



# Walter Scott Public School

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*"A Place Where Everyone Belongs"*



**JUNE  
Final  
2014**

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[www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

## From your Administrative Team!

It's hard to believe the end of June is near! It has been a exciting and fulfilling school year. June is a time to celebrate the people we have met, the relationships we have fostered, our learning and how we have grown.

While there is much to be celebrated, June is also a time of change. While our new JK students are eagerly awaiting their chance to begin school; our Grade 8 students are embarking on new adventures as they head off to high school; and other students and families will be leaving our community. We hope all will take with them fond memories of Walter Scott P. S.

At this time, we also say good bye to some of our staff members who will be heading to new opportunities. We bid a fond farewell to Ms. Ansari, Ms. Day, Ms. Del Pino, Ms. Gillespie, Ms. A. Hill, Ms. Jones, Ms. Ross, Ms. Scalia, Ms. Selvarajan and Ms. Thatcher. We appreciate their dedication and service during their time at Walter Scott P.S. They will be greatly missed! Please join us in congratulating Ms. Sebald who is expecting a new baby and is beginning her maternity leave. We wish her and her family a healthy and happy delivery! We are very pleased to welcome back Ms. Lloyd and Ms. Patterson from their maternity leaves in September.

Report cards went home on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. As changes may occur over the summer, tentative teacher names and class placements are not included with the June report card. Class placement information will be provided when students return to school in September.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. To ensure a smooth start on the first day of school, staff will be available starting at 8:15 a.m. to direct students to their new homeroom teacher. All grade 1-8 students will meet at the back of the school. Classroom teachers will call out the names of students belonging to the class. If it rains, we will meet in the gym. SK students will meet in the fenced kindergarten playground. JK students be coming to school from 9:00 to 10:10 a.m. or from 1:30 to 2:10 p.m.

The school office will re-open on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> for registrations. During the summer families may register at our Community Education Centre, 317 Centre St. E. Richmond Hill (905) 884-4477 (July 7-10 and August 5-7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Information is also available at [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca).

We wish you all the very best for a relaxing, safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you in the new school year. Have a wonderful holiday!

Sincerely,  
Kim Maybury  
Principal

Deanna Durfy  
Vice-Principal



**Happy Summer  
Holidays!**

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to seeing you  
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September 2nd!**

## [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) Student Transportation Services Website

The STS website is a valuable tool for families and contains important transportation information including:

- Bus stop location, route information and service times for all schools
- Daily late bus listings
- First time rider safety events
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- STS information brochure
- Policies and procedures

Please visit the website, for answers to transportation questions.



## Helpful Student Transportation Tips For Families

Please consider the following helpful tips when preparing for your child to ride the bus to and from school.

- Often parents want to drive children to school on the first day. Student Transportation Services recommends that if you drive your children to school the first day, you also pick them up
- Communicate any changes to daycare locations to your child's school prior to the start of the school year to ensure your child is placed on the correct bus
- JK, SK and Grade 1 students must be met at the bus stop by a parent/guardian
- Keep current phone and emergency contact numbers up to date with the school office.
- Record the bus company and route # for your child and keep it in a safe and accessible place.
- Have an alternative arrangement for your child should unexpected circumstances such as traffic delay or any other emergency occurs.

Student Transportation Services of York Region would like to thank you for your cooperation as we continually focus on providing safe and efficient transportation for students.

## September School Bus Transportation Notice

Each summer, Student Transportation Services of York Region makes adjustments to bus route schedules to accommodate new students and new school openings. As a result, some students experience changes in their bus schedule or route number. Please confirm bus stop service for September by checking [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) as of August 18. If you are unable to find the information you require, please contact your school.

During the first two weeks of school, students should arrive at their bus stop *ten minutes early*. After this, students are asked to arrive 5 minutes early, as each bus route develops its regular routine and service times.

### **Transportation Eligibility**

In accordance with Board policies, transportation is provided for students who live within their designated Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone. Transportation eligibility changes throughout a student's school career. **Please note students currently in Grade 3 and Grade 8 who use school bus service may see a change in their eligibility as they transition to Grade 4 and Grade 9.**

### **Eligibility JK - Grade 8**

- All students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

Parents of students entering Grade 4 and Grade 9 may confirm their transportation eligibility to accessing the Bus Stop Information tab at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com). Students not eligible for transportation who wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at [www.yrt.ca](http://www.yrt.ca) or phone 1-866-668-3978.

## School Council BBQ



On behalf of the students and staff, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to our School Council for hosting our annual BBQ lunch!

We appreciate the tremendous amount of time, work and organization, required in preparation for such a large undertaking. Thank you to our parent volunteers who came out to make this such an enjoyable event!

Early Friday morning, the delicious smells of sizzling burgers began wafting throughout the building, as our BBQ chefs began cooking and setting up in the gym, with condiments, chips, water, napkins, and snacks, ready to receive and feed several hundred students in a 15-20 minute time period at lunch. No small feat!

