



# Walter Scott Public School

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*"A Place Where Everyone Belongs"*

## October 2017

### Administrative Team

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### Transportation

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

### School Hours

8:15 a.m.	Kindergarten Entry
8:25 a.m.	Morning Bell Entry
8:30-9:10	Period 1
9:10-10:10	Period 2
10:10-10:40	Recess
10:40-11:40	Period 3
11:40-12:20	Period 4
12:20-1:20	Lunch
1:20-2:20	Period 5
2:20-3:00	Period 6

### Important Dates

Oct. 4	Cross Country Meet
Oct. 6	Curriculum Night (6:00 p.m.)
Oct. 2-6	Book Fair
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 10	Gr. 7 Immunizations
Oct. 20	PA Day (no school)
Oct. 27	School Council (12:15-1:15)
Oct. 31	Halloween

### From Your Administrative Team!

What a wonderful start to September! Walter Scott PS has welcomed many new families into our community. September was a month focused on creating caring, safe and inclusive learning environments grounded in a growth mindset.

Thanksgiving is next weekend and having hearts full of gratitude and appreciation is something to be cherished. We are thankful you are partnering with us to support your child's learning. Talking with your child about school is a time to connect with them about learning. Here are a few questions that will start the conversation!

1. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
2. Where is the coolest place at the school?
3. How did you help somebody today?
4. When were you the happiest today?
5. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
6. What was your favorite part of lunch?
7. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?

We are pleased to let you know that our school enrolment has increased. As a result, we have made changes to our school organization. We have adjusted the number of students in classes, in accordance with Ministry of Education expectations and guidelines. We are pleased to report that students adjusted quickly and have settled into their learning. Thank you to everyone for your support as we worked through this process.

Our EQAO results for the 2016-2017 year for grades 3 and 6 were received and the individual student results went home to families in September. At school, we are in the process of analyzing the results and will use this information, as well as other classroom assessment data, to plan instruction and to identify areas for continued growth in our teaching practices.

We wish everyone a great October and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Andrea Welburn  
Principal

Janine Franklin  
Vice-Principal

## Coffee Chat with Trustees and Board Chair

The Coffee Chat with Trustees and Board Chair series continues with upcoming coffee chats with details below. The coffee chats offer an opportunity for members of the YRDSB community to meet with their trustees and discuss a variety of topics.



Board Vice-Chair Corrie McBain & Board Chair Lorelea Carruthers  
October 4, 2017  
10 a.m – Noon  
[Richmond Green S.S.](#): 1 William F. Bell Parkway Richmond Hill, ON

## Attention Intermediate Students!



### Alexander MacKenzie Arts Information Night

Arts Mackenzie is hosting its annual Arts Information Night on **October 25, 2017** at 7 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. Grade 7, 8 and 9 students interested in the YRDSB Specialized Arts program are encouraged to attend with their parents/guardians. Please visit our website for more information.

### Bill Crothers Information Night

Bill Crothers Secondary School is a unique, system-wide program that provides an inclusive and engaging learning environment for students who are motivated by healthy active living and sport while achieving academic success. Information Night at Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario is on **Thursday October 12th, 2017** from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Applications will be available from the website on **Friday October 13, 2017**. For further information, contact [shirley.difebo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:shirley.difebo@yrdsb.ca)

## It's School Portrait Time!

School photographs will be taken on October 11 and 12, 2017. The photographers from West Photo suggest that students wear solid coloured clothing, free of heavy patterns and logos. Individual and class photographs will be taken. Please see the chart below for your child's photo day.

### Wednesday, October 11

- Ms Masciello
- Ms Lloyd
- Ms Miller
- Ms Dato
- Ms Dhruv
- Ms Beattie
- Ms Wisken
- Ms Park
- Ms Gelman
- Ms Wodzinski
- Ms Lu

### Thursday, October 12

- Mr Branoff
- Mr. Quanbury
- Mr Goddard
- Ms Pepin
- Ms Power
- Ms. Jagielnik
- Ms Abramson



Students who are absent on October 11 will have their photo taken on October 12. Photo retake day is scheduled for the morning of November 9.



### Meet the Staff Night

You won't want to miss a night of meeting your child's teacher, visiting their classroom and connecting with other families. Come out this Thursday, October 5, 2017.

