



# Williams' Tell Weekly – Parent Edition

Week of: October 21 – October 25, 2019

Trait of the Month: Responsibility

*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, Oct. 21</b>	P.A. Day
<b>TUE, Oct. 22</b>	Tennis Team to Mayfair Toronto East
<b>WED, Oct. 23</b>	Jr. Basketball Team to Richmond Hill H.S. Sr. Girls Basketball Team to Milliken Mills H.S. Tennis Team to Mayfair Toronto Music Workshop Ontario College Information Fair - Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place
<b>THU, Oct. 24</b>	Sr. Girls Basketball Team at G.W. Williams Girls/Boys Rugby Team to Fletcher Field Track and Field to Boyd Conservation Parent Teacher Interviews – 6:30pm to 8:30 pm
<b>FRI, Oct. 25</b>	

## Upcoming:

<b>MON, Oct. 28</b>	Jr. Girls Basketball at G.W. Williams Parent Council Meeting in Library at 7:00 pm
<b>TUE, Oct. 29</b>	Western University Band Workshop Band Evening Concert @ 7:00pm – 8:00pm Girls/Boys Rugby Team to Fletcher Field
<b>WED, Oct. 30</b>	Jr. Girls Basketball at G.W. Williams Rugby Team to Fletcher Field Post-Secondary Fair at Aurora H.S. at 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
<b>THU, Oct. 31</b>	
<b>FRI, Nov. 01</b>	Sr. and Jr. Mid to CNE

## Notices

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, October 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. By now, you should have received your child's interim progress report and interview sign-up sheets. Please contact your child's teachers directly about any concerns you have.

### Parents for Children's Mental Health

The Parents for Children's Mental Health parent support group is holding its next meeting on Monday, October 21. The topic is "Depression and Anxiety with Expert Panel: How can parents help?"

This parent support group is for parents of children with anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behavioral challenges.

Upcoming meetings are on the third Monday of each month. Meetings are at the new Aurora Kinark Office, 218 Earl Stewart Drive, Unit 7, in Aurora (one block south of St. John's sideroad, and one block west of Bayview).

### Grade 12 Post-Secondary Session

Paying for your Post-Secondary Education- Wednesday, October 23 at 11:05 a.m. in Room 102

Students can sign up in Guidance! Space is limited so spots will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Students can learn how to:

\*pay for the cost of College and University through OSAP, Scholarships, Bursaries, etc.

\*be best prepared to get a scholarship

\*gain valuable tips and tricks of applying for financial awards

### Grade 12 Important Dates

- Post-Secondary Fair @ Aurora HS, October 30, 2019
- Last day to drop a course before Full Disclosure – it will not appear on your transcript - November 21, 2019
- Full Disclosure – Grade 11 & 12 courses will appear on your transcript - November 22, 2019
- Graduation Photos - November 25 – 29, 2019
- University Application Deadline - January 15, 2020
- College Application Deadline for Equal Consideration - February 1, 2020
- Graduation Photo Retakes - February 24, 2020
- Last day to drop a course before Full Disclosure – it will not appear on your transcript - May 4, 2020
- Full Disclosure – Grade 11 & 12 courses will appear on your transcript - May 5, 2020
- College Acceptance Deadline - May 1, 2020
- University Acceptance Earliest Date - June 1, 2020
- Graduation Ceremony - June 25, 2020

### Awards Ceremony

This week, the school held an Awards Ceremony to recognize students' achievements for the 2018-2019 year. In all, over 200 students were recognized with more than 50 awards including those students who earned High Honours.

Award winners who were not able to attend the ceremony can pick up their awards in the Guidance Office.

Next week in homeroom, certificates will be presented to students who earned Honour Roll status.

Next year, we plan on returning to our usual evening awards ceremony.

### Post-Secondary Fair

Representatives from various universities and colleges will be available at the Post-Secondary Fair to be held at Aurora High School on Wednesday, October 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Apprenticeship and gap year opportunities will also be presented. All students in the Aurora area are invited to attend, and our students in Grades 11 and 12 are strongly encouraged to attend.

### 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. Parents should start looking into making these arrangements now. More information will be available soon.

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### Skilled Trade (Apprenticeship) - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

Graduating grade 12 students interested in a Skilled Trade (Apprenticeship) post-secondary can apply to the program for Semester 2 and begin trade school while still in high school.

### Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (Accelerated OYAP) Information Session

You are invited to the Accelerated OYAP information sessions outlined below to find out more information about the exciting apprenticeship opportunities available through YRDSB and our college and training centre partners. The skilled trades offer excellent employment opportunities, training in state of the art facilities, and higher than average career satisfaction.

Program	Open House Date	Time	Open House Location
<b>Truck and Coach Technician</b>	Monday November 11th, 2019	7:00 – 8:30pm	<b>Centennial College at Bramalea Secondary School</b> 510 Balmoral Dr, Brampton, L6T 1W4 Room: Library
<b>Cook Baker / Patisier</b>	Tuesday October 22nd, 2019	6:30 – 8:30pm	<b>Humber College - North Campus</b> 205 Humber College Blvd., Toronto, M9W 5L7 Room: Humber Room Restaurant
<b>Child Development Practitioner (Early Childhood Education)</b>	Thursday October 24th	6:30 – 8:30pm	<b>Seneca College – Newnham Campus</b> 1750 Finch Ave E. Toronto, M2J 2X5 Room: H1912
<b>General Carpenter Drywall/Acoustic Floor Covering</b>	Thursday October 24th, 2019	6:30 – 8:30pm	<b>Interior Finishing Systems Training Centre</b> 60 Sharer Road, Woodbridge, L4L 8P4 Room: Main Lobby
<b>Refrigeration &amp; Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic (HVAC)</b>	Wednesday October 23rd, 2019	6:30pm – 8:30pm	<b>George Brown College-Casa Loma Campus</b> 146 Kendal Avenue, Toronto, M5T 2T9 Room: E218

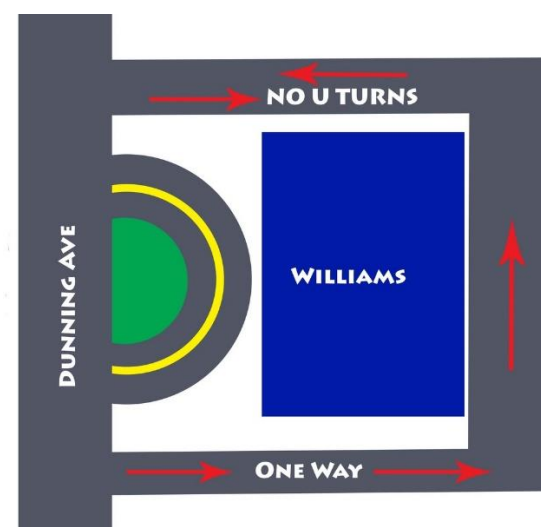
### Driveway and Parking Lot

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.



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:

- Monday, October 21, 2019
- 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.	31 P.A. Day
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 & promotion meetings			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)	25 P.A. Day Graduation, 6:30	26 P.A. Day
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	
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