



Williams' Tell Weekly – Parent Edition

Week of: June 6-10, 2022

Trait of the Month: Perseverance

The mission of The Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School is to develop literate students who are innovative, well-rounded lifelong learners and critical thinkers. We aim to foster caring global citizens who maintain inclusive and respectful interactions with others.

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Extensions:

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Staff
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Daily Schedule

Period 1 8:20-9:40

Period 3 9:45-11:00

Lunch 11:00-11:50

Period 2 11:50-1:05

Period 4 1:10-2:25

This week:

June 6	Staff Meeting (2:40-4:00) Student Council Elections
June 7	Baseball Semi-Finals (Location TBD)
June 8	
June 9	IB Trivia Night 2:40 - 4:00 pm Arts Night 3:30-5:30 pm (School Courtyard) Every Student Counts Survey, Period 4 classes Friendly soccer game between GWW Junior & Senior Male & Female Soccer Players 3:15 - 4:30pm at Sheppard's Bush Fields
June 10	

Upcoming:

June 13	
June 14	EQAO Grade 9 Math - Day 1
June 15	EQAO Grade 9 Math - Day 2 Locker Clean-Out - 12:50 pm
June 16	Prom 6:00 - 10:30 pm, Paradise Banquet Hall
June 17	

Message from the Principal

Music has wrapped up their year with the music council BBQ this past week. We had a great turnout of students and by all observations they had a great time...especially when providing Mr. Harrison and Ms. Wilson a pie in the face!! Thanks to Mr. Harrison for BBQing for everyone.

Many of our teams are starting to wrap up their seasons. Tuesday and Wednesday we hosted the final rugby events to packed fields of players and fans. We will thank all the teams once all seasons are done but can't say enough about our coaches and their commitment to our students on and off the field. Our baseball team is heading to the semi-finals on Tuesday night (more details to come).

Admin and Guidance have been busy timetabling for next year and preparing staffing for the coming school year in addition to wrapping up the current year. It is a busy time around the school for everyone. Teachers and students are focusing on the last demonstrations of learning to complete courses and preparing for culminating activities beginning in-person on June 21 (Period 4 Grade 12 students) and June 22 for all other students. Details are being discussed in each classroom and we encourage you to reach out to teachers if you have questions about a particular course. In next week's Tell we will have a link to the overview of the culminating activities schedules.

Take care,
Melissa Schmidt

WEEKLY NEWS FEED:

Parents/Guardians and community of G.W.W Williams; Art's Night is coming back in person this year! On Thursday, June 9th after school from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, you and your families are invited to join us in a night full of games, performances, lots of art and of course food! Everyone is welcome to attend, no need to be an art student. Make sure to drop by the courtyard with all your friends to come see all the marvelous art! Hope to see you there.

On Thursday, June 9th from 3:15 - 4:30 pm there will be a friendly soccer match between GWW Junior and Senior Male and Female Soccer Players at Sheppard's Bush Turf Field. Come and out and cheer for a team!

Info for Graduates - 2022

We will be celebrating the graduates of 2022 with an in person graduation ceremony.

Location: [Aurora Community Centre](#)

Address: 1 Community Centre Lane

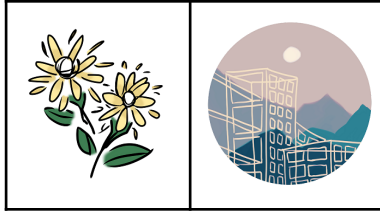
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm (graduates arrive at 6:00 pm)

All graduates and parents received an email with important information regarding graduation on Thursday. Please ensure that you have reviewed that information for important next steps regarding the planning of our celebration. SchoolCash Online is opening today for the 'Graduation Add-ons'.

Club Highlights

Change by Coffee and Williams Art Council are uniting forces to fundraise for Anduhyaun Inc., an emergency shelter servicing Indigenous and Non-Indigenous women with or without children fleeing violence. Beautifully designed by artists from our school. Buy for yourself, friends or parents and support the cause. Make sure to buy your tote bags ASAP since there are limited quantities for each of the two designs. See below for tote bag designs. Tote Bags are \$15 each and will be on sale till June 7, 2022 on [school cash online](#). Check out our Instagram [@artsgww](#) for full details! Pick up: June 13-17th



Sports Highlights

Baseball

Congratulations to the varsity boys baseball team for a great come-from-behind quarter final victory over the undefeated Richmond Green Rattlers. The boys kept their poise while they closed the 8-1 deficit, winning the game 13-11. Aidan L. coming in as a middle reliever was a turning point, while Colm M. closed it off. Dexter C., Sam M. and Julian S. were stellar performers, defensively and offensively in the victory.

