

# Willowdale Middle School



## March Break

Next week, our students and staff will have their March Break. Willowdale Middle School will be closed from Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 20, 2026.

We wish all our students and families a relaxing, safe, and restful March Break. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026.

Our next WMS weekly update will be posted on March 27, 2026.



## ESL Trip to Brick Lab



On Wednesday, March 11, Ms. Chantzis took a group of ESL students on an exciting and engaging field trip to Brick Lab.

During the visit, students participated in hands-on building activities that encouraged creativity, team work and problem-solving.

Through interactive challenges and collaborative projections students had the opportunity to practise their English language skills while working together in a fun and supportive environment.

Thank you to Ms. Chantzis for organizing this memorable opportunity for our students.

## Grade 8 Graduation Trip Information - **LAST CHANCE!!!!!!!**

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.  
**WE ONLY HAVE A FEW SPOTS LEFT!!**



**The deadline to register for the Ottawa trip is March 27, 2026.**

For information about the trip and how to register, please see [HERE](#) for details.

Presentation slides can be found [HERE](#)!

**Trip Dates: June 10 to June 12, 2026**

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)

We look forward to an amazing graduation experience for our Grade 8 students.

## Grade 6 Boys Basketball City Championship



On Thursday March 12, the Grade 6 boys' basketball team played in the City Finals. Playing against Queen Alexandra, the team got off to a slow start, down 16-1 in the beginning. The boys persevered and made a tremendous comeback to tie the game and send it to overtime. Unfortunately, the team fell short in overtime and lost 24-20. Nevertheless, it has been truly an amazing run; the boys should be proud of everything they have achieved over the last few months. The future is bright, excited to see what this team can do in Grade 7 and 8. A special thank you to our coaches, Mr. Lee and Mr. Mak!

## TDSB Budget Survey - Please Complete!

The TDSB is seeking your input to help set priorities for the next school year. Tell us what you think with this 3-question survey about how we can place resources where they are needed most to help students succeed. [Learn more.](#)

## Dance Classes at WMS



This past week Willowdale had a specialized dance instructor that helped all our classes learn a choreographed dance that was then performed by grade in the gym for the school. Our students demonstrated real talent and skill! It was a lot of fun watching them perform for each other. Great job!

Thank you to Mr. Isaacman for organizing this opportunity for our students.

## New Student Email Addresses

To enhance student privacy the TDSB will update elementary student accounts (email addresses) by removing personal names and simplifying the format. The account format change was successfully completed for secondary students on February 6-8, 2026.

The new account format (email address) of elementary students will change:

From: [firstname.lastname@student.tdsb.on.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@student.tdsb.on.ca)

To: [student#@tdsb.ca](mailto:student#@tdsb.ca)

For example: [John.Smith@student.tdsb.on.ca](mailto:John.Smith@student.tdsb.on.ca) to [123456789@tdsb.ca](mailto:123456789@tdsb.ca)

Please note - when composing an email or sharing a Google document, a student's full name will continue to be visible to staff and students **within the TDSB**. The [student#@tdsb.ca](mailto:student#@tdsb.ca) format will only appear when emails are sent externally.

This update will take place over the March Break, from **Saturday, March 14 to Monday, March 16, 2026**. During this time, students will not have access to their accounts, including Google Workspace (Gmail, Drive, Classroom, etc.) Brightspace, Microsoft 365 and other digital tools (the Virtual Library will be available).

The Student # refers to the nine-digit TDSB student number (not the OEN).

### Your Student Email Address is Being Updated

**Your Student Email Address is Changing**  
From [firstname.lastname@student.tdsb.on.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@student.tdsb.on.ca)  
(e.g., "John.Smith@student.tdsb.on.ca")

To [Student#@tdsb.ca](mailto:Student#@tdsb.ca)  
(e.g., "333123456@tdsb.ca")

For more information or questions please visit  
<https://t2m.io/tdsbFAQ>



# TDSB Social Media Safety Presentation



## JOIN US Social Media and Safety: A Parents' Roadmap



### PRESENTATIONS BY

**Paul Davis, Social Networking Safety & TDSB Partner,  
Toronto Police Services and Community Partners**

#### Learn about:

- ▶ **The risks of online exploitation**
- ▶ **Sextortion and AI**
- ▶ **Harmful digital behaviours**
- ▶ **Gain practical strategies to keep your children safe in the digital world.**

- ✓ **Food will be served**
- ✓ **Childcare is available**

**GIVE AWAY!**

**WHEN: Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

**WHERE: Malvern Family Resource Centre**

**90 Littles Road Scarborough Toronto ON M1B 5E2**

**TIME: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES: Shameen Sandhu, Ph.D., RSW.**

**System Leader Mental Health & Professional Support Services**

 [mentalhealthandwellbeing@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:mentalhealthandwellbeing@tdsb.on.ca)

**REGISTER NOW!**

## WMS Sports Teams Practice Schedule

Please see our "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 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	
March 16 to 20	<b>MARCH BREAK (No school)</b>
Monday, March 23	School Resumes
Wednesday, March 25	Pizza Day Lunch
Monday, March 30	CCLET workshops for 6D, 6E, 6F, 7F, 6I
March 31 to April 1	Skills Trade Presentations
Tuesday, April 3	<b>Good Friday (No School)</b>
Monday, April 6	<b>Easter Monday (No School)</b>
Tuesday, April 7	Gr. 8 Graduation Photo Day
	Superintendent of Education visits WMS
Wednesday, April 8	Therapy Dogs visit Gr. 7's
Tuesday, April 14	Pizza Day Lunch
	6I Trip to Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre
	Fire Drill
Thursday, April 16	7F, 7M, 8F, 8M Trip to Molière Théâtre
Tuesday, April 21	School Council Meeting at 6:00PM in the Library
Wednesday, April 22	Speech Competition at WMS (all grades)
Thursday, April 23	Fire Drill
Monday, April 27	Fire Drill
Wednesday, April 29	Pizza Day Lunch
April 30 to May 1	Rugby Workshops
Wednesday, May 6	Gr. 7 Vaccination Clinic (Toronto Public Health)
Friday, May 8	French Classes on Trip to Berkeley- Théâtre Français
Monday, May 11	Track & Field Area Qualifier at Esther Shiner
Wednesday, May 13	Forest of Reading Conference
Thursday, May 14	Pizza Day Lunch
Friday, May 15	Gr. 8 Visit to Northview S.S.
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day (No School)
Monday, May 25	Pizza Day Lunch
Monday, June 1	School Council Meeting at 6:00PM in Library
Tuesday, June 2	Track & Field Conference Finals at Esther Shiner
Wednesday, June 3	CODA Music Concert at 6:30PM
Friday, June 5	P.A. Day (No school for students)
Tuesday, June 9	Pizza Day Lunch
	City Championship for Track & Field at Birchmount
June 10 to 12	Gr. 8 Trip to Ottawa
Thursday, June 18	Pizza Day Lunch
Monday, June 22	Gr. 8 Graduation Ceremony and Celebration
Wednesday, June 24	Pizza Day Lunch
	Report Cards are sent home electronically
Thursday, June 25	Last Day of School for Students
Friday, June 26	P.A. Day (No School for students)

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.