

Trafalgar Events at a Glance

September

Co-Curricular Fair
Trafalgar Community Barbeque
Camping Retreat

October

Turkey Trot

November

The Holiday Market

December

Winter Concert
Breakfast with Santa
Lower and Upper School Holiday Dinners

February

School Musical

May

May Court Festival
Arts Week

June

Grade 8 Celebration
New Parent/New Student Reception
Senior Dinner
Grad Tea
Academic and Co-curricular Recognition Ceremony (ARC)
Trafalgar Day
Grade 12 Graduation Dinner and Dance



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PARENT HANDBOOK 2022/2023



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Courtesy of the Parents' Guild

Parents' Guild

The Trafalgar Castle School Parents' Guild (PG) functions as a resource for all families and looks to support and enhance the School in all initiatives. A parent from each grade acts as the PG Grade Rep and is available for new and returning families to answer questions that may come up throughout the year. Please contact the PG with any questions at parentsguild@trafalgarcastle.ca.

Mission Statement

The PG is committed to contributing to the continued enrichment of the students and to promote a collegial relationship between students, staff, parents/guardians and the School community. The PG is committed to supporting all initiatives of the School including any fundraising efforts.

Parents' Guild Initiatives & Fundraisers

- **Castle Hugs** (ongoing): Special care packages filled with themed or seasonal gifts and goodies available four times a year-Camp, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Spring. Proceeds benefit various school programs.
- **Birthday Hugs** (ongoing): These treats can be delivered to your child at lunch on their birthday or to celebrate a special occasion. Proceeds benefit various school programs.
- **Decorating the Castle** (November Break Weekend): Join us in decorating the Castle for the holiday season!
- **Fantasy of Lights** (November): Join us in setting up a light display as part of the Uxbridge Fantasy of Lights this holiday season.
- **Poinsettia Sales** (November): Proceeds benefit various school programs.
- **Staff Appreciation Breakfast** (June): Join us in hosting a breakfast for teaching and non-teaching staff to celebrate the end of the school year.

Ways to Get Involved

- **Parents' Guild Meetings** (one per term)
- **Admissions Open Houses** (Fall and Winter)
- **The Holiday Market** (November)
- **Breakfast with Santa** (December)
- **May Court Festival** (last Saturday in May)
- **Trafalgar Day** (June)

General Information

The Heart: The Heart is the term affectionately used for the driveway loop around the front of the Castle (School Kiss and Ride). When driving around the Heart, parents are asked to keep to the right side of the Heart and follow it around to exit. Note the Heart is one-way and parking is prohibited.

General Information

School Houses: The House system was implemented in 1947. As part of community building, staff and students are all divided into four Houses - Carter, Farewell, Hare and Maxwell. There are many spirited competitions throughout the year between Houses as they compete for House points. The House with the most points is awarded the House Cup at our Trafalgar Day Celebration in June.

Spirit Days: Throughout the year, staff and students participate in various themed spirit days. These spirit days encourage collaboration and cooperation fostering a sense of belonging and closeness among the Trafalgar community. Many spirit days are in House colours (the more outrageous, the better!).

Number One Dress: #1 Dress Uniform is required for special school functions and each Monday throughout the School year or Tuesdays following a holiday.

Trafalgar Events

- **Turkey Trot** (October): A unique and fun tradition where students run around the School property chasing after our Head Prefect dressed in a Turkey costume.
- **The Holiday Market** (November): Formerly the Castle Bazaar, this event dates back to the 1900s. The Holiday Market features an Alumnae Tea Room, homemade crafts, silent auction and local vendors.
- **Breakfast with Santa** (December): Welcomes guests to the Castle to enjoy entertainment, crafts, cookie decorating, breakfast and pictures with Santa.
- **Arts Week** (May): A week showcasing arts at the School with exhibits, concerts and Arts Fest featuring the artistic talents of Trafalgar students.
- **May Court Festival** (May): Celebrated since 1907, the event celebrates the crowning of our May Queen and court followed by a fun community festival.
- **Grad Tea** (June): Officially welcomes our graduating class as alumnae of the School over tea and refreshments with parents/guardians, alumnae and staff.
- **Senior Dinner** (June): Honours the achievements of the graduating class.
- **Academic and Co-curricular Recognition Ceremony** (June): Congratulates our students for their participation in the arts, clubs, athletics, and highlights volunteer and academic achievements.
- **Trafalgar Day** (June): Marks the official last day of the school year and honours our graduating class. Graduating students are linked together by a daisy chain, thoughtfully crafted by the Parents' Guild. This long-standing tradition sees the graduates joined by a daisy chain and ribbon, linking them shoulder to shoulder. As each student nears the stage, the ribbon is cut to symbolize her graduation from the Castle and the start of a new phase in her life.