

Willowdale Middle School



Grade 8 Graduation Trip Information - Montreal

The Grade 8 graduation trip to Montreal will be taking place on **May 28 to May 30, 2025.**

Deadline to Register for the trip is January 31, 2025.

We currently have 84 students registered. A friendly reminder that the first payment of \$195 is required when registering, on or before January 31st.

Use the code below and
register no later than:

Jan 31, 2025

Tour Web Code:

EPRSBUS

<https://portal.brightsparktravel.ca/>

A non-refundable deposit of \$195 is required
upon registration.



Slides from presentation - [Click Here](#)

Parent Information Letter - [Click Here](#)

Trip Sign up Instructions - [Click Here](#)

Draft Itinerary (may have small changes) [Click Here](#)

Muskoka Woods - Grade 7 Overnight Trip



TRIP DATE: February 5 to 7, 2025

The deadline to sign up has now passed.

Muskoka Woods is a TDSB approved vendor, offering amazing outdoor education programming. Students participate in activities such as climbing, cross-country skiing, archery, ropes, and much more! Annually at WMS, we offer this trip to our Grade 7 students. For more information, please see the attached [SLIDES](#), which were shared at our information night.

Badminton Clinic Schedule Change for Next Week



For next week's badminton clinic, we have a staff meeting Thursday after school so the following changes will take place to ensure there is no disruption to the clinics:

Tuesday Jan. 28 - 3:00PM: Grade 7's will attend clinic

Thursday Jan 30 - 8:00AM: Grade 6's will attend clinic

Community Event - Affirming Muslim Identities & Addressing Islamophobia

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) invites TDSB students, families and community members who self-identify as part of the Muslim diaspora to attend a community consultation. These consultations will support the development of a multi-dimensional strategy to affirm Muslim identities and address Islamophobia within the TDSB.

Attendees are encouraged to participate in conversations exploring the various ways the TDSB can nurture, affirm and support Muslim students, families and community members, while also understanding and addressing manifestations of Islamophobia.

FOR SESSION DATES AND REGISTRATION INFO, PLEASE [CLICK HERE!](#)

High School Information for Grade 8's

Grade 8-9 Transition Information Night Slides

Click [HERE!](#) for the parent night information slides.

If you have any questions, please e-mail our Guidance Teacher: lauren.ziebell@tdsb.on.ca

Secondary School Open Houses - Grade 8's

To our Grade 8 families, please note the upcoming Grade 9 Open Houses and Information Nights. These dates are fast approaching. Please find more information by clicking on this link: [Secondary School Open Houses](#)

Other Important Grade 8-9 Transition Information

- [TDSB Beyond 8 Website](#)
- [Out-of-Area Admissions](#)
- [Secondary Schools without a Boundary](#)
- [Grade 8 Transition Year - At a Glance](#)

Out-of-Area Admission Applications - NOW OPEN!

Please follow the instructions on this link if you are interested in applying.

CLOSING JANUARY 24, 2025 @ 4:00 P.M [CLICK HERE!](#)

Important Upcoming Dates for Grade 8 Students

January 24, 2025	Out-of-Area Admission Application closed at 4:00PM
February 10, 2025	myBlueprint Course Selection opens
February 26, 2025	No offers for Central Student Interest Programs or Out-of-Area Admissions will be made after February 26, 2025.
March 3, 2025	myBlueprint Course Selection deadline

Tamil Heritage Month at the TDSB - January 2025

“Since 2016, the TDSB has proudly recognized [Tamil Heritage Month](#) over January. It has also been formally marked across Ontario since March 2014 with the implementation of the [Tamil Heritage Month Act, 2014](#). Further, Tamil Heritage Month has been recognized nationally since January 2016 by the passing of the following motion:

That, in the opinion of the House, the government should recognize the contributions that Tamil-Canadians have made to Canadian society, the richness of the Tamil language and culture, and the importance of educating and reflecting upon Tamil heritage for future generations by declaring January, every year, Tamil Heritage Month.

