

Willowdale Middle School



Grade 7 and 8 French Trip to see L'Avare

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L'AVARE



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On Thursday, April 17, our Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion and Middle Immersion classes went on a school trip to see *L'Avare* by Jean-Baptiste Poquelin (Molière) at the Isabel Bader Theatre. The play was full of humor and the actors delivered a remarkable performance that captivated everyone. The performance offered students a meaningful glimpse into the style and themes of 17th-century French literature. After the show, the students enjoyed a quick picnic at Queen's Park, where they were able to relax and talk about the play. It was a great outing, and everyone had a wonderful time. Un très grand merci à M. Talbi pour l'organisation de cette sortie exceptionnelle !

6/7/8! Field Trip to Forest Valley

Class 6/7/8! had a wonderful trip to Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre! Despite a delayed start due to weather, the group enjoyed a full day without rain.

Students participated in team-building activities focused on communication and goal-setting, explored the woods while discovering local wildlife, and ended the day with a marshmallow roast.

The class showed great resilience through the bugs, mud, campfire smoke, and TTC travel. Well done, 6/7/8!

Thank you to Ms. Miller for organizing this awesome trip for our students.



Track and Field at WMS

With Spring upon us, that means Track and Field season is starting! Our Track and Field meet is May 11 which means we do not have a lot of time to select a team. Tryouts for Track and Field begin next week. All tryouts are after school from 3:00 to 4:00PM.



Please sign up on EMA or bring a signed permission form to the first tryout. Here is the tryout schedule:

Monday, April 20th: Tryouts for 100m and 200m for boys and girls in all grades.

Tuesday, April 21st: Tryouts for long jump, triple jump, and shot put for boys and girls in all grades.

Wednesday, April 22nd: Tryouts for 400m, 800m and 1,200m for boys and girls in all grades.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Soriano at Michael.soriano@tdsb.on.ca.

Grade 6 Badminton

Congratulations to the Willowdale MS Grade 6 badminton team on your outstanding effort and sportsmanship at the St. Andrew's MS competition!

You represented your school with pride, determination, and teamwork. Competing at this level takes courage and commitment, and each of you rose to the challenge. Whether it was your focus during matches, your support for teammates, or your positive attitude throughout the day, you should be very proud of what you accomplished.

Well done on a fantastic experience—keep working hard and enjoying the game!

Thank you to Mr. Soriano for leading our team!



All-Gender Volleyball Update



Gr. 7 All Gender Volleyball played today at JB Tyrrell in the semifinals. They showed great dedication and effort, but at the end our Wildcats fell short. This game ends another rich volleyball season at Willowdale. Coaches wish our athletes to continue to practice and work hard to get ready for next year's season. Never quit believing in yourself.

A special thank you to our coach, Mr. Batkay!

Grade 6 Co-ed Volleyball



Congratulations to the Grade 6 co-ed volleyball team on its amazing season. The team easily won the round-robin tournament at St. Andrew's MS on April 7th by going undefeated. In the North Conference semi-final at Leaside SS, our team was defeated by a very strong Bayview MS team.

Overall, our Grade 6 volleyball teams had a phenomenal year. Earlier in the year, our Grade 6 boys also had a solid season by making playoffs after going winless in 2025. Our Grade 6 girls' team was the first Grade 6 team that won a volleyball banner in quite a few years. They finished with a record 7-1. Then our co-ed team won its round robin tournament before losing in the playoffs. Our 3 teams finished with an outstanding combined record of 12-3.

Congratulations to all of our Grade 6 volleyball players for a very memorable season. Your coaches are extremely proud of the way you represented yourselves and our school.

Thank you to our amazing coaches, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Beaubien, and Mr. Soriano for an amazing season!

WMS Track and Field Day



Willowdale Middle School is excited to host our annual Track and Field Day on **April 23 or April 24** (Rain Date), weather permitting. This highly anticipated event provides students with the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities, demonstrate sportsmanship, and enjoy a day of friendly competition with their peers.

In addition to being a fun and active day for all participants, Track and Field Day will also serve as an important **tryout opportunity for our school's Track and Field team**. Students will be encouraged to give their best effort in each event, as performances will help inform team selection for upcoming competitions.

We look forward to a great day of energy, enthusiasm, and school spirit!

WMS Speech Competitions

Willowdale will be hosting our in-school speech competitions on **Tuesday, April 21**.

Grade 6	9:15AM
Grade 7	10:20AM
Grade 8	12:45PM

After all the speeches have been presented, a winner from each grade will be selected to represent Willowdale at the "TDSB Speech Arts Festival". The "TDSB Speech Arts Festival" will take place on April 29 for Grade 6 & 7 students, and April 30 for Grade 8 students at Don Valley Middle School. Good luck to all our students participating. We look forward to hearing your speeches!

Indoor Shoes



Spring is here! This means that our field is very muddy, as the ground continues to melt. It is essential that all students bring indoor shoes to wear while inside the school. We thank you for your assistance with this.



Grade 8 Reach Ahead Credit - Summer 2026

The Toronto District School Board Continuing Education department is pleased to offer the Reach Ahead Program for incoming Grade 9 students. This July, students have the opportunity to take *Technology and the Skilled Trades (TAS101)* in-person and earn a credit toward their OSSD before beginning high school.

This program supports a smooth transition to secondary school by helping students build confidence and become familiar with high school expectations.

