



# Welcome to Winona Drive



**Wednesday January 12th,  
2022, 6:30pm**

(in preparation for  
September 2022 entry)

# Land Acknowledgement

« Nous reconnaissons que nous sommes accueillis sur les terres des Mississaugas des Anichinabés, de la Confédération Haudenosaunee et du Wendat. Nous voulons également reconnaître la pérennité de la présence des Premières Nations, du Métis et du Inuit.»

“We acknowledge we are 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.”

# Overview of Evening

Presentation assumes Covid-19 protocols are still in place.

- Overview of Winona's academic programs (and extra-curricular activities when they start again!)
- A Successful Winona Student
- Essential Guide to Extended French and French Immersion Information
- The application process for all programs with due dates and application forms for all students
- Q & A – Please place your questions in the chat.
- All forms will be placed in this evening's presentation and shared on the Winona school website: [Winona Website](https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/winona) <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/winona>



# Our School Day

- 10 day cycle
- 6 periods (50 min.) during the day
- School Yard Opens: 8:40 a.m.
- Entry: 8:55 a.m. at First Period attendance.
- One lunch period: 11:30-12:26 p.m.
- Dismissal: 3:00 p.m.
- School Yard closes at 3:15 p.m.

**Note: Students with permission to go out to lunch must return by 12:26 p.m.**





# What programs do we offer here?

- Grade 7 & 8 English with Core French
- Grade 7 & 8 Extended French
- Grade 7 & 8 French Immersion
- Grade 7 & 8 Gifted Exceptionalities
- Grade 7 & 8 Learning Disabilities Exceptionalities

# School Organization 2022-2023

- Grade 7 English Program with Core French – 3 Classes
- Grade 8 English Program with Core French – 4 Classes
- Grade 7 Extended French – 1 Class
- Grade 8 Extended French – 1 Class
- Grade 7 French Immersion – 1 or 2 Classes
- Grade 8 French Immersion – 1 Class
- Grade 7 Gifted – 1 Class
- Grade 7/8 Gifted Combined – 1 Class
- Grade 8 Gifted – 1 Class
- Grade 7 & 8 – Class of Students with Learning Disabilities

*Please note school organization is tentative,  
adjusted to Covid-19, and dependent upon enrollment.*



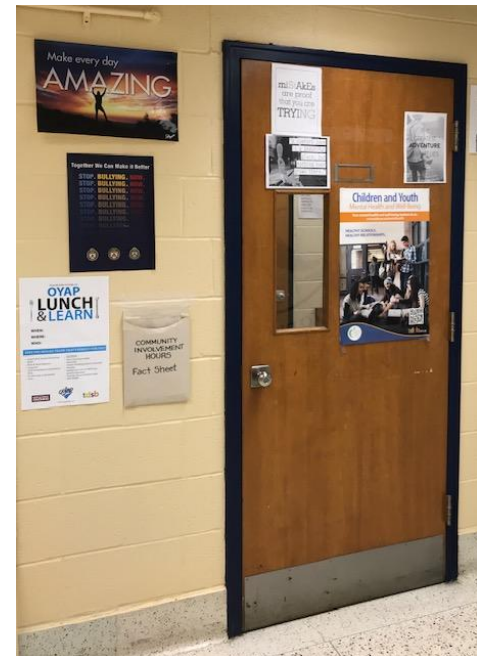
# Homeroom & Rotary Subjects

- Homeroom Subjects: Language, History, Geography, Drama, and Math\* (most classes)
- Rotary:
  - French and/or English
  - Health, Dance & Physical Education, Pool
  - Math
  - Science (once per cycle in lab)
  - Visual Arts
  - Design & Technology
  - Music (Ukuleles, non-wind instruments, Band, Strings)
  - Students see their homeroom teacher for a minimum of 30 of the 60 periods spread throughout the 10 day cycle



# Supports for Student Success

- Special Education Resource Teachers
- ESL Support
- Middle School Student Success Counsellor
- Computer Lab & Assistive Technologies
- Teachers available for additional support
- Snack Program
- Fitness Room (Cafeteria)/Gym
- Google Classroom





