



## Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

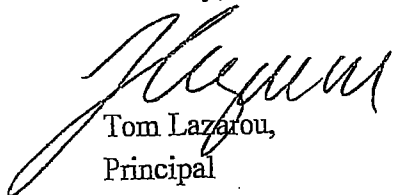
This morning, at approximately 10:45 am, the fire alarm sounded at our school after the smell of smoke was detected inside the building. We had staff and students immediately exit the building. Toronto Fire and Police Services were called and quickly arrived on scene to investigate the cause. It was determined the smoke was coming from the north parking lot stairwell but the cause is still under investigation.

We remained outside until 1:20 pm, at which time we were advised by Toronto Fire that students and staff could re-enter a designated area of the building. Due to the smell of smoke throughout certain areas of the building, students and staff remained in the cafeteria until dismissal while Toronto Fire crews retrieved personal items from classrooms for students and staff. It is anticipated that classes will resume tomorrow and when students will have access to their lockers.

As you know, the safety of our students is a top priority at Wexford CSA. We followed appropriate TDSB policies to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. The response and cooperation from our students and teachers was exceptional and I want to commend them for their actions. Staff calmly led students out of the school and ensured that everyone was safe and accounted for.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 416-396-6874.

Sincerely,



Tom Lazarou,  
Principal

### MISSION STATEMENT

Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts, an outstanding school designated to deliver visual arts and performing arts at a professional level, provides a strong academic, athletic and technological program for all its students. Its safe and caring environment inspires life-long learning and a desire for personal excellence.