

Willowdale Middle School



PA Day - Friday, November 15, 2024

All families are reminded that **Friday, November 15, 2024** is a **PA Day**, therefore, there will be no school for students.



Remembrance Day 2024

Willowdale Middle School will be holding a school-wide, student-led ceremony for Remembrance Day on Monday, November 11th. Together, we will reflect, and remember the many contributions of our distinguished Canadian soldiers, who made sacrifices to protect rights, and freedoms, from both World Wars, and to more recent missions around the world. By remembering the efforts of all the diverse Canadians who have served our country, we recognize what these courageous people worked to preserve.



Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

On Wednesday, November 13, 2024, Willowdale students will receive their Progress Report.

Parent-Teacher interviews will take place in-person on Thursday, November 14, 2024, between 4:00 to 7:00PM, and on Friday, November 15, 2024, between 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Teachers have been scheduling interviews with parents. If you are interested in having a parent-teacher interview, please reach out to your child's teacher. See the list below for their e-mails.

If you wish to discuss your child's progress with one of their rotary teachers, you are encouraged to reach out to them as well.



Connecting with Willowdale Teaching Staff

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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 [SchoolCash Online](#). We also ask parents/caregivers to complete the permission form for the trip on [EMA](#).



Mono Cliffs - Grade 6 Overnight Trip

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 will be posted to SchoolCash Online this coming week. A virtual Parent Information Night is scheduled for Monday, November 18. See below for more information.

REVISED:

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.

Mono Cliffs - Grade 6 Overnight Trip Parent Information Night

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

A link to the virtual information session will be sent to parents/guardians this week.

Information Slides - [CLICK HERE](#)

Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip

We will be hosting a virtual information night, on Tuesday, November 26th, at 6:30PM, for our Grade 7 parents/caregivers regarding the upcoming Grade 7 overnight trip to Muskoka Woods. This is an annual trip that WMS offers to our Grade 7 students.

A LINK TO THE VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION WILL BE SHARED SHORTLY!

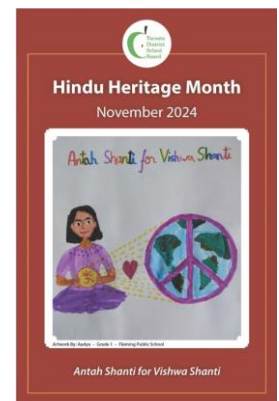
TRIP DATE: February 5 to 7, 2025

November is Hindu Heritage Month at the TDSB

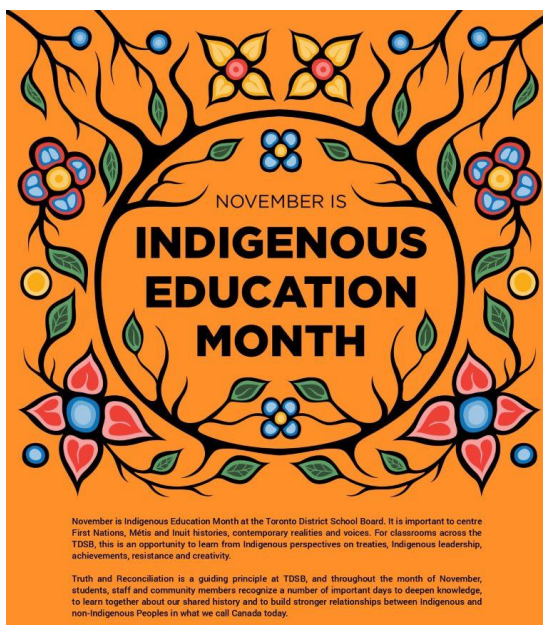
“The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is proud to recognize Hindu Heritage Month during the month of November. This heritage has been celebrated by our students, staff, and the community since April 2018 as a result of a motion passed by the Board of Trustees.

This year’s theme is *Antah Shanti for Vishwa Shanti*. This Sanskrit phrase conveys that to foster World (Vishwa) Peace (Shanti) we need to have Inner (Antah) Peace (Shanti).”

Please follow TDSB Hindu Heritage Month on X for daily messages throughout the month of November: [@tdsb_HHM](https://twitter.com/tdsb_HHM)



November is Indigenous Education Month



“November is Indigenous Education Month at the Toronto District School Board.

Throughout the month, students, staff, and community members honour a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn from our shared histories, and to strengthen relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples.

It is important that we remember to centre First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspectives, voices, histories, and contemporary realities across the TDSB every day. This month places emphasis on creating opportunities to learn from Indigenous perspectives on treaties, leadership, achievements, resurgence, futurities, and creativity.

The TDSB is committed to the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action (TRC) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”

CLICK HERE for resources to support Treaties Week, Inuit Day, Indigenous Veterans Day, Louis Riel Day

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION IS ALL DAY EVERYDAY



Grade 8 High School Information

Grade 8-9 Transition Information Night Slides

Thank you to all of those who attended our virtual information session for Grade 8-9 high school transitions.

We are sharing with you the slides that were used to present during the information night. They can be found by clicking [HERE!](#)

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 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. ([Click here to join](#))
- 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 Special 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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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)

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 School CashOnline!

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE NOW!](#)

Going Outside and the Weather

Fall has arrived - the weather is changing, and winter is approaching. Daily, each student has a 35-minute lunch break that will be outside. As well, some gym classes will be outside weather permitting.

With all this in mind we encourage families to ensure their child is properly dressed for the weather. A light rain and below zero temperatures will not cause us to remain inside during these times.

As the winter approaches families are encouraged to ensure that their children have the appropriate clothing (boots, hats, mittens/gloves etc.) for the weather.



WMS Wildcats Sports Teams Update

WMS Wildcats Sports Calendar - November

Please click the link [HERE](#) to take you to our NEW weekly sports calendar! We will update this calendar each week 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.



Upcoming Sports Season Offered at WMS

WMS is proud to announce that the following late fall sports that will be offered to our students. Please ensure that your child listens to announcements, checks the weekly update, and uses the sports calendar above.



Late Fall Sports:

Grade 6 Boys Volleyball

Grade 7 Boys Volleyball

Grade 8 Boys Volleyball

Grade 6 Girls Basketball

Grade 7 Girls Basketball

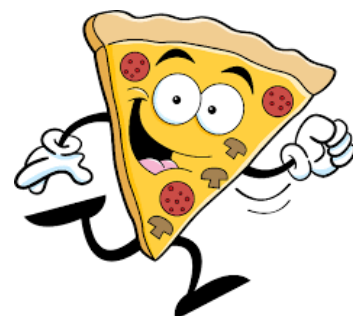
Grade 8 Girls Basketball

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. We hope to see you there!



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Monday, November 11, 2024	Remembrance Day assembly
	Mono Cliffs - Grade 6 Overnight Trip Information Night
Wednesday, November 13, 2024	Progress Reports go home
Thursday, November 14, 2024	6C Trip to the North York Public Library (AM)
Thursday, November 14, 2024	Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00PM - 7:00PM
Friday, November 15, 2024	Parent-Teacher Interviews 9:00AM - 12:00PM
Friday, November 15, 2024	P.A. Day (No school for students)
Monday, November 25, 2024	Grade 7 Immunization Clinic
Tuesday, November 26, 2024	Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip Information Night
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
Dec. 23, 2024 to Jan. 3, 2025	Winter Break
Monday, January 6, 2025	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

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.