

Good Evening Clayton Park Students and Families,

Hard to believe that November is upon us already! As we transition into this new month, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the recent successes and ongoing activities at our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we work together to create a positive and enriching environment for our students!

Thank You to Our Coaches!

A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Norris, Mr. Langille, Ms. Leblanc, and Ms. MacKinnon for their dedication in coaching our soccer teams this season. We also extend our gratitude to Mr. Norris for leading the Cross Country Running team. Our sports teams demonstrated incredible sportsmanship, integrity, and respect throughout the season.

We are proud to share that the Male/Male Identifying soccer team made it to the gold championship game. Although they fell short of the win, it's important to remember that it's not just about victories or losses that shape our student-athletes. It's about how they represented themselves, our school, and their families, always holding sportsmanship above all else. This team, along with all our athletes, has been exemplary ambassadors of these values throughout the season.

Clubs, Activities, and Staff Appreciation

Thank you to all the coaches and staff members who offer clubs, activities, and sports to our students every day. We are fortunate to have so many great opportunities for students with diverse interests, all thanks to the staff who volunteer their time to provide these experiences.

Spirit Week Success

This week, the school leadership team organized a Spirit Week that truly uplifted school spirit and engagement. Thank you to everyone who helped arrange such a fun and engaging event!

Picture Re-Takes

Picture re-takes will take place on Monday, November 4th, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. This is a great opportunity for any students who did not have their pictures taken in October or for those whose pictures did not turn out well. We kindly ask that students respect this time, as we've had instances in the past where students attempted to re-take pictures without the intention of ordering new ones.

Supervision at School

We have noticed many students arriving at school before 9 AM. Please remember that students are not to be on CPJH property prior to this time, as supervision does not begin until 9 AM. We ask all families to respect this policy, as students are not supervised during this time.

Dressing for the Weather

As the colder weather arrives, please remind your child to dress appropriately for the conditions. Unless temperatures are extremely low, students will spend 25 minutes outside during lunch. It is our expectation that all students are outside for a portion of their lunch break. Rest assured; school administration will be supervising the students during this time. Thank you for your support in ensuring our students are prepared for the weather!

Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day, observed on November 8, acknowledges the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Indigenous soldiers. This day highlights the bravery and commitment of Indigenous veterans, who have served with distinction despite facing historical and ongoing challenges.

Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, we observe Remembrance Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the armed forces during World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. This solemn day is marked by ceremonies, moments of silence, and the wearing of poppies in honour of those who have served and fallen.

Together, these days remind us of the courage and resilience of all who have served.

Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week, observed in the second week of November, focuses on raising awareness about the issues facing transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. The week highlights the challenges transgender people face, such as discrimination and lack of healthcare access, and promotes acceptance and inclusivity by encouraging supportive policies and practices.

The week helps to foster solidarity within the transgender community and with allies, providing emotional support and strengthening the transgender movement. It culminates in the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, a day to honour those lost to anti-transgender violence, emphasizing the need for continued protection and support.

Be an ally

An ally is someone who actively and consistently supports, stands with and advocates for the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. The best way to be an ally is to listen with an open mind. It is our responsibility to treat all people with dignity and kindness.

Important Dates

November 4th – Picture Re-Takes

November 8th - Indigenous Veterans Day

November 11th – Remembrance Day (No Classes)

November 13th – Immunization Clinic (Grade 7s)

November 20th - Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 22nd – Assessment and Evaluation Day (No Classes)

December 4th – Progress Conferences 6-8pm

December 5th – AM = PD Day & Progress Conferences 1-3pm (No Classes AM & PM)

December 20th – Last Day Before Holiday Break

December 23rd – January 1st – Holiday Break

January 2nd – Teacher Professional Practice Day (No Classes)

With Kindness,

The Administration and Staff of CPJH