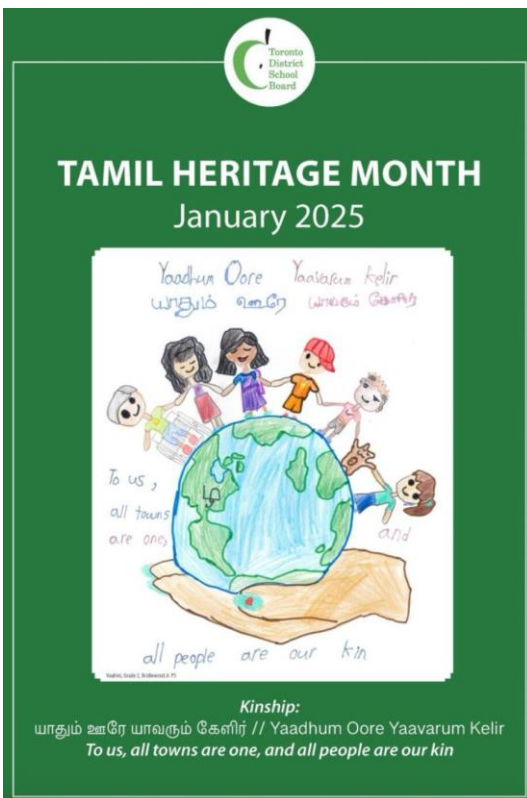
This year, the theme for Tamil Heritage Month is from a quotation by influential Tamil philosopher Kaniyan Pungundranar:

Kinship:

யாதும் ஊரே யாவரும் கேளிர் // Yaadhum Oore Yaavarum Kelir
To us, all towns are one, and all people are our kin

The theme of kinship and interconnectedness of all people is important to Tamil people. It emphasizes the idea that regardless of where we come from, we are all part of a larger family. This theme encourages us to celebrate diversity and foster unity within communities, highlighting that our differences enrich our shared human experience.”

For further information about Tamil Heritage Month, please follow [@TDSB Tamil](#) on X to learn interesting facts on Tamil traditions and explore what students have to say in their own words about the Tamil heritage.



Happy Chinese New Year!



We would like to wish all of our families celebrating on January 29th, a Happy Chinese New Year!

Grade 6-8 All-Gender Ice Hockey Team

Our All-Gender Ice Hockey team had another game this past week, against Earl Grey PS. With an amazing team effort, and goals from multiple team members, Willowdale secured the victory 10-1. The Wildcats now have a short break in games, until February. Way to go, Wildcats!



2025 WMS Spirit Wear



We still have a few hoodies for sale. Hoodies cost \$45 for the screenprint version and \$60 for the embroidered version.

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE NOW!](#)

Upcoming Pizza Lunch Days and Order Information

Below are the upcoming pizza days for the month of February. If you have not ordered already and you are still interested in ordering, a new cash online has been set up. Please see the link: [School Cash Online](#)

Pizza Days:
Tuesday, February 4th
Wednesday, February 19th

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

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Our next Parent Council meeting. It will now take place on **Monday, January 27, 2025**, beginning at 6:30PM in our school library.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view our approved parent council meeting minutes.



Letter from Ward 12 Trustee Weidong Pei

Please click on this [link](#) to view the letter sent to parents/guardians from Ward 12 Trustee Weidong Pei.

Important Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE	
Mon., Jan. 27, 2025	Parent Council Meeting - WMS Library - 6:30PM
Wed., Feb. 5 to Fri., Feb. 7, 2025	Grade 7 Muskoka Woods Trip
Wed., Feb. 12, 2025	Report Cards go home
Thurs., Feb. 13, 2025	Parent-Teacher Interviews (4:00 to 7:00PM)
Fri., Feb. 14, 2025	P.A. Day (No school for students & Parent-Teacher Interviews (9:00AM to 12:00PM)
Mon., Feb. 17, 2025	Family Day (No school)

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, and 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.