

Willowdale Middle School



Curriculum Night/Meet the Teacher

We will be holding Curriculum Night on **Tuesday, September 30, from 6:00 to 7:00PM** at school. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents/guardians to meet their child's homeroom and rotary teachers. Parents/Guardians will find out what their child will be learning this year, the opportunities they will have to participate in extra-curricular activities, and to tour the school. The teachers, support staff and administration look forward to seeing all our parents/guardians again, and to meet our parents new to our Willowdale community!



Terry Fox Run



LA FONDATION
TERRY FOX

Our annual Willowdale Terry Fox Run is on **Thursday, September 25th**. We are gearing up for an exciting event to support this worthy cause. Students can collect online donations from family, friends, and neighbours. Each homeroom will track its progress with a dedicated fundraising page.

Crossing the finish line means hope for everyone with cancer. Together, we can *Finish It*.

The homeroom in each grade that raises the most money for the Terry Fox Foundation will win an ice cream treat! The students in each grade who raise the most will receive a Terry Fox t-shirt. The fundraising event will run from **Friday, September 13, 2025 to September 25, 2025**.

Willowdale's fundraising page: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/107677>

First Day Permission Packages

On **September 4, 2025**, the TDSB emailed "First Day Permission Packages" to the primary contact on file. Please check your inbox and complete the package as soon as possible to ensure we have all the necessary information and required permission forms for your child. Some of the forms that will be provided in digital format include the following: Walking Excursion- Immediate Community; Medical Information; Student Media Consent Release; Code of On-line Conduct; TDSB Digital Learning Tool Consent Form; etc. If you did not receive an e-mail, please check your junk e-mail box. It is very important that parents/guardians fill this package out as soon as possible.

If your child requires an Epipen or a puffer, they must wear one on them at all times. If they require a fanny pack to carry their Epipen or puffer, they can pick one up at the main office. In addition, the main office must also have an Epipen and/or puffer with your child's name clearly written on it. Please send their Epipen and/or puffer for the school immediately. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Pizza Lunches

We are excited to announce our first **six PIZZA DAY LUNCHES** for the 2025/2026 school year, hosted by our School Parent Council.

Please go to [School Cash Online](#) to purchase pizza for your child. **The last day to order is Sept.29.**

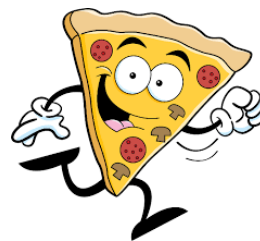
\$10.00 per pizza day (Total \$60.00), for 2 slices of pizza (pepperoni or cheese), a juice box and bag of chips. You must buy for all 6 pizza days.

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 6 pizza days for a total of \$72.00.

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:

- Tuesday, October 7
- Wednesday, October 22
- Thursday, November 6
- Tuesday, November 18
- Thursday, December 4
- Tuesday, December 16



2025/2026 WMS Spirit Wear

We are excited to announce that our Willowdale MS Spirit Wear hoodies will be on sale at our Curriculum Night on **September 30th**! Hoodies will cost \$45 for the screenprint version and \$60 for the embroidered version. During the evening, we will accept **cash payments only**.

We will have Youth Large, Youth X-Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, and Adult X-Large available for sale. We will have only limited amounts of each size, so come early to get your hoodies!

We look forward to seeing many of our students rocking their Willowdale gear!

Connecting with Willowdale Teaching Staff

Teacher	Responsibilities	E-Mail Address
Suzy Romeiro (Custodio)	6A	Suzy.custodio@tdsb.on.ca
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Lauren Ziebell	Library/Guidance/Gym	Lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca
Sean Lee	Phys. Ed.	Sean.lee@tdsb.on.ca

Immunization Forms

Toronto Public Health will be holding a clinic at Willowdale MS for all Grade 7 students (and Grade 8's who missed last year) on **November 7, 2025**. This clinic will provide free vaccinations against three diseases: Meningococcal, Human Papillomavirus; and Hepatitis B. Vaccination packages have been distributed this week to students. **Parents are asked to complete the consent form and have their child return it to their homeroom teacher by September 22, 2025.** For more information about this clinic and/or the vaccinations, please visit the Toronto Public Health website at www.toronto.ca/SchoolVaccines or call (416) 338-7600.

WMS Picture Day



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

SMILE! 😊

TDSB Mobile Device Policy



Many students travel to and from school with mobile devices. However, the province and TDSB require that all students turn **OFF** their personal mobile devices and **STORE** them *“Out of sight during instructional time.”* This means that mobile devices (including cell phones, watches, tablets, video game devices and other items connected to the Internet) are **NOT** permitted during school hours, including lunch time, so that this does not interfere in academic and social time at school.

All students are required to adhere to the following expectations:

- Mobile devices should be placed in a student’s locker at the start of the academic day and remain in the locker for the duration of the day (including lunch time).
- Students are only permitted to bring their 1:1 Chromebook, provided by the TDSB.
- Mobile devices are not to be used at lunch time while students are on Willowdale property.
- If a student needs to contact their parents, they must come to the office to use the school phone.

