



# Williams' Tell Weekly – Parent Edition

Week of: November 9 2020 – November 13, 2020

Trait of the Month: Fairness

*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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<b>Nov. 9</b>	Cohort B Face to Face, Period 5 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal Semester 1, Term 1 ends Last day for Civics/Careers courses
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Cohort A Face to Face, Period 1 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal Semester 1 Term 2 begins Civic/Careers course switch
<b>Nov. 11</b>	Cohort B Face to Face, Period 1 Odd numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
<b>Nov. 12</b>	Cohort A Face to Face, Period 1 Odd numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
<b>Nov. 13</b>	PA DAY – No school for all students

## Upcoming:

<b>Nov. 16</b>	Cohort B Face to Face, Period 1 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal Semester 1, Term 2 begins
<b>Nov. 17</b>	Cohort A Face to Face, Period 1 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
<b>Nov. 18</b>	Cohort B Face to Face, Period 1 Odd numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
<b>Nov. 19</b>	Cohort A Face to Face, Period 1 Odd numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal Mid Term Report Cards distributed electronically
<b>Nov. 20</b>	Cohort B Face to Face, Period 1 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal

## Message from the Principal

Please enjoy these unseasonably warm days and take advantage of the sunshine while you can. Our students and staff have been busy with assessments in preparation for the mid term report cards. We hope that everyone can take some time away this weekend to rejuvenate.

Thank you to all parents for following our parking guidelines. We have noticed a significant difference at dismissal time and appreciate those families that are following the one way around the building and not stopping on Dunning Avenue.

Take care,  
Melissa Schmidt

## Notices

### Face to Face Period 1 Cohorting update

An email went home on Friday regarding the [Rotation #5 period 1 face to face](#). Please note that the next rotation starts on **Tuesday November 10**. Please have your child take note of the room their class is scheduled in so that they know which entrance is the closest to their classroom to support our efforts for physical distancing.

### Williams Spirit Wear

To order Williams Spirit Wear please go to : <http://www.schoolwear.ca> and use code GWW

In order to receive Holiday delivery your order must be placed by November 15<sup>th</sup>. We are offering two types of hoodies this year. All orders must be placed through the website. Curbside pick-up or delivery is available

### Revised School Screening Checklist

Every day, parents/guardians and students over 18 are responsible for reviewing and adhering to the checklist from York Region Public Health. This checklist has been recently updated to reflect the Ontario government's revised [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in Schools](#) and Child Care.

Please note that the new screening guide applies to children only and the adult screening has not changed. Thank you for working with us to protect the health and safety of students, staff and families and to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

### Math Enrichment Opportunities

Due to the adaptive model we are following this year, we cannot offer the typical array of math contests and math club enrichment opportunities at Williams. However, thanks to some accommodations made by Universities, it is possible that our students can still participate in some of these activities. To best communicate these opportunities, we have created a "Math Club" Google Classroom that contains links to

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enrichment opportunities as well as all the information (and relevant links) we currently have with regard to the contests we normally participate in. We will not be running an actual Math Club through the classroom, but we will continue to update it with any pertinent information and/or links throughout the school year. The Math Club Classroom is open to any Williams students who would like to join. Please use the join code: cxwtmf4

## Guidance

### Specialist High Skills Majors

All SHSM students should now have access to the new SHSM classroom. The classroom has important information related to reach ahead opportunities, SHSM events, and self-reporting tools. Please check your GAPPS email for your classroom invite.

### Virtual Financial Workshop

- Be sure to check out our virtual financial workshop happening November 10th at 3:00pm. The link to the workshop is located on your graduation year Google Classroom.

### Applying University and/or College

- University applicants' PIN number to apply to schools have been sent to student GAPPS email accounts. Please see the “**How to Apply**” section in the Grade 12 Google Classroom for more information on the application process.
- College applicants do not need a PIN number to apply but will need to know their Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on a report card. Please see the “**How to Apply**” section in the Grade 12 Google Classroom for more information on the application process.

### Community Services

- Changes have been made to the Community Involvement Graduation Requirements. Information on requirements and eligibility can be found on the Grade 12 Google Classroom.

### Scholarships and Bursaries

Please check the graduation class of 2021 for the most recent updates to Scholarships and Bursaries information.

### RTC Computer Purchase Program

Once again we are pleased to offer this to our Williams families. Please see the attached flyer below for more information on accessing this program.

[FLYER](#)

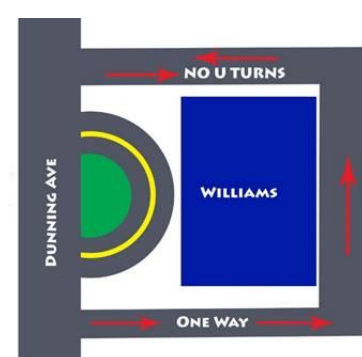
### Driveway and Parking Lot

The safety of all students must be everyone's first priority. Please follow the procedures below.

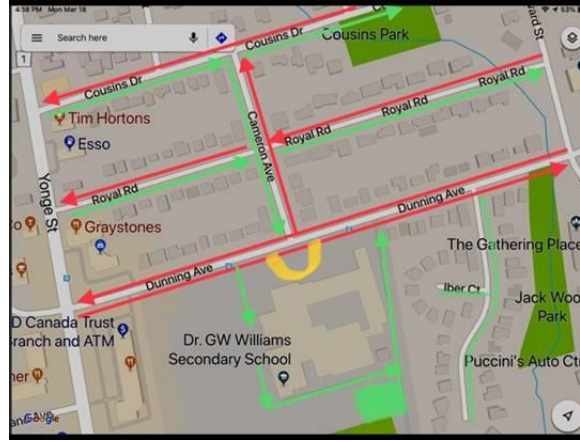
**At the end of the school day, the front driveway loop is closed to regular traffic from about 10:40 to 11:00.** Only school taxis and buses are to use the front driveway loop at the end of the day in order to create a safe place for our students with special needs. Once all the school taxis and buses leave the front driveway loop around 11:00, regular traffic may use this area. To support our efforts to ensure physical distancing, 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.



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. 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. Our School Council previously worked with local by-law officials to identify areas within the neighbourhood that parents can pick up their students. Please note the arrows in green and red to support the effective flow of traffic in the area.

Thank you for your cooperation with this!

### **School Calendar for 2020-2021**

The Ministry of Education has approved the school calendar for 2020-2021. For Williams, some important dates and holidays are:

- Thanksgiving – Monday October 12, 2020
- Winter Break – Monday December 21, 2020 January 1, 2021
- Family Day – Monday, February 15, 2021
- March Break – Monday, March 15, 2021 to Friday March 19, 2021
- Good Friday – Friday, April 2, 2021
- Easter Monday – Monday, April 5, 2021
- Victoria Day – Monday, May 24, 2021

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

- Friday November 13, 2020
- Monday February 15, 2021
- Friday May 7, 2021
- Tuesday June 29, 2021

### **School Council Meetings for 2020-2021**

- Monday October 19, 2020 [Agenda & Previous Minutes](#)
- Monday November 16, 2020
- Monday January 18, 2021
- Tuesday March 23, 2021
- Monday May 17, 2021