



# Williams' Tell Weekly – Parent Edition

Week of: November 4 - November 8, 2019

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

<b>Mon, Nov. 04</b>	Equity Club to Speak Out Conference
<b>TUE, Nov. 05</b>	
<b>WED, Nov. 06</b>	Grade 9 -Take Your Kid to Work Day
<b>THU, Nov. 07</b>	IB Applications Close
<b>FRI, Nov. 08</b>	IB Presentation Period 1 (all IB and Pre-IB students)

## Upcoming:

<b>Nov. 11</b>	Remembrance Day Assemblies Period 1 and 2
<b>Nov. 12</b>	
<b>Nov. 13</b>	Grade 8 Info Night @ 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
<b>Nov. 14</b>	Midterm Reports Distributed in Period 1 Therapy Dogs Visit @ 11:00 Jr. and Sr. Mid to Crime Stoppers
<b>Nov. 15</b>	P.A. DAY

## Notices

### University PINs

University PINs were emailed during the week of October 28 to the GAPPS accounts of those Grade 12 students who may be applying to university. If your child is in Grade 12, please have them check their GAPPS account for this information. They can speak to a guidance counsellor if they have any questions about the university application process.

### Student Photos

If parents/guardians wish to order photos for their child, please call 1-866-299-7774 to receive an on-line code and information on how to order. Grad photos are being taken the week of November 25th. More information will be coming soon regarding the on-line booking of Grad photos.

### Take Our Kids to Work Day

Wednesday, November 6 is Take Our Kids to Work Day. This is a national initiative to help Grade 9 students understand the world of work. On this day, there are no classes for Grade 9 students as they are expected to visit a workplace that day.

### Islamic Heritage/History Month

October was Islamic Heritage/History Month. Thank you to two of our parents who lent the school items for this learning event. The school created a display in the front foyer and a display in the library. Thanks to the parent contributions, we were able to show a PowerPoint presentation about contributions Muslims have made to the world throughout history on the monitor in our front foyer.

### Beyond Islamic Heritage Month

Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) and the Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS) invites our YRDSB school communities (families, staff, and students) to an exciting evening of learning and dialogue. Children will have an opportunity to listen to stories by Muslim authors, while families, staff, and community engage in learning and dialogue that celebrates diverse Islamic Heritages.

When Wednesday, November 6, 2019 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Where Bill Hogarth Secondary School Cafeteria, 100 Donald Sim Avenue, Markham

Keynote Presenters: Rania El Mugammar, Timaj Garad, Gilyar Massa

To register, please contact: [rizwana.kaderdina@yrdsb.ca](mailto:rizwana.kaderdina@yrdsb.ca) or [wahid.khan@yrdsb.ca](mailto:wahid.khan@yrdsb.ca) or [yasmin.mawani@yrdsb.ca](mailto:yasmin.mawani@yrdsb.ca) or [ayesha.syed@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ayesha.syed@yrdsb.ca)

### York Region Labour Market Information Night

All parents/guardians in YRDSB are invited to join YRDSB and hear from industry professionals about current and future career opportunities, employment trends and in-demand skills.

This **FREE** event includes:

- Dinner
- Special Industry Keynote Speaker - Mr. Joe Musicco - Prof. Sheridan College, Pilon School of Business, addressing skills and attitudes necessary for future success
- Industry Specific Workshops - featuring a panel of professions, post-secondary programs and training organizations in these sectors:
  - Agro-business
  - Entrepreneurship and Skilled Trades
  - Information and Technology
  - Manufacturing
  - Motive Power and Logistics
  - Deep dive into the York Region Labour Market

All are welcome to join. **Space is limited, register early.**

To learn more and **REGISTER** please visit:

[bit.ly/YRlabourinfo](http://bit.ly/YRlabourinfo)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/york-region-labour-market-information-night-registration-74982963061>

**Event Details** – Date: **November 7, 2019**, Location: **Sheraton Parkway North**, 600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill. Doors open at 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Dinner: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Opening and Keynote: 7:00 p.m.