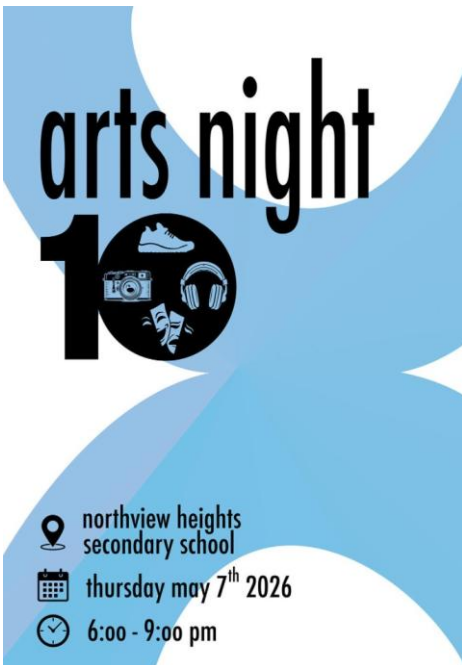
Registration opens on April 28. For more information, please visit the [Reach Ahead website](#).

Program locations include:

- Central Technical School
- Stephen Leacock Collegiate Institute
- Western Technical-Commercial School
- David and Mary Thomson Collegiate Institute
- West Humber Collegiate Institute
- Westview Centennial Secondary School



Arts Night @ Northview Heights



Northview Heights SS' Arts & Cyber Department invites the Willowdale MS community to the 10th Annual Arts Night on Thursday, May 7, from 6:00-9:00 PM at 550 Finch Ave. W. (Please park in the east lot and enter through Entrance 11).

Join us to celebrate student artists, musicians, dancers, and actors with art exhibits, live performances, food for sale, and free face painting and henna.

All are welcome!

WMS Sports Teams Practice Schedule

Please see our "Sports Practice Calendar" to help keep students, parents, and guardians up-to-date with upcoming practices. Please check the calendar regularly for schedules, updates, and any changes. [CLICK HERE!](#)



Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Our next Parent Council meetings will be taking place on **April 21** and **June 1, 2026** beginning at 6:00PM in our school library.

[Click here](#) to view the minutes from our previous meeting on March 3, 2026.



Lunch Box Program

A reminder that Parents/Guardians may purchase their child's lunch through this program by ordering on-line. Orders must be in by Sunday at noon for the upcoming week.

You can choose to participate for all five days (Monday to Friday), or you may choose any day/days of your choice. Please [click here](#) for information on how to order!

The restaurants are as follows:

Monday	Mr. Souvlaki
Tuesday	Umami Sushi
Wednesday	bar Burrito
Thursday	Mr. Sub
Friday	Swiss Chalet



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Monday, April 20	Fire Drill
Tuesday, April 21	Speech Competition at WMS (all grades) School Council Meeting at 6:00PM in the Library
Thursday, April 23 or Friday April 24	WMS Track and Field Day
Monday, April 27	Fire Drill
Wednesday, April 29	Pizza Day Lunch
April 30 to May 1	Rugby Workshops
Monday, May 4	6F Trip to Ripley's Aquarium
Tuesday, May 5	8D Trip to the ROM Junior Achievement for Gr. 8's (AM)
Wednesday, May 6	Gr. 7 Vaccination Clinic (Toronto Public Health)
Friday, May 8	French Classes on Trip to Berkeley- Théâtre Français
Monday, May 11	Track & Field Area Qualifier at Esther Shiner
Wednesday, May 13	Forest of Reading Conference Drama Club Performance (Shrek Jr.)
Thursday, May 14	Pizza Day Lunch Junior Achievement for Gr. 8's (AM)
Friday, May 15	Gr. 8 Visit to Northview S.S.
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day (No School)
Tuesday, May 19	ESL students visit the YMCA (AM)
May 20 & 21	TPH Gr. 7 Dental Screening Clinic

Thursday, May 21	Gr. 5's visit WMS
Friday, May 22	JR Council Art Gallery at WMS
Monday, May 25	Pizza Day Lunch
Tuesday, May 26	7F & 7M Trip to Ripley's Aquarium
Thursday, May 28	Therapy Dogs for Gr. 8's
Friday, May 29	8C Trip to the ROM
Monday, June 1	School Council Meeting at 6:00PM in Library
June 1 to 9	Gr. 6 EQAO Writing
Tuesday, June 2	Track & Field Conference Finals at Esther Shiner
Wednesday, June 3	CODA Music Concert at 6:30PM
Friday, June 5	P.A. Day (No school for students)
Tuesday, June 9	Pizza Day Lunch
	City Championship for Track & Field at Birchmount
June 10 to 12	Gr. 8 Trip to Ottawa
June 11 & 12	Gr. 6 Trips to Aga Khan
Thursday, June 18	Pizza Day Lunch
Monday, June 22	Gr. 8 Graduation Ceremony and Celebration
Wednesday, June 24	Pizza Day Lunch
	Report Cards are sent home electronically
Thursday, June 25	Last Day of School for Students
Friday, June 26	P.A. Day (No School for students)

If your child is going to be away or late, please call the **Safe Arrival Program** (School Messenger) at

1-833-250-2290

or use the APP



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If you are signing your child out during the school day, you are required to come into the office to sign your child out.

We acknowledge that Willowdale MS is hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognise the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