6:00 pm – Homeroom Presentation #1

6:30 pm – Homeroom Presentation #2 (presentation #1 repeated for families with multiple children)

Hope to see you then!

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school and you are invited to come and share in this celebration of literacy with us!

Please join us on **October 2nd - 6th** and help us fill our school with new books and much-needed resources. The Book Fair will be located in our school's library. On the evening of Meet the Staff (October 5th) come stop by anytime between **3-4pm** and again at **5:30-7:30pm** to look at the books offered and to deposit your ballot for a chance to WIN \$25 in books for your home library and \$25 in books for your classroom library. A total of \$50 worth of books!



Looking forward to seeing you all at the Book Fair!

### Breakfast Club

BREAKFAST CLUB has begun. All students are welcome to a FREE nutritious breakfast each morning starting at 8:00 a.m. Students are welcome to come, enjoy breakfast and then go outside to play.

### Email Communication

In keeping with our eco-theme, Walter Scott P.S. uses email to send notices and newsletters. If you are not receiving our newsletter, please notify the office and we will be sure to add or correct your email information.



### Buses Only Loop

To keep students safe, our bus loop and parking lot are closed in the morning at 8:15 a.m. and in the afternoon starting at 2:45 p.m.

This allows the children to safely get on and off their buses. It also keeps the students who walk to school out of the way of moving vehicles. There are staff members on duty in the bus loop to ensure vehicles are moving safely through the parking lot area.

Please park along the boulevard beside the school or on the side streets near the school. Be mindful of the parking restriction signs!

Thank you for keep our students safe!

### School Cash ONLINE

Our school will be accepting online payments through School Cash Online. School related expenses such as pizza, field trips, and fundraisers will be online for you to make payment through credit card or debit.

Please register using the information in the School Package. You will need your child's student number which can be found on their June Report Card. You can register using the School Cash Online button on the bottom of the school website at

<http://walterscott.ps.yrdsb.ca/>  
or at <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Please register as soon as possible.



### **Attendance Matters!**

Punctuality and attendance are lifelong skills that are developed in the formative years. As parents, we play a key role in fostering this development.

When children are absent, they miss lessons and are unprepared for the next learning. They return with the added pressure of trying to catch up on missed work, as well as trying to cope with new material. This can create learning gaps and limits their academic progress.

All students, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, need to be at school everyday to build a foundation for the next learning and ensure their academic progress..

**Set your child up for success,  
have them at school every day!**



### **Attendance / Safe Arrival**

**Call Us!**  
**to report your child's absence**  
**(905) 884-2693**

When you know your child is going to be absent, please send a note to the teacher in advance. When the absence or late arrival is unplanned, please call the office.

The answering machine is always on, so you can leave a message any time - day or night. Press 1 to leave a message. By calling, you let us know that your child is safe. It saves us from interrupting your day, calling you at work, trying to locate you, or calling all the emergency contact phone numbers to ensure your child is safe.



When a child is not accounted for, we will :

- Call home to see if the child is there, then
- Call the parent/guardian at work/mobile, then
- Call the emergency phone numbers, and finally (if we are unable to speak to anyone to confirm the child's safety),
- Call the York Regional Police.

**This call is a safety check; in accordance with the YRDSB Safe Arrival Policy #665.**

### **Family Contact Information (Office Index Card)**

A copy of your current Family contact information, was sent home in September. This includes your cellular, work, and home telephone numbers, as well as the names and telephone numbers of your child's emergency contacts (e.g. the people to call if we can't reach you). If you have not already done so, please return this printed sheet as soon as possible.

This information is very important, as we rely on it when we need to contact parents. Having current telephone numbers or e-mail contact, is vital in the case of an emergency or injury.

If your information has changed and you have a new work or cell phone number, please let us know. Write the change on the sheet and return it to the office or call us (905) 884-2693



## Halloween Reminders...

As Halloween is fast approaching, we wanted to share information with you so your child will come prepared to participate in our school activities.

