

# Willowdale Middle School



## Happy Family Day Weekend

We wish everyone in our community a wonderful long weekend.

Willowdale MS will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 for the holiday.

School resumes on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.



## Report Cards and IEP's



Report cards were sent to parents/guardians this past Wednesday via e-mail. If you would like a hardcopy of the report card, please contact your child's teacher.

Due to the snow day closure on Thursday, Parent-Teacher interviews were cancelled, unless parents and teachers had a pre-arranged phone interview. Thank you to those parents/caregivers that made it into Willowdale on Friday morning.

Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a new interview time.

Revised IEP's will be sent home shortly.

## Willowdale Music Celebrates Provincial Gold!

This week, Willowdale Music competed and celebrated Music with the best bands in the province. All week, the Chinese Cultural Centre served as host to the 24rd annual Provincial Band Competition. Our student musicians spent the afternoon listening to performances, building community, as well as performing for world renown music educators from all corners of the world. Wind Ensemble (B200), and Festival Winds (B300) both performed on Monday, February 10. The class they were entered in (B200 for Wind Ensemble and B300 for Festival Winds) are largely populated with private and public high schools. Willowdale musicians represented themselves and our community with class, talent and maturity! Mr. Jones, and all of the Willowdale staff and community celebrate our talented WMS musicians! Thank you to all of the amazing community members who took time to come watch the performances!

A special thank you to Mr. Jones for his continuous commitment and dedication to the music program!





## WMS Sports Update

### Grade 7 Girls Volleyball



On Tuesday our Grade 7 girls volleyball team played at Zion Heights MS, in a divisional tournament. After four challenging games, our girls ended a long day with two wins against Bayview MS and Woodbine MS and two losses against Zion Heights and Milne Valley MS. Congratulations on a great season!

Thank you to Mr. Batkay for your amazing coaching efforts this season!

### Grade 6 Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to the Grade 6 girls volleyball team for their amazing performance at Windfields Middle School on Wednesday. The team finished with 2 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. The team showed a great deal of determination and did a fine job of representing our school. Their coaches are very proud of the effort and dedication they showed throughout the season.

Thank you to our coaches, Ms. Wyman and Mr. Soriano for their amazing leadership!



## Grade 8 Girls Volleyball



On Wednesday Willowdale hosted the Grade 8 Girls volleyball tournament. After three hard fought games Willowdale ended with two wins against Windfields MS and Bayview MS, and a loss with Glenview.

Congratulations to our team, and good luck in the quarterfinals!

Thank you to our coaches Mr. Mitrovic and Mr. Batkay for their commitment and dedication!

## Grade 6-8 All Gender Ice Hockey

Congratulations to the all gender ice hockey team who had a great season. Despite not making playoffs this year, we were so close in every game. Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping us out! We could not have done it without you!





# High School Information for Grade 8's

## 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

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.
February 27, 2025	myBlueprint Course Selection deadline

## Grade 8 Graduation Dates

Our Grade 8 Graduation ceremony will be taking place at 4:00PM on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at Earl Haig Secondary School.

Following the ceremony, we will host a Graduation celebration for students only at Novotel North York starting at 6:30PM.

More details to follow soon.

## Grade 8 High School Course Selection



Students will be completing their course selection with our guidance counsellor, Ms. Ziebell, at school. Each class will have a designated time and will be provided with course selection sheets for the high school that they will be attending. [See schedule here!](#)

We remind students and parents/caregivers that students **MUST** attend their home school (by address) unless they have been accepted into a specialty program or via the Out-of-Area admissions process. We ask that you provide your child with your email address, as all course selections must be approved by parents/caregivers before they are considered final.

If you have any questions, please contact [Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca)

## Norooz Celebration at WMS

Willowdale will be hosting Norooz/Novroz at Willowdale this year! Norooz which marks the first day of Spring (March 20 this year) is celebrated by people all over the world.

On March 19, students from various cultures and religions who observe Norooz will be creating a display to talk about their cultural or religious connection to Norooz.



## Upcoming Pizza Lunch Days and Order Information



Below are the upcoming pizza days for the month of February. If you have not ordered already and you are still interested in ordering, a new cash online has been set up. Please see the link: [School Cash Online](#)

**Pizza Days:**

**Wednesday, February 19th**

## 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 School Council Meetings

Our next School Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 26, 2025**, beginning at 6:30PM in our school library.

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



## WMS Sports Calendar – February



Please see our sports calendar that is being updated for February.

[CLICK HERE!](#)

## Special Education & Inclusion Video Series: Guides for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

The TDSB's Special Education and Inclusion Department is excited to share their Guides for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers video series!

These videos provide an overview of our Guides to Special Education, designed to help families understand the programs, services, and supports available to students.

From learning about Individual Education Plans (IEPs) to navigating the Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC) process, these resources are here to support you every step of the way.



We encourage you to explore the full guides on the [Special Education and Inclusion website](#), where you'll also find additional Special Education resources for families.

## Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Mon., Feb. 17, 2025	Family Day (No school)
Wed., Feb. 26, 2025	School Council Meeting at 6:30PM in Library
Thur., Feb. 27, 2025	Star Lab for Gr. 6 Classes
Mon., Mar. 3, 2025	6A, 6B Trip to Holocaust Museum (AM only)
Tues., Mar. 4, 2025	6C, 6D Trip to Holocaust Museum (AM only)
Thur., Mar. 6, 2025	6F, 6/7F, 6I Trip to Holocaust Museum (AM only)
Mon., Mar. 10 - Fri., Mar. 14, 2025	March Break (No school)
Mon., Mar. 17, 2025	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**

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](mailto: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.