



# Williams' Tell Weekly – Parent Edition

Week of: October 7 – October 11, 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. 7</b>	
<b>TUE, Oct. 8</b>	Jr. Girls Basketball Team at G.W. Williams Sr. Girls Basketball Team to Milliken Mills H.S. Girls Field Hockey Team to Denison S.S. Sr. Boys Soccer Team to Our Lady of the Lake C.H.S.
<b>WED, Oct. 9</b>	
<b>THU, Oct. 10</b>	IB Grade 11 and 12 to Green Acres Jr. Girls Basketball Team to Aurora H.S.
<b>FRI, Oct. 11</b>	Interim Reports Distributed

## Upcoming:

<b>MON, Oct. 14</b>	Thanksgiving Day Monday – School Holiday
<b>TUE, Oct. 15</b>	Boys/Girl Rugby Teams to Fletchers Field Sr. Girls Basketball Team at G.W. Williams Tennis Team to Mayfair Toronto Jr. Basketball Team to St. Theresesa Lisieux CHS
<b>WED, Oct. 16</b>	Grade 12 Pathways Assembly Sr. Girls Basketball Team at G.W. Williams Track and Field Team to Boyd Conservation Girls Field Hockey Team to Denison S.S.
<b>THU, Oct. 17</b>	IB Information Night @ 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria Girls Field Hockey Team to Denison H.S. Jr. Basketball Team to Cardinal Carter
<b>FRI, Oct. 18</b>	IB Application Open

## Notices

### Study and Go Abroad Fair

A Study and Go Abroad Fair will be held on Sunday, October 6 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building). Expo hours are 1pm to 5pm. Seminars are from 12 noon to 5pm. Admission is free. Go to <http://www.studyandgoabroad.com/toronto/> for more information.

### 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.



## Accelerated OYAP Programs Open House Information Session Dates: October 2019 York Region District School Board



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Program	Open House Date	Time	Open House Location
<b>Automotive Service Technician</b> Level 1 App: Automotive Service Technician 310S	Wednesday October 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	6:30 – 9:00pm	<b>Centennial College- Ashtonbee Campus</b> 75 Ashtonbee Road, Scarborough, M1L 4N4 Room: Ashtonbee Auditorium
<b>Truck and Coach Technician</b> Level 1 App: Truck and Coach Technician 310T	Monday November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	7:00 – 8:30pm	<b>Centennial College at Bramalea Secondary School</b> 510 Balmoral Dr, Brampton, L6T 1W4 Room: Truck & Coach Facility - Behind the school
<b>Cook / Baker</b> Level 1 App: Cook 415A Level 1 App: Baker 423A/C	Tuesday October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 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 Apprenticeship Program 620C</b> (Early Childhood Education)	Tuesday October 22 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday October 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12pm 6:30 – 8:30pm	<b>Seneca College – Newnham Campus</b> 1750 Finch Ave E. Toronto, M2J 2X5 Room: T.B.D.
<b>Electrical</b> Level 1 App: Electrician: Construction & Maintenance 309A	Thursday October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	6:00 – 8:00pm	<b>Humber College Centre for Trades and Technology</b> 110 Carrier Drive, Toronto, M9V 5R1 Room: Student Common Area
<b>General Carpenter</b> 403A <b>Drywall/Acoustic</b> 451A <b>Floor Covering</b> 448A Level 1 App:	Thursday October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	6:30 – 8:30pm	<b>Interior Finishing Systems Training Centre</b> 60 Sharer Road, Woodbridge, L4L 8P4 Room: Main Lobby
<b>Plumbing</b> Level 1 App: Plumber 306A	Thursday October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	6:00 – 8:00pm	<b>Humber College Centre for Trades and Technology</b> 110 Carrier Drive, Toronto, M9V 5R1 Room: Student Common Area
<b>Refrigeration &amp; Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic</b> Level 1 App: Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanics 313A	Wednesday October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019	6:30pm – 8:30pm	<b>George Brown College-Casa Loma Campus</b> 146 Kendal Avenue, Toronto, M5T 2T9 Room: E218

**Important:** Students must attend on time. Parents/Guardians are highly encouraged to attend. Information is subject to change.

**Teachers:** Refer to the specific program information sheets for details and student application requirements. Teachers, please send **FULLY COMPLETED** student application packages to **David Lovisa, Richmond Green Secondary School**, by **Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019** deadline.

