



Williams' Tell Weekly – Parent Edition

Week of: October 28 – November 01, 2019

Trait of the Month: Responsibility - 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

Mon, Oct. 28	Jr. Girls Basketball Team at G.W. Williams Sr. Girls Basketball Team to Bill Hogarth Girls Hockey Team to Aurora Family Leisure Centre Parent Council Meeting in Library at 7:00 pm
TUE, Oct. 29	Western University Band Workshop Band Evening Concert @ 7:00pm – 8:00pm
WED, Oct. 30	Jr. Girls Basketball Team at G.W. Williams Girls Hockey Team to Aurora Family Leisure Centre Post-Secondary Fair at Aurora H.S. at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
THU, Oct. 31	
FRI, Nov. 01	Sr. and Jr. Mid to CNE

Upcoming:

Nov. 04	
Nov. 05	
Nov. 06	Grade 9 -Take Your Kid to Work Day
Nov. 07	IB Applications Close York Region Labour Market Information Night at Sheraton Parkway North at 7:00 pm
Nov. 08	

Notices

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews were held on Thursday, October 24. If you still have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers.

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.

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

<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.

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 – **May 27, 2020 (Date revised)**
- Graduation Ceremony - June 25, 2020

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Staff Directory	4

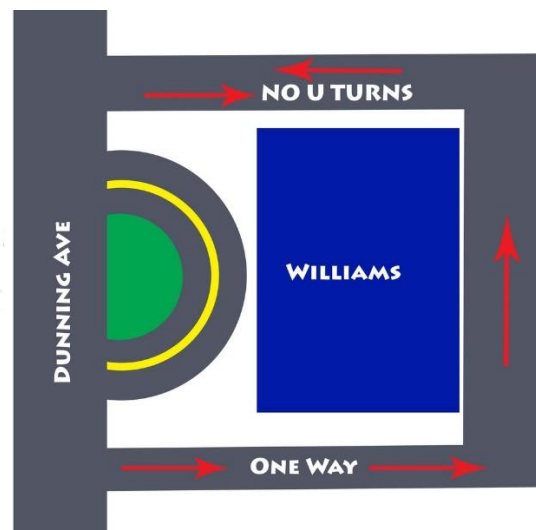
Driveway and Parking Lot

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:

- 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 E 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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