Tennis

Congratulations to all tennis competitors at OFSAA for a great turn-off event. Our superstar Radin S. defeated all his opponents during three grueling days of tennis matches, including one of the best players in the final. Congratulations on your gold medal finish in Ontario amongst all open tennis players. A big shout out to David Z. and Brian P. for getting fifth place in doubles tennis within all Ontario, after winning their first four matches and a very solid effort on their last game which they finished with the score of 7-8.

Rugby

What a great season the senior boys rugby team had. Final record 7-1. Yesterday the boys cruised through the semi-finals beating Sacred Heart 24-0, putting them into the York Region Finals. The rematch was set against Bill Crothers. This time your Wildcats fell short losing their only game of the season 19-10. Please congratulate your YRAA silver medalists.

Notices

NEW - TVO has a reputation based on trust and quality as the technological extension of Ontario's Public Education System. Today, TVO creates leading digital resources to support learning inside and outside the classroom. Explore TVO's digital learning resources in more-depth to gain an understanding of how these digital tools can be used to support Ontario's students in school, at home or through online learning! The Ontario Science Centre is hosting a webinar on De-streamed Grade 9 Science on June 16 at 7pm. For more information see [here](#).

NEW - York Region District School Board in a collaborative partnership with Women's Support Network is hosting a virtual information session on June 7 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm about sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers, educators, staff and community! For more information and to register see [here](#).

NEW - The YRDSB Survey for Students & Families will take place from June 1-30 and is an opportunity for students & families to share their experiences of learning from the past school year. Student and family voice is important to us. The York Region District School Board will be conducting two surveys to collect feedback from students (Grades 7-12) and families (Grades K-12) to understand their experiences of learning during this school year. The surveys will be available to be completed online between June 1 and June 30, 2022. For more information see [here](#).

YRDSB Mental Health services are provided by YRDSB psychology and social work personnel. June's Mental Health Newsletter for families and caregivers has a focus on the end of the school year and Navigating Uncharted Territories. Please see their latest newsletter [here](#).

York Region District School Board is accepting applications for membership on the Board's Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC). PEAC supports, encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. It represents the collective voice of parents who have children attending public schools in York Region. Interested parents/guardians and community members are invited to submit an online application form by June 15, 2022 or can request a copy of the form by emailing leadership.development.engagement@yrdsb.ca or calling 905-727-0022 ext. 3650. For more information see [here](#).

The York Regional Police COMMUNITY SAFETY VILLAGE CAMPS are back! The goal of the camp is to provide a fun environment where students can learn how healthy lifestyle choices can impact them today and in the future. The camp includes interactive workshops and games, sports activities facilitated by police officers, tri-services representatives, CSV educators and camp leaders. The Summer Camp is hosted at the Community Safety Village of York Region located at 3291 Stouffville Road, in the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area. For more information see [here](#).

Tune In YRDSB is the first podcast of its kind in Ontario. Here we will explore a wide range of topics related to education in York Region and beyond. We look forward to inspiring learning through storytelling. *In the latest episode of Tune In YRDSB*, Principal Aneta Fishman is joined by Author Maksim Goldenshteyn, student Sharon Kartuz, and her mother Mery Kartuz as they reflect on Maksim's book, "So They Remember" to learn more about this period of history... Listen to the latest episode of the *Tune In YRDSB* podcast [here](#).

Attendance

Parents are reminded to use the drgwilliamsss.attendance@yrdsb.ca to report absences. All absences must be justified with a reason.

If students are required to self-isolate due to a COVID exposure or positive test result, please indicate that in your email as this is coded differently and is not reflected on the attendance tally reported on the student report card. Additionally, your child's Vice Principal (Ms. Conlon A-Li, Mr. Gazaneo Lo-Z) will then connect with you to arrange learning during their absence.

Screening and testing help control the spread of COVID-19. Even if you or your child is fully vaccinated, you must continue with daily screening and testing if you or your child have one or more of COVID-19 symptoms. Please see the screening tool [here](#).

All students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 as identified in the screening tool (not related to a COVID-19 vaccine), must not enter any school and follow the guidance in the screening tool, which may include seeking appropriate medical attention as required, and/or getting tested for COVID-19.