# Snack Program:

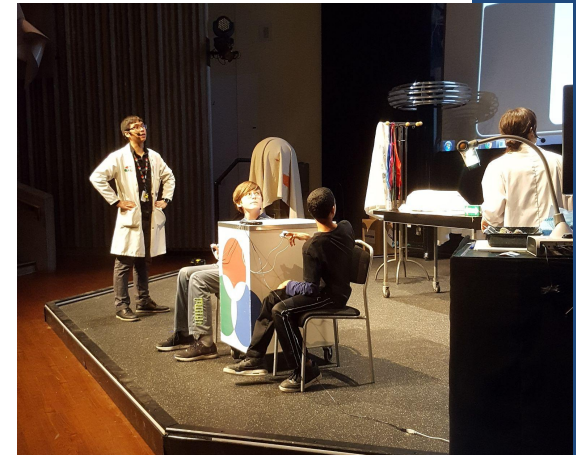
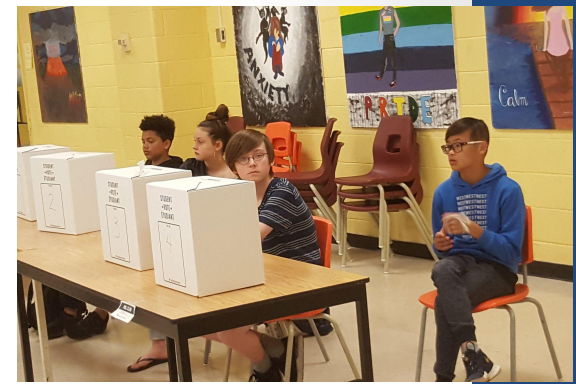
## A nutritious way to start your day



Each day a clearly labelled bin of single serve items is delivered to each classroom. Students generally eat snack outside, to have some fresh air, some social time and a mental health break!

# Some of our additional programs when the pandemic is over:

- Music: Concert Band, Tour Band, Jazz Band, Strings Band, Choir, Soundtrack Band, Steel Pan
- Musical Theatre Performance
- Math X
- Sports Teams: Basketball, Hockey, Softball, Volleyball, Flag Football, X-Country, Track & Field
- School Ambassadors
- Alchemy Club
- Art Club and Yearbook
- QSA / GSA / BSA







Music  
moves and  
inspires  
us





# Spring Arts Fest



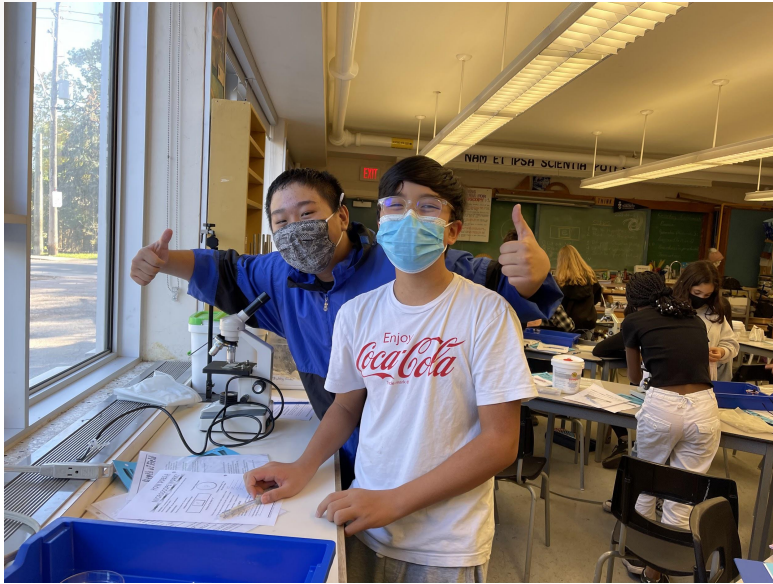


# Athletics





# Design and Technology



Winona is one of the few middle schools with a complete design and technology room, and a fully functioning science lab.



# - Computer Lab -

Double period now once per cycle socially distanced with cleaning.





# - School with Pool – Collaboration Happens





# Student Photographers





## Welcome Future Grade 7s! (from our students)

Winona is an amazing school with great students, teachers and programs. It's filled with students from many different backgrounds and schools, and is a great place to learn, grow, and make friends at. The faculty is super supportive and willing to go above and beyond for the students. We hope that your family will make the decision to send your soon-to-be 7th grader here!

# Students explain “Why Come to Winona”?

Winona is home to tons of great programs:

- ❑ Swimming
- ❑ Design and Tech Lab (Woodshop)
- ❑ Science Lab
- ❑ QSA (Queer-Straight Alliance)
- ❑ Spirit Weeks
- ❑ Gym and Fitness Room
- ❑ Band Program
- ❑ Alchemy Club
- ❑ Outdoor Activities
- ❑ Snack Program
- ❑ Student-Led Activities and Committees

# What you can Expect at Winona

- ❑ A welcoming environment
- ❑ Amazing teachers
- ❑ A strong student body
- ❑ Supportive staff
- ❑ Many extracurricular activities
- ❑ Diverse student population
- ❑ Great learning opportunities (e.g. art program, music, French program, etc.)

