

WENDAT WEEKLY

FROM THE PRINCIPALS' DESK

Hello Families,

We have had a great week at Wendat Village! We have been enjoying the sunshine and fall weather. The weather is changing and we want to remind families to send students ready for the colder weather.

Students attended Regional Cross Country today, we are very proud of all their effort and their achievements! The Intermediate Lego Robotics club begins next week. We look forward to seeing all the great coding and learning.

A reminder to please adhere to municipality by-laws when driving in the parking lot of our school. Cars cannot be left parked at entrance/exits or in the fire route. Thank you for your cooperation.

To our school community that celebrate Diwali, we wish you a Diwali that brings happiness, prosperity and joy to you and all your family.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Sheryl Gray
Principal

Kelly Maggiras
Vice-Principal

PARENT / FAMILY CHECKLIST



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Jump Start at SDSS

On Tuesday, October 15th, thirteen of our Intermediate students participated in the annual 'Jump Start' program at SDSS. This program, led by senior students on the SDSS Music Council (a couple of which are previous students of WVPS), provided students with over an hour of instruction on their band instrument. It was exciting to see our students focused, engaged in learning about their instrument, and successful in creating sound.



Important Back-to-School Reminders

As we finish the first few weeks of school, we want to share a few important reminders and updates.

Contact Information

We ask families to ensure the school office has the most up-to-date contact information. This is important in case of emergencies and to ensure you receive important school communications. If your contact information has changed, please contact the school office. This includes phone numbers, addresses and email addresses.

Family Portal

York Region District School Board is looking forward to launching a family portal later this year. The portal will make it easier for you to access information about your child's education in a secure and accessible way. To access the portal, it will be essential that the school has an updated email address for you. Please contact the school office if you need to update your email address. We look forward to sharing more information about this initiative with you soon.

School Start-Up Forms

Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with a link to school start-up forms. These forms must be completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain information and permissions.

The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. Translated versions are also available.

[Tips are available](#) on the Board website if you need additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPs account to complete the forms. Please note:

- You must sign in to your child's student GAPPs account to complete the form.
- You must complete a separate form for each child attending school. Please ensure you log out of one student account before logging into another. You will not be able to submit the form twice logged into the same student account.
- If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school office.
- Secondary school students can complete the secondary school student form at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>. They will also receive the link in their student GAPPs account. Elementary school students do not need to complete these student forms.

RESOURCE SHEET

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION IN YORK REGION SCHOOLS

SUPPORTING SCHOOLS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF STUDENTS

We are here to help

- Questions? Call Immunization Services at 1-877-464-9675 ext.73456

Links

- [York.ca/GetImmunized](https://york.ca/GetImmunized): Direct parents, guardians or students here to submit records online
- [York.ca/immunizations](https://york.ca/immunizations): Provides more information about student immunizations
- [Ministry of Health](#): For publicly-funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario
- [Immunization of School Pupils Act \(ISPA\)](#): This legislation requires children and adolescents attending primary or secondary school to be appropriately immunized against designated diseases, unless they have a valid exemption.
- [Health Protection and Promotion Act \(HPPA\)](#): This legislation outlines the duties and mandatory health programs of York Region Public Health

Submission methods

Immunization information can be submitted by:

- Online at Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON) at yrphu.icon.ehealthontario.ca
- Calling 1-877-464-9675, ext. 73456
- Faxing 1-866-258-2026

Board Website

Helpful information can be found on the YRDSB website at www.yrdsb.ca. A translation tool at the top of each page can translate content into over 80 languages. On the website, you can find information about board programs and student supports, as well as [online tools for students](#), [community supports](#) and [family resources](#) such as [translation information](#) and the [Guide to the School Year](#).



Inclusive School and Community Services, in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights, is offering:

Tenants' Housing Rights Free Virtual Workshops Fall 2024

All parents, guardians and staff are welcome to attend any of the free virtual workshops.

October 9th	1:00-2:30 pm	October 22nd	6:30-8:00 pm
October 28th	9:30-11:00 am	November 6th	6:30-8:00 pm
November 18th	1:00-2:30 pm	November 26th	9:30-11:00 am

Topics covered during each session by guest speakers:

Ayesha Adamjee, Program Lawyer, Canadian Centre for Housing Rights
Matthew Cheng, Program Lawyer, Canadian Centre for Housing Rights
Jessica Long, Program Lawyer, Canadian Centre for Housing Rights

- Beginning and ending a tenancy
- Maintenance
- Privacy
- Rent control
- Human rights, discrimination and accommodation
- Eviction prevention

Once you register, we will send you invites and links to the workshops.

Please [REGISTER](#) here.

For more information, contact:

Yvonne Kelly, Community and Partnership Developer at iscs@yrdsb.ca
or 905-895-5155 ext. 5124

With generous support from:



International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual celebration of active transportation that takes place around the world throughout the month of October. IWALK Month officially launches October 2, 2024.

