

Willowdale Middle School



WMS Winter Olympics Day 2026

On Thursday, our students had a fantastic day celebrating and supporting the Olympics! They rotated through six fun and active stations, including biathlon, curling, bean bag challenges, bobsleigh, hockey shooting, and a well-earned snack break with hot chocolate.

The day was filled with teamwork, school spirit, laughter, and plenty of movement. It was wonderful to see everyone cheering each other on and embracing the Olympic spirit together! 🏅 ❄️

We also came together as a whole school community to wish our principal, Ms. Stoikos, and her son Luka Stoikos, the very best of luck as she departs to watch him compete in the 4-man bobsleigh at the Olympics. We will be cheering extra loudly and proudly as he represents Team Canada! 🇨🇦

Thank you to Ms. Wyman and Ms. Ziebell for their planning and organization of Thursday's events. We also extend our sincere appreciation to all of our staff for their support and teamwork in making the day such a memorable and successful experience for our students.



Grade 8 High School Course Selection



Students will be completing their course selection with our guidance counsellor, Ms. Ziebell, at school between February 18 - 26th. Each class will have a designated time and will be provided with course selection sheets for the high school that they will be attending.

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 out-of-area attendance. 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

Specialized Programs Offer Acceptances

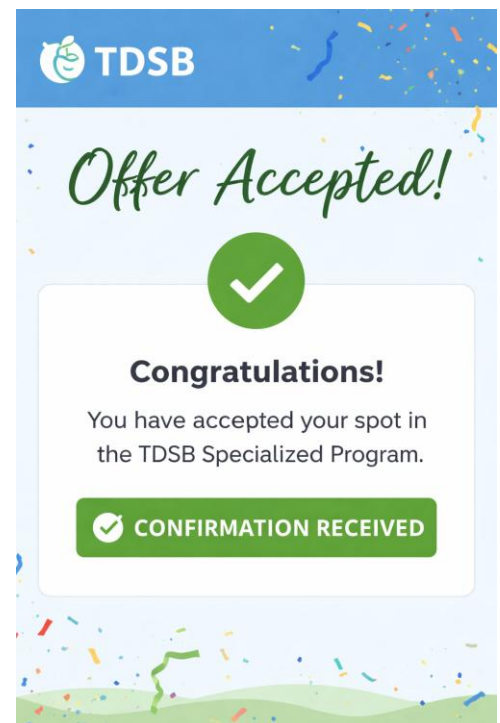
TDSB Specialized Program Round 1 offers were sent out on February 11th. Families who applied are asked to carefully check the email account that was used during the application process, including junk or spam folders, to ensure the offer has not been missed.

If you have received an offer, please note that acceptances must be submitted by **Tuesday, February 17th**. It is very important that families respond by the deadline. Once the deadline has passed, schools are not able to reinstate or extend expired offers, as unaccepted spaces are automatically released and offered to other students.

For families who do not receive an offer in Round 1, Round 2 offers will be sent out on **February 18th**. As spaces become available, additional offers may continue in subsequent rounds until February 25th. No offers will be made after this date.

Please continue to monitor your email for updates.

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Important Upcoming Dates for Grade 8 Students

February 9	myBlueprint Course Selection opens
February 18, 25, 26	We will be doing Grade 8 Course Selection at WMS
February 27	myBlueprint Course Selection deadline

Grade 8 Science Fair

Next Friday, February 20th, Willowdale will be hosting our Grade 8 Science Fair. Over 100 projects will be organized in the northern end of the basement hallway, including the cafeteria, Mr. Isaacman and Mr. Soriano's room and Mr. Talbi's classroom. Parents are invited to visit the Science Fair from 2pm to 3pm. We encourage parents/guardians to come see some great projects! Our Grade 7 student greeters will meet you at the main entrance and they will show you where to sign in and help you find the correct area. This is a great event that will help get 8 of our contestants ready for the city-wide University of Toronto event on March 28; a huge event that includes over 78 different schools participating. Way to go, Willowdale Science! We hope you can make it! We ask parents to please park on Eglerslie Ave.



