

Willowdale Middle School



Happy Holidays!

Today, we are publishing our final weekly update before the holiday break. There will be no weekly update on December 20, 2024. We look forward to sharing our next weekly update in January 2025!

The entire Willowdale staff would like to wish our community a safe, and happy holiday season! We wish you all a healthy, safe, and prosperous start to 2025!

Willowdale Middle School will close at 4:00PM on Friday, December 20, 2024 for the winter break.

School resumes on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Students, families and staff will not be able to access the building for the duration of the break.

Students are reminded to bring all their valuables home with them on December 20, 2024.



WMS Spirit Days - NEXT WEEK!

Thank you to the music council for planning a WMS spirit week!

MONDAY: Pyjama Day

TUESDAY: Sports Day - wear your favourite sports team's gear!

WEDNESDAY: Teacher Students Swap - swap outfits with a teacher

THURSDAY: Winter Wonderland - wear your favourite festive outfit



WMS Winter Carnival and Holiday Market



Willowdale's third annual Winter Carnival is fast approaching! Our entire school community is welcome to join us on the evening of **December 18th**, for a night of community and fun! Families are encouraged to come play carnival games, and to enjoy each other's company to kick off the start of winter! All games will be played via the donation of toys (no money). We are asking for new, and unused toys only. Each toy donated will receive 10 carnival tickets. This year, we will be supporting Toy Mountain.

The Winter Carnival will take place in our gymnasium from 6:30PM -7:30PM.

The Holiday Market will take place in our library from 6:30PM -7:30PM.



Marlies Hockey Game Field Trip



SCHOOL DAY GAME

Make-A-Wish CANADA

ERIE COMETS VS TORONTO MARLIES

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY APRIL 2, 2025	10:45 AM	COCA-COLA COLISEUM

We are excited to offer all of our students a field trip opportunity to the Toronto Marlies ice hockey game!

Date: April 2nd, 2025

Transportation to the Game: School Bus

Cost: \$25.00 (includes ticket and school bus)

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! [SchoolCash Online](#).

The deadline to purchase a ticket is December 18th, 2024

Please also complete the EMA Permission Form.

Mono Cliffs Trip - December 9th - 13th

Thank you to all of our staff and students for making the Mono Cliffs trip this past week such a success. Students and staff made amazing memories to last a lifetime.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO SEE SOME TRIP MEMORIES from Dec 9-11th

[CLICK HERE](#) TO SEE SOME TRIP MEMORIES from Dec 11-13th



Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip



TRIP DATE: February 5 to 7, 2025

Muskoka Woods is a TDSB approved vendor, offering amazing outdoor education programming. Students participate in activities such as climbing, cross-country skiing, archery, ropes, and much more! Annually at WMS, we offer this trip to our Grade 7 students. For more information, please see the attached [SLIDES](#), which were shared at our information night.

The cost of the trip is \$375 and is now live on [School Cash Online](#).

High School Information for Grade 8's

Grade 8-9 Transition Information Night Slides

Click [HERE!](#) for the parent night information slides.

If you have any questions, please e-mail our Guidance Teacher: lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca

Secondary School Open Houses - Grade 8's

To our Grade 8 families, please note the upcoming Grade 9 Open Houses and Information Nights. These dates are fast approaching. Please find more information by clicking on this link: [Secondary School Open Houses](#)

Other Important Grade 8-9 Transition Information

- [TDSB Beyond 8 Website](#)
- [Out-of-Area Admissions](#)
- [Secondary Schools without a Boundary](#)
- [Grade 8 Transition Year - At a Glance](#)

Important Upcoming Dates for Grade 8 Students

December 12, 2024	Deadline for parent/guardian to be informed of a Student Interest Program Offer. (Round 2)
December 20, 2024	Deadline for parent/guardian to accept a Student Interest Program Offer (Round 2)
January 6, 2025	Out-of-Area Admission Application opens
January 24, 2025	Out-of-Area Admission Application closed at 4:00PM
February 10, 2025	myBlueprint Course Selection opens
February 26, 2025	No offers for Central Student Interest Programs or Out-of-Area Admissions will be made after February 26, 2025.
March 3, 2025	myBlueprint Course Selection deadline

WMS Wildcats Sports Teams Update

Grade 8 Girls Basketball



On Wednesday our Grade 8 Girls' Basketball team pleased against Glenview SPS in the North semifinals. Despite an exceptional effort by the whole team, in particular, Maya V., the team came up short, which has ended their season,

Thank you to Mr. Harwood, Ms. Chantzis and Ms. Ziebell for coaching the team and teaching our girls new basketball skills.



