



Williams' Tell Weekly – Parent Edition

Week of: September 16 – 20, 2019

Trait of the Month: Respect

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

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| MON, Sept. 16 | Parent Council @ 7:00 p.m. HOSA Meeting in Room 120 @ 11:10 a.m. |
| TUE, Sept. 17 | Fantasy Sports Club Meeting in Room 201 @ 11:45 a.m. |
| WED, Sept. 18 | Chess and Games Club Meeting every Wednesday in Room 224 @ 11:00 a.m. |
| THU, Sept. 19 | We Day (all day at Scotiabank Arena) |
| FRI, Sept. 20 | |

Upcoming:

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| MON, Sept. 23 | PA Day: Compliance Training |
| TUE, Sept. 24 | Me to We Club Meeting in Room 102 @ 11:45 a.m. |
| WED, Sept. 25 | |
| THU, Sept. 26 | Terry Fox Run (Period 2) |
| FRI, Sept. 27 | MADD Assembly (Period 4) |

Notices

Documents for Signing

This week, the school held assemblies for students in Grades 10 to 12 regarding school procedures and expectations about maintaining a welcoming, inclusive, safe school atmosphere. (A similar assembly was held for Grade 9 students on the first day of school.)

At the beginning of the semester, students received a "Start-up Package" with details about school and Board policies and procedures. Please review the school and Board policies and procedures with your son/daughter. Please complete the forms on pages 3 and 4 of the "Start-up Package" and have your child return this sheet to his/her homeroom teacher or the main office.

Driveway and Parking Lot

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 between Dunning Avenue and 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.

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 2:45 to 3:15. Only school buses and taxis 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 buses and taxis leave the front driveway loop around 3:15, regular traffic may use this area.

School Council

The first School Council meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the school library. All parents/guardians of Williams' students are welcome to join. Elections for School Council positions will be held on this evening.

Aquatic Leadership Program

Be certified as a lifeguard ready for employment

Effective September 2019, the Aquatic Leadership Program will be offered in partnership between the York Region District School Board, Continuing Education and the Town of Aurora. The program uses a blended learning format consisting of pool instruction, face-to-face instruction and on-line learning to deliver Ministry of Education credits and Swim, Lifeguarding and Instructor Certifications.

Upon completion, successful students may earn the following courses and certifications:

- Secondary School Grade 10 Credit - Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities –
- Bronze Cross (National Lifeguard Certification)
- Bronze Medallion (National Lifeguard Certification)
- Standard First Aid with CPR C

Students must pass the final exam for each aquatic course including the in-water examinations in order to receive their Swim, Lifeguarding and Swim and Lifesaving instructor qualifications. Credits and aquatic certifications may be granted independently.

Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex, 1400 Wellington St. East, Aurora, ON L4G 7B6

905-726-4770

Mondays and Wednesdays September 25, 2019 – January 22, 2020 and Saturday Dec. 7, 2019

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Participants must be 13 years or older Currently attending Secondary School and able to swim 400 meters continuously.

\$200 Covers all materials and Exam Fees

For more information visit: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/ALP-Overview.aspx>

Contact: YRDSB Continuing Education Services at (905) 884-3434 or aquaticleadership@yrdsb.ca

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.

EQAO Semester 1

All Grade 9 Semester One math students in Grade 9 Applied Math (MFM1P) and Grade 9 Academic Math (MPM1D) will be writing the EQAO Math Assessments on January 20 and January 21. All Grade 9 Semester Two math students in Grade 9 Applied Math (MFM1P) and Grade 9 Academic Math (MPM1D) will be writing the EQAO Math Assessments on June 12 and June 15. Attendance for both these dates is mandatory. Please do not schedule any appointments or trips during these days. The EQAO Math Assessment counts towards 5% of the student's final math grade.

- Semester One Grade 9 EQAO Math Dates: January 20 and January 21
- Semester Two Grade 9 EQAO Math Dates: June 12 and June 15

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| Extensions: | |
| Reception | 0 |
| Attendance | 1 |
| Guidance | 3 |
| Staff Directory | 4 |

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
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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

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 | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 20 Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment <u>(Day 1)</u> | 21 Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment <u>(Day 2)</u> | 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 | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 15 Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment <u>(Day 2)</u> | 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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