

Willowdale Middle School



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 WEAR ORANGE TO PARTICIPATE IN

SEPTEMBER 30 **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



Terry Fox Run @ WMS

Today, Willowdale MS hosted our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk to raise funds for cancer research. It was so amazing to see all of our students participating by walking and running for this very important cause.

Congratulations to Homeroom 6/7F and Homeroom 8F, who are being recognized as the classes who have raised the most money!

Thank you to everyone for all of your contributions and making this year such a success.



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First Meeting of the Willowdale Parent School Council & Nomination Form



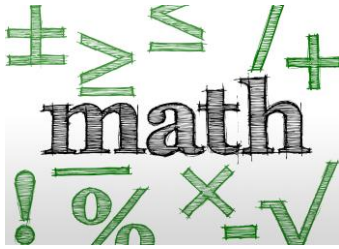
The first meeting of the Willowdale MS School Parent Council will be on **Monday, September 30, 2024 starting at 6:30PM** in the WMS library.

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](#).

Math Club



Our Willowdale Math Club will begin **Tuesday October 1st** at lunch. Students interested in being challenged in mathematics or simply need help with homework are invited to join us each week on Day 5 of the cycle. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Prugo.

Rosh Hashanah

We would like to wish our families celebrating Rosh Hashanah next week, a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!



2024/2025 WMS Spirit Wear



Our Willowdale MS Spirit Wear hoodies were at big hit at Curriculum Night. We still have a few hoodies for sale. Hoodies will 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.

Connecting with Willowdale Teaching Staff

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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 ASAP. 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.**

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

October 8!



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- You must be photographed to receive your student ID.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



DON'T FORGET

To help make your photo day seamless, check out our photo day tips at edgeimaging.ca/photo-day-tips



GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.



WMS Wildcats Sports Teams Update

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. We have included known tournament dates below. We will continue to update these as tournaments are confirmed.



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 Borden Ball

The Grade 7/8 Borden Ball 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.

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!

Grade 7/8 Co-Ed Flag Football

The Grade 7/8 flag football team will play in a tournament on **October 24^h** at Milne Valley Middle School.

Please contact Mr. Ziebell (Lauren.Ziebell@tdsb.on.ca) if you have any questions!

Mental Health Resources

Student mental health and well-being is always our priority. We are here to help with anything you need to support your mental health and well-being and to help you navigate the tools and resources you may need. Please see the link for additional information and resources:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being-Professional-Support-Staff-PSS>

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/1lBoLc0NBh7FDQnyxoBuK2w1Sm2AfKrx/edit?filetype=microsoftword>

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

Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Monday, September 30, 2024	Parent Council Meeting - 6:30PM WMS Library Grade 6 Girls Soccer Practice @ 11:30AM Cross Country Practice @ 8:00AM
Tuesday, October 1, 2024	Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer Practice @ 8:00AM Grade 7/8 Borden Ball Practice 8:00AM Grade 7/8 Football Tryout @ 11:30AM
Wednesday, October 2, 2024	Cross Country Meet @ Earl Bales Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer Practice @ 3:00PM Grade 7/8 Borden Ball Practice 8:00AM
Thursday, October 3, 2024	8C Field Trip - Walk T.O. Kensington Market Grade 7/8 Football Tryout @ 11:30AM Grade 7/8 Borden Ball Tournament at Highland Middle School
Tuesday, October 8, 2024	Picture Day
Wednesday, October 9, 2024	Grade 6 Girls Soccer Practice @ 3:00PM
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.