Everything went smoothly and students headed back to class, burgers in-hand, along with a wonderful side order of smiles!

## **Registration During the Summer**

To assist families who have not yet had a chance to register or who will be moving into our school community, the Community Education Centre, Central office will be open for registration for an additional two weeks in July when our school office is closed. Families may register at CEC Central, 317 Centre St. E., Richmond Hill (905) 884-4477 during the following weeks:

9:00 to 3:00 p.m.

July 7 - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and August 5 - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Please share this information with neighbours who may be new to our school community.

## **Important Dates 2014 - 2015**

September 1	Labour Day Holiday
September 2	First Day of School for SK to Grade 8 JK 9:30 to 10:10 am <b>OR</b> 1:30-2:10 pm
September 3	First Full Day for JK students
September 11	Meet the Staff Night
October 13, 2014	Thanksgiving Holiday
October 27	PA day
November	Progress Report Cards
November 13	Student Led Conferences
November 14	Student Led Conferences/PA day
December 22 to January 2, 2015	Winter Break
January 16	PA day
February 2	PA day
February 16	Family Day Holiday
March 16—20	March Break
April 3	Good Friday Holiday
April 6	Easter Monday Holiday
May 18	Victoria Day Holiday
May 25 to June 5	EQAO
June 5	PA Day
June 16	Regional Track and Field meet
June 24	Grade 8 Graduation
June 25	Grade 8 Luncheon
June 26	PA Day



## Student Council

Student Council Elections for the 2014-2015 school year were held on Thursday, June 6th. All candidates did an outstanding job during our electoral campaign, which culminated in a presentation to all students in grades 4-7. Through their participation in the campaign, our candidates showed tremendous commitment and dedication to their school. We are very proud of all of them!

The following students were elected to our 2014-2015 Student Council:

President:	Anthony C.
Vice-President:	Insiya S.
Treasurer:	Roshan S.
Secretary:	Leeanna Y.

*Congratulations everyone on a job well done!*



## Pick Up Medication

If your child has medication, inhalers or Epi-pens, at the office, please arrange to have them picked up by Thursday, June 27th. Medication not picked up will be discarded.

## Track and Field

### Area

The Area Track and Field meet was held on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. All athletes who attended the meet, represented Walter Scott P.S. with flying colours! Congratulations to the following students who placed at the Area track and field meet:

#### Junior

3rd	100 m.	Junhyeok H.
3rd	Running Long	Junhyeok H.
3rd	Shot Put	Leanna L.
5th	100 m.	Insiya S.
6th	200 m.	Insiya S.

#### Intermediate

5th	1500 m.	Martin V.
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#### Senior

1st	Shot Put	Borna Y.
2nd	200 m.	Marquez S.
2nd	1500 m.	Victoria K.
4th	Shot Put	Andres E.
4th	Standing Long	Marquez S.



### Regional

Students who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Area meet, went on to compete at the Regional Track and Field meet that was held on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following students:

Senior	4th	Shot Put	Borna Y.
	5th	200 m.	Marquez S.
	8th	1500 m.	Victoria K.

We are very proud of all the participants! Your dedication and hard work paid off!

Thank you to our staff Mr. Barton, Ms. Kastelic and Ms. Opoku for supporting and encouraging our students' participation in these events.



## Perfect Attendance!

We are very pleased to recognize the following students who achieved perfect attendance!

This is a significant achievement and we are so very proud of them and their commitment to their learning!

### Junior Kindergarten

### Senior Kindergarten

#### Grade 1

Liisa O.

#### Grade 2

#### Grade 3

Sydney P.

#### Grade 4

#### Grade 5

Felix K.  
Nao N.

#### Grade 6

Saghar J.  
Dylan P.  
Kai De X.  
Helen Z.

#### Grade 7

Vivan R.

#### Grade 8

Bryan L.



## Outstanding Attendance!

The following students demonstrated impressive attendance - no more than three missed days and no more than three lates! Well done!

### Junior Kindergarten

### Senior Kindergarten

Husai J.  
Leon N.  
Omar S.  
Orestis V.

#### Grade 1

Emerson E.  
Cameron L.  
Riley M.

#### Grade 2

Melanie L.  
Arash M.  
Dante N.  
Lisa P.  
Joshua R.  
Arshia T.  
Artin Z.

#### Grade 3

Lora D.  
Daniel H.  
Moyosore I.  
Matin K.  
Fargol M.  
Connor P.  
Ali S.  
Ilektra V.

#### Grade 4

Negar A.  
Terrence C.  
Thomas O.  
Larusan U.

### Grade 5

Kori A.  
Katie L.  
Ilyar S.  
Leeanne S.  
Taylor Z.

### Grade 6

Jun H.  
Eric K.  
Michaela K.  
Steve L.  
Helya M.  
Matthew T.  
Lucas W.  
Kayvan Y.

### Grade 7

Nima A.  
Aarya A.  
Javaughn J.  
Sydney S.

