

Willowdale Middle School



Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! We hope our Willowdale community had a restful, and enjoyable holiday break! Our staff was excited to welcome our students back to school, and we look forward to continuing with our exciting extra-curricular activities, trips and other upcoming events taking place this winter and spring.

PA Day - Friday, January 17, 2025



A reminder that Willowdale MS will be closed this Friday, January 17, 2025 for a PA Day.

Winter Invierno Music Concert - THIS THURSDAY!



On Thursday, January 16th, the Willowdale Music Council will host our 4th annual winter concert, filled with lots of exciting performances.

**The concert will begin at 6:30 PM in our school gym.
We hope to see you there!**

Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip



TRIP DATE: February 5 to 7, 2025

Sign up DEADLINE is January 17th.

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](#).

Grade 8 Graduation Trip Information - Montreal

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who attended our virtual Grade 8 graduation trip information night. Below you will find the slides from the presentation. If you have any questions, please e-mail: Lauren.Ziebell@tdsb.on.ca

The Grade 8 graduation trip to Montreal will be taking place on **May 28 to May 30, 2025**.

Deadline to Register is January 31, 2025

Use the code below and
register no later than:

Jan 31, 2025

Tour Web Code:

EPRSBUS

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

A non-refundable deposit of \$195 is required
upon registration.

Slides from presentation - [Click Here](#)

Parent Information Letter - [Click Here](#)

Trip Sign up Instructions - [Click Here](#)

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](#)

Out-of-Area Admission Applications - **NOW OPEN!**

Please follow the instructions on this link if you are interested in applying.

CLICK HERE!

Important Upcoming Dates for Grade 8 Students

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

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.

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 Days and Order Information

Below are the upcoming pizza days. The deadline to order has now passed, but we will have additional pizza days coming in March.

Pizza Days:

Thursday, January 16th

Tuesday, February 4th

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 Parent Council Meetings

Our next Parent Council meeting. It will now take place on **Monday, 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	
Thurs., Jan. 16, 2025	Winter Concert - WMS Gymnasium - 6:30PM
Fri., Jan. 17, 2025	P.A. Day (No school for students)
Mon., Jan. 27, 2025	Parent Council Meeting - WMS Library - 6:30PM
Wed., Feb. 5 to Fri., Feb. 7, 2025	Grade 7 Muskoka Woods Trip
Wed., Feb. 12, 2025	Report Cards go home
Thurs., Feb. 13, 2025	Parent-Teacher Interviews (4:00 to 7:00PM)
Fri., Feb. 14, 2025	P.A. Day (No school for students & Parent-Teacher Interviews (9:00AM to 12:00PM)
Mon., Feb. 17, 2025	Family Day (No school)

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.