Good Evening Clayton Park Junior High Families,

It is hard to believe that March Break is next week and it has been a year since the Global Pandemic began. Our students and community have done an extraordinary job with Public Health Protocols and Guidelines and following the Back to School Plan. Thank you for your support with all these efforts as, it has helped keep everyone safe and in school.

I hope you have a relaxing, restful and safe March Break.

**Reminder**

A friendly reminder to all students that they are to take all belongings home with them every night. Students are not able to leave items at school as per Public Health Guideline and the Back to School Plan. If the school is closed due to, COVID students are not able to access the building for items. Band students must take their instruments home every night and students should only be bringing items they require for the day to school.

Students are reminded to have extra masks with them in their backpacks and to bring a water bottle to school.

**Parking**

Thank you to everyone for not accessing the bus loop from 9am to 4pm daily. This helps with keeping our students safe and buses are able to drop students off and pick students up in a safe and efficient manner. Please respect the no parking signs along the road in front of the school. Many areas have no parking/stopping signs to allow access for Metro Transit and the flow of traffic, including schools buses on Plateau Crescent. Woodward Crescent is an option for adults to park and wait for students at dismissal time.

**Math Support**

The following are links to opportunities for students to access supports for mathematics.

 The EECD Homework Hub is a valuable mathematics resource for students in grades 7 to 12. Students have access to live tutors on Sunday through Thursday, from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. These tutors are certified teachers, they tutor mathematics courses in both English and French. In addition to tutoring, students can access electronic textbooks, tutorial videos and practice problems. If you are interested, feel free to watch the following EECD video introduction to homework hub:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnORoA5E7i4>.

 Support for grade 7 and 8

https://courseware.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/27

 Support for grade 9

https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/resources/courseware/curriculum-maps/NSGrade9-

Mathematics9-to-CEMC.pdf

<https://www.nlesd.ca/programs/math9intresources.jsp>

**March Break Workshops**

Students Services (including Schools Plus) are offering a small number of virtual theme based workshops for students in grades 2-9 over March Break.  Registration information is outlined in the attached workshop document.  These virtual workshops are a collaborative effort from Child and Youth Care Practitioners and School Psychologists who will meet virtually with children and their same aged peers to use games, conversation, books, movement activities and all kinds of other fun ways to develop their social, emotional, and communication skills.

**March 8th – International Women’s Day**

**IWD 2021 campaign theme: #ChooseToChallenge**

A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.

We can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world.

From challenge comes change, so let's all **choose to challenge**.

Many of our students in grades 7-9 participated in the Mount Saint Vincent Women’s Day Conference on March 5th. Thank you to MSVU for hosting this virtual event and to Ms. Ugursal for organizing the day.

**Spirit Days**

The grade 9 leadership team have organized the following spirit days this week;

Thursday March 11th – Jersey/CPJH Swag Day

Friday March 12th – Pajama Day

**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 **February** **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 – Nathan LeRue 81 – Abeesha Duaa 91 – Maggie Fitzgerald

72 – Emily Oxner 82 – Jake O’Connor 92 – George Podolskyy

73 – Loreen Monterose 83 – Daaksha Ajith 93 – Ankita Das

74 – Trinity Earle 84 – Jessica Sawari 94 – John Hubbard

75 – Ethan MacMillan

76 – Reyha Khanna

**Upcoming Dates**

March 1 – 28 – Nutrition Month

March 8 – International Women’s Day

March 11th – Jersey Day/CPJH Swag Day

March 12th – Pajama Day

March 15 – 19 – March Break

March 24 – Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes)

March 26 – Purple Day – Supporting Epilepsy Awareness

April 2 – Good Friday (no classes)

April 2nd – Autism Awareness Day \*please wear blue on April 1st

April 5 – Easter Monday (no classes)

April 7 – Term 2 Report Cards go home

April 8 – Morning PD/Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences

(no classes)

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate through this unique school year.

Take Care,

The Staff and Administration of Clayton Park Junior High