

Willowdale Middle School



Halloween @ Willowdale MS

Willowdale will be having a Halloween haunted walk on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Each class will be invited down to experience the annual WMS Halloween tradition. On Thursday, October 31, 2024, classes will be engaged in an activity afternoon (dance, movies, games, etc.). We encourage our students to come dressed to impress on Thursday, October 31, 2024. All participation in Halloween related activities is optional.



Halloween Initiatives Hosted by the Junior Council



The Willowdale Junior Council will be hosting two upcoming exciting competitions. On October 28, 2024, we are inviting all our creative Willowdale students to enter their best spooky writing!

Grade 6's will enter their best spooky joke.

Grade 7's will enter their best spooky poem.

Grade 8's will enter their best short, spooky stories.

Beginning October 23rd, all classes will turn on their creative engines to decorate their classroom doors on the theme of Halloween! All students are reminded to keep decorations and writing, family and student friendly! Winners for the writing competition will be announced immediately following Halloween activities on October 31st. The door competition will be voted by all our Willowdale Community Members via Google Form. Announcement will be held immediately following Halloween day! Good luck Willowdale!

Selecting a Costume Appropriate for School

Halloween is a favourite day for many students while others do not celebrate this event. Willowdale MS is working hard to ensure that we have an inclusive day for all members of our community. Central to this commitment is a focus on costumes worn at school.

Dressing up for Halloween is fun and exciting, but this day also provides an opportunity to discuss costume choices with our children. Dressing in a way that reduces a culture to a caricature suggests that a specific culture is less important than others. We ask that parents and students be sensitive as they select a costume to wear at school, as certain costumes are viewed as offensive, inappropriate and/or discriminatory to many different cultures/peoples, and as a result can cause harm to members of that community and the TDSB community. Additionally, parents and students are reminded that it is important to be aware of the potential negative and triggering impact violent images and/or scenarios can have on students and families with varying lived experiences and backgrounds.

Grade 8 ELL Trip to the Toronto Public Library

On Thursday, October 17, the Grade 8 ELL students visited the North York Central Library. Students had the opportunity to tour the library, and learn about the resources available to ELL students both online, and within the library. This includes free homework help, and multilingual resources. Students also had the opportunity to obtain a library card and learn about the new 3D printer that is available for student use.



Individual Education Plans

Individual Education Plans (IEP's) for those students who have one, went home on **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024**. 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 by **Monday, October 21st, 2024**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or the main office.



Grade 8 High School Information

Secondary School Open Houses - Grade 8's

To our Grade 8 families, we want to make you aware of 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](#).

WMS Picture Re-Take Day



SMILE! 😊

Our school picture re-day will take place on **November 8, 2024**. Please note this is only for students who missed picture day.

2024/2025 WMS Spirit Wear ON SALE NOW!



Our Willowdale MS Spirit Wear hoodies were a big hit at Curriculum Night and we have loved seeing so many students wearing them around school these past weeks. 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!](#)

WMS Wildcats Sports Teams Update

Grade 6 Girls Soccer

Grade 6 Girls soccer tied Milne Valley and won against Bayview, Woodbine and Don Valley. The team should be proud of how they kept moving forward and defending the ball. Willowdale moves on to the North Region semifinals at Zion Heights on Tuesday, October 22 and have their next practice on Monday from 3:00 to 4:00PM. Good luck to the team!



Grade 8 Boys Soccer

Willowdale hosted the North Region Grade 8 boys soccer tournament this past week.

In the Wildcat's first game, the team beat a very good Bayview team, followed by another victory against Don Mills. These wins move Willowdale onto the conference finals!

Thank you to Ms. Hamdule and Mr. Mitrovic for their awesome coaching efforts!



Cross Country Update



A huge congratulations goes to our cross-country runners who participated in the TDESAA North Region Conference Finals yesterday. All runners gave it their best effort and based on preliminary results, it looks like we will have several runners representing Willowdale at the City Finals!

We will post the final results once we receive them. Stay tuned to see who has advanced to the City Finals!

Way to go, Wildcats!

WMS Wildcats Sports Calendar - **NEW!**

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.



Pizza Lunches

We are excited to announce our first three PIZZA DAY LUNCHES for the 2024/2025 school year hosted by our Parent Council.

Please go to [School Cash Online](#) to purchase pizza for your child.

\$10.00 per pizza day (Total \$30.00), for 2 slices of pizza (pepperoni or cheese), a juice box and bag of chips. You must buy for all 3 pizza days.

Pizza must be ordered in advance. Students who do not order in advance will not be able to buy pizza on that day. If you ordered pizza, and your child is absent on that day, the pizza will be packed and refrigerated for your child to pick up on their return.

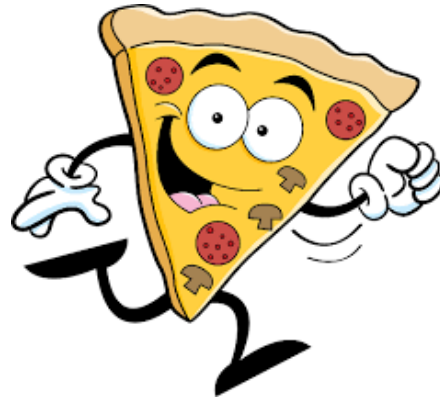
If you are available, and interested in volunteering to help out with our pizza lunches, please email: djarczyn@sympatico.ca.

Pizza Days:

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd

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, October 23, 2024**, beginning at 6:30PM in our school library. We hope to see you there!



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Wednesday, October 23, 2024	Pizza Day
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	ROM Trip - Grade 7 Students
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	8C Field Trip - Walk T.O. Kensington Market
Friday, November 8, 2024	Photo Retake Day
Monday, November 11, 2024	Remembrance Day assembly
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
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.