



Courtice North Public School

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Character Trait for September: Respect

I am polite, courteous and caring. I value myself and others. I treat all people with dignity and uphold their rights. I protect property and the environment.

Welcome Back!

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all members of our school community! We are very excited to be teaching and learning with you for the 2019-2020 school year, and have so many new families joining us – many from the Greater Toronto Area! Welcome! We are confident you will find the Courtice neighbourhood a wonderful place to raise your family and look forward to having you become a vital part of our school community. Please join us for the “Meet the Teacher Open House” from 5:30-7:00 pm on Thursday, September 26th. We hope to see you! Parents wishing to become involved in our School Council will meet on Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm in the library. Please join us!

September is always an exciting month at Courtice North! Many of our returning students have noticed some significant changes that have taken place in our school during the summer. Four brand-new, air conditioned portables were delivered, our second floor lockers were removed and the hallway newly painted with coat racks installed, and work on re-pointing our East-facing bricks was completed. Presently, we have our students divided into two recess times, with grades 1-3 and 4-8 having separate opportunities to have more space for active play and provide space for junior and intermediate outdoor sports.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your support and assistance in remaining outside the fenced areas. We are growing. We now have 475 students in our school this year. As many of you are aware, several of our primary classes are presently exceeding the cap of 20 students, and we have junior classes of over thirty students. To accommodate the rapid growth of our community, we will be hiring additional teaching staff to create a grade 2-3 class during the week of September 9th, and classes from grades 1-5 will then be adjusted to reduce class sizes. I will contact you personally to advise if this change affects your child and of the start date for this change.

During our busy morning arrival and afternoon pick up times, student safety is our first priority and having only YMCA and school staff on the yard will enable us to supervise students most effectively. Please remain outside the fence school yard. To reduce the congestion of parking at our school and along Nash Road, please do consider walking to school.

Please update and return Student Information and Verification Forms to the school as soon as possible.

Student Accident Insurance Forms are also sent home for your review and consideration. Thank you.

School Organization as of September 6, 2019

Kindergarten	M. Peach, S. Rivard, J. Willis, E. Blacklock, T. Gardner (P. Rogers), N. Campbell, J. Gunn-Faas, TBA - one Early Childhood Educator.
Grade 1	K. Hills
Grade 1	S. O'Neill
Grade 1-2	S. Butler
Grade 2	K. Robertson
Grade 2-3	TBD
Grade 3	G. Cooper
Grade 3	S. Harnden (D. Page)
Grade 3-4	C. Orr
Grade 4-5	C. Arthur
Grade 5	K. Durst
Grade 5	J. Murphy, R. Lowe
Grade 6	A. Fedewicz
Grade 6	A. Posteraro
Grade 7-8	I. Dewell, M. Ewert, L. Molloy
Learning & Life Skills	T. Davidson, M. Vos
Library	A. Unwin
Core French	C. Ferron, K. Huxter
Music	A. Osborne
SERT	D. McDonald, J. Murphy
Child and Youth Worker	B. MacDonald
Personal Care Assistant	T. Karlsson
Education Assistants	K. Bowyer, K. Cornelius, R. Foster (L. Jackson), C. Holdaway, C. Holla, P. MacLeod, R. Martin, T. McCann, R. Rogers, D. Taylor, G. Solomon
Vice Principal	M. Avery
Principal	P. Bischoff
Secretaries	H. Hoskin, J. Kerr

Key Upcoming Dates – Please always check Edsby for up-to the-minute news

Sept. 12	School Picture Day
Sept. 24	School Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
Sept. 26	Terry Fox Run for cancer research Meet the Teacher/Open House – 5:30-7:00 pm
Sept. 27	PA Day – no classes
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day for Recognition of Residential School Impact

School Cash Online

Electronic payment information for all school trips and other opportunities accompanies this newsletter.

Boston Pizza Fundraiser – an easy 10%

When dining at the Boston Pizza in Bowmanville, just write CNPS on the back of your receipt and place it into the Team Box at the front door on your way out. Courtice North Public School will receive 10% cash back! Thank you for your support.

Please Help Us Collect Pop Tabs for Wheelchairs!

We are happy to support the Royal Canadian Legion's campaign to collect pop tabs. The tabs we collect are sold by the Legion for their aluminum content to raise funds to provide wheelchairs and other equipment for those in need. If you are able to collect tabs at home in a small ziplock baggie, your child(ren) can bring these into the school office to add to our collection jar. Thank you.

Parking Lot

Our East lot is a very busy area. Many young children enter and exit our school yard and building daily in this area. Please drive very slowly and carefully in our parking lot, especially as you pass parked vehicles and when reversing. Our bright, lime-green "Eds" and orange pylons will be out as friendly reminders. Thank you :)

Ear Buds in Baggies?

Yes, with the ever increasing use of technology in our classrooms it can very helpful for students to have his/her own very inexpensive pair of ear buds to keep in a small, labeled baggie for personal computer use.

Courtice North P.S. is a Nut and Scent Aware School

Please ensure that your child does not bring food to school that may contain sesame seeds, nuts (including tree nuts), and please also avoid the use of strongly scented products.

School Entry Process

We strive to make Courtice North Public School a safe and inviting place for students, parents and staff. All exterior doors are locked during the school day. Should you need to enter the school, please ring the buzzer, introduce yourself, and our office staff will unlock the door for you.

We Want You - as a Volunteer

Police checks must be updated each year to ensure that you will be able to join in school activities such as field trips and assist as a classroom volunteer. If you are visiting or volunteering in the school, we thank you in advance for ensuring that you sign in at the office during all visits. Please stop by the school office to pick up a volunteer letter signed by the principal to initiate this process.

Edsby

If you are experiencing any difficulty accessing Edsby, our communications platforms for classroom photo/video sharing and academic sharing/assignment updates, please contact our school office.

