

Willowdale Middle School



Curriculum Night/Meet the Teacher - September 26

We will be holding Curriculum Night on **Thursday, September 26, from 6:30 to 7:30PM** 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 again, and to meet our parents new to our Willowdale community!



First Meeting of the Willowdale Parent School Council & Nomination Form



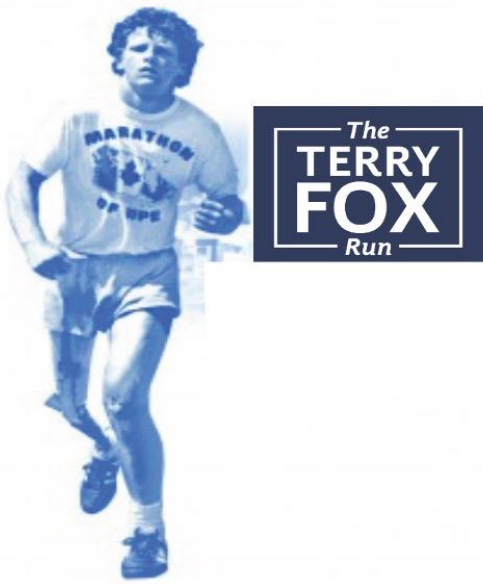
The first meeting of the Willowdale MS School Parent Council will be on **Monday, September 30, 2024 starting at 6:30PM** in the WMS library.

If you are interested in being considered for an executive position, you must first be nominated and elected to the council as a "Member at Large." A

minimum of 6 council members will be elected as "members at large." Out of these new council members, a subsequent election will be held to fill the executive positions (Chair/Co-chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary). Successful candidates will hold their elected position for a term of one year and will be expected to attend the meetings.

If you are interested in running for one of the executive positions, please see our information flyer [HERE](#) and follow the link to [School Advisory Council nomination form](#).

Terry Fox Run



Our [Terry Fox Run](#) is just around the corner (Thursday, September 26th), and we're gearing up for an exciting event to support this worthy cause. This year, we're adding an extra element of fun and friendly competition to the run with a special homeroom contest!

Students will have the opportunity to collect donations from family, friends, and neighbors (online only). Each homeroom will track their progress with a dedicated fundraising page. Please see your child's Google Classroom for more information.

The homeroom that raises the most money for the Terry Fox Foundation will win an Ice Cream Party!

The contest will run from **Friday, September 13, 2024** till **September 27, 2024**.

Currently, Homeroom 8F is in the lead for the classroom that has raised the most money!

COLLECTIVELY WMS HAS RAISED \$775 of our \$1780 GOAL!

2024/2025 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 26th! 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!



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Orange Shirt Day

On Monday, September 30, 2024, Willowdale MS will be honouring **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day**.

On this day, we recognize the legacy of the residential school system for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. We acknowledge the legacy of residential schools in Canada by wearing orange and we honour the survivors. We remember the thousands of children who were murdered and buried in unmarked graves.

Of specific note, Willowdale MS will be hosting a school-wide assembly and class-based activities on Monday, September 30, 2024, with student participation in the gym to honour the survivors of the residential school system.

As we prepare to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we are encouraging all members of the Willowdale community to find an orange shirt to wear on September 30th. Several retailers sell shirts; however, please be mindful to try to purchase shirts from Indigenous retailers as we support the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

ON MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 30

WEAR ORANGE TO PARTICIPATE IN

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Together we recognize the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continue to learn the many truths of these institutions. During Truth and Reconciliation Week September 23 to September 27, we encourage schools to participate in events offered by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

Established in 2013 by Phyllis Webstad, Orange Shirt Day recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools System for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. By wearing orange, we acknowledge the truths of Residential Schools in Canada, we honour Survivors, and we remember the thousands of children who died in these schools, many of them buried in unmarked graves.

For more information, visit the Urban Indigenous Education Centre website or check out the UIEC's K-12 [Orange Shirt Day](#) activities and [Orange Shirt Day Resource Package](#)



Connecting with Willowdale Teaching Staff

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First Day Permission Packages

TDSB has emailed first day permission packages. Please look out for an e-mail to complete the forms electronically. Some of the forms/procedures that will be provided in digital format include [Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources](#) (PR088), [Walking Excursion - Immediate Community](#) (PR511H), [Medical Information](#), [Student Media Consent Release Form](#) PR529B, [Code of On-line Conduct](#) PR571, [TDSB Digital Learning Tool Consent Form](#) and other information. Parents will be asked to click on the forms to acknowledge they have read the information and to give consent for their child to participate in school activities.

