
Clearwater Secondary

Newsletter

November 2nd 2020

Graduation Plans, Changing Mindsets

Hello Parents,

Last year we adapted our graduation ceremonies to align with the public health order limiting gatherings to fifty people. The feedback from families was incredibly positive, families really appreciated the intimacy of the ceremony and that their extended family was able to attend. We can not predict what the public health restrictions will be in June, but at this point it is likely the same restrictions will be in place again. Based both of these factors, we are planning on holding graduation in a similar manner again this year, one graduate at a time, June 24th and 25th.

One of our biggest changes at school is a change in mindset about being sick. In past years I have come to school sick and sent my kids to school when they were sick as well. This year we are telling staff to stay home and asking parents to keep children home when sick. One of our best measures of protection is to keep sick people away from school.

If your child is sick, please do not send them to school.

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Message regarding Prom from Vice Principal Holmes

Good afternoon,

It is time to start thinking about graduation activities for the CSS class of 2021! As mentioned above, the school has starting making plans for the commencement ceremonies.

Activities such as grad trips and prom are not organized or hosted by the school. Parents meet to collaborate around fundraising and organization for these events. In a typical year, the school would facilitate the first meeting of parents and graduates and host the meeting at the school. This year, we are unable to host a meeting like this.

I would like to facilitate a connection between parents and thought that this is best achieved using ZOOM. Please use the attached link to join me Wednesday, November 4 at 7 pm.

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/67939013813?pwd=ZzA2TTc1NmhjZqG5kWXdERjhkdz09>

Meeting ID: 679 3901 3813

Passcode: 876245

One tap mobile

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Lockdown Drill

Our first lockdown drill will be Wednesday November 4th at 10:30 am. Our earlier lockdown drill was cancelled as the RCMP were unable to attend. If you are dropping off or picking up a student at that time the doors will be locked and RCMP will be in attendance. In keeping with our COVID protocols, we are modifying our typical lock down drill procedure to maintain physical distancing.

Governor Generals Award

One Governor General's Academic Medal is provided to each high school in Canada, and is awarded to the student with the highest grade point average in the graduating class. The Academic Medals were created in 1873 by Lord Dufferin to encourage academic excellence across the nation and are one of the most prestigious awards that Canadian students receive. The recipient from the graduating class of 2020 is Josee Cooperman. Congratulations Josee.

<https://www.gg.ca/en/honours/governor-generals-awards/governor-generals-academic-medal>



Outride Bikes

As we announced in June, CSS was the recipient of a Ride for Focus grant from Outride. The grant supports cycling as a way for students to become more active. Research has clearly shown that including more physical activity in your routine helps with mental wellness and the ability to focus. Outride is looking cycling as a positive way to help manage ADHD.

The grant included training, support, and 31 mountain bikes which have now arrived at CSS. Staff are looking forward to the spring and being able to have students use them on a regular basis.

<https://outridebike.org>



Turn on your Lights!

A request from our bus drivers, please turn your tail lights on so that it is easier for the bus drivers to see you near the bus pick up areas. Many drivers do not realize that the tail lights on their vehicles do not come on automatically with the daytime running lights. Check out the link below and then check your own vehicle, in many vehicles you will need to turn your headlights on. This small step helps the bus drivers keep your kids safe.

<https://www.tranbc.ca/2015/12/08/15-seconds-to-safety-are-your-tail-lights-on/>

Upcoming Dates

November 4

Lockdown drill

Re takes for school photos

November 10th

Remembrance Day virtual assembly.

November 11th

Remembrance Day, no school.

November 16th

Project Completion Day, no school for most students. Teachers will notify students and parents if required to attend.

November 17th

Quarter two begins. Students will be given their Q2 timetable on Tuesday November 3rd.