

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

*Safety, Respect and Learning*



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# CHARLTON P.S.

## Message from the Principal's Desk

The start of the school year is a time of new beginnings. Staff, students and parents alike, view the beginning of the school year as a time to start anew, a time for second chances and a time to look at things with a fresh new perspective. I myself am so very excited to be a part of the Charlton P.S. school community and I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children.

We are very thankful to our caretakers who have worked very hard over the summer to prepare our classrooms for a fresh start, as well as our office staff who are always at the frontlines of everything we do for our students.

We are excited to welcome our new students, parents and teachers to our school. We also welcome those who have been with us and are returning again. Our staff is committed to creating welcoming spaces for their learners and preparing meaningful lessons. Many teachers participated in professional development courses, workshops, and did professional reading and cannot wait to implement all of the wonderful things they learned.

Charlton P.S. is committed to the achievement and well being of our students. We are looking to prepare our students for the global workplace of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We will also focus on the skills needed for our students to become successful global citizens. We are very excited to be a part of this journey, and look forward to celebrating the accomplishments and successes of our students together in partnership.

In order to ensure a smooth beginning for your child(ren), we ask that you read the start up package carefully regarding the homework policy, dress code, lunch expectations, etc. As well, please ensure you complete and sign the required forms and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

As we look to the start of the new year, we hope each day allows our students to feel deeply, think clearly and critically, and act wisely through the things they learn daily at school. We look forward to supporting our students, teachers and parents and believe that through our partnership, we can make a difference in the lives of our students and accomplish anything we set our minds to.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 19 Cross Country Run-Bruce's Mill
- Sept. 26-PA Day-No School
- Oct.3-4-Rosh Hashanah
- Oct.10-Thanksgiving-No School
- Oct. 12- Yom Kippur
- Oct. 21-Picture Day
- Oct-28- PA Day-No School
- Oct. 29-Diwali

*Tina Diavolitsis*



### Daily Schedule

Entry 8:35

Block 1:8:35 - 10:15

RECESS 10:15 - 10:45

Block 2: 10:45- 12:25

LUNCH 12:25 - 1:25

Block 3: 1:25 - 3:05



### Reporting an Absence from School

From time to time your child may need to miss school due to illness or an appointment, etc.

You must call the school to report the absence. You can do this anytime as the answering machine is available 24 hours a day.

Please phone (905) 738-5497 and leave a message on the answering machine with the following information:

-your child's first and last name

-spell the name

-grade and teacher's name

-reason for absence



### Forms to be Returned

A number of important forms have been included in the package that went home with students on the first day of school. Please take the time to read this material carefully and to return the forms that require a signature to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Monday, September 12th.

Thank you for your prompt attention!

Please remember to send forks and spoons with your child(ren). We cannot provide these on a daily basis. Also please remember to label your child's lunch container and any clothing they may take off during the course of the day. This way you will be sure to get it back at the end of the day!



### CHARLTON P.S. MODES OF COMMUNICATION

Please bookmark this website so you can check to see what is happening at Charlton P.S!

Our website aims to be more environmentally friendly by reducing the amount of communication sent home on paper.

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

### Follow us on Charlton's New Twitter Account!!

@charltonps 

### SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

If you are not on our email distribution list to receive monthly newsletters, please contact the school. Parents are encouraged to share their email address to receive school newsletters and updates! If you are unable to provide an email address, please let the school know and we will send a hard copy of the newsletter home with your child.



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*Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.  
Marian Wright Edelman*

Parents! We would like to encourage you to make payments for school trips, pizza orders etc. through Cash ONLINE. Please see the payment process below! Cheques and cash are no longer necessary with this fast and efficient payment process. We hope you can support this process!



## Charlton P.S. is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.keysoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

## Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your purchases will appear on your statement as "School Cash Online – YRDSB"



### Step 1: Register

- a) Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://charlton.ps.yrdsb.ca/>, select the "Get Started Today" button.