# Our Experiences at Winona

We've been at Winona for 2 years now. We were nervous to start at a new school, but we quickly began to love it here. We met new friends right away and even got to reconnect with friends who went to other schools. Our school ensures student success by providing extra help and lesson extensions. Winona has been great in preparing us for our new journey into high school. 8th grade classes are all given specific workshops meant to help us navigate our way through the high school application and course selection process. We feel confident that because of the help given to us, we can move into this new chapter of our lives while being ahead of the game in high school.



We hope  
you'll choose  
Winona for  
next year!

---



# Winona Students strive to...

- Arrives on time for all their classes
- Brings Health app or signed health form and mask(s)
- Develops positive relationships and demonstrates care for themselves and others
- Is a reflective learner
- Is actively engaged in their learning and takes risks
- Strives to stay organized with classes and assignments
- Connects with teachers; seeks support; and attends drop in times (before school/lunch/after school) when needed.
- Takes responsibility for their technology and social media interactions
- Participates in school life: trips, clubs, and sports teams



# What is Gr. 7 Extended French?

- Grade 7 Extended French programs are intensive French programs developed for students who do not speak French at home. They are designed to provide more experience in the French language than offered in the Core French program, but less than total Immersion. The Extended French program includes French Language and additional subjects taught in the French language.
- Students enrolling in the Gr. 7 Extended French program are expected to have successfully completed the Grade 6 Core French program.
- After Grade 8, students continue the Extended French program at designated secondary schools. Students who successfully complete the secondary program will receive a Certificate of Bilingual Studies in Extended French. Winona students go to **Oakwood C.I.**
- For a list of all the 14 Grade 7 Extended French sites, please visit the following link below:  
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/OtherPrograms>

# Gr. 7 Extended French Program

- Students who are eligible to attend the Grade 7 Extended French program must demonstrate that they have successfully completed the Grade 6 Core French program.
- The program begins in Grade 7 and provides about 40% instruction in French for Grades 7 and 8.
- The subjects taught in French are:
  - French Language (Français)
  - History/Geography
  - One other subject determined by the local school (Winona this is Drama and/or Art)
  - All other subjects are taught in English.
- Students from the Grade 4 Junior Extended French programs and students from the Grade 7 Extended French programs blend at the secondary school level for Grade 9.
- Graduating students who successfully complete the secondary school program (a minimum of 7 credits) are eligible for a Certificate of Bilingual Studies in Extended French from the TDSB.
- Please note: that this application and placement process for the Grade 7 Extended French program is locally managed by the school Principal at each of the 14 school locations.

# IMPORTANT Upcoming Changes to Gr. 7 Extended French Programs

- In June 2017, the Board approved a Long Term Program and Accommodation Strategy, establishing Program Priorities aligned with the Vision for Learning and the Integrated Equity Framework, and identifying equity of access to French programs as a key priority for the Board.
- During spring 2018, as part of the Director's Response to the Enhanced Equity Task Force Report, a review was conducted to provide a comprehensive environmental scan of the Board's FSL Programs—Core and intensive French programs.
- This extensive consultation process captured representative feedback from over 10,000 individuals on the TDSB's French programming. Multiple stakeholders were included and also given multiple opportunities to comment on the TDSB's French programs. This process included community meetings, student forums, staff forums, focus groups, as well as on-line surveys.
- In June 2019, the Board of Trustees approved changes to Intensive FSL programs, that is, to restructure the Board's intensive FSL programs leading to a single program model with two entry points and the elimination of all other entry points.

- Timelines have been determined for the entire system. As part of these changes, the Grade 7 Entry Extended French program will phase out entirely. The Grade 7 Extended French program does not currently provide equitable access across TDSB. There are many neighbourhoods with no access to this program that resides in only 14 TDSB schools. Even for students living in the “served catchment” area, there is no guarantee of placement, and there is no capacity to expand the program. Given this information, difficult decisions needed to be made.

- ***Therefore, the last cohort to enter the Grade 7 Entry Extended French program will begin Grade 7 in September 2022, and will graduate from Grade 8 in June of 2024. There will be no further Grade 7 Entry Extended French programs thereafter. The students who enter in September 2022 will be able to complete the Extended French program through secondary school.***

- The streamlining of programs will allow for the increase of access to an intensive FSL program for students in the board. It will permit the focus of resources, both material and human, in order to serve students better, and to strengthen the Core French programming that serves all students in Gr. 4-9 (and beyond) in TDSB schools who do not choose an intensive FSL program. This will also allow a more effective deployment of FSL qualified teachers. The board is committed to improving classroom practice and student engagement in Core French, and thereby improving learning outcomes for students in this program.

