

October 8, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

It is hard to believe we are into the month of October. Always a great time of the year to be thankful and appreciative for what we have and for what we can offer to others.

Welcome our new Vice-principal: We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Meaghan O'Brien will be the new vice-principal at Claremont starting Wednesday. Ms. O'Brien is currently a teacher at Claremont in the Applied Designs, Skills & Technologies Department along with having school leadership roles as Department Head of Curriculum Innovation and Teacher-Leader in Assessment & Curriculum. Many of our students will know Ms. O'Brien from our Foods program having been taught by her or have sampled one of her culinary creations at lunch. We all look forward to working with Ms. O'Brien in her new role.



Grad Photo Days: Attention Grads! It is time to book your Grad Photos with Lifetouch. The portable studio will be on site at Claremont October 12-22. Follow the booking instructions found on the front page of our website and remember, please try to avoid booking a photo session during class time if it can be avoided.

Health and Safety: Our students are doing a great job wearing masks in school. Please help us reinforce the importance of wearing masks while in school. In addition, going for a walk outdoors during break times is a good opportunity to take a break from the mask. So, dressing for the weather will also be important.

Athletics: It is nice to see all our volleyball teams well into their season of play. This includes, cross country, field hockey, field lacrosse, rowing, and boys soccer. We encourage spectators to attend our outdoor games and events. However, we are limited to seating capacity in our gymnasiums and

parents/guardians are expected to sign in leaving their name and phone number at the entrance of home and away gymnasiums.

October PAC Meeting: Next PAC meeting will be both virtual and in person in our Learning Commons. The meeting will be Tuesday October 19, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. If you wish to attend virtually through Microsoft TEAMS platform, RSVP to [Mr. Westhaver](#) and he will send you the link.

Parents as Education and Career Coaches: One of the most informative opportunities for parents/guardians to help guide their child into the world of possibilities after high school is this interactive information session. This virtual information session will highlight the different pathways, supports along the way, and overview of resources available to students. Please sign up in advance, the date is Monday November 15, 7:00 - 8:30. [Registration link](#).

Vandalism: Unfortunately we are still experiencing some vandalism in our student washrooms. Door hinges damaged, paper towel dispensers opened and emptied, toilet paper tossed about, etc... This is not okay and needs to stop. Please remind your child that we must all work together to ensure Claremont is a safe and secure place to be for everyone.

Have a great long weekend.

Sincerely,

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