



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

November 10, 2023

The November weather has arrived! Please remember to send your child to school with layers. They will enjoy the outdoors much more if they are dressed for the weather. We have had to remind students to leave their coats on when it is cold outside. This may be a good conversation to have at home (especially with our youngest students).

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to be part of our School Youth SPACE team. Youth S.P.A.C.E stands for (**S**tudents **P**romoting **A**wareness **C**onnection & **E**mpowerment for Mental Health and Well-being). This leadership opportunity is to provide a safe and inclusive space for student leadership and engagement in support of mental health and well-being. Students will be part of creating fun mental health activities and resources for all students at Cornell! Sign up outside the library if students are interested in the opportunity to be part of this amazing team!

Student voice and input is very important at CVPS. Many students have asked for clubs and activities that interest them and our amazing CVPS staff are very keen to support these ideas! Stay tuned for some clubs that will be starting soon: Eco-club, Crocheting and Knitting Club, Chess Club and many more!

To those families celebrating Diwali on Sunday, we would like to wish you and your families a very happy celebration!

Thank you for all of your support and partnership!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
November 13	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pizza Day for those who ordered- session 2 ● Intermediate Boys' volleyball practice-lunch recess ● Intermediate Girls' Area Volleyball at MDHS ● Willy Wonka- auditions for Musical- lunch recess
November 14	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cricket Club (grades 4-8) starts -lunch ● Willy Wonka- auditions for Musical- snack recess ● 7/8 Orchestra- lunch recess
November 15	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sub sandwiches for those who ordered-session 2 ● 4-8 choir- snack recess ● Intermediate Boys' volleyball practice-lunch recess
November 16	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intermediate Girls' volleyball practice-lunch recess ● Willy Wonka- auditions for Musical- snack recess ● Parent-Teacher interviews 4:00-8:30 p.m.
November 17	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent-Teacher interviews (am only) ● P.A. Day- no school

Mark your calendars:

Nov. 20	Int. Boys' Area Volleyball@CVPS a.m.
Nov. 20-24	Bullying Prevention Week
Nov. 21	Int. Girls Volleyball Regional Meet
Nov. 23	Photo Retakes/Grade 8 photos
Nov. 24	Int. Boys Volleyball Regional Meet
Nov. 24	Dental Screening
Nov. 27	Dental Screening
Jan. 15	School Council Meeting
Feb. 1	Grade 8 Graduation Photos
Feb. 5	School Council Meeting
Feb. 6	Jr. Girls Volleyball Regional Meet
Feb. 8	Jr. Boys Volleyball Regional Meet
March 4	Int. Girls Basketball Regionals
March 5	Int. Boys Basketball Regionals
April 30	Jr. Girls Basketball Regionals
May 1	Jr. Boys Basketball Regionals
June 12	SODA Track & Activities Meet
June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS

Attachments for this week:

📎 Mental Health Newsletter November 2023.pdf

📎 Parent Presentation Financial Literacy and Gambling.pdf

📎 GoGoSqueez - Accepted Waste Poster

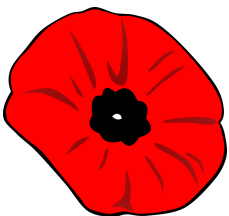
Parent-Teacher Interviews/Student-led Conferences

Progress Reports will be coming home in hard copy on November 9. Parent-Teacher Interviews or Student-led conferences will be taking place on the evening of Thursday, November 16 and on the morning of Friday, November 17 (which is a PA Day). **Your child's interview sign-up is open now through Edsby.** You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) in person, and learn more about the classroom.

Families that already have an Edsby account may use their previously created account. The username is the full email address that is on file at your child(ren)'s home school and the password is the one created at activation. If you have forgotten your password, you can find [resources on the Board website](#) to help, including how to reset your password.

Families who do not have an Edsby account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Interview Night. An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school. For help creating an Edsby account, [instructions can be found on the Board website](#). An email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account will be sent to your email inbox. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

Remembrance Day



On Friday, we had our school assembly to honour Remembrance Day. We observe Remembrance Day on November 11 because the First World War ended on 11 November 1918 at 11 a.m.; the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Today, we pause for two minutes of silence as we, alongside Canadians coast to coast and around the world, remember those who have served and sacrificed and/or been impacted by war.

We also reflect on those who continue to serve today.

National Indigenous Veterans Day

November 8th is National Indigenous Veterans Day, a day to acknowledge the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit who served in times of war and peace. For many years, that service was often overlooked and underappreciated. These sacrifices should not be forgotten.