Our Halloween tradition includes a parade at the school. Our Kindergarten and Grade 1-3 students will parade on Tuesday, October 31st. The parade will take place first thing in the morning (8:30 am to 8:45 am), following O Canada. Parents are welcome to line the foyer/hallway for photo opportunities. Following the Halloween Parade, we will be inviting students in each division down to the gym for a Halloween Dance at different times throughout the day. Snacks for \$1 will be sold at the door!

As you begin to plan your children's Halloween costumes, please remember that children are not permitted to wear full masks or bring in weapons or toy/replica weapons as part of their costume. As part of our Healthy Schools initiative, please do not send in candy or "treats" for students on Halloween. If you want to support your child and his or her classroom consider healthy alternatives like a veggie or fruit tray.

At this time, it is important to remember that the York Region District School Board's Policy, #668 Caring and Supportive Schools:

*Students are expected to demonstrate behaviours that positively impact the learning environment by following the Caring and Safe Schools policy and related procedures. Inappropriate behaviour that must be avoided at all times includes:*

- *Being in possession of a weapon or replica weapon, including firearms.*



**Please be aware, this policy applies to all students at all levels Kindergarten to Grade 8.  
We are looking forward to having an enjoyable and safe Halloween!**

## Birthday Celebrations

Birthdays are very special days to honor and celebrate your child. We sometimes receive requests to hold birthday celebrations at school (e.g. hand out doughnuts, cake, pop, McDonald's, etc.), with families offering to bring in treats for the class. Please keep birthday celebrations at home so we can focus on learning at school. Please do not send in food for birthday celebrations as we will not distribute it. Should you wish to celebrate your child at school feel free to:



- Donate a book to the classroom library/school library in honor of your child. This is a gift that will last for years to come.
- Donate recess equipment in your child's name for the classroom to use (e.g., balls, jump ropes, hula hoops, frisbees, etc.)
- Donate an indoor game or activity in your child's name that can be used for indoor recess on bad weather days.

### \*\*\*Medication Alert\*\*\*

If your child requires medication (e.g., inhaler, Epi-pen), please bring it to the office immediately or call the office to let us know you are sending it with your child.

It is important that these medications are on hand and available to your child in the event of an emergency. We also need to complete the required documentation for the administration of the medication. You can pick the form up from the office, or we will send it home to you.



Any medications sent to school must be stored at the school office.

### Allergies



**Please communicate a child's life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as you are aware of it.** Please notify the office and your child's teacher so that we have accurate records and establish the protocol to follow with your child.

We appreciate your support in working towards providing a safe environment for all our students.

### School Bus 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 YRDSB students in JK - Grade 3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4 - 8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.

#### Eligibility Grade 9-12

- All YRDSB 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 who are eligible for transportation may review bus stop information by visiting [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) . Grade 9 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.

## **It's Time to Remind Children About Being Safe in Our Community.**



With the start of another school year, it's a good time for families to remind children about personal safety. Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because they are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- Always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.
- It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy when possible.

It is never too early or too late to teach children the importance of personal safety. Common sense, communication and consistency are the keys. Remind children to alert a responsible adult if something strange happens that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

For more information on this subject, visit [www.yrp.ca](http://www.yrp.ca).

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Day 4	<b>3</b> Day 5 Pizza Day Frozen Yoghurt \$2 every Tuesday	<b>4</b> Day 1 Area Cross Country Meet	<b>5</b> Day 2 Meet the Staff Night 6:00 pm  Frozen Yoghurt \$2 every Thursday	<b>6</b> Day 3	<b>7</b>
October 2nd to 6th Scholastic Book Fair in Library: Thursday night 3-4pm and again at 5:30-7:30pm						
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Thanksgiving (no school)	<b>10</b> Day 4 Pizza Day Frozen Yoghurt \$2 every Tuesday  Grade 7 Immunizations Hep B & HPV	<b>11</b> Day 5 Picture Day!	<b>12</b> Day 1 Picture Day!  Frozen Yoghurt \$2 every Thursday	<b>13</b> Day 2 School Council 1:30-2:45pm	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Day 2	<b>24</b> Day 3 Pizza Day Frozen Yoghurt \$2 every Tuesday	<b>25</b> Day 4 Bus Safety Day	<b>26</b> Day 5 Frozen Yoghurt \$2 every Thursday	<b>27</b> Day 1	<b>28</b>
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