



# THE OXFORD SCHOOL

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

### We want to give a big TOS welcome to our new staff members:

- Cristina Wedow – Grade 2
- Bailey Thibodeau – Grade 3
- Molly Harrington – Grade 4
- Brett Profit – Grade 5
- Adam de Pencier – Head of School

### Congratulations to our 2019-2020 House Champions – **Hadfield House**

We look forward to magically sorting our new students into the houses and participating in some new and exciting challenges once again this year.

### Random Acts of Kindness

It is important to us to continue to recognize the integrity, respect and kindness of all of our students. Our tradition of awarding kindness bears to students who exemplify these traits will continue in a somewhat different fashion this year. We will be recognizing and honouring the consistent and authentic character of our students once again and will be awarding kindness bear certificates. Our bears will stay at school proudly displayed as a nod to all that they have always stood for. A little kindness really does go a long way.

### Masks

Please remember to send your student to school wearing a clean mask daily and

have a back up clean mask available. If you are looking for masks for your child may we suggest Alterations by Bree McQueen and the Be You Company both are local options and Oxford School families! Details are available on the school blog [www.theoxfordschool.ca/tosnews](http://www.theoxfordschool.ca/tosnews).

### Dress for The Weather

We will be spending an increased amount of time outdoors this year. We have some new tables and chairs coming for outside under our big shade trees so that classes may also be taught outside when appropriate. Please ensure that your student has a hat for sun and a jacket for cooler days.

**New Additions to our Physical Education Program** – We are going to learn disk golf this year and are excited about our new soccer & basketball nets!

### Classroom Dojo

You will be invited to your student's Classroom Dojo by email or via a letter sent home. Please watch for this and complete the steps for set up. Dojo has a private class news feed where teachers can post information and photos of the learning happening inside the classroom. There is also a "school story" that will occasionally have reminders and celebrations of learning from within the

school. You will have access to privately message your child's teacher via this app or online. Please contact us if you are having any trouble getting connected. Communication with our TOS families is important to us.

### Hand Sanitizer

There is hand sanitizer at every door and in the classroom. We ask that students in older grades that are capable of managing their own have some provided on their desk. We will encourage, teach and highly value taking care of ourselves and protecting one another. Please keep your student home if they are feeling unwell.

### Pick Up / Drop Off

Please be patient with us as we work out the new procedures. It is of highest importance that every student arrives and departs from our school safely. You will see our teachers outside helping to direct traffic, students and homeroom teachers will be with their classes during these times.

### Uniform Guidelines

Our uniform guidelines are available on the school website [www.theoxfordschool.ca/uniform-guidelines](http://www.theoxfordschool.ca/uniform-guidelines). Students are to arrive in their formal uniform on a daily basis, unless date is specified as a non-uniform day.

# What's Happening in September

## TERRY FOX

We want to continue to support the incredible and historic effort of Canadian Terry Fox. Our event this year will look slightly different. It will be a chance for individual classes (in spirit wear) to complete the run and earn points for their Houses. We would love if each student could donate a toonie to the cause, an online link will be made available should you choose to donate.

## WILD COMMUNITY CONNECTION 2020/2021

The Wild Community Connection (WCC) is a volunteer group of parents, caregivers and teachers. The WCC serves as a support

network for The Oxford School providing community building, fundraising and enrichment for its students.

The Wild Community Connection invites all parents to join us for our first introductory meeting on Wednesday, September, 23rd at 8pm via Zoom (link to follow).

## LOVABLE LABELS FUNDRAISER

We encourage parent to label their children's belongings/clothing to ensure they are returned and do not end up in the Lost and Found.

**The Oxford School continues to partner with Lovable Labels!** Labels can be purchased through our fundraising link:

[www.OxfordSchool.lovablelabels.ca](http://www.OxfordSchool.lovablelabels.ca)

By using this link to order ANY items from lovable labels, 20% of the purchase will support The Oxford School.

Parents are able to choose from custom or pre-designed labels. TOS has created our very own label pack, including 123 customizable labels! Labels are waterproof, microwave safe, dishwasher safe, peel & stick, UV resistant, laundry safe, and bleach safe.

Last year we raised \$226.73 for our school. Thank you TOS families for your support!

**We are looking forward to a fun and eventful year!**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <b>Labour Day</b> No School	8 First Day of School!	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Terry Fox Donation Collection September 21st-25th	22	23 <b>International Day of Sign Languages</b> <b>WCC Meeting 8:00PM</b>	24	25 <b>Terry Fox Run</b>	26 <b>1st Annual Golf Tournament</b>
27	28	29	30			

THE TOS EVENT CALENDAR IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [THEOXFORDSCHOOL.CA/CALENDAR](http://THEOXFORDSCHOOL.CA/CALENDAR)

## dates to remember

### FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL:

**8:40 - 8:55am - Drop Off**

If you enter the building please ensure that you and your child are masked.

After the first week of school, we require that you drop off in the designated Drop Off Zone to the east of the building. There will be staff/faculty to welcome your children and ensure that your child moves to their classroom.

**9:00 - 9:05am - O Canada and Affirmation**

**10:45 - 11:30am - First Lunch & Recess**

**1:10 - 1:55pm - Second Lunch & Recess**

**3:15pm - Dismissal for Pre-K, JK and SK**

**3:30pm - Dismissal of Remaining Grades**

We ask that families drive through to the designated pick-up zone, there are 5 spaces outside the East entrance. Identify yourself to our staff/faculty, who will in turn direct your child safely to your vehicle.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

#### 1ST WCC MEETING

**8:00pm**

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### MONDAY, SEPT. 21ST - FRIDAY, SEPT. 25TH TERRY FOX DONATION COLLECTION

We would love if each student could donate a toonie to the cause, an online link will be made available should you choose to donate.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH TERRY FOX RUN

**2:00pm - 3:20pm**

Students will receive a brief introduction to the value of Terry Fox Day in their morning classes. Students should dress in their house colour for the event, keep in mind clothing

should be appropriate for the activity and weather conditions.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

#### 1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**LOCATION:** Woodstock Meadows Golf Centre  
745364 Oxford Road 17, Woodstock, ON

- Assigned tee times starting at 8:30AM

- Lunch to-go will be provided after your round

- Raffle will be announced after the tournament

If you would like to sponsor a hole, donate raffle prizes or register a team please contact Rebecca Moss at [rebeccaaruxton@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaaruxton@gmail.com).

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 PHOTO DAY

Students are asked to wear the complete formal uniform.

Refer to the Uniform Guidelines for details [www.theoxfordschool.ca/uniform-guide](http://www.theoxfordschool.ca/uniform-guide)

### LET US KNOW HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE TOS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*Please complete and return your selection to the school.*

- printed & sent home
- emailed to: \_\_\_\_\_  
your email address
- view online at [theoxfordschool.ca](http://theoxfordschool.ca)

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s) *Please list the names of all your children that attend TOS, their grade & homeroom teacher.*

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