Complete each of the three Registration Steps

**\*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**

### Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

### Step 3: Find Student

**NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED**

This step will connect your children to your account.

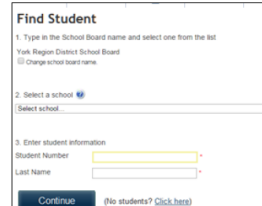
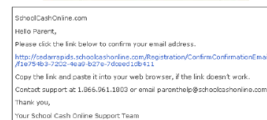
- a) Enter the School Board Name  
b) Enter the School Name  
c) Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name  
d) Select **Continue**  
e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**  
f) Your child has been added to your account

### Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.  
If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

### NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com).



## Student Allergies

Due to the severe allergy to peanuts/nuts and shellfish of several of our students, we are asking that **NO peanuts /nut products** be brought into the school for snacks or lunches. As well, we have some students allergic to eggs and shellfish. If you have received a letter indicating there is a specific allergy in your child's class, please refrain from sending that specific food item to school in your child's lunch. **If you would like a list of nut free snack and lunch ideas, please visit:**

<http://snacksafely.com/>



At Charlton we celebrate student birthdays with a morning announcement and a ribbon students wear on their birthday (or the day after if on a weekend). If parents would like to celebrate further, we recommend a small token (special pencil or eraser etc.) to be given to other students. Due to the increase in student allergies and anaphylactic reactions, no food of any sort will be distributed to other students for birthday celebrations.

## Visitors in the School

We welcome families and volunteers at Charlton Public School. To ensure the safety of students, families and visitors are asked to use the main entrance and report to the office at all times. You will be asked to sign in and wear a visitor or volunteer badge if you are visiting the school for any reason (volunteering, appointments with teachers, etc.)  
Thank you for your cooperation.

## Message from our Trustee

As we start another school year, we are very pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you all enjoyed the hot summer months and are looking forward to the start of school.

There is a lot to look forward to in the months ahead and many ways for families to engage with their child's learning. There is a strong connection between parent and family engagement and student achievement and well-being, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get involved.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our Multi-Year Plan (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/AboutUs/BoardPlans/Pages/MYP-Goals.aspx>): student achievement and well-being; the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs; and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

We know that partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving these goals. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference to your child's learning.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

## Audit Committee Volunteers Needed

The York Region District School Board is seeking community members with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on its audit committee for a three year term effective **January 31, 2017**.

The Audit Committee's primary role is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight. The committee meets at least 3 times a year, plus ad hoc meetings as required.

Applicants must be a York Region resident and have an accounting designation, as well as sufficient accounting and senior financial management expertise to understand public sector accounting and auditing standards.

**Application deadline is Friday, September 23, 2016.** For more information and to apply, please visit the Board Website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

## Safety Drills



We will be reviewing safety issues and practicing some specific safety procedures/drills with all of our students. As you know from previous years, schools across the province have engaged in Lockdown Procedures which prepare students for occurrences such as an armed intruder. Schools are required to practice 2 Lockdowns in addition to 6 Fire Drills per year. Our first Lockdown will take place later in the month and our fire drills will randomly occur throughout the year, with the first one occurring within the first 2 weeks of school. Our teachers do a great job of preparing our students for these drills so that anxiety

## Keeping valuables safe



Valuable possessions, such as electronic games, toys and smart phones may interfere with the learning environment. Personal music players (M3Ps, Cell Phones and iPods) are not to be used inside the school building. Students are discouraged from bringing these items to school. If they are brought to school, it is at the students' own risk. If an item is confiscated, parents will be asked to pick it up at the school office. We are not responsible for loss or damage to personal effects that are not required for programming.



A strong partnership between home and school is important. We encourage our parents to become involved in our School Council for the 2016-2017 school year. Studies show a direct link between parental involvement and student success. Please join us for our first meeting in the Library on **Thursday, September 22, 2016**. We look forward to seeing you there!