

CHARLES HOWITT

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Lunch Assistants Needed

We are looking for parents or community members who are interested in supervising our students during the lunch hour from 12:50 – 1:50 p.m. This is a paid position. If you are interested please contact the office for more information.



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Administrator's Message

On behalf of the staff at Charles Howitt Public School, we would like to welcome all of the families in our community to another exciting school year! As you are likely aware, construction for the new 9-classroom addition and Kiss n' Ride is still underway, and will be ongoing in the coming months. We are very excited to see the completed project, and will certainly keep you apprised as we learn more about specific timelines and developments.

In light of the ongoing construction, I am pleased to share with you that the 2017-2018 school year has started in a very positive and productive manner! As we walk through the halls and visit classrooms, it is clearly evident that students are ready and eager to meet the challenges and excitement that comes with the start of school endeavours!

We have been very busy at Charles Howitt P.S. over the past several weeks. Many students are busy preparing for our Area Cross-Country Meet which takes place on Oct. 4th, and Volleyball tryouts have started in earnest. Further, our school instrumental/orchestral bands, lead by Mr. Bond, are starting to be organized for future practices and performances – please stay tuned for more information as it is shared in the coming weeks. Once again, and as you may be aware, our school has a School Nutrition Program (SNP) through which children will have FREE access to nutritious snacks every day and which is intended to support healthy growth and student learning. We look forward to starting this healthy initiative next week.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our annual Meet the Staff BBQ, supported by Charles Howitt staff and School Council. It will take place on Thursday, Oct. 5th, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (BBQ and mingling from 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.; informal class-

room visits – 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.). Please remember that this evening is an informal one that provides an opportunity for parents to meet their child/ren's respective teachers; requests for formal interviews/meetings to discuss specific questions and/or concerns can be scheduled, as/if needed, at other times.

Ongoing communication between the school and home is critical to the academic success and well-being of our students. Please note that the vast majority of school information and outreach can be found on our school website by using the following link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/charleshowitt.ps/Pages/default.aspx>

We encourage you to use this link to access Board and school communications on an ongoing basis!

Further, as your child's journey gets underway over the next weeks and months, please be sure to share information, ask questions, and discuss any concerns with school staff; specific questions and concerns that relate to particular classes feel free to contact the appropriate teacher. Please remember that we always strive to be available to work with parents, students and community partners to ensure that the year runs smoothly, and that your child's well-being and academic achievement are supported in the most appropriate ways possible. Positive and constructive relationships between the school and the community are key ingredients towards supporting the success of your child!

Tim Gervais
Principal

Jaime Bunbury
Vice-Principal

2017-2018 School Organization

K12A	Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Wong (DECE), Mrs. Laws (CYW)	7/8A	Mr. Harnum
K12B	Ms. Guy, Mrs. Mourad (DECE)	7/8B	Mrs. Rosenbusch
K12C	Ms. Vescio, Mrs. Alipour (DECE)	7/8C	Mr. Vittiglio
Kindergarten Prep	Mrs. Ayati	CCL	Ms. Nutting, Ms. Siddiqi (EA)
1A	Mrs. Benham, Mrs. Prentice (EA)	4G	Mrs. Lonergan/Ms. Roch
1B	Ms. Mathews	5/6G	Mrs. Smyth
1/2A	Ms. Fluxgold/Mrs. Goldman	6/7G	Mrs. Bartlett
2/3A	Mrs. Gray	7/8G	Mrs. Shen
2/3B	Ms. Ledlie	SERT	Mrs. Ayres (Gr. 1-6)
3/4A	Mrs. Senensky	SERT	Mr. Pattenick (Gr. 7-8)
4/5A	Ms. Baraam	ADH	Character Room Mrs. Dors (EA)
4/5B	Mr. Johnson	RR	Mrs. Goldman
5/6A	Mrs. Whitham	French/ELL	Ms. Minsky, Ms. Sazant
5/6B	Mrs. Bryson	Music	Mr. Bond
		Library	Ms. Butch
		ELL	Ms. Fluxgold

Search and Seizure

As per the protocol between the York Region District School Board and the York Regional Police, please be aware of the right of school administration to search school property, such as lockers, desks and backpacks, without notice to or permission of any person.

Also, from time to time, police may be invited onto any school premises to conduct their own searches without notice to or permission of any member of the school community other than the school principal.

Reminder to Parents

Monday, September 25th is a
P.A. Day.
There is no school for students
on this day.

Important Safe Arrival Program

As you may know, all public schools in York Region have a safe arrival program. This requires that we verify any child absences on a daily basis.

If your child will be away from school or late to school, it is very important that you call the school at 905-889-2522 and press Option 1. You can leave a message at this number at any time of the day or night.

If your child is absent and we have not received a message from you, we will make every effort to reach you.

In the event that we have not been able to contact you or your emergency contacts, we will call the York Regional Police.

It is important that when students arrive late to school they come to the office for a late slip. This allows us to avoid unnecessary, and often alarming calls home.



Student Nutrition Program

We are very pleased to announce that the Student Nutrition Program will run again this year. We anticipate that it will start on Wed. Sept. 20th. The program aims to promote and educate students about healthy eating by providing a healthy snack to those who would like one. Please note that we still ask you to send your child to school with a healthy snack. We hope the program encourages students to adapt healthy lifestyle choices that will result in productive learning.