

Willowdale Middle School



Welcome Back WMS!



We are so excited to have all of our students back at Willowdale Middle School! We hope everyone enjoyed a fun and restful summer break.

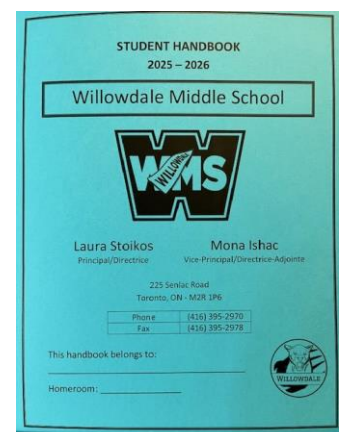
Our first week has been off to a fantastic start, and we'd like to thank our students, families, and staff for helping make the return to school such a smooth and positive experience.

We're looking forward to a year filled with new learning, strong connections, and exciting opportunities for our students, families, and the entire Willowdale community. Here's to a wonderful 2025-2026 school year!

Student Expectations

This week, we held our first school assemblies in the gym, where we reviewed Willowdale's expectations and daily routines with our students. Each student also received a teal coloured **2025-2026 WMS School Handbook**, which outlines important expectations and helpful information for the year ahead.

We encourage families to take some time to look through the handbook together and reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.



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. If you did not receive an e-mail, please check your junk e-mail box. Thank you!

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

This past week, all WMS students were assigned a locker by their teacher. Below are some 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) Choir (ROOM 1)	Open Practice (ROOM 2)	Open Practice (ROOM 2) Choir (ROOM 1)	Open Practice (ROOM 2)
PM 3:15 - 4:30	Moderns (ROOM 1)	Festival Winds (ROOM 2)	Stage Band (ROOM 1)	Festival Winds (ROOM 2)	Wind Ensemble (ROOM 2)



Parking at Willowdale



A very important reminder to parents/guardians about taking extreme safety measures while driving to and from school. There are numerous children walking home, and crossing streets, both from Willowdale and neighbouring schools. Please remember there is a pathway at the front of our school which students use continuously by crossing the car loop. It is imperative that parents follow the speed limits in our car loop, on our roads, and to remind their children about road safety measures. We also ask that parents do not park/stop in front of the school entrance, as we have school busses that enter to and from school. We thank you for your help and cooperation with this.

School Hours

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time every day. Below you will find our daily school day schedule.

TIME	EVENT
8:50AM -NEW!	Student entry from the yard
8:50 - 9:00AM	Locker time
9:00 AM	Instructional Day begins (Announcements) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students entering after this time are considered LATE
11:30AM - 12:05PM	Lunch recess outside
12:05 - 12:30PM	Students eat lunch in their classroom
3:00PM	Student Dismissal
3:00 - 3:30PM	Extra support; Extra-curriculars; Student meetings with Teachers
3:10PM	Supervision ends

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



SMILE! 😊

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

Terry Fox Run

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.



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TERRY FOX

In 1980, Terry had a dream of a world without cancer. Forty-five years later, Terry's Marathon of Hope lives on. If we work together, we can make such a difference in the lives of so many. Please help fund critical cancer research in Canada by supporting our participation in the 2025 Terry Fox School Run.

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

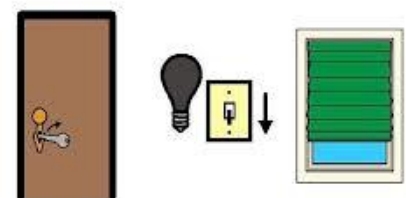
The homeroom in each grade that raises the most money for the Terry Fox Foundation will win an ice cream treat! The students in each grade who raise the most will receive a Terry Fox t-shirt. The fundraising event will run from **Friday, September 13, 2024** to **September 25, 2024**.

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

Lockdown Drill

Our first lockdown drill will take place at **9:20AM on September 15th**. Teachers will be going over the proper procedures with their students prior to our first drill.

Lockdown Drill



Fire Drill



Our first fire drill will take place at **9:15AM on September 10th**. Teachers will be going over the proper procedures with their students prior to our first drill.

Schools are required to conduct three fire drills in the Fall, and another three fire drills in the Spring.

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Our first Parent Council meeting for the 2025/2026 school year will take place on **Monday, September 18, 2025**, at 6:00PM in our school library. We hope to see you there!



IEP Consultation Forms

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

Curriculum Night/Meet the Teacher

We will be holding Curriculum Night on **Thursday, 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 again, and to meet our parents who are new to our Willowdale community!



Connecting with Willowdale Teaching Staff

Teacher	Responsibilities	E-Mail Address
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Orange Shirt Day - September 30

On September 30, Willowdale will join schools across the TDSB in recognizing Orange Shirt Day / National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. 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.



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

Upcoming 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

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.



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**. Please note that we have limited quantities.



Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Monday, September 8, 2025	Grade 7/8 Boys Soccer Tryout - @ 3:00PM
Tuesday, September 9, 2025	Grade 8 Girls Soccer Tryout - @ 3:00AM
Wednesday, September 10, 2025	Fire drill @ 9:15AM
	Grade 6-8 Girls Borden Ball Tryouts - @ 8:00AM
	Grade 7/8 Boys Soccer Tryout - @ 3:00PM
Thursday, September 11, 2025	Grade 7 Girls Soccer Tryout - @ 3:00PM
	Grade 8 Girls Soccer Tryout - @ 8:00AM
Monday, September 15, 2025	Lockdown Drill @ 9:20AM
Wednesday, September 17, 2025	Fire Drill 2 at 12:45PM
Thursday, September 18, 2025	Parent Council Meeting - 6:00PM WMS Library
Monday, September 22, 2025	Vaccination Forms are due (Gr. 7's)
Thursday, September 25, 2025	Terry Fox Run - PM
	Fire Drill 3
Friday, September 26, 2025	P.A. Day - No School for Students
Tuesday, September 30, 2025	Curriculum Night - 6:00PM - 7:00PM
	National Truth & Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt Day)
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

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 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.