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CLAYTON CAMPUS ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Terry Fox School Run

This year, our annual Terry Fox School Run was held on September 26 for our grade 6-8 students and on September 29 for our grade 2-5 students. Our students and staff were able to have fun while being active and showing their support! Students and staff participated by running or walking, and raising funds for cancer research. Donations can still be made online on the Terryfox.ca website until October 15. There is still time to contribute to this great cause. Together we can reach our goal of raising $10,000!















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IB Learner Profile Attribute for the Month: Knowledgeable

"“Knowledgeable students explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.”



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Tuesday, September 30 was the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Town Centre students wore orange shirts to promote the important concept of “Every Child Matters”. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a day to learn about the history and unique culture Indigenous peoples in Canada, raise awareness of the impacts of residential schools and reflect on the loss of culture and freedom experienced by Indigenous children.

Orange shirts represent the story of Phyllis Webstad, a residential school survivor whose new orange shirt was taken from her on her first day of school. Since then, the orange shirt has become a symbol of how Indigenous children had their culture, freedom, and identity taken away, and it reminds us that “Every Child Matters.”

As part of our school-wide acknowledgement, a few Grade 8 students began the day by reading the Land Acknowledgement, followed by sharing the significance of Orange Shirt Day and why we honour it together as a community.

We appreciate and recognize the work each class is putting in to continue speaking about and honouring the value and meaning behind Orange Shirt Day.

A few students from each class have been selected to help contribute to our Truth and Reconciliation bulletin board, which will serve as a collective reminder of our learning and commitment as a community.







Spirit Week - Monday, October 6 - Thursday, October 9



We are excited to share that Spirit Week is just around the corner! From Monday, October 6th to Thursday, October 9th, students and staff are encouraged to join in the fun by dressing up according to the daily themes. Spirit Week is always a wonderful way to build community, celebrate creativity, and show our school pride.

Day	Theme/Activity	Description
Monday, Oct 6	**Aloha Monday** SAC Speech Assembly (MYP) 9:30am – 11:30am **	Bring the sunshine vibes! Rock your tropical shirts, bright colours and island stye!
Tuesday, Oct 7	**Jays Day Tuesday**	Wear blue, your favorite Blue Jays gear, or anything that screams Blue Jay pride. Let's fly high together, cheer them on and make this a home-run day!
Wednesday Oct 8	**Wacky Wednesday** SAC In Class Voting (MYP)	Show off your wacky style by mixing patterns, colours and accessories. Wear different shoes, put together the wildest outfit you can think of, or your funkiest hairstyles.
Thursday Oct 9	**Team Pride Thursday** Spirit Week Assembly Main Gym | 10AM	Show your spirit! **Wear your house league shirt** to wrap up the week in full cheer for our spirit week assembly!

Casual Dress Day Guidelines - (Civvies Day)

As a private school with a uniform policy, we occasionally offer students the opportunity to wear casual attire. These days are meant to be enjoyable for students while still maintaining a respectful and appropriate school environment.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child's clothing choices reflect the values and expectations of our elementary school community. Specifically, we ask that students refrain from wearing items that may be considered unsuitable for a school setting.

To help guide your choices, please refer to the following expectations:

- Shorts and skirts: Should not be more than 5 inches above the knee
- Tops: Should not expose the midriff, undergarments, or include spaghetti straps
- Graphics and messages: Clothing should not display offensive language or imagery

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us create a positive and respectful atmosphere for all students.

Lifetouch School Photos - Orders due Wednesday, October 8

On Monday, September 29th, all photo day proofs were distributed to the students. Parents are reminded that if you wish to place an order through the school, all orders must be submitted to the class teacher by Wednesday, October 8th. Alternatively, if parents have already set up an account they can order photos online at lifetouch.ca

Photo retake day is scheduled for **Thursday, November 6th**. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

P.D. Day and Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed Friday, October 10 & Monday, October 13



TCPS staff will be participating in Professional Development Day on Friday, October 10. Please note that October 10 will be a non-school day for students and the school will be closed.

On Monday, October 13, the school will be closed for Thanksgiving. Classes will resume as usual on Tuesday, October 14. We would like to wish all of our TCPS families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving weekend.

York Region Public Health Vaccination Clinic for Grade 7 Students

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

York Region Public Health Department will be conducting a school immunization program on Tuesday, October 14th to offer vaccines to eligible grades 7 students for Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), and Meningococcal Disease. The vaccines are offered at no cost and the decision to receive the Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus vaccines is completely voluntary; however, the Meningococcal vaccination is a mandatory requirement for students to attend school.

Please note that this vaccination program is offered by York Region Public Health and all communications must be done through York Region directly. Although we cooperate with York Region and the Immunization of School Pupils Act, Town Centre Private Schools does not plan, organize, track or keep records of the school vaccination program.

If you have any questions, please contact the York Region Public Health Department at 1-877-464-9675, visit their website at york.ca/immunization or speak with your family doctor.

Grade 7 Parents are asked to refer to the memo posted on the school app on Monday, September 29, 2025.

Student Birthday Celebrations

If you would like your child to celebrate his/her birthday with classmates, please let the class teachers know well in advance. Parents are asked to keep arrangements simple and limit the birthday celebrations to only **a birthday cake or a pizza lunch**, as to not disrupt the school day and the learning environment.

- Please be mindful of allergies in the classroom and we ask for the cooperation of parents not to send foods containing nuts and peanuts.
- Birthday candles are not allowed according to our fire code regulations.
- The school does not provide plates or cutlery.
- Please ensure that any pizza deliveries are paid for, and the student's name and classroom is on the order with the driver.
- Notify the office in advance to expect pizza deliveries. Even if a pizza delivery is planned, we ask all students to bring their own lunch as usual.
- **Loot bags and Balloons are not permitted!**



Halloween Activities

Halloween will soon be upon us with tasty treats, pumpkins, costumes, and a Halloween lunch. There is always a lot of excitement in the school as we plan for the different Halloween events.

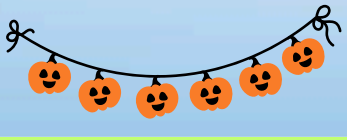
Friday, October 31, is Halloween day. Grades 2 to 8 students are welcome to wear a costume to school. Students may bring a change of clothes in case they would like to take off their costume during the day. Students who do not wish to wear a costume may wear casual clothes for the day. Please note that weapons including toy weapons are not permitted at school as part of your child's Halloween costume.

Students will have an opportunity to have a special Halloween lunch with their classmates on October 31st. Teachers will post the Halloween lunch sign-up sheet outside their classroom typically one week prior to the luncheon.



Parents are encouraged to sign-up for something and are reminded that if you would like to contribute a food item, we strongly recommend store or restaurant bought foods. Please note that a list of all ingredients must accompany the contribution. We ask all parents to please be mindful of allergies and we ask for your cooperation not to send nut or peanut products to school.

Commencing on Thursday, October 30th, students and parents will have the chance to visit the pumpkin display (at the front entrance) so they can see all the wonderful pumpkin creations! Each class will be carving pumpkins and as always we look forward to seeing these creative pumpkins on display.







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