### Driveway and Parking Lot

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

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.

## Contact Us

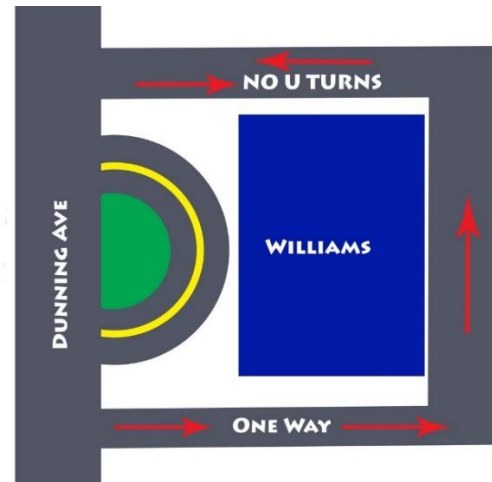
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Extensions:	
Reception	0
Attendance	1
Guidance	3
Staff Directory	4



At the end of the school day, the front driveway loop is closed to regular traffic from about 2:40 to 3:15. 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 3:15, regular traffic may use this area.



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. Thank you for your cooperation with this!

### School Calendar for 2019-2020

The Ministry of Education has approved the school calendar for 2019-2020. For Williams, some important dates and holidays are:

- Winter Vacation – Monday, December 23, 2019 to Friday, January 3, 2020
- Family Day – Monday, February 17, 2020
- March Break – Monday, March 16, 2020 to Friday, March 20, 2020
- Good Friday – Friday, April 10, 2020
- Easter Monday – Monday, April 13, 2020
- Victoria Day – Monday, May 18, 2020

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

- Friday, November 15, 2019
- Friday, January 31, 2020
- Friday, May 1, 2020
- Thursday, June 25, 2020
- Friday, June 26, 2020

### Exam Schedule for Semester 1

Please be aware of these important dates, indicated below. Parents and students are reminded to not schedule appointments, trips, interviews, work, etc. during examination times.

***\*In the event that one of the exam days is declared an inclement weather day by the Board (i.e. school buses are cancelled), the exams regularly scheduled for that day will be held on Thursday, January 30.***

January 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment (Day 1)	21 Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment (Day 2)	22	23 Exam Week Period 1 Exams (all grades) begin at 9:00 a.m.	24 Exam Week Period 2 Exams (all grades) begin at 9:00 a.m.
27 Exam Week Period 3 Exams (all grades) Begin at 9:00 a.m.	28 Exam Week Period 4 Exams (all grades) Begin at 9:00 a.m.	29 Performance-Based / Practical Exams	30 Exam Feedback Day 8:20 – 11:20 a.m. *see schedule, below	31 P.A. Day
<b>Exam Feedback Day</b> Thursday, January 30, 2020				
Exam feedback for Period 1 classes			8:20 – 9:05	
Exam feedback for Period 2 classes			9:10 – 9:50	
Exam feedback for Period 3 classes			9:55 – 10:35	
Exam feedback for Period 4 classes			10:40 – 11:20	
Consultation with teachers by appointment			12:00 – 3:00	

### Exam Schedule for Semester 2

Please be aware of these important dates, indicated below. Parents and students are reminded to not schedule appointments, trips, interviews, work, etc. during examination times. EQAO Math Assessment : June 12 and 15

June 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				12 Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment (Day 1)
15 Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment (Day 2)	16	17 Exam Week Period 1 Exams (all grades) begin at 9:00 a.m.	18 Exam Week Period 2 Exams (all grades) begin at 9:00 a.m.	19 Exam Week Period 3 Exams (all grades) begin at 9:00 a.m.
22 Exam Week Period 4 Exams (all grades) Begin at 9:00 a.m.	23 Performance Tasks/ Practice Exams (all grades) By Appointment	24 Exam Feedback Day (Modified Schedule) *see schedule, below	25 P.A. Day Graduation, 6:30	26 P.A. Day