Social Media and Online Safety Presentation



We are VERY excited to announce that we will be hosting Paul Davis, a social media and online safety expert, to discuss smartphones, digital trails, cyberbullying, snapchat, amongst other topics of interest!

Paul Davis will be leading a student assembly during the day on February 24th, at 1:00PM in our gym for all Willowdale MS students.

WE INVITE OUR PARENT/CAREGIVER COMMUNITY to an evening in-person presentation, on February 24th, from Paul Davis, hosted at Willowdale Middle School starting at 6:30PM.

This invitation is open to all of our feeder schools, so please pass the message along to family and friends.

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!](#)



Grade 8 Graduation Trip Information - Ottawa

This is a friendly reminder to register ASAP for our Grade 8 graduation trip to Ottawa. We are very excited to offer this meaningful and memorable experience for our students, and we don't want anyone to miss out on the chance.



If you were unable to attend our parent/caregiver information night, the presentation slides can be found [HERE](#)!

Please also review our registration information letter [HERE](#) for full trip details.

Trip Dates:



June 10 – June 12, 2026

REGISTRATION IS PAST DUE, BUT WE STILL HAVE SOME SPACES AVAILABLE. REGISTER TODAY! So far, we have 100 students registered to attend!

Please visit: <https://portal.brightsparktravel.ca/>

**Tour Web Code:
EQZ26PL**

If you have any questions, please contact: Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca

Thank you for your support—we look forward to an amazing graduation experience for our Grade 8 students.

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

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

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



Social Media and Online Safety Presentation



“Free” SafeTalk Trainings For Parents & Caregivers

- TDSB Trained safeTalk Trainers
- Provide half day (3-4 hrs) Suicide Alertness Training for Staff, educators, Parents and Caregivers
- Understand the principles of Suicide Alertness and learn to recognize signs to respond to potential need for help

Upcoming Dates for Parent Trainings:
Saturday March 7th
 150 Borough Drive
 10am - 1:30pm

[Click the Link or scan the QR code to register](#)



We are pleased to share that TDSB-trained facilitators are offering **free LivingWorks safeTALK training sessions for parents and caregivers.**

safeTALK is a half-day (3-4 hour) suicide alertness training designed to help participants understand the principles of suicide alertness, recognize signs that someone may be struggling, and respond in ways that connect individuals to the support they need. This important learning opportunity empowers families and caregivers with practical tools and increased confidence to help keep our community safe.

Saturday, March 7th
10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
150 Borough Drive



Parents and caregivers are encouraged to register using the provided link or QR code.

We strongly encourage members of our community to take advantage of this valuable and impactful learning opportunity. Together, we can continue working to support the well-being and safety of all students and families.

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, February 16	Family Day (No school)
Wednesday, February 18	TDSB Day at the Marlies
Thursday, February 19	Exhibition Hockey game at Leaside Memorial Arena (8:15AM) Grade 6 Civil Liberties Presentations in the Library Grade 6 Boys Basketball Tournament at Highland
Friday, February 20	Grade 8 Science Fair
Monday, February 23	ESL Assessments
Tuesday, February 24	Social Media Presentation by Paul Davies -Student Assembly at 1:00PM -Parent Presentation at 6:30PM Hockey Tournament
Wednesday, February 25	Hosting Ball Hockey Tournament at WMS
Thursday, February 26	Pizza Day Lunch
Monday, March 2	Gr. 6 Trip to Holocaust Museum (6C, 6F, 6/7F)
Tuesday, March 3	Gr. 6 Trip to Holocaust Museum (6A, 6E, 6I)
Thursday, March 5	Gr. 6 Trip to Holocaust Museum (6B, 6D)
Wednesday, March 11	Gr. 8 ESL Trip to Brick Labs
March 9 to 13	Dance Classes for all classes (Schedule to Follow)
March 16 to 20	MARCH BREAK (No school)
Wednesday, March 25	Pizza Day Lunch
March 31 to April 1	Skills Trade Presentations

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.