

Willowdale Middle School



Mono Cliffs - Grade 6 Overnight Trip Parent Information Night



We will be hosting a VIRTUAL Parent Information Night for our Grade 6 parents/guardians on **Monday, November 18th, beginning at 6:30PM,** relating to the Mono Cliffs overnight trip.

LINK TO THE LIVE INFORMATION NIGHT - [CLICK HERE!](#)

We would also like to share with you the [Mono Cliffs information Slides](#).

Mono Cliffs Outdoor Education Centre is owned and operated by Toronto District School Board. Our Grade 6 students will be going on an overnight trip, supported by our TDSB Outdoor Education resources. The cost of the trip is \$150. This is now live on [SchoolCashOnline](#). A virtual Parent Information Night is scheduled for **Monday, November 18**. See below for more information.



Date	Classes
December 9 to 11, 2024	6A, 6C, 6D (Group 1)
December 11 to 13, 2024	6B, 6F, 6/7F, 6I (Group 2)

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Wyman at Naomi.wyman@tdsb.on.ca.

Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip Parent Information Night

We will be hosting a VIRTUAL Parent Information Night for our Grade 7 parents/guardians on **Tuesday, November 26th, beginning at 6:30PM**, relating to the Muskoka Woods overnight trip.

LINK TO THE LIVE INFORMATION NIGHT - [CLICK HERE!](#)



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.

TRIP DATE: February 5 to 7, 2025

Grade 6 Field Trip - The Village at Black Creek



Grade 6 students will be doing an "Artifact Discovery" interactive program at The Village at Black Creek, on **November 20th**. The field trip connects to the Grade 6 Social Studies curriculum. The cost of the trip is \$25.00 which includes admission and bussing. Please make payment on [SchoolCashOnline](#). We also ask parents/caregivers to complete the permission form for the trip on [EMA](#).

Grade 8 High School Information

CSIP Application Assistance Session

Ms. Ziebell will be hosting a CSIP application assistance session, on **November 20th**, at **3:00PM**, for any students with questions or needing assistance regarding their application for Central Student Interest Programs. We will meet in the library.

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](#)

TDSB Secondary Central Student Interest Programs - Grade 8's

TDSB students have access to programs that offer unique opportunities and focus on a variety of interests. Check out the elementary Central Student Interest Programs [here](#).

To further support students and families with the application process, TDSB staff will host two Central Student Interest Program Application Support Sessions to answer questions that students or families may have about the application. Live, online support will be available on the following dates:

- November 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. ([Click here to join](#))

Upcoming Key Dates

Central Interest Programs - Application OPENS	November 4th, 2024
Central Interest Programs - Application CLOSES	November 22th, 2024

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](#)

Elementary Central Student Interest Programs

Applications for elementary Central Student Interest Programs open soon. At the elementary level, we offer arts-focused programs at four different schools in the TDSB. Application for these school programs open on November 4, 2024 and closes on November 22 at 4 p.m.

Learn more about each of these programs on the [elementary central student interest programs](#) website. You can also review program and application requirements, get dates for upcoming open houses and webinars and all application timelines.

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- November 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. ([Click here to join](#))

Families are encouraged to attend [Open Houses](#) for school- and program-specific information.

Parent/Guardian Learning Session: Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Date: November 27 Day (AM)

Date: November 28 Evening (PM)

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

For more information, and the meeting links, please click [here!](#)



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Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Sessions

Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Suicide Prevention

Talking to Your Kids About Suicide

It's important to talk openly and honestly with your kids about mental health, including suicide. Let them know that it's okay to feel sad or down sometimes, but that it's important to talk to someone if they're feeling overwhelmed or hopeless.

If your child hears a friend talking about suicide, encourage them to:

- **Listen actively and non-judgmentally.** Let your friend know you're there for them and that you care.
- **Encourage them to seek help.** Suggest they talk to a trusted adult, such as a parent, teacher, counselor, or therapist. Ask your child who are the adults they feel comfortable with speaking to at school.
- **Offer to go with them to get help.** This can show your friend that you're serious about helping them.
- **Don't keep it a secret.** If your friend is in immediate danger, call 911 or a crisis hotline.

Remember: You're not alone. There are many resources available to help you and your child.

Here are some resources:

- **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:** Call or text 988
- **Kids Help Phone** 1800-668-6868 or Text 686868
- Adults can call 741741
- There is a Social Worker assigned to Willowdale and can help you navigate and answer questions if needed.

2024/2025 WMS Spirit Wear ON SALE NOW!

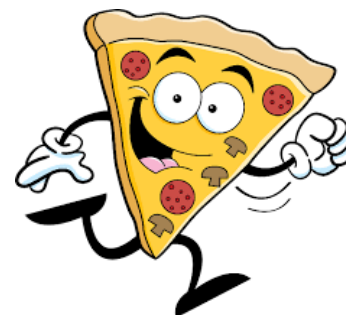


We still have a few hoodies for sale. Hoodies cost \$45 for the screenprint version and \$60 for the embroidered version. Please see Ms. Ziebell or contact her at Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca if you are interested to buy one. You can also purchase one on [SchoolCashOnline](#).

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 Dates



Pizza Days:

Tuesday, Nov. 19th

Thursday, Dec. 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 will be taking place on **Wednesday, November 27, 2024**, beginning at 6:30PM in our school library.

At this meeting, we will be making a motion to amend the current by-laws to change the number of parent members from six (6) to a minimum of six (6) members. This will ensure we can effectively discuss and align on key decisions for WMS. We want to ensure that families are aware of the proposed amendment and this will be voted on at the next School Council meeting.

We hope to see you there!



Letter from Ward 12 Trustee Weidong Pei

Please click on this [link](#) to view the letter sent to parents/guardians from Ward 12 Trustee Weidong Pei.

Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Monday, November 18, 2024	Mono Cliffs - Grade 6 Overnight Trip Parent Information Night
Tuesday, November 19, 2024	Pizza Day
Wednesday, November 20, 2024	CSIP Application Assistance Session - WMS Library - 3:00PM
Friday, November 22, 2024	CSIP Applications Close at 4:00PM
Monday, November 25, 2024	Grade 7 Immunization Clinic
Tuesday, November 26, 2024	Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip Parent Info Night
Wednesday, November 27, 2024	Parent Council Meeting - WMS Library - 6:30PM
Thursday, November 28, 2024	Prologue Performance "Sultans of Strings"
Friday, November 29, 2024	P.A. Day (No school for students)
Thursday, December 5, 2024	Presentation by Paul Davis on Social Media Safety
Mon., Dec. 9 to Wed., Dec. 11	Group 1 Grade 6 overnight trip to Mono Cliffs
Wed., Dec. 11 to Fri., Dec. 13	Group 2 Grade 6 overnight trip to Mono Cliffs
Wed., Dec. 18, 2024	Officer Tony visiting WMS
Thur., Dec. 19, 2024	Pizza Day
Dec. 23, 2024 to Jan. 3, 2025	Winter Break
Monday, January 6, 2025	School resumes
Thursday, January 16, 2025	Winter Concert - WMS Gymnasium - 6:30PM
Fri., January 17, 2025	P.A. Day (No school for students)
Wed., Feb. 5 to Fri., Feb. 7, 2025	Grade 7 Muskoka Woods Trip

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, or to 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.