Good Evening Clayton Park Junior High Families,

I hope everyone stayed safe during the storm. Below is some information that we would like to share with families.

**Student Demographic Sheets – Registering for 2021 - 2022**

To register for next year, students in grade 7 and 8 received their demographic sheets today, Tuesday February 9th. The demographic sheets outline important information that we have on file for each student in PowerSchool. Please review this information and update any information directly on the sheets. Please sign the back page regardless if there are changes or not. This allows us to know that you have acknowledge that all information is correct and accurate in PowerSchool. Having updated information is very important in keeping students safe and in communicating with families. Please make sure all telephone numbers, emails and addresses are correct on these forms. This information will be very important for us to have if we have an emergency with your student or if we have a COVID outbreak in our school or community. In addition, this information is also important for the HRCE transportation team as all bussing information is obtained from PowerSchool. If we ever have an emergency on a bus, we use the information on the bus manifest, which is obtained from the information in PowerSchool.

Students must have these forms returned to the school by Friday February 19. After this time, to those students who have not handed in their forms the school will be contacting parents via email and phone to ensure we receive this information. If you child is not returning to CPJH please indicate that on the sheet and if possible information on what school your child will be attending in September. We thank you for your support in gathering this information and ensuring we have accurate information to help with safety.

**Lockdown Drill**

The safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority for Clayton Park Junior High School and the Halifax Regional Center for Education. We have been implementing a number of measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn.

One of the procedures our school will be practicing is a lockdown drill. During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building.

Students are kept inside the school and classrooms when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill. These drills should be treated with the same level of importance as fire drills.

Please be assured that the staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running the drill. We will also take time after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger. When possible, our School Liaison Officer may assist us in conducting the lockdown drills just as the Fire Department assists with evacuation drills.

Please take the time to speak with your son/daughter about this procedure and reinforce its importance. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning.

We will be having a lockdown drill during the week of February 8th, 2021.

**Student of the Month**

At CPJH the staff and administration are committed to establishing and maintaining a welcoming and safe school community that values the academic and personal growth of all students. At Clayton Park we have a number of students we would like to recognize each month who actively contribute to this goal.

The **Student of the Month** is:

* Respectful to students and staff
* Respects school routines and expectations
* Demonstrates positive character through their honesty, compassion, kindness, cooperation and gratitude toward others
* Works to the best of their ability, is diligent, prepared and committed to learn
* Shows progress and growth in learning and character
* Shows accountability and takes responsibility for their learning and their actions
* Demonstrates good sportsmanship and citizenship

The staff and administration would like to thank our **January** **Students of The Month**for helping to make CPJH a great school and the adults in their lives who have helped to instill and nurture qualities of citizenship, adding value to our school community.

71 - Michaela Cabonce 81 - Lydia Shin 91 - Joud Al-Shanti

72 - Lola Hennessy 82 - Sara Bregaw 92 - Sydney Kozera

73 - Alice Kilbreath 83 - Sophie Hoage 93 - Kevin Lyu

74 – Zad Masad 84 - Bianca Jeong 94 - Anna Martin

75 - Robert Martin

76 - Daluchi Ugochukwu

We thank you for your continued support.

Stay Safe!

Regards,

The Staff and Administration of Clayton Park Junior High