

# Willowdale Middle School



## Safe Arrivals and Dismissals / Student Sign Outs

If your child needs to leave school early, a parent or caregiver must **come into the main office to sign the student out** before they leave. This ensures we have an accurate record and know that students are leaving school safely and under appropriate supervision

We kindly remind families that students will not be released without this process being followed.

We also ask that if students are going on vacation, that parents/guardians send a note to school with the dates the student will be absent.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## 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!



# Social Media and Online Safety Presentation

## SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE SAFETY AN EVENING FOR PARENTS WITH PAUL DAVIS

### TOPICS INCLUDE

SOCIAL MEDIA  
SMARTPHONES  
DIGITAL TRAILS  
CYBERBULLYING  
SNAPCHAT  
SEXTING  
ONLINE GROOMING  
& PRIVACY



WILLOWDALE MS  
DECEMBER 5, 2024  
6:30 PM

We are VERY excited to announce that we will be hosting Paul Davis, a social media and online safety expert and educator to discuss smartphones, digital trails, cyberbullying, social media (e.g., Snapchat, Instagram, etc.) amongst other topics of interest!

Paul Davis will be leading a student assembly during the day on December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30PM in our gym, for all our Willowdale MS students.

**WE INVITE OUR PARENT/CAREGIVER COMMUNITY to an evening in-person presentation, on December 5<sup>th</sup> from Paul Davis, hosted at Willowdale Middle School, starting at 6:30PM. This invitation is also extended to the parents & caregivers of our feeder schools.**

**If you are interested to join us, we ask that you complete a small Google Form so that we can plan appropriately for the correct number of people attending. [CLICK HERE!](#) Please share this link with any parent from our feeder schools you think will be interested in attending.**

## Sultans of String - Prologue - A World of Music



This past Thursday, Willowdale hosted the "Sultans of String," *A World of Music* prologue performance. The group has been nominated three times for a JUNO Award and are Billboard charting artists. Sultans of String took WMS on a musical journey around the world!

For more information - please click [HERE!](#)

Thank you to Mr. Batkay for organizing this exciting opportunity for our staff and students.

## 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.

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 \$375 and is now live on [SchoolCashOnline](#).

**TRIP DATE: February 5 to 7, 2025**

## Mono Cliffs - Grade 6 Overnight Trip

[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](#). The deadline to pay is Friday, November 29, 2024.



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

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

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Wyman at [Naomi.wyman@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Naomi.wyman@tdsb.on.ca).



## 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](mailto: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](#)

### WMS Cooking Club

This past week, the WMS Cooking Club learned how to make pizza!



# WMS Wildcats Sports Teams Update

## Grade 6 Girls Basketball

The Grade 6 Girl's Basketball team hosted their tournament in the WMS gym this past week. The team put in an amazing effort, and had outstanding sportsmanship. They easily won against Northlea EMS, but lost to Zion Heights MS in a close battle. The team should be proud of their efforts in the games.

Thank you to Ms. Wyman and Mr. Soriano for coaching and giving them a great learning experience.



## Grade 7 Girls Basketball



On Wednesday our Grade 7 Girls' Basketball team played at Highland Middle School in the conference tournament. After three exhausting games Willowdale ended up winning against Milne Valley and Highland 1, only falling 1 point against Highland 2. This great performance sends our Wildcats to the conference finals at Milne Valley Middle School next week. We are proud of your hard work, discipline and sportsmanship.

## Grade 8 Boys Volleyball



The Grade 8 Boys' Volleyball team played in their second tournament this past week. The team travelled to Windfields MS and played against the hosts, Glenview SPS, and St. Andrew's MS. Willowdale beat the number one seed, St. Andrew's in their first match of the day, before falling in three sets to Glenview and two sets to Windfields.

Congrats on a great effort this season!

## Grade 6 Boys Volleyball

The Grade 6 Boys' Volleyball team played Triple ball in their tournament at Glamorgan Public School on Tuesday. The WMS players put in a valiant effort and showed great teamwork.

Thank you to Ms. Wyman and Mr. Soriano for teaching our Grade 6 players new skills on the court!



# WMS Wildcats Sports Calendar - December

Please click the link [HERE](#) to take you to our sports calendar! We will update this calendar regularly to reflect known practices, games, and tournaments for our sports teams. If you have any specific questions, please reach out to the coach of the specific team you are inquiring about.



## 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](mailto:Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca) if you are interested to buy one. You can also purchase one on [SchoolCashOnline](#).

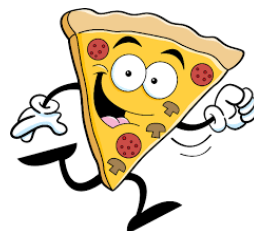
We will also be selling hoodies in person at our Winter Concert on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE NOW!](#)

## Upcoming Pizza Lunch Dates

**Pizza Days:**

**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. It will now take place on **Tuesday, December 10, 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.



## Parking Lot and School Drop Off / Pick Up Safety

To ensure the safety of all students, staff, and families during busy drop-off and pick-up times, please keep the following important guidelines in mind:

- **Slow Down:** Drive cautiously and be mindful of your surroundings.
- **Stay Right in the Loop:** When dropping off, always stay to the right to keep traffic flowing smoothly.
- **No Stopping in the Middle:** Avoid stopping in the middle of the loop, as it creates congestion and safety risks.
- **Bus Area Must Stay Clear:** Please do not block the designated bus area.
- **Watch for Pedestrians:** Pedestrians crossing the sidewalk and pathways have the right of way. Be alert and patient.
- **Staff Parking Lot (North Side):** Parents/caregivers are not permitted to drop off students in the staff parking lot on the north side of the school.



Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and organized environment for everyone at Willowdale Middle School. Your efforts each day make a big difference!

## Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Thursday, December 5, 2024	Presentation by Paul Davis on Social Media Safety @ 6:30PM
Mon., Dec. 9 to Wed., Dec. 11	Group 1 Grade 6 overnight trip to Mono Cliffs
Tuesday, December 10, 2024	Parent Council Meeting - WMS Library - 6:30PM
Wed., Dec. 11 to Fri., Dec. 13	Group 2 Grade 6 overnight trip to Mono Cliffs
Tuesday, December 17, 2024	Grade 6 Great Lakes Toronto Zoo Presentation
Wednesday, December 18, 2024	Officer Tony visiting WMS
Thursday, December 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, and send a written note, or email to [willowdale@tdsb.on.ca](mailto: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.