

# 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 16, 2026



A reminder that there will be a P.A. Day next week Friday, January 16, 2026, therefore, there will be no school for students.

School will resume on Monday, January 19.

## Winter Invierno Music Concert - **NEW DATE!!**



Our [Winter Invierno Music Concert](#) has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. The Willowdale Music Council is excited to host our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Concert** featuring a variety of outstanding and energetic performances. We look forward to celebrating our talented students with our school community.

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

## Holiday Market @ the Invierno Music Concert

Junior Council will be hosting a Winter Craft Market on the evening of the Invierno Concert (January 21<sup>st</sup>). Starting at 6:00 pm, families can come to the library to explore and purchase the goods that our Grade 6 students have thoughtfully crafted. Funds collected will be used to support student opportunities at WMS (e.g., field trips). If there are any families that would like to contribute crafted items or for our school fundraiser, please contact Ms. Beaubien ([Estefania.beaubien@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Estefania.beaubien@tdsb.on.ca)) for arrangements prior to January 15th. We are excited to see you there!

## Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip



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 to 6, 2026**.

The cost of the trip is \$390 and is now live on [School Cash Online](#). **The deadline to reserve your spot on the trip is Thursday, January 15.**

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

### FINAL SESSION:

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

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K-12 Special Education Transitions Navigator

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

*A virtual session for Parents/Caregivers*

Please choose **ONE** of the following sessions to attend:

**SESSION 2:**  
January 15th, 2026 at 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to register

## 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](#)

## 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!](#)

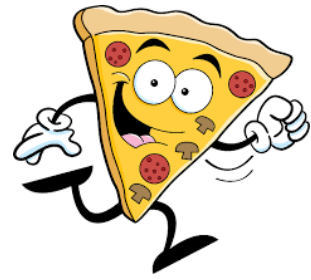
## Important Upcoming Dates for Grade 8 Students

January 6, 2026	Out-of-Area Admission Application opens
January 23, 2026	Out-of-Area Admission Application closes at 4:00PM
February 9, 2026	myBlueprint Course Selection opens
February 27, 2026	myBlueprint Course Selection deadline

## Upcoming Pizza Lunches

Our next block for pizza day lunches for the new year will be as follows:  
**January 13, January 28, February 9, February 26, March 10, March 25.**

The deadline to order has been extended to **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ noon.**  
 The cost is \$60 for all 6 lunches. A gluten free option is available for \$72. If you have not ordered your pizza yet, please do so this weekend!



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!](#)



## 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.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>!



## 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

## Reminder - School Hours

This is a reminder that our school entry bell rings at 8:50AM, and announcements begin promptly at 9:00AM. Students are expected to be in their classrooms by 9:00AM or they are marked late.

Consistent attendance is essential to your child's success at Willowdale. Attendance in all classes on the timetable is compulsory. Responsibility for attendance and punctuality rests with the student and their family. We ask parents/guardians to please ensure their child(ren) are coming to school on time daily.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

## Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Tuesday, January 13	Pizza Day Lunch
Thursday, January 15	Deadline to register for the Gr. 7 Muskoka Woods trip
Friday, January 16	P.A. Day (No school for students)
Wednesday, January 21	WMS Winter Invierno Concert @ 6:30PM in the Gym and our Craft Market Sale
Thursday, January 22	Artists in Motion Performance by Prologue for the Performing Arts
Monday, January 26	Big Box Fundraiser begins (More info to follow)
Wednesday, January 28	Pizza Day Lunch
February 4 to 6	Gr. 7 Overnight Trip to Muskoka Woods
Monday, February 9	Pizza Day Lunch
Tuesday, February 10	Superintendent Morgan visits WMS
Wednesday, February 11	Report Cards are sent home
Thursday, February 12	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
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.