

Willowdale Middle School



PA DAY - Friday, October 10th



We hope all our Willowdale students enjoyed a well-deserved break today, and took some time to relax, recharge, and get ready for more great learning ahead. 🌟 Enjoy your long weekend!

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we head into the Thanksgiving weekend, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude to all of our Willowdale families. Your ongoing support, kindness, and partnership help make our school a welcoming and thriving community for everyone.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on what we're thankful for: the friendships, learning, and shared experiences that bring us together. We are especially grateful for our students, whose curiosity, creativity, and compassion make Willowdale such a special place to learn and grow.

From all of us at WMS, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful and restful Thanksgiving filled with warmth, gratitude, and connection.

WMS will be closed on Monday, October 13th. School will resume on Tuesday, October 14th.



Happy Thanksgiving! 🦃 🍁

WMS Picture Day



Our school picture day will take place on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025.**

SMILE! 😊

Blue Jay Day @ WMS

Congratulations to the Toronto Blue Jays!

The Jays are heading to the **American League Championship** after defeating the New York Yankees, bringing us one step closer to the **World Series!**

To celebrate their incredible success, **Thursday, October 16th** will be **Blue Jay Day** at **Willowdale Middle School**. Show your team spirit by wearing your **Blue Jays gear** or **something blue** to school!

The entire country was buzzing with excitement in **1992** and **1993** when the Jays won back-to-back **World Series** titles. Let's hope they can bring home another championship this year!

GO JAYS GO!



Grade 8-9 Transition - WMS Parent Information Night

We are excited to invite our **Grade 8 families** to our **Grade 8 to 9 Transition Information Night** at **Willowdale Middle School** on **Thursday, October 30th, 2025, at 6:30 PM** (in-person).

This important session will provide families with valuable information about:

- **TDSB Central Student Interest Programs** (such as Specialized Schools, Arts, STEM, and IB)
- **Regular program options** and pathways available to students
- **Course selection timelines** and key steps in the transition process
- Tips and resources to help support your child's successful move to high school

This evening is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the exciting opportunities available to our students as they prepare for Grade 9.

We look forward to seeing our Grade 8 families there!

Grade 8 Grad Trip Information Night - Virtual



We are excited to announce that Willowdale Middle School will be hosting a **Grade 8 Graduation Trip Information Night** on **Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00 PM**.

This session will be held **virtually**, and a link to the live presentation will be shared with families closer to the date. While the trip destination will be finalized shortly, we look forward to sharing all the details – including location, dates, and cost – during the information session.

We can't wait to begin planning this memorable celebration for our Grade 8 students! 🌟

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](#)

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 (CSIP)* [HERE](#).

Pizza Day Lunches - **LAST CHANCE TO ORDER**

PIZZA DAY LUNCHES, for the remaining 5 dates in 2025 are STILL FOR SALE!! Pizza lunches are hosted by our School Parent Council.

Please go to [School Cash Online](#) to purchase pizza for your child. **The last day to order is Monday, October 20th**. Do not miss out on this chance if you did not order the first time.

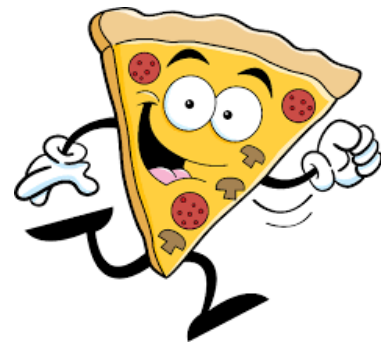
\$10.00 per pizza day (Total \$50.00), for 2 slices of pizza (pepperoni or cheese), a juice box and bag of chips. You must buy for all 5 pizza days.

A gluten-free pizza lunch (\$12.00 each) is also available which includes a small gluten free pizza, a juice box and a bag of chips. You must purchase for all 5 pizza days for a total of \$60.00.

If you are available and interested in volunteering to help out with our pizza lunches, please email: sc.willowdalemiddleschool@tdsb.on.ca.

Pizza Day Lunches - Dates:

- Wednesday, October 22
- Thursday, November 6
- Tuesday, November 18
- Thursday, December 4
- Tuesday, December 16



PLEASE NOTE - REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR DUPLICATE ORDERS. THIS ORDER OPTION IS ONLY FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE FIRST DEADLINE.

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Our next Parent Council meetings will be taking place on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025**, beginning at 6:00PM in our school library. Please see attached to our website the approved minutes from our meeting on September 18, 2025, as well as our tentative agenda for our upcoming meeting on October 21, 2025. We hope to see you there!



Lunch Box Program



The Lunch Box program continues to be a success! 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!

