

John G Althouse Middle School

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GRADE RANGE: 6 to 8

Interesting Feature

Music Program

The music program at John G. Althouse is exceptional. Every student plays an instrument, whether in band or strings, and every student participates in vocal music. We have two major performances each year; Gift of Music in the fall and Crescendo in the spring. Also, for two weeks in February, students compete in the Kiwanis Music Festival. There are numerous music groups at John G. Althouse, including Stage Band, Jazz Choir, Concert Band, Chamber Strings, Honour Orchestra, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, as well as grade level Choir, Band and String groups.

John G. Althouse is a middle school with grades 6, 7 & 8, located in the Martingrove / Eglinton area, just south of Eglinton. John G. Althouse Middle School is a stimulating, caring and creative learning community where students, staff and parents are all committed to student achievement. Together, we ensure opportunities for each student to be personally motivated and academically successful and to develop a sense of belonging, a sense of self, and the skills to learn confidently. John G. Althouse is a dual track middle school providing full instruction in regular programming and Special Education-Gifted for Grades 6, 7 & 8. Our school also offers support in Guidance, Special Education Resource, and English as a Second Language.



More Information about John G Althouse Middle School

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Additional Features

For a list of all programs that are also offered visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/Schools.aspx?schno=2033&schoolId=1056>



Student Life - Where You Belong

Student life at John G. Althouse is very exciting. Along with recognizing the importance of the traditional Core subject areas, we are fortunate to be able to deliver additional programs for the students that cultivate interest and life-long skills. Each class participates in family studies, design and technology, drama and art. They take two each term. Classes are paired with one or two others for Music and Physical Education. There are numerous opportunities for students to participate in clubs and sports teams. We have intramural sports and teams for all grades. We also have both Science and History Fairs that are done in opposite years, so that each student will complete both a Science and History Fair by the time they graduate. Grade 6 students have the outstanding opportunity to have a one day music camp that kick starts their initiation to instrumental music. Grade 7 students participate in an overnight outdoor education experience, that extends the physical education curriculum in a hands on environment. Grade 8 students have their graduation trip to Quebec City. There are numerous trips throughout the year that build on the curriculum expectations for each grade.



What Sets Us Apart

What sets us apart is our amazing students, staff and parents. There is tremendous commitment for learning and doing for others. Together as a school community we concentrate on Social Justice issues and raise money for such worthy causes as helping to build and sustain a school in Sierra Leone, providing breakfast and lunch programs through the Toronto Foundation for Student Success, The Terry Fox Run, Relief Efforts in Haiti, and subsidizing school trips for those who can't afford them. The ideology of giving back to the community is achieved through our Free the Children club and through the teaching of Character Education throughout the curriculum. Fundraisers include Club Blue Note, an evening of Jazz music performed by our students, bake sales, spirit days, music nights, and our QSP fall fundraiser. We also have a dedication to sports and the arts. Students are involved in many different sports teams, both school and intramural. We have a Unified Arts program that includes Visual Arts, Family Studies, Design and Technology and Drama.



Parent and Community Engagement

Parents and Community are vital components of John G. Althouse. This can be illustrated in a variety of ways including, visits by special guests from the community, liaising with various community agencies like the Toronto Police Service, our before and after school program, and our community school programs during evenings and on weekends. We work cooperatively with other partners in our Family of Schools such as our Junior Schools and Secondary Schools to ensure smooth transitions. Parents, school staff and community representatives meet each month to promote the best interests of John G. Althouse students and community at School Council meetings. - We have the following committees: - Fundraising - Pizza lunches/Poinsettia sales, Health and safety and Graduation. Parent volunteers also assist in a variety of programs in the school.



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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