These expectations have been reviewed with your child(ren) at school, but we ask that you please discuss this with your child(ren) as well.

Lockers

All WMS students were assigned a locker by their teacher. Below are the expectations regarding student lockers:

- **Students are required to have a lock for their locker.** Teachers will confidentially record the students’ combination code; however, we ask that you remind your child not to share their combination code with their peers.
- Students may bring their own lock, or parents/guardians can purchase a combination lock from the school for \$10.00. A lock may be purchased using [School Cash Online](#) or bringing cash to the office.

It is imperative that students lock their lockers as they will be required to leave their mobile devices and other personal belongings in them.



Instrumental Musical Fee

Students will be able to purchase a music package for the music program through [School Cash Online](#). If you have any questions and/or need financial assistance, please contact Mr. Jones at Troy.jones@tdsb.on.ca.

WMS Band Rehearsal Schedule

2025 / 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM 7:45 - 8:50	MUSIC COUNCIL (ROOM 2)	Festival Wind Sectionals (ROOM 1 / ROOM 2)	Festival Wind Sectionals (ROOM 1 / ROOM 2)	Festival Wind Sectionals (ROOM 1 / ROOM 2)	Festival Wind Sectionals (ROOM 1 / ROOM 2)
LUNCH 11:30 - 12:30	Open Practice (ROOM 2)	Open Practice (ROOM 2)	Open Practice (ROOM 2)	Open Practice (ROOM 2)	Open Practice (ROOM 2)
		Choir (ROOM 1)		Choir (ROOM 1)	
PM 3:15 - 4:30	Moderns (ROOM 1)	Festival Winds (ROOM 2)	Stage Band (ROOM 1)	Festival Winds (ROOM 2)	Wind Ensemble (ROOM 2)

IEP Consultation Forms

Consultation forms for students with an IEP have been sent home. We kindly ask families to review, complete, and return the forms to your child’s homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

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:

National Truth & Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt Day) - September 30

On September 30, Willowdale will join schools across the TDSB in recognizing National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day. This day honours the children who never returned home from residential schools, survivors, their families, and communities.

Wearing orange reminds us that **Every Child Matters** and encourages us to reflect on the legacy of residential schools and our role in reconciliation. We invite all students, staff, and families to wear orange and engage in learning together.



Current WMS Sports Teams

WMS is proud to announce that the following early fall sports will be offered to our students. Please ensure that your child listens to announcements and checks the weekly update, for tryout details! Permission forms are located on the table outside the main office. Please note that students should listen carefully, as tryouts and practices will be announced with weather and field considerations in mind.



Early Fall Sports:	Teachers
Grade 6 Boys Soccer	Wyman, Talbi
Grade 7 Boys Soccer	Mitrovic, Hamdule
Grade 8 Boys Soccer	Mitrovic, Hamdule
Grade 6 Girls Soccer	TBD
Grade 7 Girls Soccer	Persic, Prugo
Grade 8 Girls Soccer	Batkay, Dolce
Grade 6-8 Cross Country	Cooper
Grade 6 Co-Ed Flag Football	Soriano
Grade 7/8 Co-Ed Flag Football	Soriano
Grade 6-8 Borden Ball	Batkay
Grade 6-8 Cross Country	Cooper, Hamdule

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 ANNOUCED THE FOLLOWING CLUBS:

- Junior Council for our Grade 6 students
- Drama Club (will be creating the musical theatre performance of Shrek Jr.) for Grade 6-8 students
- WMS Grade 7/8 Band
- Junior (Grade 6) Choir
- Chess Club

EMA Athletics Tryout Form

Please see attached to our website a step-by-step Reference Guide which will assist Parents/Guardians in completing the EMA Athletics Tryout and Participation form on-line.

EMA Account Creation

Please see attached to our website 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.

Inclement Weather Days



A reminder that supervision at school begins at 8:45AM every day. If it is raining, staff will permit students to enter the school at 8:45AM (not earlier), and they will be supervised inside. Entry time is 8:50AM so we ask that all students are at school for this time. Any student who arrives after 9:00AM will be recorded as LATE. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time.

Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Monday, September 22, 2025	TPH Vaccination Forms are due (Gr. 7's)
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Superintendent of Education visiting WMS Junior Choir with Ms. Klunowski @ 11:30AM
Thursday, September 25, 2025	Terry Fox Run - PM Fire Drill 3
Friday, September 26, 2025	P.A. Day - No School for Students
Monday, September 29, 2025	8B & 8D North York Central Library for Indigenous Hand Drumming and Singing Program (9:15AM - 11:15AM) Last day to order pizza lunches (Oct. to Dec.)
Tuesday, September 30, 2025	Curriculum Night - 6:00PM - 7:00PM National Truth & Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt Day)
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	1 st Pizza Day Lunch (You must order by Sept. 29)
Friday, October 10, 2025	P.A. Day - No School for Students
Monday, October 13, 2025	Thanksgiving Holiday - WMS is Closed
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	Picture Day
Wednesday, October 22, 2025	2 nd Pizza Day Lunch (You must order by Sept. 29)

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.