



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: October 20, 2023

Two Weeks at a Glance



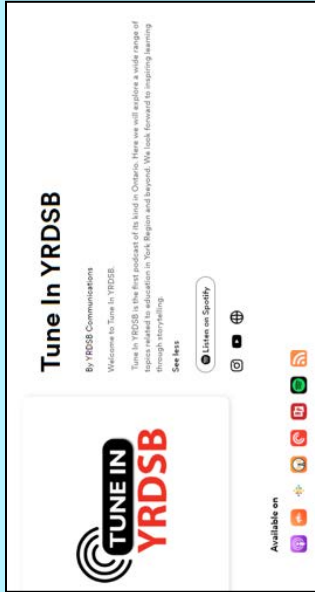
Monday, October 23 (Day 2) Swiss Chalet Lunch	Monday, October 30 (Day 2) Swiss Chalet Lunch Grade 8s at Cedar Glen Coffee Talk- 9:00am-10:30am- see below
Tuesday, October 24 (Day 3) Pizza lunch School Photo Day Regional Cross Country Meet	Tuesday, October 31 (Day 3) Halloween- see messaging below Pizza lunch Grade 8s at Cedar Glen
Wednesday, October 25 (Day 4) Astoria Lunch	Wednesday, November 1 (Day 4) -Astoria Lunch -Terra Cotta Cookie delivered to classrooms for snack time -School Council meeting- 6:30pm -Grade 8 Visit KCSS -Holocaust Education Week begins
Thursday, October 26 (Day 5) Grade 5s to Sainte Marie Among the Hurons	Thursday, November 2 (Day 5)
Friday, October 27 (Day 1)	Friday, November 3 (Day 1)

Sunday October 29- last day to order Big Box Cards- WRPS Fundraiser- see attachments!

Multifaith Observances for October

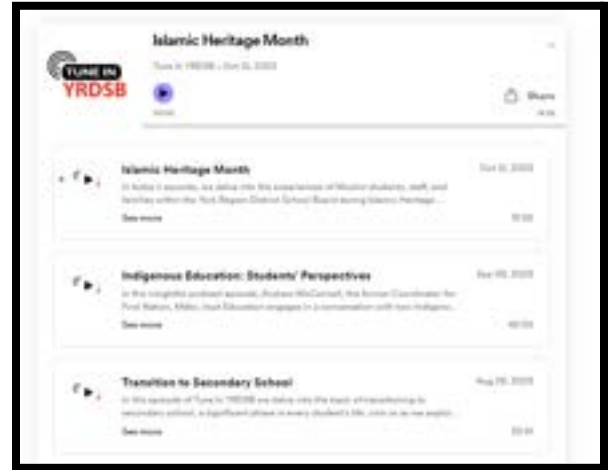
Best wishes to all families observing the dates below over the following two weeks.

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	🌙 Novruz	🌙 Dussehra				🌙 Paskal Lunat Eclipse 🌙 Full Moon
	🌙 Almasida Fashia Eilan	🌙 Kohina begins	🌙 Ganesh			
	🌙 Pitarana Day					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			🌙 Hunting Moon (local crescent) 🌙 Holocaust Education Week 🌙 Karma Chudhi 🌙 All Saints Day (St)			🌙 Oshra



Welcome to Tune In YRDSB.

Tune In YRDSB is the first podcast of its kind in Ontario. Here we will explore a wide range of topics related to education in York Region and beyond. We look forward to inspiring learning through storytelling.



Recent podcasts include:

- Islamic Heritage Month
- Indigenous Education- Students' Perspectives
- Transition to Secondary School

[Click here to access Tune In YRDSB!](#)

WRPS goes to Regionals!



We are extremely proud of all WRPS students who came out to try out and practice with endurance and passion with our Cross Country Team over the last month. At the area Cross Country Meet, 54 junior students and 15 intermediate WRPS students participated in races.

Eight WRPS students placed in the top 15 and they will be representing Windham at the Regional Competition on October 24th!

Congratulations to all students! We are extremely proud of the amazing school spirit displayed by the Windham Team at the Area Meet.

Good luck to Windham Ridge students going to the Regionals!

Agendas

We have extra **Primary Agendas** available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing one, please sign into [School Cash Online](#) to order and let the classroom teacher know or email windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca to ensure it gets delivered to your child.

School Start-Up Forms

We will be sending home School Start-Up Forms for students who we have not yet received the online submissions. Please complete the two mandatory forms and return to your child's teacher by Wednesday, October 25.

Grade 8 visit to King City Secondary School

On November 1st, during the Take Our Kids To Work Day, our Grade 8 students will be attending an information session at King City Secondary School. They will be taking a bus from Windham Ridge P.S. to King City S.S. for the day's activities. Stay tuned for more details which will be shared with grade 8 families.

