could share around the school. See if you can spot your child's words!*

## Cosburn Middle School

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