Monday	Mr. Souvlaki
Tuesday	Umami Sushi
Wednesday	bar Burrito
Thursday	Mr. Sub
Friday	Swiss Chalet

The restaurants are as follows:

Cross Country

A big congratulations to the following runners who have qualified for the **Conference Finals** on **October 24th!** 🏃

Haana J	Shuya D	Iyla V	Evan F
Jovan K	Reid F	Elijah S	Elyes M
Liam M	Ahmad Sorosh A	Ilija K	Tiffany L
Radin F	Radin F		

We're so proud of your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship. Way to go, Wildcats! ❤️ ❤️

Flag Football

All three of our **All-Gender Flag Football teams** have been working hard in preparation for their upcoming tournaments later this month!

- **Grade 8 Team:** Monday, **October 20** at *Milne Valley MS*
- **Grade 6 Team:** Wednesday, **October 22** at *Milne Valley MS*
- **Grade 7 Team:** Thursday, **October 23** at *Willowdale MS*

For our **Grade 6** and **Grade 8 teams**, please complete the [EMA Online Permission Form](#) for your child to attend the tournament. A paper copy will also be sent home next week.

We are also looking for **parent drivers** to help with transportation for the Grade 6 and Grade 8 tournaments. If you're able to assist, please email **Mr. Soriano** at Michael.soriano@tdsb.on.ca if you haven't already done so.

If our teams qualify, the **City Championship** will take place on **Monday, October 27** at *Northview Secondary School*.

Boys Soccer - Grade 6

On **Tuesday, October 7th**, Willowdale Middle School proudly hosted the **Grade 6 Boys Soccer Tournament**. Our team faced **John Wanless, St. Andrew's, and West Prep**, winning all three games in impressive fashion to advance to the **quarter-finals later this month**.

The boys should be extremely proud of their hard work, determination, and effort throughout the tournament. **Ms. Wyman** and **Mr. Talbi** were especially impressed by the team's **teamwork, school spirit, and outstanding sportsmanship** both on and off the field.

Congratulations, Wildcats, and best of luck in the quarter-finals!



Bordenball



On October 9th, our Grade 7 & 8 Bordenball team represented Willowdale with pride at the North Conference Championship held at Highland Middle School. The Wildcats played outstandingly, earning victories against Woodbine, Don Valley, and Highland (twice) before falling just short in the final against Avondale to finish in second place. Congratulations to the team on this impressive achievement, and for earning Willowdale's first-ever Bordenball banner on the "Wall of Fame"!

Gr. 8 Boys Soccer

Gr. 8 Boys Soccer Team Shines at Season Opener! 🌍
The Grade 8 Boys soccer team kicked off their season in style at Thursday's home tournament here at Willowdale on **October 9, 2025**. The boys displayed outstanding teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship – powering through all **three games with wins** and earning a well-deserved spot in the **semi-finals** in two weeks!

Mr. Mitrovic and **Ms. Hamdule** are incredibly proud of the team's effort and spirit. Please join us in congratulating them on this fantastic achievement!



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!](#)

Current and Upcoming WMS Clubs

We're excited to share that a variety of school clubs will be starting up in the coming weeks! Clubs are a great way to explore your interests, try something new, and connect with classmates outside of the classroom. Students are encouraged to listen carefully to daily announcements for information about meeting times, locations, and sign-up opportunities. Don't miss out on the chance to get involved and be part of the fun!

More details will be shared in our future *Weekly Updates*.

TO DATE, WE HAVE ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING CLUBS:

- Junior Council for our Grade 6 students (Day 1 at 11:30AM)
- Drama Club (will be creating the musical theatre performance of Shrek Jr.) for Grade 6-8 students (Dates/Times TBD)
- WMS Grade 7/8 Band (See schedule above)
- Junior (Grade 6) Choir (Tuesday & Thursdays at 11:30AM)
- Chess Club (Day 3 at 11:30AM)
- Girls Basketball Intramural Club for our Grade 7/8 students (Day 4 at 11:30AM)
- Anime Club (Day 3 at 11:30AM)
- Art Club (Dates/Times TBD)
- Running Club (Monday's at 3:00PM)



Grade 6 Trip to The Village at Black Creek

Please complete both the **online EMA permission form** and the **TDSB School Cash Online payment** for the **Grade 6 trip to The Village at Black Creek** on **Thursday, October 23, 2025**.

You can access the **EMA form** and **School Cash Online** here: [EMA](#) and [School Cash Online](#)

Grade 6 Overnight Trip to The Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre

Grade 6 parents are invited to attend a virtual meeting about the **Grade 6 TDSB Etobicoke Outdoor Education Center (EOEC) trips on Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30 PM.**

This session will be held **virtually**, and a link to the live presentation will be shared with families closer to the date. Parents are encouraged to fill out the EMA forms and SchoolCashOnline payment (\$150).