Guidelines for Halloween



Halloween may bring memories of dress-up parades, costume competitions, and classroom parties for some members of our community and carries a very different meaning for others.

It is important for us to recognize that not all families celebrate and participate in Halloween. The reasons for not participating may include cultural beliefs, faith, socioeconomic status, and personal reasons.

Halloween dress-up will continue to be offered as **an optional activity** at WRPS. Throughout the school day on October 31st, students will continue to engage in curriculum-based learning throughout the day. If students and families choose, students will also be invited to wear fall colours on Halloween.

As per YRDSB protocols:

- Students may bring their own snacks;
- Students will not be able to use washrooms to change into costumes, therefore if they choose to wear a costume, they must have it on when they arrive to school.
- No Halloween masks are to be worn and students should only use single use make-up (no sharing of make-up).
- No replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- To limit personal items being brought to school, costumes should be of simple design.

In keeping with our school food policy to ensure safety for all students, we will not be accepting baked goods, cakes, items that contain/may contain traces of nuts, or are unclearly marked, sent to school for sharing with peers on Halloween.

Students are welcome to bring in treats that are individually wrapped which do not pose a risk to the safety of our students.

We ask that all families support this guideline on October 31st and throughout the week following Halloween, when students often bring in Halloween candy as part of their snacks.

If you need any further clarification, we encourage you to speak with your child's teacher or contact our main office. We appreciate your partnership in ensuring inclusive spaces and safety for all students.



**School Photo Day
Tuesday October 24th**





Parents/Caregivers Session

Youth Gambling Awareness Series

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November 7, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Game Bling: When Gaming Meets Gambling

This session explores unconventional forms of gambling available to minors, the signs of problem gaming and gambling, and explores the potential risks of these activities. Parents will learn strategies on how to help your child make safe and healthy decisions and information on community support services will be provided.

November 14, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Gambling, Money and Decision Making: Financial Literacy and Gambling

This session discusses items of value used by youth to bet with, and analyzes factors leading them to participate in games of chance to make money. Financial risks of gambling will be explored while providing safety tips and information on community support services.

November 21, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Media Impact

This session will explore the increased youth exposure to gambling-related content on social media platforms while providing media safety tips for parents as well as information on community support services.

November 28, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Stigma and Gambling

This session will define stigma associated with gambling while providing factual knowledge and awareness to support a compassionate approach to reducing stigma and facilitating an open dialogue. Information on community support services will also be shared.



[Register](#) Now For These Free Sessions Today!

These free information sessions are organized by York Region District School Board in collaboration with YMCA of Greater Toronto Youth Gambling Awareness Program (YGAP).

For more information please feel free to contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer at oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca or 416-568-2252.

[Click here to access the full flyer and registration link/QR code.](#)

**Terra Cotta Cookies
Order through
School Cash Online**

**Proceeds will go
towards supporting all
WRPS students and
school initiatives.**

**Cookies will be
distributed on the
morning of
Wednesday
November 1st**

**Terra Cotta
COOKIE CO.**

**PUMPKIN
COOKIES
ARE BACK!!**

SEASONAL
COOKIES
VANILLA PUMPKIN COOKIES

2\$ EACH

**ORDER ON
SCHOOL CASH
ONLINE UNTIL
QUANTITIES
LAST**

Pumpkin Cookies recipe ingredients: icing sugar, fortified palm heart oil, cream cheese, glucose, soy lecithin, FD & C artificial colors (yellow #6), gum arabic, vanillin wa

Nutrition Facts	
Vanilla Pumpkin Cookies	
Per 1 cookie (25g)	
Amount Per Serving	
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat	10g
Total Sugar	15g
Total Protein	2g
Total Fiber	1g
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**Message from
York Region Public
Health**

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Detect and correct problems early and prevent issues which can result in permanent vision loss.

Eye exams are free with an OHIP card for children 19 years of age and under.

Book an eye exam today with a local optometrist (eye doctor).

For more information please visit york.ca/HealthyEyes or findaneyedoctor.ca #HealthyEyes

Let's Connect!



COFFEE TALK

Join our
Parent Engagement Meet & Greet
to discuss school council, enjoy a hot beverage
and connect with other parents.

Monday October 30th
9am - 10:30am
Room 112

ORGANIZED BY THE WINDHAM RIDGE SCHOOL COUNCIL



Next School Council meeting:

November 1, 2023
6:30pm to 8:30pm

First 2023-2024 WRPS School Council Meeting
November 1st, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
WRPS Library

What is a School Council?

[YRDSB School Councils - An Overview](#)

***A reminder that all parents/guardians
are welcome to attend all School
Council Meetings***

We look forward to our
continued partnership with the School
Council as we collaborate to serve each
student and family at
Windham Ridge PS.