When walking to school, here are some important safety tips to remember:

- Look all ways before you cross the street.
- Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing.
- Cross at intersections and crosswalks, when possible.
- Always make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street.
- Obey traffic signals and signs.
- Use a sidewalk if there is one.

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution and improve safety around your school.

If you choose to drive, please be mindful of students who walk and cycle, drive slowly and be highly vigilant of your surroundings. If your child is eligible for the bus/student transportation, have them walk to the bus stop. Riding the bus is sustainable!



Build Healthy Habits Now

The start of the school year is a good time to develop healthy habits!

We know that mornings can be busy. Did you know that walking, riding your bike or using another [active form of travel](#) to school even just a few times a week could:

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- improve physical and mental health and academic achievement
 - encourages social interaction and build connections
 - develop road safety skills
 - develop lifelong healthy habits
 - improve air quality, traffic congestion and safety around school zones
 - parents and family members meet other families in your neighbourhood and at the school
 - give you additional time to connect with your child
 - enhance the sense of community in our neighbourhood
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Consider walking or wheeling to school on a regular basis. If you drive, consider parking a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way. Even using active travel a few times a week can make a big difference.

Start building healthy habits now, and stay tuned for more events throughout the year to support active travel to school.

A Safe School Year

We encourage families wherever possible to take the school bus or to choose active travel. If you are driving, please remember that our school zones are busy with students and families. It is important that we all follow the rules to ensure student safety.

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- Use the kiss and ride. Do not use dedicated bus lanes.
 - Consider parking near the school and walking the rest of the way (obeying all neighbourhood parking rules) or using active travel.
 - Obey all speed limits and road traffic signs in school zones. Watch for crossing guards and students crossing the road.
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Let's all work together to help to ensure a safe school year!

SAFE ARRIVALS AND PARKING LOT TIPS

Student Safety Is A Community Effort.

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Walk, bike or scooter

Wendat Village P.S. is proud to be a 100% walking school. We encourage families to leave the keys, and walk when possible! Parking is free on side streets where signage is posted.



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Have a meeting spot

End of day dismissal can be a busy time. We encourage families to create a family "meeting spot" near the edge of the school property to alleviate congestion, and to help avoid creating a parking lot backlog.

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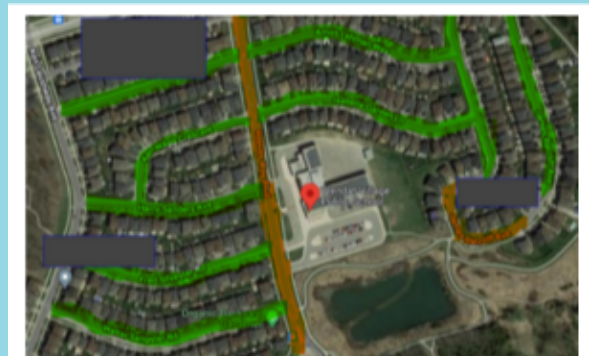
Front loop fines

Beware of standing or parking in the front loop along Reeves Way Blvd. This is an emergency fire route and is subject to ticketing and fines as per Whitchurch-Stouffville Bylaw. If you are entering the loop for any reason, you may be subject to costly tickets. **Wendat Village P.S. is not responsible for town issued parking tickets incurred while on school property.**



FREE AREA PARKING






Please note that on-street parking is available within walking distance of Wendat Village P.S. All streets marked in green on the map below offer free 3-hour parking. Please obey town signage and parking bylaws when parking your vehicle.





October/November



Monday October 28 Day 2	Tuesday October 29 Day 3	Wednesday October 30 DAY 4	Thursday October 31 DAY 5	Friday November 1 Day 1
<p>Int. Lego Robotics 10:40 am</p> <p>Int. Boys Volleyball Practice 1:10pm</p>  <p>Int. Boys Volleyball Home Game vs. Summitview after school</p>	 <p>Int. Boys Volleyball Away Game vs. Barbara Reid after school</p>	<p>Drama Club 10:40 am</p>  <p>Int. Boys Volleyball Practice @ Lunch Recess</p> <p>Int. Concert Band 3:30-4:45pm</p>  <p>Girls Int. Volleyball Home game vs. Glad Park after school</p>	<p>Int. Girls Volleyball Practice @ 8AM</p>  <p>Grade 8 Concert Band 1:00-1:45 pm</p>	<p>Diwali Diamond Day</p>

Upcoming Events

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| November 1 | -Diwali/Deepavali |
| November 4 | -Parent-Teacher Interview Scheduler opens (9:00 am) |
| November 4 | - Fall Fire Drill #3 |
| November 4 | -Dental Screening |
| November 6 | -Dental Screening |
| November 6 | - Grade 8s at Stouffville District Secondary School |
| November 8 | -Report cards emailed |
| November 11-15 | -Book fair |
| November 12 | -Parent-Teacher Interview Scheduler closes (9:00 am) |
| November 13 | -Photo retakes |
| November 14 | -Progress Report Card Interviews (pm) |
| November 15 | -PA Day - Progress Report Card Interviews (am) |