**Questions?:** Please contact David Lovisa at [david.lovisa@yrdsb.ca](mailto:david.lovisa@yrdsb.ca)

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## Guidance Updates

### Fall 2019 Important Dates

Please see below for information on Post-Secondary fairs being held in Aurora and Toronto this September and October. Click on the links for each fair to plan your visit:

- [Study and Go Abroad Fair - Metro Convention Centre, Toronto](#)  
Date: Sunday October 6, 2019  
Time: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- [Ontario College Information Fair - Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto](#)  
Date: Wednesday October 23 - Thursday October 24, 2019  
Time: Wed: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. & Thurs: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- [Student Life Expo - Metro Convention Centre, Toronto](#)  
Sunday October 27, 2019  
Time: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Post-Secondary Fair - Aurora High School**  
Date: Wednesday October 30  
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Students are also encouraged to visit these websites to learn more about post-secondary pathways:

**Apprenticeships:** [www.earnwhileyoulearn.ca](http://www.earnwhileyoulearn.ca)

**Ontario Colleges:** [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

**Ontario Universities:** [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)

**My Gap Year:** [www.mygapyear.ca](http://www.mygapyear.ca)

**Education & Career Planning:** [myBlueprint.ca](http://myBlueprint.ca)

### 2019/2020 Guidance Department Members:

Reminder, all students are welcome to book appointments with their guidance counsellor, as needed.

Counsellors:	Last Name Alpha	
Mr. Fuller email: <a href="mailto:mark.fuller@yrdsb.ca">mark.fuller@yrdsb.ca</a>	A-I	<b>IB Coordinator:</b> Ms. Gordner email: <a href="mailto:nicole.gordner@yrdsb.ca">nicole.gordner@yrdsb.ca</a>
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Ms. Durbacz, <b>Department Head</b> email: <a href="mailto:sue.durbacz@yrdsb.ca">sue.durbacz@yrdsb.ca</a>	Q-Z	<b>Guidance Secretary:</b> Mrs. Renfer - Ext. 101

### Math Help

TVO Mathify ([tvomathify.com](http://tvomathify.com)) provides live after-school math tutoring by Ontario certified teachers for students in Grade 7 to 10 math. Mathify is free to use. The newly extended hours are Sunday to Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. There is a Mathify Open House from September 23 to October 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### 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 behavioural 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).

### Vaping

As you are likely aware, smoking and vaping are not allowed in school, on school property, during school activities, on school buses, or within 20 metres of school grounds. They also affect one's health.

Here is a link to an article on the topic of vaping written by a pediatric respirologist at Sick Kids Hospital. At the end of the article, there is a link to a Health Canada fact sheet about talking to your child about vaping.

<https://www.sickkids.ca/AboutSickKids/perspective/staff-volunteer/vaping-and-back-to-school.html>

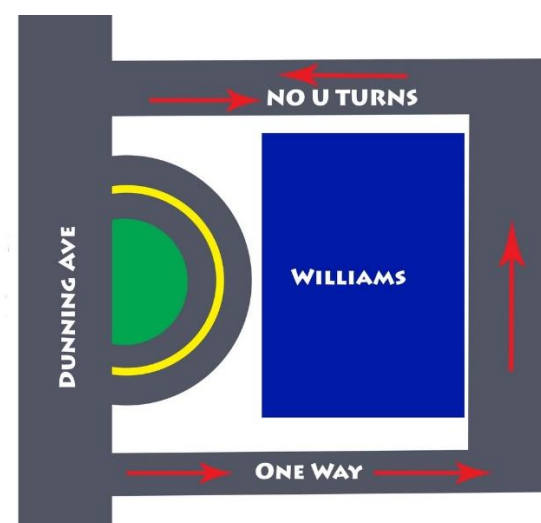
### Driveway and Parking Lot

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:

- Thanksgiving Day – Monday, October 14, 2019
- 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, September 23, 2019
- Monday, October 21, 2019
- Friday, November 15, 2019
- Friday, January 31, 2020
- Friday, May 1, 2020
- Thursday, June 25, 2020
- Friday, June 26, 2020

### Use of Perfumes and Scented Products

Perfumes and other scented products can have a negative impact on the health and well-being of some of our students and staff members. Allergies and sensitivities to scented chemicals can cause reactions in individuals which include shortness of breath, headaches and migraines, nausea and muscle pain, and cold-like symptoms. This can have a profound impact on an individual's ability to participate in class and to learn at school. Students and staff have been asked to be considerate of those who are sensitive to scented products by refraining from using such products and replacing them with unscented alternatives.

Please remind your son/daughter about the importance of not wearing or using scented products to or at school. This will help us to maintain a school environment inclusive and respectful of all its members. Thank you!

### 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	
Exam feedback for Period 4 classes			10:40 – 11:20	
Consultation with teachers by appointment & promotion meetings			12:00 – 3:00	