

Willowdale Middle School



WMS Annual Winter Carnival

Willowdale's third annual Winter Carnival is fast approaching! Our entire school community is welcome to join us on the evening of **December 4th**, for a night of community and fun!

Families are encouraged to come play carnival games, and to enjoy each other's company to kick off the start of winter! All games will be played via the donation of canned goods (no money). This year, we will be supporting our local food bank.

The Winter Carnival will take place in our gymnasium, from 6:30PM - 8:00PM. We hope to see you there!



Scholastic Book Fair: December 1-5, 2025



WMS will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from December 1 to 5, 2025. All classes will have the opportunity to attend. Class schedule is below, so that students can be prepared with money if they wish to purchase anything. We will also accept debit card payments with tap or pin.

Students will also have the opportunity to purchase before school from 8:30AM - 8:55AM each day of the book fair. The book fair will be taking place in Room G1.

We also invite parents and guardians to do some shopping at our book fair on the evening of December 4th (during our Winter Carnival), between the times of 6:30PM - 7:30PM.

Book Fair preview: [CLICK HERE!](#)

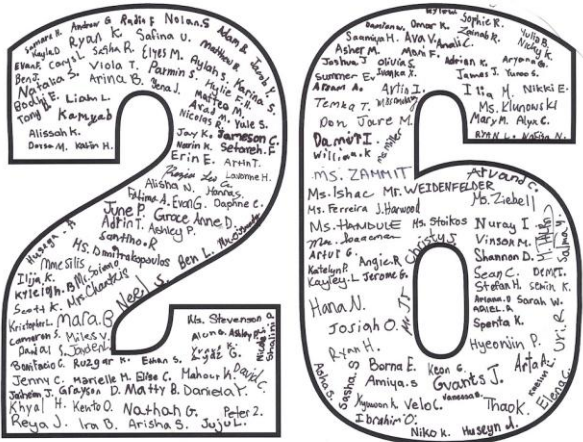
If you have any questions, please contact Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca

Book Fair Class Schedule:

DAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Per. 1 9:00- 9:40	Class: 67F Douglas	Class: 7D Persic	Class: 6F Cooper	Class: Miller 678I	Class: Wyman 6C
Per. 2 9:40- 10:20	Class: 6B Clarino	Class: 8D Stevenson	Class: 8M Silis	Class: 7B Prugo	Class: 6E Beaubien
Per. 3 10:20- 11:00	Class: 7F Batkay	Class:	Class: 6A Romeiro	Class: 8B Isaacman	Class: 6D Lindover
Per. 4 11:00- 11:30					
Per. 5 12:30- 1:00					
Per. 6 1:00- 1:40	Class: 8F (with Ziebell)	Class: 8A (with Ziebell)	Class: 8C (with Ziebell)	Class: 7A Teplitz	
Per. 7 1:40- 2:20		Class: 7C (with Ziebell)			
Per. 8 2:20- 3:00		Class: 7M (with Ziebell)			

Class of 2028 Grade 8 Graduation Hoodie ON SALE NOW!

CLASS OF



Our Grade 8 graduation hoodie is now on sale on [School Cash Online](#). The hoodie will be black - as voted on by our Grade 8 students. It will have all students' names on the back and a Willowdale logo on the front.

The cost is \$45.

The deadline to order is Dec. 5th, 2026.

We aim to have these delivered to students by December 18th, before the holiday break.

2025/2026 NEW WMS Spirit Wear

We are excited to announce that our 2025-2026 WMS Spirit Wear Hoodies are now available! After last year's overwhelming popularity, we've expanded our colour options to give students even more choice.

Online Sales:
Hoodies can be purchased through [School Cash Online](#) NOW!!

Students who order online will receive their hoodies by December 2, 2025.

In-Person Sales:
We will also be selling hoodies on the evening of our Winter Carnival on December 4, 2025.
Please note: **CASH ONLY** for in-person purchases.



Prices are listed to the right. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca

We can't wait to see our Wildcats proudly wearing their new spirit wear around Willowdale!

Gr. 6 Overnight Trip to The Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre

We are excited for the upcoming Grade 6 trip to **The Etobicoke Outdoor Education Center**. The registration date has now passed and our first trip is on Monday, December 1st.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the packing list for the trip.

PLEASE SEE THE UPDATED TRIP DATES BELOW!

Dates and Classes:

Trip 1: **Dec. 1 to 3** -6C Wyman, 6D Lindover (Soriano), 6E Beaubien, 6I Miller

Trip 2: **Dec. 8 to 10** -6A Romeiro, 6B Clarino, 6F Douglas (Lee), 6F Cooper

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Naomi.wyman@tdsb.on.ca

Drama Club Trip to The Young Peoples Theatre

On Thursday, November 27, the Drama Club had the exciting opportunity to visit the Young People's Theatre to watch *Shrek the Musical*. This experience was especially meaningful for our students, as we are currently hard at work perfecting our own production of *Shrek Jr.*

The trip allowed students to see the characters, staging, and musical numbers come to life on a professional stage. They returned inspired, energized, and full of creative ideas to bring back to rehearsals.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication and enthusiasm our Drama Club members have shown. We look forward to sharing their hard work with parents and guardians later in the school year when we present our *Shrek Jr.* performance. Stay tuned for more details!

Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip Parent/Guardian Information Night



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 4-6, 2026.

We would also like to share with you the [Muskoka Woods Information Slides](#). Thank you to all of the parents/caregivers that attended our virtual information night hosted by Mr. Batkay.