### Grade 8

Elizabeth A.  
Samantha G.  
Parsa H.  
Farbod M.  
Samuel P.  
Nicholas P.  
Hyobin R.  
Edmond R.  
Gordon T.  
Wesley T.



## Honour Roll

We are pleased to recognize the academic success of these students who have achieved Honour Roll distinction.

Students must achieve 79.5% or higher in Term 2. This represents a considerable achievement on the part of each student, supported by their family and teachers.

## Congratulations!

### Grade 7

Javaughn J.  
Sasha L.  
Roshan S.  
Aliasghar S.  
Katherine S.  
Sydney S.  
Rafae T.  
Tina Y.  
Kevin Z.

### Grade 8

Elizabeth A.  
Kelly B.  
Mike C.  
Nathaniel E.  
Samantha G.  
Victoria K.  
Bryan L.  
Bohina M.  
Emma M.  
Eftelya N.  
Samuel P.  
Avarza P.  
Hyobin R.  
Fuad S.  
Radha S.  
Gordon T.



## Changes for 2014-2015

### Kindergarten Entry

Starting in September 2014, our Kindergarten students may be dropped off outside in the pen area and may go directly inside to their classrooms at 8:15 a.m. Our staff will be on duty inside to receive them.

All other students will be supervised outside starting at 8:15 am and then go inside, once the bell rings at 8:30 am, as has been our practice this year.

### Cycle Schedule

In September 2014, all schools in the York Region District School Board will be operating on a 5 day cycle calendar. Our timetables, schedules, etc. will follow a Day 1 to Day 5 schedule, rather than our traditional Monday to Friday schedule.



### School Hours

School hours for 2014-2015 are as follows:

8:25 a.m.	Morning Entry
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Period 1
9:30 - 10:10 a.m.	Period 2
10:10 - 10:40 a.m.	Recess
10:40 - 11:30 a.m.	Period 3
11:30 - 12:20 p.m.	Period 4
12:20 - 1:20 p.m.	Lunch
1:20 - 2:20 p.m.	Period 5
2:20 - 3:00 p.m.	Period 6
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal



### Before / After School Program

The before and after school program at WSPS is run by the YMCA. This program is available for students in Kindergarten, up to the age of 12. The hours of operation are from 7:00-8:30 a.m. and from 3:00-6:00 p.m. For information, call 416-843-1004.



**Promise me you'll  
always remember:**

**You're braver  
than you believe  
and stronger  
than you seem  
and smarter  
than you think.**

Christopher Robin to  
Pooh  
-by A. A. Milne





## Summer Fun for Walter Scott P.S. Families



The Walter Scott Parenting and Family Literacy Centre will close on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> but there are lots of activities to enjoy in the Walter Scott area for you and your family!

ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE		
10610 Bayview Avenue		
Oak Ridges		
Mondays 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. July 1 – August 26	Fun with Shapes, Letters & Colours	Ages 30 – 48 months
Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. July 3 – August 28	Family Fun	Ages 0 – 6 years
Saturday 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. July 5 only	Dad, Grandpa, Uncle and Me	Ages 0 – 6 years with a male figure

For more information: <http://www.children.gov.on.ca/Scripts/EventCalendar/CalendarView.aspx?CalendarID=8>

RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY		
1 Atkinson Street		
Central Branch		
Tuesdays 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. July 8 – August 19	Tales for Twos	Ages 24 – 36 months
Tuesdays 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. July 8 – August 19	Time for Toddlers	Ages 12 – 24 months
Mon. / Weds. / Thurs. / Sat. 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. July 5 – August 30	Family Storytime	Ages 0 – 6 years
Wednesdays 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. July 9 – August 20 Thursdays 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. July 10 – August 21	Mother Goose Babies	Ages 0 – 12 months

For more information: <http://www.rhpl.richmondhill.on.ca/programs/>

### TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL CAMPS

Offers a large variety of both full and half-day camps with a number of different themes including sports, adventure and theatre. The camps are geared towards your child's interests and are available for ages 3 onwards. Cost varies depending on the camp.

For more information: [http://www.richmondhill.ca/documents/summer\\_camp\\_fiver.pdf](http://www.richmondhill.ca/documents/summer_camp_fiver.pdf)

THE WAVE POOL		
5 Hopkins Street		
905-508-9283		
Mon / Wed / Fri / Sun 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.	Leisure Swim	Children 0 – 3 years - Free Children 3 – 15 years - \$2.50 Adults 16 – 64 years - \$3.75
Mondays - Sundays 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Sat / Sun 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Wave Swim	Children 0 – 3 years - Free Children 3 – 15 years - \$5.25 Adults 16 – 64 years - \$8.50

For more information: [http://www.richmondhill.ca/documents/leisureguide\\_rec\\_swim\\_schedule\\_summer.pdf](http://www.richmondhill.ca/documents/leisureguide_rec_swim_schedule_summer.pdf)



The Walter Scott Parenting and Family Literacy Centre will re-open on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

*Have a great summer!*





# September 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 First Day of School	3 First Full Day for Junior Kindergarten Students	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Meet the Staff Night	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				