Dates and Classes:

Trip 1: Dec. 1-3 6C Wyman, 6E Beaubien, 6I Miller

Trip 2: Dec. 8-10 6F Douglas, 6F Cooper, 6D Kerney

Trip 3: Dec. 10-12 6A Romeiro, 6B Clarino

We would really like each student to attend. Please join the information session or reach out to your child's teacher for support.

For more information please look at the following links: [EOEC Website](#), [EOAC Parent Presentation](#)

TDSB Day @ the Marlies - Field Trip

We are excited to offer all of our students a field trip opportunity to the Toronto Marlies ice hockey game!

Date: February 18th, 2025 @ 11:00AM

Transportation to the Game: School Bus

Cost: \$25.00 (includes ticket and school bus)

Tickets will be on sale soon!



EMA Athletics Tryout Form

[CLICK HERE](#) to see our step-by-step Reference Guide which will assist Parents/Guardians in completing the EMA Athletics Tryout and Participation form on-line.

EMA Account Creation

[CLICK HERE](#) to see our step-by-step instructions on how to start the account creation process. This will help parents/guardians fill out any EMA (Excursion Management Application) -i.e., permission forms on-line.

TDSB Scent Aware Policy



At Willowdale Middle School, we are committed to maintaining a healthy and inclusive environment for all students, staff, and visitors. As part of the Toronto District School Board's [Scent-Aware Policy](#), we kindly ask everyone to **avoid wearing or using scented products** such as perfumes, colognes, body sprays, or strongly scented lotions while at school.

Many individuals have **sensitivities or allergies** to fragrances, which can cause headaches, breathing difficulties, or other health concerns. By choosing scent-free options, we help ensure our school remains a **safe and welcoming space for everyone**.

Thank you for your cooperation in supporting a scent-aware environment!

Parking Lot & Drop Off/Pick Up Reminders

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We continue to experience traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up times. To ensure everyone's safety, **please do not park in the school parking lot** – spaces are reserved for staff and buses only.

If you're driving, **use the car loop for drop-off and pick-up**. Park on the **right side of the loop** if space allows, or along **Ellerslie Avenue**. Please drive slowly and watch for students and staff crossing.

Students: Upon arrival in the morning, please go directly to the **back field**, not the front of the school, as there is no supervision and it poses safety risks.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe!

Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Friday, October 10, 2025	P.A. Day - No School for Students
Monday, October 13, 2025	Thanksgiving Holiday - WMS is Closed
Tuesday, October 14, 2025	Grade 7 Boys Soccer Tournament @ WMS
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	Picture Day
Thursday, October 16, 2025	Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer Tournament @ WMS Blue Jays Day (Wear your Blue Jays gear or blue!)
Friday, October 17, 2025	ESL Newcomer Presentation (Grade 8)
Monday, October 20, 2025	Grade 8 All Gender Flag Football Tournament @ Milne Valley Last chance to order 5 remaining Pizza Day lunches
Tuesday, October 21, 2025	Parent Council Meeting - 6:00PM WMS Library
Wednesday, October 22, 2025	2 nd Pizza Day Lunch Grade 6 All Gender Flag Football Tournament @ Milne Valley

Thursday, October 23, 2025	Grade 7 All Gender Flag Football Tournament @ WMS Grade 6 Trip to The Village at Black Creek
Friday, October 24, 2025	Conference Finals Cross Country
Monday, October 27, 2025	All Gender Flag Football City Championships at Northview SS
Tuesday, October 28, 2025	Grade 8 Graduation Trip Information Night @ 7PM (Virtual)
Thursday, October 30, 2025	Grade 8-9 Transition Information Night @ 6:30 PM - WMS
Friday, October 31, 2025	Halloween
Tuesday, November 4, 2025	Photo Re-take Day (for students who were absent the 1 st day) Gr. 6 Parent Information Night (virtual) to overnight trip to Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre
Thursday, November 6, 2025	3 rd Pizza Day Lunch
Friday, November 7, 2025	Gr. 7 Immunization Clinic
Monday, November 10, 2025	Central Student Interest Program application process opens Grade 7 Trip to Little Canada Museum (7F, 7M, 7C, 7D)
Thursday, November 13, 2025	Parent-Teacher Interviews (4:00 to 7:00PM)
Friday, November 14, 2025	P.A. Day (No school) Parent-Teacher Interviews (9:00AM to 12:00PM)
Monday, November 17, 2025	Grade 7 Trip to Little Canada Museum (7A, 7B, 6/7F, 6/7/8I)

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.