First Nations soldiers were forced to give up their status to enlist in the military and were not eligible for the same post-war benefits that non-Indigenous soldiers were entitled to. Since time immemorial First Nation,

Inuit, Métis have cared for and protected this land, including in the military.

New Recycling Program at CVPS



Recycle all plastic snack pouches and caps here



ALL snack pouches are accepted (Applesnax, GoGoSqueeze, etc.).

Students can bring in empty pouches from home as well.



Only plastic snack pouches and caps are accepted.

Changemakers' Food Drive



Mr. Harnum's and Ms. Nissen's Grade 4 classes have been working on an initiative called "The Changemakers". These two classes have been working very, very hard to help the hungry citizens in our home area. We will be collecting food and personal hygiene donations from November 13 to December 8. Some of the most needed food items are: bags of rice, individually wrapped snacks, hot cereal, instant coffee, and jam. The most needed personal hygiene items are: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes. If you can donate we would really appreciate it.



Hindu Heritage Month

Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario. Hinduism is considered by some as one of the world's oldest religions, dating back over 10,000 years. With over 900 million followers worldwide, Hinduism is the third-largest religion.

Screening Tool

If anyone in your family is feeling ill or showing symptoms such as a fever, cough, runny nose etc, please ensure that you make use of the [screening tool](#) for the 2023-2024 school year and follow the guidance given. This tool has been updated to reflect new protocols and guidelines.




Any students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 as identified in the screening tool (not related to a COVID-19 vaccine) or answer yes to any of the screening questions, must not enter any school and follow the guidance in the screening tool.

Students, staff members and school visitors are not required to wear masks in school. Individuals who feel more comfortable or who are advised to wear a mask can continue to wear a mask and will be supported in doing so. Hand hygiene and cleaning and disinfection protocols will continue.

Prayer Spaces - We have just purchased new prayer mats

We have a designated space in the school available for students and staff who wish to pray during the day. Please let your child's teacher know if they need help finding and accessing the prayer room. The room is located beside room 201.

School Lunches

Pizza #2 Mondays		Nov 20, 27, Dec 4, 11, 18
Subs #2 Wednesdays		Nov 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20
Burgers #2 Fridays		Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22



We have had community members reaching out to us. They are concerned about students crossing the street in the middle of the street (jay-walking). Please make sure you have a talk with your child about the importance of crossing at an intersection.

CRICKET CLUB



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Important Information to Remember:

KISS AND RIDE

The entry bell rings at 8:45 a.m. Students must make every effort to be in school by 9:00 a.m. to ensure “on time” arrival in class. During the early entry time, students may enter the school hallways to unpack their bags and prepare for class. In the interest of safety, it is suggested that students who walk to school should arrive after 8:45 a.m. **when the school is supervised.** Parents who pick up their child after school need to arrive promptly. Supervising staff are on duty in the hallways 15 minutes before the start of first period classes at 9:00 a.m. **NOTE: Supervision is not available after school.** Staff are on duty at the end of the day to assist with bus loading and the safe exit of the building.



EDSBY SIGN UP

This platform will be required to report absences, book appointments and may be used as a communication tool with your child's teachers. For Edsby to be effective, it contains personal information about you and your family that is collected by the Board at registration. This information is used to provide services and support to you and your family. Edsby is a secure system that keeps your details and information safe and secure.

You will be receiving an invitation to EDBSY if you are new to the school, or you have not yet signed up. Please visit [this link](#) for online resources to help you register and use EDSBY.

Reporting Student Absences and Lates

We are pleased to let you know that we have a telephone attendance reporting system. This is in addition to online absence reporting through Edsby.

Regular and punctual attendance affects school success and is expected of all students. You are responsible for notifying the school before the bell time if your child will be absent or late. We have a safe arrivals program so that we can account for the whereabouts of absent students if the absence has not been reported prior to bell time.

To enhance our safe arrivals system, this new telephone system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance. It will also confirm student absences that have not been verified by automatically calling you.

If your child is going to be absent or late, please let us know before bell time by: 8:50 a.m.

1. **Logging in to Edsby and using the "Report an Absence" feature.** For more information on reporting your child's attendance through Edsby, please see the [online video tutorial to learn more \(bit.ly/edsbyabsence\)](#).

*** If you are going on an extended vacation, please enter this on Edsby**

2. **Calling the school's main phone line at 905 471-1694 and select the option "To report a student absence or late."**

Long-term absences or absences beyond the following day can be reported through the new telephone absence reporting system, Edsby or by contacting the school. If your child will miss more than 5 consecutive days of school, you must complete the Request for Vacation Form available through the school.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to ensure the safety of our students. Please feel free to contact us with any further questions.