



Williams' Tell Weekly – Parent Edition

Week of: September 28 – October 2, 2020

Trait of the Month: Courage

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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The Week at a Glance

Sept. 28	Yom Kippur Cohort A Face to Face, Period 2 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
Sept. 29	Cohort B Face to Face, Period 2 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal School Council Virtual Meeting, 7 pm (see Agenda on Williams website)
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day Cohort A Face to Face, Period 2 Odd numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
Oct. 1	Cohort B Face to Face, Period 2 Odd numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
Oct. 2	Cohort A Face to Face, Period 2 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal

Upcoming:

Oct. 5	Cohort B Face to Face, Period 2 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
Oct. 6	Cohort A Face to Face, Period 2 Odd numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
Oct. 7	Cohort B Face to Face, Period 2 Odd numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
Oct. 8	Cohort A Face to Face, Period 2 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal
Oct. 9	Cohort B Face to Face Period 2 Even numbered classrooms 10:45 dismissal Last Day of Rotation for Period 2, New Rotation, Period 4, starts Tuesday (after Thanksgiving), Oct 13.

Message from the Principal

Everyone has now settled into a routine for the school year that reflects the new normal in society. I have been so proud of all of our students and staff at how quickly they have adapted to the updated procedures to support everyone's safety now that we are back in school.

Thank you to parents as well for supporting students to self-assess each day before coming to school and staying home when they are not well. Additionally, your support in dropping students off at the assigned doors for entry at 8am or later greatly assists us in ensuring physical distancing upon arrival contributing to overall safety for everyone.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents at our first school council meeting of the year next Tuesday evening. Anyone who is interested in joining us as part of the school council executive should ensure that they have submitted the nomination form sent last week as part of the school start-up forms.

Wednesday September 30, 2020 is Orange Shirt Day. The Orange Shirt Day movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. We encourage everyone to wear an orange shirt on Wednesday September 30, to recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors.

Melissa Schmidt

Notices

School Start-Up Forms

The [School Start-Up Guide](#) has been shared with all students and is available on our school website under School Info, Policies and Procedures, the YRDSB [Guide to the School Year](#) booklet was also sent home at the beginning of the school year. When these materials are sent home each year there are also some forms that need to be completed. As a result of the pandemic and with a number of families participating in remote, online learning, we are asking families to complete these important forms online.

Families should have already received an invitation to this form for each child they have registered in YRDSB. Please complete a separate form for each child attending our schools.

The forms are to be completed for all students, whether they are attending school in person or participating in remote, online learning. We will access this information online to support all students.

If you prefer to complete the forms on paper, have not received your individualized link to the forms (secondary students should check their GAPPS account) or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact us.

Guidance

Looking to complete credits outside of day school? YRDSB Fall Night School (remote learning) and Night School e-Learning registration is now open. Check out the following pages for registration information and course offerings:

NIGHT SCHOOL (Remote learning) <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx>

NIGHT SCHOOL E-LEARNING

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Night%20School%20e-Learning.aspx>

Need to speak with a Guidance Counsellor? Book at time with your guidance counsellor to use the QR code posted in front of the guidance office or visit bit.ly/GWGApt

"Social Distancing Club shirts"

Description: With no in-person clubs, teams or functions this year what better than a cub we can all belong to?! The GW Williams Social Distancing Club shirts are ready to be ordered! Sizes range from small to XXX-Large and come in a huge variety of colours. Orders can be placed until October 20th order your today!

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Photo of the shirt attached.



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 24, 2021
- Tuesday June 29, 2021