WMS Wildcats Sports Calendar - December

Please click the link [HERE](#) to take you to our sports calendar! We will update this calendar regularly to reflect known practices, games, and tournaments for our sports teams. If you have any specific questions, please reach out to the coach of the specific team you are inquiring about.



2024/2025 WMS Spirit Wear



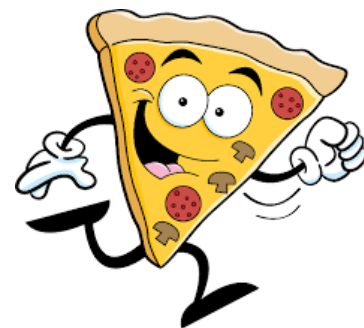
We still have a few hoodies for sale. Hoodies cost \$45 for the screenprint version and \$60 for the embroidered version. Please see Ms. Ziebell or contact her at Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca if you are interested to buy one. You can also purchase one on [SchoolCashOnline](#).

We will also be selling hoodies in person at our Winter Concert on Thursday, January 16th, 2025.

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE NOW!](#)

Upcoming Pizza Lunch Dates

Our last pizza lunch of 2024 will be Tuesday, December 19th.



Pizza Days:

Thursday, Dec. 19th

NEW!!! Pizza Lunch Dates and Orders for the New Year!

We are excited to announce our next PIZZA DAY LUNCHES, hosted by our Parent-Council.

Please go to [School Cash Online](#) to purchase pizza for your child.

\$10.00 per pizza day, for 2 slices of pizza, a juice box and bag of chips. You must buy for all pizza days per group of dates (\$30 or \$40).

Pizza Days: \$30

Thursday, January 16th

Tuesday, February 4th

Wednesday, February 19th

Pizza Days: \$40

Wednesday, March 5th

Thursday, March 27th

Tuesday, April 8th

Tuesday, April 29th

Lunch Box Program



We are excited to offer "The Lunch Box" program for the 2024/2025 school year! 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. Greek
Tuesday	Hero Burger
Wednesday	Osmow's
Thursday	The Basil Box
Friday	Boston Pizza

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Our next Parent Council meeting. It will now take place on **Tuesday, January 27, 2025** beginning at 6:30PM in our school library.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view our approved parent council meeting minutes.



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Monday, December 16, 2024	Pyjama Day - Spirit Day
Tuesday, December 17, 2024	Grade 6 Great Lakes Toronto Zoo Presentation
	Sports Jersey/Gear Day - Spirit Day
Wednesday, December 18, 2024	Officer Tony visiting with administration
	Winter Carnival and Holiday Market - WMS Gym/Library - 6:30PM
	Swap Outfits with a Teacher - Spirit Day
Thursday, December 19, 2024	Pizza Day
	Festive Holiday Wear - Spirit Day
	WMS Activity Afternoon
Dec. 23, 2024 to Jan. 3, 2025	Winter Break
Monday, January 6, 2025	School resumes
Thursday, January 16, 2025	Winter Concert - WMS Gymnasium - 6:30PM
Fri., January 17, 2025	P.A. Day (No school for students)
Monday, January 27, 2025	Parent Council Meeting - WMS Library - 6:30PM
Wed., Feb. 5 to Fri., Feb. 7, 2025	Grade 7 Muskoka Woods Trip

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

1-833-250-2290

If you are signing your child out during the school day, you are required to come into the office, and send a written note, or email to willowdale@tdsb.on.ca

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.