

# Willowdale Middle School



## Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip

Our Grade 7 students and staff enjoyed a wonderful, snow filled, outdoor experience at Muskoka Woods this past week. We are so proud of how our students positively represented Willowdale.

Thank you to Mr. Batkay, Ms. Teplitz, Ms. Prugo, Ms. Douglas, Mr. Persic, Ms. Dolce, Ms. Ferreira, and Ms. Ishac for helping to create lasting memories for everyone.



## Grade 8 High School Course Selection

### 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](mailto:Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca)

## Report Card Distribution



Report cards will be sent home digitally on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like a paper copy of the report card, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

## Parent/Caregiver -Teacher Interviews

We will be hosting parent/caregiver-teacher interviews on **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00PM - 7:00PM and on **Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00AM - 12:00PM. Interviews are for students who have had their teacher request an interview or if a parent/guardian requests one.

## Connecting with Willowdale Teaching Staff

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Maham Tabassum (For C. Lindover)	6D	<a href="mailto:Maham.tabassum@tdsb.on.ca">Maham.tabassum@tdsb.on.ca</a>
Estefania Beaubien	6E	<a href="mailto:Estefania.beaubien@tdsb.on.ca">Estefania.beaubien@tdsb.on.ca</a>
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Melody Hamdule	Core French	<a href="mailto:Melody.hamdule@tdsb.on.ca">Melody.hamdule@tdsb.on.ca</a>
Lauren Ziebell	Library/Guidance/Gym	<a href="mailto:Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca">Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca</a>
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## PA DAY - Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

We would like to remind you that next **Friday, February 13** is a **PA Day** and the school will be closed for students.



## Parking Lot & Drop Off/Pick Up Reminders

**PARKING  
LOT**



**SAFETY**

We continue to experience traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up times. To ensure everyone's safety, **please do not park in the school parking lot BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL** – spaces are reserved for staff and buses only.

If you're driving, **use the car loop for drop-off and pick-up**. Park on the **right side of the loop** if space allows, or along **Ellerslie Avenue**. Please drive slowly and watch for students and staff crossing.

**Students:** Upon arrival in the morning, please go directly to the **back field**, not the front of the school, as there is no supervision and it poses safety risks.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe!

## 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:



**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](mailto:Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca)

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

## Social Media and Online Safety Presentation

**SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE SAFETY  
AN EVENING FOR PARENTS WITH PAUL DAVIS**

**TOPICS INCLUDE**  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
SMARTPHONES  
DIGITAL TRAILS  
CYBERBULLYING  
SNAPCHAT  
SEXTING  
ONLINE GROOMING & PRIVACY

**WILLOWDALE MS**  
Feb 24th @ 6:30 PM

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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 Winter Olympics Day - February 12



This February marks the start of the 2026 Winter Olympic Games, taking place in Milan-Cortina, Italy, from February 6 to 22, 2026. The Olympic Games celebrate athletic excellence, perseverance, and the powerful way sport brings countries from around the world together 🌍

This year's Games are especially meaningful for the Willowdale Middle School community. We are incredibly proud to share that Luka Stoikos, son of our Principal, Ms. Stoikos, is a member of Team Canada's four-man bobsled team 🇨🇦🏄. Having such a close

connection to the Olympics makes this year's celebrations even more exciting, and our school community will be cheering extra hard for Luka and Team Canada!

Willowdale Middle School is excited to join in the Olympic spirit! **On Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, students are encouraged to wear the colours of their home country or a country they are excited to cheer for during the Games 🇨🇦🏄. Willowdale MS will proudly host our own WMS Winter Olympic Games. Each grade will compete outdoors in a variety of cooperative activities and challenges designed to promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun.

Students are reminded to dress warmly and wear appropriate footwear, as activities will take place outdoors in winter conditions 🧣🧤👢

We look forward to celebrating the Olympic spirit together as a school community! 🏄

## Important Upcoming Dates for Grade 8 Students

February 9, 2026	myBlueprint Course Selection opens
February 18, 25, 26	We will be doing Grade 8 Course Selection at WMS
February 27, 2026	myBlueprint Course Selection deadline

## 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!](#)



# Willowdale Middle School Big Box Fundraising



Dear Families,

We are thrilled to kick off a new fundraiser at our school – **The Big Box of Cards!** This campaign is a fun and simple way to support our school, and each box offers great value your family and friends will love.

Card boxes sell for \$35 each and the Candles box sell for \$40 each:

- 35 **All Occasion** cards
- 35 **All Birthday** cards
- **Holiday Box** cards
- Big Box of **Candles**

Our campaign will run from **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**, to **February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Below are product video links which are perfect to share with friends, coworkers, and extended family to help boost your sales!

All orders and payments should be submitted by **February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Payment for orders are now available on [School Cash Online](#).

## Prizes!

- If we sell 75+ boxes, the top-selling class will win a pizza party
- If our school sells 150+ boxes, for every 3 boxes your family sells, you'll be entered into a draw to win one of four \$25 gift cards
- If we hit 400 boxes, we'll also draw for a Samsung 8" Tablet  
There's no limit – the more boxes you sell, the more entries you get!

## Product Preview Links

- [All Occasion Box](#)
- [Holiday Box](#)
- [Candle Box](#)
- [Full Collection Overview](#)



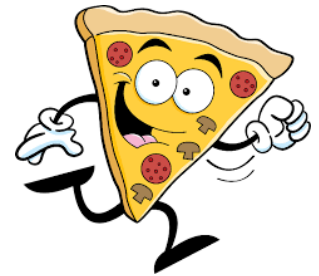
All funds raised from the *Big Box Fundraising* will go towards subsidies for school trips, sustaining our nutrition program, and other school initiatives. Thank you for supporting our students through this exciting fundraiser. Your participation makes a difference, and we hope you enjoy sharing these beautiful card sets and/or candles with your friends and loved ones!

## Upcoming Pizza Lunches

Our next block for pizza day lunches for the new year will be as follows:  
**February 9, February 26, March 10, March 25.**

The deadline to order has already passed.

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



## 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!



## 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 9	Pizza Day Lunch
Tuesday, February 10	Superintendent Morgan visits WMS
Wednesday, February 11	Report Cards are sent home
Thursday, February 12	Willowdale Winter Olympics Day
	Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:00 to 7:00PM)
Friday, February 13	P.A. Day (No school for students)
	Parent-Teacher Conferences (9:00AM to 12:00PM)
Monday, February 16	Family Day (No school)
Wednesday, February 18	TDSB Day at the Marlies
Thursday, February 19	Grade 6 Civil Liberties Presentations in the Library
Friday, February 20	Grade 8 Science Fair
Tuesday, February 24	Social Media Presentation by Paul Davies
	-Student Assembly at 1:00PM
	-Parent Presentation at 6:30PM

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.