

Willowdale Middle School



WMS Annual Winter Carnival

Thank you to all the families, students, staff, and community members who joined us for Willowdale's Annual Winter Carnival on December 4th. Your enthusiasm, support, and generosity made the evening a wonderful success.

It was amazing to see our school community come together to play games, share laughter, and celebrate the start of winter. Thanks to your donations of canned goods, we were able to collect a significant amount of food in support of our local food bank. We are so proud of our students and families for showing such kindness and care for our wider community.

Events like this would not be possible without the efforts of everyone involved—from those who donated food, and to our students and teachers for leading the event and helping spread fun and joy.

Thank you for making this year's Winter Carnival a warm and memorable celebration.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank You for a Fantastic Book Fair Week!

We had an exciting and successful Book Fair at Willowdale Middle School this week due to the incredible support of our parents, guardians, and students. Your enthusiasm for reading—and your generous contributions—helped bring new energy into our school community.



Because of your participation, we were able to raise valuable funds that will go directly toward enhancing our school library and classroom resources. It was wonderful to see students browsing, discovering new stories, and sharing their love of books with friends.

We are grateful to our families for encouraging literacy at home and at school. Thank you for helping make this year's Book Fair such a memorable event!

Class of 2026 - Grade 8 Graduation Hoodie

LAST CHANCE!



IF YOU MISSED THE DEADLINE ON DECEMBER 5th to order a grad hoodie, please email: lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca before Monday, December 8th @ 8AM to get your order in. Please send cash payment of \$45 to school to give to Ms. Ziebell. This is only for those who missed our CashOnline order deadline.

We aim to have these delivered to students by December 18th, before the holiday break.

2025/2026 NEW WMS Spirit Wear

We are excited to announce that our 2025-2026 WMS Spirit Wear Hoodies are now available! After last year's overwhelming popularity, we've expanded our colour options to give students even more choice.

Online Sales:

Hoodies can be purchased through [School Cash Online](#) NOW!!

Prices are listed to the right. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca

We can't wait to see our Wildcats proudly wearing their new spirit wear around Willowdale!

SIZES AVAILABLE:
YOUTH SMALL, YOUTH MEDIUM, YOUTH LARGE, YOUTH XL;
ADULT SMALL, ADULT MEDIUM, ADULT LARGE, ADULT XL, ADULT 2XL.
*Add \$3 for XXL items | visit imprintableclothes.com/prodnation and use style codes below for more details


YOUTH SIZING GUIDE:
YOUTH SMALL = 6/8
YOUTH MED = 10/12
YOUTH LARGE = 14/16
YOUTH XL = 18

ATC* 50/50 PULLOVER HOODIE - NAVY, SANGRIA or BLACK
(Style ATCF2500/ATCY2500)
With 2 colour front screenprint \$45

ATC* 50/50 PULLOVER HOODIE - OATMEAL
(Style ATCF2500/ATCY2500)
With 2 colour front twill cresting/Embroidery \$60

PROUD NATION
CLOTHING & PROMOTIONS

In-Person Presentation from The Centre for Immigrant and Community Services @ WMS




CENTRE FOR IMMIGRANT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
SETTLEMENT AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS IN TORONTO (SEPT)

Supporting Your Child's Education: How CICS Assists Parents at Willowdale School

An in-person session to help parents learn how CICS can support communication with the school, connect families to helpful resources, and enhance their child's success.

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to register for the session




<https://forms.gle/vcEGWLzVmjVhmZDg7>

- **Tuesday, December 9, 2025**
- **4:00 - 5:00 pm.**
- **Language: Farsi**
- **Format: In-person**

Settlement Worker Contact:
PHONE: 647-999-8623
EMAIL: KIMIA.NOURI@CICSCANADA.COM

www.cicscanada.com

 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

Gr. 6 Overnight Trip to The Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre - Highlights of Dec. 1-3

The Grade 6 classes, 6C, 6D, and 6E, had an exciting and memorable visit to the Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre this week. After settling in, students took part in a variety of outdoor learning experiences, including cooking and caring for the chickens, fire-building, hiking, nature art and photography, orienteering, and team-building challenges. They also enjoyed free time outdoors and in the lounge, making the most of the winter weather and time together.

Evening programs included First Nations and Indigenous games, followed by a campfire filled with singing, storytelling, and plenty of laughter. On the final morning, students participated in Instincts for Survival, an immersive outdoor game that encouraged teamwork, strategy, and problem-solving.

