


Cloverdale Traditional School

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A COMMUNITY OF CARING, RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS

NEWSLETTER

September 3, 2019

Dear CTS Families,

On behalf of the Cloverdale Traditional staff, it is my great pleasure to welcome all students and families to the 2019-20 school year! We look forward to meeting all of our families, sharing in the growth and learning of each of our students and working closely with families to ensure success for every child. Please do not hesitate to contact the school throughout the year should you have questions or concerns. CTS is a wonderful place to learn!

First Week Procedures: Sept. 4-7

All students will line up and be dismissed at the same place during our first week:

- Kindergarten – in the gym
- Grades 1-3 under covered area by the gym
- Grades 4-7 under covered area at the back of the school
- Intensive Literacy program in the Intermediate undercover area (closest to the bldg.)

Classes

Students will be in grade groups and working with different teachers at the beginning of the year. We appreciate your patience and support while staff work hard to organize our new classes, as there are many factors to consider. Please help your child understand that this week's class is temporary! By taking time now to organize classes, we ensure the very best fit for your child so they may have a successful year.

Combined Grade Classes

A combined class has two grade levels working together in one classroom. We are expecting to have many combined grade classes this year. There are always a range of learners in every class, even within a single grade. Whether your child is oldest or youngest, a combined class offers many learning advantages. Please note that there is no ranking system for combined classes, and it is in no way a negative reflection of your child!

New Staff

Please join me in welcoming new staff to our CTS family:

- Mrs. Amy Wagner (Kindergarten teacher)
- Mr. Mark Shargool (Intermediate teacher)
- Ms. Davina Crawford (Applied Behaviour Analyst)
- Mrs. Suki Diocese (Educational Assistant)
- Ms. Jessica Mattice (Educational Assistant)

Congratulations to Ms. McCracken who was married over the summer! She will be teaching a Primary class this year. When you see her, please say, *Hello, Mrs. O'Neill*, as she has changed her name!

Bell Schedule 2019-20

Supervision Starts	8:15
Welcome Bell	8:30
School starts	8:35
Recess	10:15 -10:30
Lunch	11:42 -11:57
Outside Play	11:57 -12:27
Dismissal	2:27

School Supplies & Planners

School supplies and planners have arrived at the school. We will be giving these to students as soon as they are assigned their classes. *Please do not send supplies until classes are formed, except for items teachers have requested.* Please do not send planner money until classes are set.

Traditional School Expectations

At CTS, we uphold traditional values. This means we focus on respectful behaviour at all times, excellent citizenship and striving for excellence in academics, sports, arts and all you do. Students at CTS wear school uniforms. Please help your child to wear a clean uniform to school every day, following our uniform guidelines. Our PAC is organizing a uniform swap and shop (new and gently used items) on the stage of the gym during the first week of school. Please drop by and select items you may need. (Please note you do not have to donate uniform pieces in order to take the ones you need.) Thank you to our wonderful PAC parents!

Student Safety

Student safety is our top priority. Everyone entering the school must check in at the office. If you are going to a classroom, you will be asked to sign in and we will give you a visitor badge. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom. Our office staff are happy to assist you!

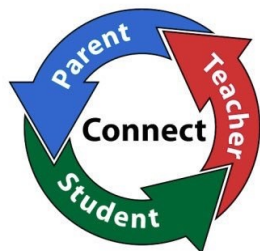
Communication

School Website and School Newsletters

Most of our communication with families is done through email. Please make sure that you log on to our website and add your email address to the list, so you do not miss important

communication. The address is <http://www.surreyschools.ca/cloverdaletraditional> Please check the website frequently as we update often!

Stay Connected with the 'School Link' app



You can get a free app on your iPhone/iPad or Android device that keeps you connected with all the latest information from our school. Go to the app store, find 'school link' then once downloaded add 'Cloverdale Traditional' to your school list and you will receive a newsfeed of anything posted on our website directly to your personal device.

Instagram

Follow us on our CTS Instagram account @cloverdaletrad. The Instagram account is used to inform and promote the great things happening at CTS! (I do not follow you back!)

Scent Awareness

Please note that we have staff who are highly sensitive to scent. **Please** avoid wearing scented products such as scented laundry detergent and fabric softener, perfumes, hairspray and gels, scented deodorant/antiperspirant, hand cream, sunscreen, Axe body spray and oils. Natural and essential oils are fine. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Online Payments

We are very excited to announce that CTS is now almost completely cashless! We will be accepting cash/cheques/online for Agendas, Kindergarten Fees and Terry Fox donations, but starting with Orange Shirt Sales (mid-September) we will only accept cheques and online payments, unless otherwise stated.

School Cash Online provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. We really want to save you time when paying for school expenses, so we can't wait for you to take advantage of this opportunity. *School Cash Online* is a great way to pay without the need for cash or cheques and you don't need a credit card.

School Cash Online is ✓ Convenient ✓ Safe ✓ Secure

Please see the attached sheet for detailed instructions on how to register. If you have any questions please call or come by the office!

Parking Lot

We would like all families to help keep our parking lots safe and orderly. The parking lot closest to Highway 10 is reserved for staff. Please do not use this lot to drop off, pick up or park.

Instead, please use the Parent parking lot just behind this one. **We also ask that you do NOT park, (or even do a quick drop off) in the designated disabled access parking spots, or the fire lane access by the flagpole. These areas are clearly marked and reserved for emergency vehicles or families who display a decal. Thank you!**

Fun Facts: *Did you know?*

Our school has a long history. It was built in 1921 and was Surrey's first High School! In 1940, it became Lord Tweedsmuir High School. Then it was Cloverdale Junior High School (1957), Cloverdale Elementary School (1965) and finally, in September 2003, it became Cloverdale Traditional School. ***Happy 98th birthday to our school!***

We look forward to seeing you all and meeting our new families! We wish you a fun, successful year of learning!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Newman
Principal