The cost of the trip is \$390 and is now live on [School Cash Online](#).

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](#)

APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS ARE NOW OPEN!

Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/specializedprograms to learn more about program entry points, eligibility requirements, minimum report card benchmark, the required demonstrations of knowledge and skill, and the application and admission process.

All TDSB schools with Specialized Programs also host open houses in November, and we encourage you to take this opportunity to visit, learn more and ask questions about specific schools and programs.

If you have any questions about applying to a Specialized Program, please contact the Central Program Admissions Office at CentralPrograms@tdsb.on.ca.

Upcoming Key Dates

Specialized Programs - Application OPENS	November 24 th , 2025
Specialized Programs - Application CLOSES	December 12 th , 2025 @ noon

IMPORTANT LINKS FOR APPLYING - Please see below!

[Specialized Programs Q & A for Website](#)

[Form Submission-Specialized Programs 26/27](#)

[Specialized Programs Sharing Video Files](#)

[Specialized Programs Turning Pictures and Documents into PDFs](#)

[Important Timelines](#)

BENCHMARK CALCULATOR:

Please use this tool to calculate marks that are required in order to determine eligibility.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/cpao/Central-Program-Admissions-Office/Specialized-Programs/Applicant-Eligibility-Benchmark-Calculator>

Please contact CentralPrograms@tdsb.on.ca if you have questions about eligibility.

APPLICATION RUBRICS:

[CLICK HERE](#) for TDSB Specialized Program application rubrics.

Specialized Programs - Application Support Session @ WMS

Ms. Ziebell will be providing application support for specialized programs on Tuesday from 12:00PM – 12:30PM in the library. Any students that have questions or concerns with their applications should attend. Ms. Ziebell can be reached via email as well at Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca

In-Person Presentation from The Centre for Immigrant and Community Services @ WMS



CENTRE FOR IMMIGRANT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
SETTLEMENT AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS IN TORONTO (SEPT)

Supporting Your Child's Education: How CICS Assists Parents at Willowdale School

An in-person session to help parents learn how CICS can support communication with the school, connect families to helpful resources, and enhance their child's success.

**Scan the QR code or visit
the link below to register
for the session**



<https://forms.gle/vcEGWLzVmjVhmZDg7>

- **Tuesday, December 9, 2025**
- **4:00 - 5:00 pm.**
- **Language: Farsi**
- **Format: In-person**

Settlement Worker Contact:

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www.cicscanada.com



Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

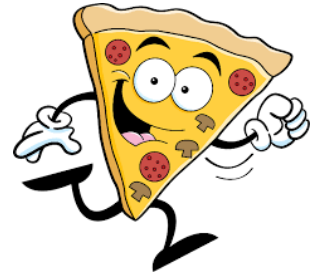
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Upcoming Pizza Lunches and NEW DATES!

Our final Pizza Lunches for 2025 will be on Tuesday, November 18th, Thursday, December 4th, and Tuesday, December 16th.

The deadline has passed to order pizza for the above dates.

Our pizza dates for the new year will be as follow: January 13, January 28, February 9, February 26, March 10, March 25, April 14, April 29, May 14, May 25, June 9 and June 18. Pizza for the above dates will be for sale soon! **Stay tuned!**



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

Grade 6 & 7 Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to our Grade 6 & 7 Boys Volleyball teams on their outstanding performances this week!

Our Grade 6 team (pictured below) traveled to Highland MS on Tuesday, where they battled through three hard-fought matches. Each game went to three sets, and the boys came away with two impressive wins. Congratulations on an amazing season!

Our Grade 7 team hosted a tournament on Wednesday here at Willowdale MS. After a bit of a slow start, the boys regrouped, found their rhythm, and finished the day with two wins out of three. They are now in an excellent position heading into their next tournament at St. Andrew's MS on December 5.

Beyond the wins and losses, what truly stood out was the sportsmanship, growth, and determination shown by both teams. The boys played with heart, energy, and confidence—constantly attacking with strong bumps, clean sets, and powerful spikes.

Congratulations, boys! Your coaches are incredibly proud of you. A special thank you to our coaches, Mr. Soriano and Mr. Cooper!



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!](#)



Keeping Contact Information Current



We are committed to ensuring the safety and success of our students. To do this effectively, it is essential that we have accurate contact information on file for all our families.

We kindly ask all parents and caregivers to promptly inform the school office of any changes to your address, phone number, or email. For address changes, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) requires **proof of address** to update our records.

Examples of accepted documents include:

- A current utility bill (electricity, water, or gas)
- A lease agreement or mortgage statement
- A property tax bill

To update your information, please visit our school office. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and connected school community!

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

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 there!



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
December 1 to 3, 2025 NEW	Gr. 6 (6C, 6D, 6E, 6I) to Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre
December 1 to 5, 2025	Scholastic Book Fair @ WMS in Room G1
Thursday, December 4, 2025	Pizza Day Lunch
	Winter Carnival Night & Scholastic Book Fair Night
December 8 to 10, 2025 NEW	Gr. 6 (6A, 6B, 6/7F, 6F) to Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre
Tuesday, December 9, 2025	CICS parent session (4:00PM) in Library (Language: Farsi)
Friday, December 12, 2025	Specialized Programs Application Closes at Noon
Tuesday, December 16, 2025	Pizza Day Lunch
Friday, December 19, 2025	Last Day of School
December 22 to January 2, 2025	Winter Break (No School)
Monday, January 5, 2026	School Resumes

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.