# Application & Placement Process for 2022-2023

- Interested students and/or parents/guardians must complete an electronic/fillable Application Form for Grade 7 Extended French program and submit it to the designated Grade 7 Extended French school associated to their home address.
- Completed applications are to be submitted electronically to the Gr. 7 Extended French school no later than **January 28th, 2022**.
- For more information on the submission details, please visit:  
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Other-Programs>
- Parents/Guardians will be notified of their child's placement by the receiving school through a letter by the February 18th, 2022.
- Please note: Classes with fewer than 25 students may not open.
- Placement Process - as per PR597 section 6.7 (c) – When insufficient space is available at a particular school, then students will be admitted to the host school subject to a local school procedure (i.e. lottery). The remaining students will be held on a local school wait-list subject to available space.



# Profile of a Student in Extended French

- Successful in Grade 6 core French
- Enthusiastic about learning and oral language communication
- Prepared to speak French both in and out of class
- Completes homework and assignments consistently and able to manage workload
- Ready to seek assistance when required

# Extended French Home School

Students that belong to one of the feeder schools below may apply for Extended French at Winona:

- Carleton Village Jr. & Sr. Sports and Wellness Academy
- Dovercourt Public School
- General Mercer Junior Public School
- Hillcrest Community School
- McMurrich Junior Public School
- Regal Road Junior Public School

*Note – Hawthorne Students come directly to Winona Extended French Program.*

*Placement for the program is determined by home address in the*

*Extended French school attendance area.*

# French Immersion

- In the middle school years (grades 6, 7, 8) the Early French Immersion Program is a half day program with 50% of the day in French and 50% of the day in English. Due to Winona's rotary timetable it is not an even 50/50 split every day.
- The designated school pathways for French Immersion at Winona is from **Regal Road and Perth Ave. to Winona to Oakwood Collegiate Institute.**
- Middle Immersion students blend with early immersion students to continue studies when they go to high school.

# How can parents support students in the French Program?

- Be enthusiastic and positive
- Obtain a membership to the Public Library to access French resource books and novels
- Read French texts regularly
- Encourage students to listen to French radio stations, and watch movies or television in French
- Seek out opportunities to speak French in the community

# Special Education Programs

- Students in the **Learning Disabilities Program** and the **Gifted Program** will be placed at Winona in the Spring by Central Special Education.
- Families may speak to their school Principal and Special Education Consultant during their child's annual Identification Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) meeting in the Winter about placement if they have questions about next steps.
- Winona hosts a Zoom session in the Spring for incoming Gifted students and their families.
- School visits are scheduled in the Spring for students new to the Learning Disabilities Program.

# English Program with Core French

Students that live in district at the following feeder schools are part of Winona's English Program catchment:

- **Hillcrest Community School**
- **McMurrich Junior Public School**
- **Regal Road Junior Public School**

If unsure if you live in district please check your address on TDSB web: [Find Your School](#)

***If you do not live in district and you want to attend Winona you will need to fill out an optional attendance form. This can be found on the TDSB web: [Optional Attendance Form](#)***



# How to apply to Winona Drive Senior P.S.

- In-district and out-of-district students are asked to complete the Winona Application Package by the appropriate deadline and submit to Winona Drive Senior P. S. main office or e-mail address: [winona@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:winona@tdsb.on.ca)

## Deadlines:

- Extended French Applications for identified catchment schools are due on **January 28 by 4:00 p.m.** No Optional Attendance applications will be accepted in Extended French.

[Extended French Application Form](#) (Link)

- English with Core French applications including Optional Attendance Form are due on **February 11, by 4:00 p.m.**

[Optional Attendance Form](#) (Link)

- In-district Student Application Form due to Winona by **February 17, 2022**
- French Immersion Students from Regal Road and Perth Registration Form due to Winona by **February 15, 2022**

**We ask all students planning to attend Winona to complete Winona registration form by February 17, 2022.**

[Winona Registration Form](#) (Link)

# Important Dates

## Extended French

- Applications due January 28, 2022
- Notification of acceptance February 18, 2022

## English with Core French – Optional Attendance

- Applications due February 11, 2022 [Optional Attendance Form](#)
- Notification of acceptance March 4, 2022
- Parents/guardians must inform the requested school of their acceptance of offer by March 25, 2022

In-district Feeder School students planning on attending Winona (English with Core French, French Immersion, and Gifted). Please complete a Winona registration package so we can effectively organize for next year.

# With or Without a mask – Learning at Winona is Engaging & Fun



# Virtual Tour of Winona

Thank you for joining our Winona information evening.

We hope you feel more informed and confident about sending your child to our school learning community. We will be sending you a letter prior to the start of school with how to prepare your child for the first week of school. If you have any additional questions please reach out to us:

[winona@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:winona@tdsb.on.ca)

Elizabeth Aiello  
Principal

Terrence Bristow  
Vice Principal

