

Cosburn Middle School Newsletter

September 2014 Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Curriculum Night Sept 17th at 6:30 pm, BBQ at 7:15 pm
- ◆ Picture Day Sept 18th
- ◆ Spirit Week Sept 22nd-26th
- ◆ Grade 8 Transition Night Oct 1st at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Terry Fox Assembly and Walk Friday Oct 3rd afternoon
- ◆ Parent Council / Home & School Oct 8th at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Thanksgiving Holiday Oct 13th
- ◆ Men/HPV/Hep B Immunization Dec 4th

Welcome!

As we start the 2014-2015 school year at Cosburn, we extend a very warm welcome to all our students and their families. We hope that the year has started very well.

This year, Cosburn welcomes Mr. D. Kerwood and welcomes back Ms. G. Norberg. Mr. Kerwood is teaching Grade 6 core and Ms. Norberg is teaching French Immersion.

We hope to see you out at our **Curriculum Night, on September 17th at 6:30 pm**. The date has been changed from September 24th due to Rosh Hashana. Please come meet your child's teacher and the rest of our staff and then join us for a hot dog at our **Curriculum Night BBQ** (halal and vegetarian options will be available).

Information Night for Grade 8 Families

Incredible! No sooner than we start the grade 8 year, we're already talking about the "Choices for 9" transition program for our grade 8 learners.

Our "Choices for 9" information evening for grade 8 students and parents will be held at Cosburn in the Atrium, October 1st, at 7:00pm. This is a first glance at the process for our students making informed decisions about their high school destination. Please add this date to your calendar and I look forward to seeing you on October 1st. Mr. C. Daniele

Immunization

Toronto Public Health will be holding an immunization clinic at Cosburn on December 4th to provide vaccines to Grade 7 and Grade 8 students. Grade 7 boys and girls will receive Hep B and Meningitis vaccines. Grade 8 girls will receive HPV vaccines. Information packages and consent forms were sent home September 9th. Please complete the consent forms and return them as soon as possible.

Troy Langevine, Principal
Catherine Munro, Vice Principal



Student Safety

Parents play a vital role in ensuring student safety. We remind all parents that the parking lot located off Cosburn Avenue is not a safe place to pick up or drop off your child. **The 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.

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. 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.

Spirit Week!

Here at Cosburn, we like to start the school year off right. This year, students will be welcomed back to a whirlwind of activity: Spirit Week! More than just a warm welcome to our Grade 6s, this week also serves to showcase the leadership of our Grade 8s.

Guidance Department

Greetings, Cosburn MS community of learners, families and friends. The start of a new school year is always so exciting! As your guidance counsellor, I too am so excited and proud to support our students and school community. I look forward to working with everyone to continue making Cosburn MS a safe and caring place for learning. My efforts will be focused on supporting an effective Guidance program in the areas of Interpersonal development and Wellness, Student Success and Career Development.

I'm especially excited about working with our grade 8 learners as they begin to look ahead at their transition to secondary school. My goal is to support each grade 8 student's transition plan by informing, communicating and advocating for their interests and pursuits.

My schedule at Cosburn MS is as follows: Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Friday all day. Should you or child have a concern or good news item you would like to share, please feel free to contact me at 416 396 2335. Mr. C. Daniele

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.

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.

Charity Initiatives

This year, each core class will be selecting a local charity to support. Throughout the school year, students will be learning about the many contributions charity organizations make to our community.

While making strong connections with a charity, students will be engaged in social justice within our community.

Musical

The Cosburn community is holding a musical, and we're looking for your talent! This will be an opportunity to showcase the following interests:

Acting, Singing, Visual arts, Dancing, Tech and Stage Crew (behind the scenes), Makeup artists, Set and costume designers.

Parental help will also be most welcomed! Please keep your eyes and ears open for announcements in the coming weeks.

Notes from the Music Department

Ms. Agosta and Ms. Darrigo are excited to begin a new year, with new opportunities to create beautiful music with our Cosburn Community. Cosburn Choir rehearsals started this week and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime. She will also hold rehearsals every Friday at lunchtime for her smaller "Enharmonics" vocal ensemble.

Ms. Darrigo will begin Gr 8 Band rehearsals with a new weekly schedule. This year, Monday at lunchtime and Thursday mornings, the Gr 8 students will gather to play in Room 213. Gr 7 Band and Jazz Band rehearsals will begin after Thanksgiving weekend. ALL STUDENTS are welcome to join the grade appropriate ensemble. Please listen to the daily announcements for further information.

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 the staff in the office know directly 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.

The Library Corner

Welcome back to school! Visit the school learning where reading is at your fingertips: physically and virtually. Please return any outstanding books from last year and please encourage your children to borrow French and English books consistently during their biweekly book exchange. We are constantly adding new, exciting and popular titles to our collection. Let's maintain our momentum as a community of readers.

TDSB Virtual Library:

This website allows students to access research, reading and reference resources 24/7. It contains databases, web 2.0 tools, eBooks, and on-line encyclopaedias in both French and English.

Virtual Library Learnmarks containing Virtual Library information are very valuable. Keep them on your fridge! Different access points to the Virtual Library can be found at the top of your Virtual library Learnmark.

Library Availability: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Morning 8:20-8:40 (Monday-Thursday)

Lunch 12:10-12:40 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)

After School 3:20-4:00 (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Upcoming:

Library Volunteer Club

Kenneth Oppel Visit in November

Forest of Reading

From The Physical Education Program

The Phys. Ed. Program has had a great start to the year. This year Phys. Ed. is being taught by Ms. Solomon, Ms. Wilson and Mr. Wolch.

As we move forward into the year, the following are just some tips for our students to have a successful and fun year in Phys. Ed.. Firstly, it is extremely important to have a change of clothing for each class. There is a Phys. Ed. uniform available for purchase. While the uniforms are encouraged, they are not mandatory. Secondly, as we move towards the winter

months, it would be good for students to have a pair of indoor shoes and outdoor shoes. Coming to class with indoor shoes helps preserve the floors as well as providing the students with dry footwear for class. Lastly, the most important thing for our students is to participate and to have fun! The more effort they put into class, the more they will get out of it.

The Phys. Ed. department is looking forward to an exciting year. If at any time you have questions about the program, please contact the school at 416-396-2335. Follow us on Twitter @CMS_Athletics

We are a Platinum Ecoschool

Over the past several years, the Ecoteam and the entire Cosburn community have worked hard to reach Platinum level as an Ecoschool. Mme. Sezer leads the ecoteam and welcomes all students to join the team. If you would like to help the ecoteam, please contact her. Help from parents with the outdoor and/or indoor gardens would be most appreciated.

Two simple ways we can help our students care for the environment is to pack litterless lunches and to walk or carpool to school. The Ecoteam thanks you!

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

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Email us at CosburnMS2@tdsb.on.ca please include your child's name and class in your email