



# CLARKSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Clarkson Families:

Happy New School Year! We hope that you have enjoyed the summer holidays and that the transition back to school is smooth. We are looking forward to the year ahead. **Tuesday September 3 is a grade 9 only first day of school. All other grades start Wednesday September 4 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Pre-registration:** A reminder to **grade 10, 11 & 12 students** that **pre-registration is Tuesday August 27 from 9:00-12:30**. Please ensure that you pay the \$50.00 student registration fee online before you arrive (visit [www.clarksonss.ca](http://www.clarksonss.ca) and click on the SCHOOL CASH ONLINE button). At pre-registration you will receive your timetable, student ID, locker assignment and other important school start information.

**School Cash Online:** If you have not yet signed up for “**School Cash Online**”, please do so on the school website at [www.clarksonss.ca](http://www.clarksonss.ca). As we are a cashless school, all school purchases are made on-line. We encourage families to use this quick, easy and safe tool for making school purchases.

**Welcoming Grade 9s:** Our first day of school is a **Grade 9 only Registration & Orientation Day on Tuesday September 3rd**. We encourage students to arrive by 7:45 am. This is a special opportunity to welcome our new Chargers and provide them with a fun, supportive and positive transition to high school. Students will participate in orientation day activities, visit each of their classes and will be assigned their lockers (locks provided free). Our Link Crew students and teachers will lead the grade 9 day. The Link Crew students will continue to lead activities and offer mentorship throughout the year to our grade 9s. A free lunch and snacks is provided for all grade 9s on the first day of school.

**School Council Meetings & Elections:** Please see the attached pages for information on the election process and a self-nomination form for parents/guardians who would like to participate in our School Council. Please drop off your election form to the main office by Friday September 20. **Our first School Council meeting is Tuesday September 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Facility Improvements:** Significant outside construction has taken place over the summer break and Clarkson will benefit from further facility improvements over this school year. We are very excited that the artificial turf field and 8 lane rubberized track and field facility is nearly complete.

Over the summer months work has been done on the following:

- new paving in the parking lot
- new bike racks and fencing
- new courtyard with picnic tables and umbrellas
- interior painting
- new flooring and shelving in the library

**Communication with school:** Students and parents are encouraged to follow us on **Twitter @clarksoncharger** and/or Instagram **@clarksonchargers** to stay up to date on daily life at the school. Our **school website is [www.clarksonss.ca](http://www.clarksonss.ca)** and is a valuable source of information. On our website, parents/guardians can sign up for **Parent Web** which allows you to view your child's attendance and report card results online.

**Attendance/Absences:** A reminder to please call the school at (905) 822-6700 if your child is absent. Regular attendance is essential to academic success. If a student is absent, an evening call is made to the parents/guardians to advise them of the absence. If you have concerns about attendance please engage with the school through your child's guidance counselor or Vice Principal.

**Continuation of special programs (Elite-Athlete, Peel International School and French Immersion):**

Clarkson S.S. is the host site of **two elite student-athlete** programs. Mississauga Prep Swim and Football North. Both programs attract students from across Canada. Mississauga Prep Swim student-athletes train at the University of Toronto. Football North student-athletes play American style football and all games are in the USA. Many of our students-athletes have been awarded scholarships to top American and Canadian Universities. Clarkson S.S. continues to offer highly successful Clarkson Charger Football and Swim programs for our local students, in addition to a wide range of other sports and clubs.

Clarkson S.S. continues to be a **Peel International School** host site. Approximately 150 students from around the world attend Clarkson S.S and contribute to our diversity and vibrancy.

Our **French Immersion** program continues to provide a rich extension to the regular languages program. Clarkson S.S. has a talented languages teaching staff who are intensely committed to the program and student success. We are also, one of the very few schools in Peel to offer courses in Spanish.

**Engagement in school life:** We encourage parents/guardians to attend our **Parents' Night, Open House, concerts, sporting events and other community events throughout the year.** The school uses email communication and a phone call-out system to provide families reminders about these dates. If you would like these communications please ensure that you have provided the school with your most up to date contact information.

**Medical information Updates:** Please ensure that the school is informed of health/medical conditions that may impact your child at school. Updates or changes should be communicated immediately to the school. In September, we will be sending home current medical alert information and asking parents to provide confirmation that the information we have on file is correct.

**Parents' Night:** A reminder that, **Early Progress Reports** go home **Thursday October 10. Parents' Night is Wednesday October 23** with a Meet & Greet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and formal interviews from 6:00-7:00 p.m. If you would like a one-to-one meeting with your child's teacher, please ensure that you sign up for a scheduled appointment through your child. Information will be sent home.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to the new school year!

Mrs. Zammit

Principal, Clarkson S.S.

**School Council Candidate Nomination Form  
Clarkson Secondary School**

Parents and guardians of Clarkson S.S. students are invited to self-nominate for a parent/guardian representative position on school council.

Nomination forms are due **Friday September 20, 2019** in the office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(student name and date of birth)

Please describe why you are interested in a parent representative position on school council. This information will be shared with other parents/guardians prior to the election.

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I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent representative on the school council. I understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the school council. I am interested in the following [position on the school council (please circle)]”

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Fundraising/Events Coordinator
- Member at Large

Candidate signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_