

Willowdale Middle School



Daylight Savings Time



We would like to remind families that daylight saving time ends this Sunday, November 3, 2025, at 2:00 a.m. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour.

Grade 6 Overnight Trip to The Etobicoke Outdoor Education Centre

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

This session will be held **virtually**. [PRESENTATION LINK - CLICK HERE!](#)

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](#)

Halloween @ Willowdale MS

Halloween was celebrated in a big way at Willowdale this past week! Our students created the Haunted Walk, created class masks, and decorated their classroom doors. Below are a few pictures highlighting our creative and fun-filled festivities. Click [HERE](#) to see a video of our haunted walk!







TDSB Day @ the Marlies - Field Trip - **LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS!**

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.

There will be no late orders accepted.

Grade 8-9 Transition - SLIDE DECK FROM OUR PARENT NIGHT

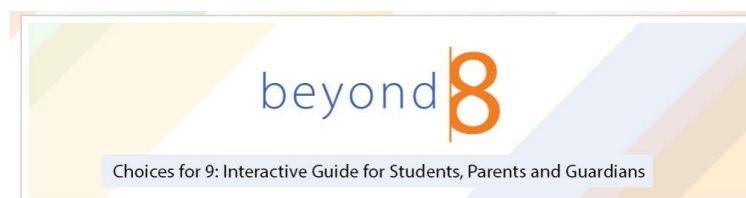
A big thank-you to all the parents and guardians who joined us for our Grade 8-9 Information Night! We've included the presentation slides from the evening below for your reference. We will also be emailing these out early next week.

[CLICK HERE](#)

This information session provided families with valuable information about:

- **Specialized 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

If you have any questions, please email: lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca



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 Elementary and Secondary Specialty Programs

The TDSB offers a variety of Specialized Programs focused on the Arts, Math, Science & Technology, Leadership and more! Specialized Programs (formerly Central Student Interest Programs) are available at both the [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) level and are located within several schools across the system.

Based on direction from the Supervisor appointed at the TDSB by the Minister of Education, the decision has been made to change the application and admission process for Specialized Programs. Applications will be open during the week of November 24, 2025 and will remain open for three weeks.

Elementary

Applicants will be admitted based on an evaluated portfolio or audition video submitted with their application.

Secondary

Applicants must meet a report card benchmark (based on their 2024-25 report cards) to be eligible to apply. Applicants will be seated based on their overall applicant score; a combination of select report card marks connected to their program of choice and an evaluated demonstration of knowledge and skills.

Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/specializedprograms to learn more about program entry points, eligibility requirements, minimum report card benchmark, the required demonstrations of knowledge and skill, and the application and admission process.

All TDSB schools with Specialized Programs also host open houses in November, and we encourage you to take this opportunity to visit, learn more and ask questions about specific schools and programs.

If you have any questions about applying to a Specialized Program, please contact the Central Program Admissions Office at CentralPrograms@tdsb.on.ca.

WMS Photo Order Deadline from Edge Imaging

The deadline to purchase your school photos is **November 3, 2025**. If you haven't ordered your school pictures from Edge Imaging, don't miss out on this opportunity.



WMS Picture Re-Take Day



SMILE! 😊

Our school picture re-take day will take place on November 4, 2025.

Please note this is only for students who missed picture day.

Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

On **Wednesday, November 12, 2025**, Willowdale students will receive their Progress Report.

Parent-Teacher interviews will take place in-person on **Thursday, November 13, 2025** between 4PM - 7PM, and on **Friday, November 14, 2025** between 9AM - 12PM.

Teachers will be sending out information soon on how to schedule an interview and select a time.

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

All families are reminded that **Friday, November 14, 2025** is a PA Day, therefore, there will be no school for students.



Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer



On Thursday, our Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer Team competed in the City Championships at Cherry Beach Sports Field. Despite facing challenging weather conditions and a very skilled opponent, Cosburn Middle School, our Wildcats demonstrated incredible endurance, determination, and teamwork. Willowdale fell short in the semifinals and did not advance to the finals, but we are extremely proud of their outstanding effort and sportsmanship throughout the season.

Congratulations on a fantastic season – we are all very proud of you!

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 Willowdale Update, and uses the sports calendar above.



Late Fall Sports:
Grade 6 Boys Volleyball
Grade 7/8 Boys Volleyball
Grade 6 Girls Basketball
Grade 7/8 Girls Basketball

Grade 6 Trip to The Village at Black Creek -Re-Scheduled Dates

Our Grade 6 students will be visiting The Village at Black Creek this November to experience life in early Ontario through interactive and hands-on activities. This engaging trip supports their learning in Social Studies and History, giving students a glimpse into what life was like in the 19th century.

Wednesday, November 12th, 2025

- Romeiro (6A)
- Clarino (6B)
- Wyman (6C)
- Kerney (6D)

Thursday, November 20th, 2025

- Beaubien (6E)
- Cooper (6F)
- Douglas (6/7F)
- Miller (6/7/8I)

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!](#)



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!

The restaurants are as follows:

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

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.

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Our next Parent Council meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday, November 20, 2025**, beginning at 6:30PM in our school library. We hope to see you there!



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
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)
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Gr. 6 Make-Up Trip to Black Creek (6A, 6B, 6C, 6D) Progress Reports are sent home electronically
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)
Thursday, November 20, 2025	Gr. 6 Make-Up Trip to Black Creek (6E, 6F, 6/7F, 6I)

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.