All students represented Willowdale beautifully and supported one another throughout the trip. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and cooperation.

Trip 2 for classes 6A, 6B, 6F, and 6/7F leaves on Monday, and we are excited for them to enjoy an amazing experience as well!

Ms. Wyman, Mr. Soriano, Ms. Miller, Ms. Beaubien

[CLICK HERE](#) for the packing list for the trip.

PLEASE SEE THE UPDATED TRIP DATES BELOW!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Naomi.wyman@tdsb.on.ca



Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip Parent/Guardian Information Night



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. Our trip will take place from February 4-6, 2026.

The cost of the trip is \$390 and is now live on [School Cash Online](#).

For more information, please see the slides we shared during our virtual information night: [Muskoka Woods Information Slides](#).

Virtual Information Sessions for Grade 8-9 Transitions for Students with Special Education Needs

Please choose ONE of the following virtual sessions to attend:

SESSION 1:

December 11th, 2025 at 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to register

SESSION 2:

January 15th, 2026 at 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to register

**Supporting the Grade 8 to 9
Transition for Students with
Special Education Needs**

A virtual session for Parents/Caregivers

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click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to register

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Secondary School Open Houses - Grade 8's



To our Grade 8 families:

Please note that there are several upcoming Grade 9 Open Houses and Information Nights at our local high schools. These dates are fast approaching. Please find more information by clicking on this link: [Secondary School Open Houses](#)

WMS Grade 8 to 9 Transitions - Information Slides

[CLICK HERE](#)

APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS ARE NOW OPEN!

Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/specializedprograms to learn more about program entry points, eligibility requirements, minimum report card benchmark, the required demonstrations of knowledge and skill, and the application and admission process.

All TDSB schools with Specialized Programs also host open houses in November, and we encourage you to take this opportunity to visit, learn more and ask questions about specific schools and programs.

If you have any questions about applying to a Specialized Program, please contact the Central Program Admissions Office at CentralPrograms@tdsb.on.ca.

Upcoming Key Dates

Specialized Programs - Application OPENS	November 24 th , 2025
Specialized Programs - Application CLOSES	December 12 th , 2025 @ noon

IMPORTANT LINKS FOR APPLYING - Please see below!

[Specialized Programs Q & A for Website](#)

[Form Submission-Specialized Programs 26/27](#)

[Specialized Programs Sharing Video Files](#)

[Specialized Programs Turning Pictures and Documents into PDFs](#)
[Important Timelines](#)

BENCHMARK CALCULATOR:

Please use this tool to calculate marks that are required in order to determine eligibility.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/cpao/Central-Program-Admissions-Office/Specialized-Programs/Applicant-Eligibility-Benchmark-Calculator>

Please contact CentralPrograms@tdsb.on.ca if you have questions about eligibility.

APPLICATION RUBRICS:

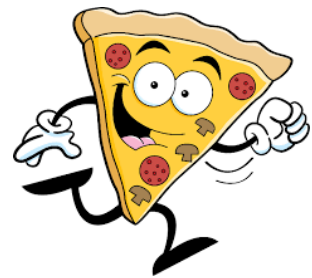
[CLICK HERE](#) for TDSB Specialized Program application rubrics.

Upcoming Pizza Lunches and NEW DATES!

Our final Pizza Lunch of 2025 will be Tuesday, December 16th.

Our pizza dates for the new year will be as follow: January 13, January 28, February 9, February 26, March 10, March 25, April 14, April 29, May 14, May 25, June 9 and June 18. Pizza for the above dates will be on sale on **December 18**. Stay tuned!

Thank you to our parent volunteers for making pizza days possible at Willowdale MS!



WMS Sports Teams Practice Schedule

We've created a "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!](#)



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

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Our next Parent Council meetings will be taking place on **January 22, March 3, April 21, and June 1, 2026** beginning at 6:00PM in our school library.

Please see on our website the approved minutes from our November 20, 2025 meeting.

We hope to see you at our next meeting in January!



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
December 8 to 10, 2025	Gr. 6 (6A, 6B, 6/7F, 6F) to Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre
Tuesday, December 9, 2025	CICS parent session (4:00PM) in Library (Language: Farsi)
Friday, December 12, 2025	Specialized Programs Application Closes at Noon
Tuesday, December 16, 2025	Pizza Day Lunch
Friday, December 19, 2025	Last Day of School
December 22 to January 2, 2025	Winter Break (No School)
Monday, January 5, 2026	School Resumes

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



SchoolMessenger
Education

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.