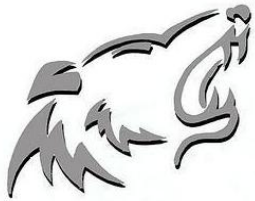


# Cosburn Middle School Newsletter

October 2014 Newsletter



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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Grade 8 Transition Night Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Terry Fox Assembly and Walk Friday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> pm
- ◆ Parent Council / Home & School Meeting Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Thanksgiving Holiday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Waste Reduction Week Oct 20<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Photo Retake Day Nov 6<sup>th</sup> am
- ◆ Remembrance Day Nov 11<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Professional Activity Day Nov 14<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Meningitis/HPV/Hep B Immunization Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

## Curriculum Night

Our 2014/2015 Curriculum Night and BBQ was a fantastic success. The hallways and classrooms buzzed as students shared their school with their parents. We hope you enjoyed your visit to the classrooms and were warmly welcomed by your child's teachers.

The BBQ was also very successful. Funds raised will be donated to Terry Fox. Most importantly, it was a great chance to meet new parents and to reconnect with returning parents.

If you were unable to attend, please be sure to contact your child's core teacher for the information package.

## Choices for Nine Transition Night Reminder

A reminder to all Grade 8 parents and students that they are invited to our Choices for Nine Transition Night in our Atrium at 7 pm tonight (Wednesday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>).

Our Guidance teacher, Mr. Daniele will give an overview of the course selection process, how to determine your home school choices, and optional attendance applications. Grade 9 students will be there to help out. Important information materials will be available that night. If you are unable to attend, please see our website for a link to this informative document.

## Lunchtime

During our lunch periods, Grade 7 and 8 students are permitted to leave school property. Recently, we have received many complaints from the Public Library, Dieppe Park, and Community residents. We have reminded our students repeatedly, but require your help. Please speak with your son/daughter about their off-property behaviour and respect for our community.

Troy Langevine, 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. Also, be aware of the school bus parking area which is right in front of the doors.

Please be sure that you let the office know directly by calling safe arrivals (416) 396-2339 or by note if your child is going to be absent or will be leaving school for an appointment. Informing the office directly reduces the chance of confusion.

## Terry Fox Walk/Run

Cosburn is proud of its tradition of active participation in the Terry Fox Walk. Last year, Cosburn staff and students raised more than \$7000. This year we have increased our goal to \$10 000! If we each do our part, we can meet this challenging goal.

During Spirit week we had a number of fundraising events including a staff vs. student basketball game as well as a successful hotdog BBQ.

During the afternoon of Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have an assembly with a guest speaker and then do the run/walk around the school. We look forward to a great afternoon of giving to support the Terry Fox Foundation.

## Parent Council and Home & School

Parents play many vital roles in the life of a school. If you are looking to get involved in Parent Council and/or the Cosburn Home & School, please come to the first joint meeting of the year on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the staffroom.

More information for both organizations is available on our school website.

## Cosburn Student ID Cards

Effective September, the TTC has discontinued student photo cards. Students between 13 and 15 years old, no longer need identification to travel. Cosburn students will be issued a Cosburn Student Photo ID which, if requested by a TTC driver, should be accepted. The Cosburn Student Photo ID also allows students to quickly check out books in our school library.

## Parent Volunteer Network

This year we are working on setting up a Volunteer Network that could be used to help the school in a variety of ways. We have so many talented people in our community, and it would be beneficial for our students to access this invaluable resource. If you are interested in volunteering at Cosburn, please send an email to [Catherine.munro@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Catherine.munro@tdsb.on.ca).

In your email:

- Please title your email Volunteering
- Indicate an area or areas of interest
- Indicate your child's name and teacher name
- Indicate your availability



## Into The Woods The Musical

Plans for the inaugural Cosburn MS musical are well underway. Auditions for acting roles will take place the week of Thanksgiving (October 14-17) and students should listen to announcements for more information. There will be many ways for students to get involved including acting, singing, dancing, and stage crew.



## 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.

Parents are also reminded when leaving messages to let us know that their child is going to be absent and to please clearly state you child's full name and class.

Safe arrival calls should be made to (416) 396-2339.

## Lost Something?

Has your child lost something lately? The Lost and Found, located in the hallway near the library, currently has many interesting items waiting to be claimed. Smaller items (e.g., watches) are kept in the office. Labeling belongings helps us to return them to the proper owner if they are misplaced.

## CASL

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires us to have prior consent from recipients before sending emails of a commercial nature. If you haven't already done so, please visit our school website:

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/cosburn>, complete the TDSB CASL consent form and send it to: [cosburnms2@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:cosburnms2@tdsb.on.ca). This will allow the creation of a database that is CASL appropriate and allows us to have consistent and timely communication with all of you.

## EcoTeam goes for Platinum Again

Last school year, Cosburn became an EcoPlatinum EcoSchool. This year we will need every member of our school community to work together to maintain this status.

**October is Litterless Lunch Month.** Staff, students, and parents are asked to be sure to think about the environment when packing lunches. Waste free lunches are packed in reusable containers, with reusable cutlery and napkins. Be sure to label your child's lunch bag and containers in case they are misplaced.

**Waste Reduction Week** is Oct 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. The Cosburn MS EcoTeam will have a number of events that week, including a litterless lunch challenge. Together, we can help put waste in its place.

## The Library Corner

Greetings from the Library! Library Helpers will be trained next week. Students from Grades 7 & 8 will be trained first and Grade 6 students will follow the week after. Anyone who is interested in working in the library this year is welcome to attend the appropriate training session. Shifts will work around student availability.

Author Kenneth Oppel will be visiting our school on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in attending this session you must have read one of Oppel's books and be prepared with a question that you would like to ask him.

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair in November. Come out and buy your favourite book. Thank you for continuing to support the library! Happy October!

**Library Availability: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

Morning	8:20-8:40
Lunch	12:10-12:40
After School	3:20-4:00



## From The Physical Education Program

It is extremely important that student have a change of clothing for each Phys. Ed. class. There is a Cosburn Phys. Ed. uniform available for purchase. While the uniforms are encouraged, they are not mandatory. It is also good for students to have a pair of indoor shoes and outdoor shoes. Coming to Phys. Ed. class with indoor shoes helps preserve the floors as well as providing the students with dry footwear for class.

A number of sports teams are up and running. Regardless of how they chose to be active, you can help your child perform at their best by ensuring they are getting enough sleep, that they are eating a balanced diet and drinking water throughout the day.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school at 416 396 2335. Follow us on Twitter @CMS\_Athletics

## Homework Help



The Toronto District School Board, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, and the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) is pleased to offer all Grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 - Mathematics students FREE online Mathematics homework assistance.

Designed to enhance students' learning and contribute to success in Mathematics, Homework Help offers all registered users access to free real-time one-on-one Mathematics tutoring with an Ontario Certified Teacher from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and unlimited access to a variety of other learning supports. Homework Help can be accessed at <http://ontario.ca/homeworkhelp>, or <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>.

## General Reminders

- ◆ Morning Entry Time is 8:40, students MUST be in class by 8:47
- ◆ Lunch is from 11:28 - 12:40, entry is at 12:40, students MUST be in class by 12:45
- ◆ Dismissal is 3:21

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

## We're on the Web!

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

Follow us on Twitter: @CosburnMS

Email us at [CosburnMS2@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:CosburnMS2@tdsb.on.ca)

(Please include your child's name and class in your message)