NEW TDSB Mobile Device Policy



Many students travel to and from school with mobile devices. However, the province and TDSB now 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.

WMS Band Rehearsal Schedule

2024 / 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM 7:45 - 9:00	MUSIC COUNCIL (Room 2)	Wind Ensemble (Room 2)	Concert Band (Room 2)	Motown Band (Room 1)	Wind Ensemble (Room 2)
LUNCH 11:30 - 12:30	Open Practice (ROOM 2)	Open Practice (ROOM 2) Clarinet Sectionals (Room 2) Trumpet Sectionals (Room 2) Bass Clarinet Sectional (Room 2)	Open Practice (ROOM 2) Alto Sax Sectionals (Room 2) Trombone / Euph Sectional (Room 2)	Open Practice (ROOM 2) Tuba Sectionals (Room 2)	Open Practice (ROOM 2) Flute Sectionals (Room 2) Tenor Sax Sectional (Room 2)
PM 3:15 - 4:30	Jazz Combo (Room 1) Percussion Sectional (Room 2)	Festival Winds (Room 2)	Stage Band (Room 1)	Festival Winds (Room 2)	Stage Band (Room 1)

WMS Wildcats Sports Teams Update

Our extra-curricular sports programs are in full swing! We are so excited by how many students have come to tryouts! We would like to thank all students who have tried out for the various teams! While we wish we could take all students on every team, we do have to make cuts to abide by the TDESAA rules.



We encourage all students to continue trying out for any team they are interested to play on!

For students who have made sports teams, please ensure you are completing the [EMA](#) permission form for each sport. You will receive these by email, as they become available.

Cross Country



For students who are on the Cross-Country team, the meet will be held at Earl Bales on **Wednesday, October 2nd**.

For information on the meet and the map, please click here: [Earl Bales Park](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Weidenfelder or Ms. Ziebell.

Grade 7/8 Girls Bordenball

The Grade 7/8 bordenball team will have their first tournament on **October 3rd** at Highland Middle School.

If you have any questions, or if you can help volunteer drive, please contact Mr. Batkay at Tiberiu.batkay@tdsb.on.ca.

Go Wildcats, go!

Grade 8 Boys Soccer

The Grade 8 boys soccer team will play in a tournament on **October 15th** at Willowdale Middle School.

Please contact Mr. Mitrovic (Milos.mitrovic@tdsb.on.ca) or Ms. Hamdule (Melody.hamdule@tdsb.on.ca) if you have any questions!

Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer

The Grade 7/8 girls soccer team will play in a tournament on **October 18th** at Willowdale Middle School.

Please contact Mr. Batkay (Tiberiu.batkay@tdsb.on.ca) if you have any questions!

Other Sports Teams

We will mention tournament dates, for sports not mentioned above, as they become available! Stay tuned!

Immunization Forms

Toronto Public Health will be holding a clinic at Willowdale MS for all Grade 7 students on November 25, 2024, from 9:15AM to 2:45PM. 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 your child return it to their homeroom teacher by **September 23, 2024**. 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



SMILE! 😊

Our school picture day, will take place on **October 8, 2024**.

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

Incllement 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 8:55AM 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 23, 2024	Grade 6 Girls Soccer Tryout @ 11:30AM
	Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer Practice @ 8:00AM
Tuesday, September 24, 2024	Grade 6 All Gender Flag Football Practice @ 3:00PM
	Grade 7 and 8 Boys Soccer Tryout @ 3:00PM
	Grade 6 Boys Soccer Practice @ 8:00AM
	Grade 7/8 Borden Ball Practice 8:00AM
Wednesday, September 25, 2024	Grade 7/8 Football Tryout @ 11:30AM
	Grade 6 Girls Soccer Tryout @ 3:00PM
	Grade 6 All Gender Flag Football Practice @ 8:00AM
	Girls Who Game Club - 11:30AM - Cafeteria
	Grade 7/8 Football Tryout @ 11:30AM
Thursday, September 26, 2024	Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer Practice @ 3:00PM
	Terry Fox Run - PM
	Grade 7/8 Borden Ball Practice 8:00AM
	Grade 7 and 8 Boys Soccer Tryout @ 3:00PM
	Grade 6 Boys Soccer Practice @ 3:00PM
Friday, September 27, 2024	Curriculum Night - 6:30PM - 7:30PM
	P.A. Day - No School for Students
Monday, September 30, 2024	Parent Council Meeting - 6:30PM WMS Library
Wednesday, October 2, 2024	Cross Country Meet @ Earl Bales
Tuesday, October 8, 2024	Picture Day
Friday, October 11, 2024	P.A. Day - No School for Students
Monday, October 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Holiday - WMS is Closed

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.