Daily Announcements

Our announcements are posted to the school website each day for students and parents to access under the [News & Events](#) heading. We will have a text version of all announcements that will be updated each day. We hope that this addition will help our school community (and especially our remote learners that aren't here to hear the announcements each day) to stay in touch with what is happening at the school.

Guidance

Private School Marks - Due June 17th

·All private school marks are due by June 17th to the guidance office. If you have any questions please speak with your guidance counsellor.

Summer School

·Summer school registration is filling up quickly. Please register through [my pathway planner](#) and return your sign off sheet to your guidance counsellor as soon as possible. Visit the [YRDSB Summer school website](#) for more information.

Indigenous Languages and International Languages Secondary Credit Program

·Want to learn a new language and earn a credit? Sign up through Indigenous Languages and International Languages Secondary Credit Program [website](#).

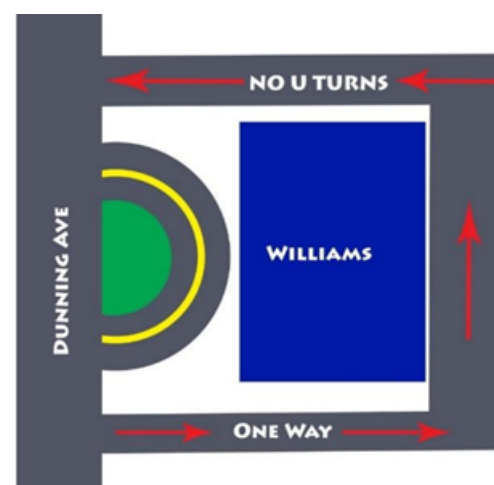
Safety and Community Notices

Driveway and Parking Lot

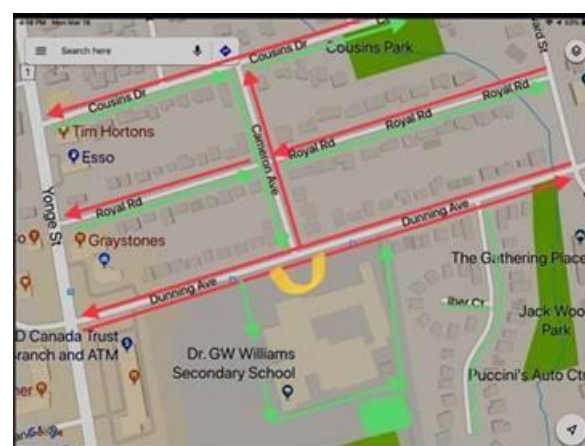
At the end of the school day, the front driveway loop is closed to regular traffic from about 2:15 to 2:40. Only school taxis and buses are to use the front driveway loop at the end of the day in order to create a safe place for our students with special needs. Once all the school taxis and buses leave the front driveway loop around 2:40, regular traffic may use this area. To support our efforts to ensure physical distance, we ask that you make arrangements to meet your students at the nearest exit from their classroom (in one of the parking lots) or off school property (down the street, around the corner, etc.). Please see the maps below to support your efforts.



There is one-way traffic in our front driveway loop. In the front driveway loop, drop off/pick up students on the right side; drive through only on the left side. For safety reasons, do not drop off/pick up students on the left side.



If you **MUST** come to the school, enter via the West lot (beside the track, closest to Yonge Street) and drive around the school to meet your child. **DO NOT** block the driveway waiting. There is one-way traffic in the west entrance and on the south (back) side of the school. **It is two-way traffic on the east side of the school, however, during the end of the day pick-up time you will notice the admin directing all vehicles to enter the west lot ONLY so that we have a constant flow out of the east lot.** This makes a significant positive impact on safety for all and makes it easier and less stressful for everyone. When you are able to enter the east lot, do not make U-turns anywhere in the east parking lot from Dunning Avenue to the south parking lot. Making a U-turn in this area creates an unsafe condition for pedestrians and other vehicles. If you need to turn around, please pull into a parking spot and carefully back out.



Please note that Dunning Avenue is a **no stopping zone**. This is noted by the signage along the street and on the map above you can see the red arrows on both sides of the street.

School Calendar for 2021-2022

- Arts Night - 3:30 - 5:30 pm, Thursday, June 9, 2022
- Prom - 6:00 - 10:30 pm, Thursday, June 16, 2022
- Athletic Banquet, 3:30-5:00pm, Tuesday, June 21, 2022
- Graduation Ceremony - 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 28, 2022

PA Days for Williams (but not necessarily for elementary schools in our area) are:

- Thursday June 30, 2022

School Council Meetings for 2021-2022

- No meeting scheduled in June

