

Willowdale Middle School



Literacy and Numeracy Program @ WMS

We are excited to share that our **Numeracy and Literacy Program** will be starting soon! This program is designed to help students strengthen their math and reading skills through fun, engaging activities and small group support. Sessions will take place **after school on Mondays and Wednesdays**, with an additional **numeracy session on Wednesdays during lunch**. We encourage students to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to build confidence and enhance their learning in a supportive environment.

If you would like your child to participate in this program, or if you have any questions, please e-mail **Ms. Hamdule** (Melody.hamdule@tdsb.on.ca) for the numeracy program, and **Ms. Chantzis** (Angeliki.chantzis@tdsb.on.ca) for the literacy program. Please submit your interest in joining by e-mailing one of the teachers no later than **Wednesday, October 22**. Classes will begin the week of **Monday, November 3** and will run until January 26, 2026.

Individual Education Plans



Individual Education Plans (IEP's) for those students who have one, went home this past week. An Individual Education Plan is a written plan that describes special education programs and/or services for a student. It is based on a student's profile of strengths and areas for growth. Please look over your child's Individual Education Plan, sign it and return the original copy back to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or the main office.

8D Trip to the North York Central Library

This past week, 8D students visited the North York Central Library to take part in a workshop on Digital Literacy and Information/Disinformation. Students learned how to critically evaluate online sources, identify credible information, and recognize misleading or false content. The session encouraged thoughtful discussion about the impact of social media and the importance of being responsible digital citizens. Thank you to Ms. Stevenson for providing this great opportunity for her class.



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, 2026 @ 11:00AM

Transportation to the Game: School Bus

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

Tickets are ON SALE NOW on [School Cash Online](#).



THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS NOVEMBER 3rd.

Grade 8-9 Transition - WMS Parent Information Night

Grade 8 Parents/Guardians and Students are invited to attend 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](#).

Upcoming School Council Meeting

Our next School Council meeting 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!



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.

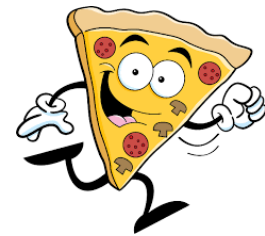
\$10.00 per pizza day (Total \$50.00) for 2 slices of pizza (pepperoni or cheese), a juice box and bag of chips. You must buy for all 5 remaining pizza days.

A gluten-free pizza lunch option (\$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 remaining 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.

After School Skills Development Program

TDSB would like to inform you about an exciting opportunity to participate in an After-School Skills Development Program for students with Autism. This program is open to TDSB students in Grades 4 -10 with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

This program helps students build social-communication skills through weekly virtual sessions.

While engaging in leisure activities, students will:

- Practice turn-taking
- Communicate thoughts and feelings
- Engage and cooperate with others
- Build empathy
- Identify personal feelings
- Apply strategies to regulate emotions and behaviours

The program will run every Tuesday from November 25, 2025 to February 24, 2026 from 6:00 to 7:00PM. Please note that to participate in this program, students will need access to a device, as well as internet connection.

[Click here](#) for more information!

Lunch Box Program



A reminder that Parents/Guardians may purchase their child's lunch through the Lunch Box 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

Gr. 7 Boys Soccer

On Tuesday, October 14th, our Grade 7 Boys Soccer Team took to the field at Willowdale Middle School for their tournament. The boys played with heart, determination, and true sportsmanship in a hard-fought match against some tough competition.

Although the team won't be advancing this year, Coach Mitrovich and Coach Hamdule could not be prouder of the effort, teamwork, and dedication the players showed throughout the season. Every practice, every game, and every goal was a reflection of their commitment and love for the sport.



Congratulations to our G7 Boys on a great season – you represented Willowdale with pride and passion. A special thank you to our coaches Mr. Mitrovic and Ms. Hamdule. Way to go, Wildcats!

Gr. 7/8 Girls Soccer



On Thursday the Grade 7-8 Girls Soccer team played at Willowdale in the North Conference tournament. After winning against Bayview and Cummer Valley, our Wildcats fell short 1-0 against JB Tyrell. Given the great overall points and scoring, Willowdale moved on to the Conference Finals next week at Don Mills Collegiate. Congratulations to the entire team for competing at the highest level. Good luck in the finals! Go Wildcats!

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!](#)

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 [School Cash Online](#) 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](#)

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	
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
Thursday, October 23, 2025	Grade 6 All Gender Flag Football Tournament @ Milne Valley 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.