



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: September 1, 2023

*Two Weeks
at a
Glance*

Monday, September 4 Labour Day	Monday, September 11 (Day 5)
Tuesday, September 5 (Day 1) First Day of School	Tuesday, September 12 (Day 1)
Wednesday, September 6 (Day 2)	Wednesday, September 13 (Day 2)
Thursday, September 7 (Day 3)	Thursday, September 14 (Day 3)
Friday, September 8 (Day 4)	Friday, September 15 (Day 4)

Coming soon- School Council Back-to-School Community BBQ- September 28, 2023!



**Multifaith
Observances**

Indigenous Spirituality 1 Harvest Moon (local Oneida)
Sikhism 1 First Parkash
Buddhism 7 Birth date of H.H. Sakya Trizin
Hinduism 7 Sri Krishna Jayanti
Bahá'í Faith 8 'Izzat
Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 12 Ghambar Paitishem begins
Buddhism 12 Anniversary of the Tatsunokuchi Persecution
Jainism 12 Paryushana-parva begins
Judaism 15 Eve of Rosh Hashanah
New Moon 15 New Moon
Diamond Day- Judaism 16 Rosh Hashanah (New Years Day, 5784)



We look forward to welcoming back all of our Windham Ridge PS students and families on **Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

The first day of school is a special day for students, families, and staff. Students enter with anticipation and excitement for the day ahead and staff welcome your child(ren) with warm smiles as we begin our journey together. We look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and achievements for each student.

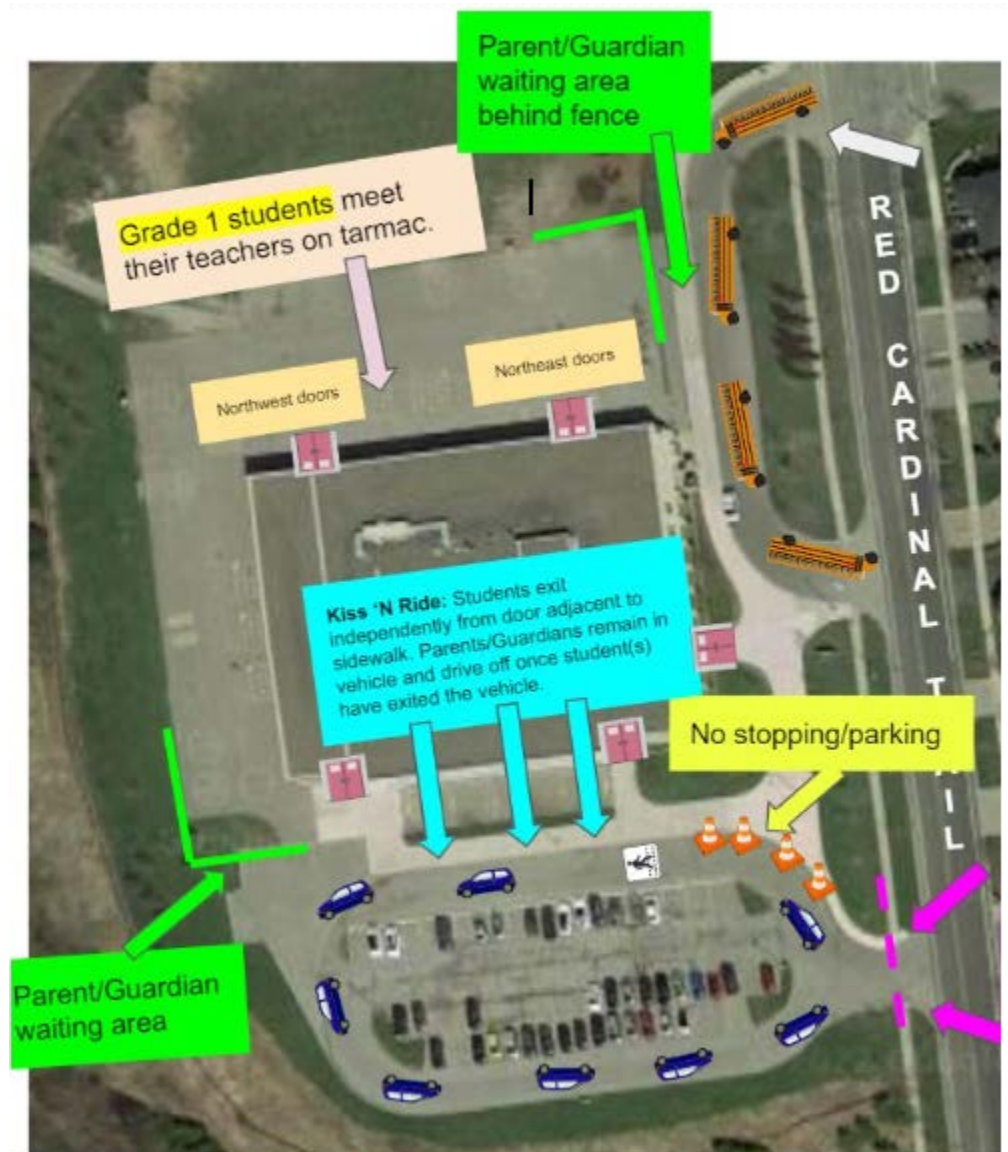
This weekly newsletter will serve as a main form of communication throughout the school year and will support our partnership with your family. It will include important information and opportunities to participate in your child's learning throughout the school year. *Please take time to read through the newsletter each week.* To read aloud or support translation of the newsletters, we encourage you to access <https://translate.google.ca/>.

Looking ahead to

Tuesday September 5,
2023



Important Safety
Reminders while on
WRPS spaces



Entry procedures have been modified for the first day of school.

- **Students in grades 2-8:**
 - All families will receive an email on Friday, September 1st with information about your child's classroom teacher and room number. Please share this information so that they can locate their classroom.
 - Students in grades 2-8 are welcome to enter the building at 8:25am. *Staff will be available in the school hallways with class lists to support students in finding their classroom.*
- **Grade 1 students:**
 - Grade 1 students will meet their teachers at the back of the school adjacent to the tarmac- please see map above. Staff will be available to assist students to their teachers. We ask that parents/guardians wait behind the indicated areas on the map. In the event of rain, grade 1 students will meet inside the gym.



Dismissal

- Students in grades **4-8** will be dismissed at 3:10 pm from the **northeast and northwest doors**.
- Students in grades **2-3**, will be dismissed from the **southwest** doors.
- **Grade 1** students will be dismissed from the **southeast doors** to a parent/guardian by our staff.

We appreciate that the first day of school is a memorable moment for families. If you are interested in capturing this moment with photos and/or videos, **we ask that you take images of your child(ren) individually and refrain from taking photos/videos that include other students**. Thank you in advance for supporting privacy considerations for all members of our school community.

Wednesday, September 6th and moving forward

Supervision will be available as of 8:25 am each morning outdoors on the back tarmac areas.

Grades 1-8 will line up each morning on the tarmac at their assigned door and will enter the school at 8:40am.

Purchasing Agendas:

Families are welcome to purchase an agenda for their child(ren) at a cost of \$7.00. If this is of interest to you, you can purchase an agenda beginning on Wednesday, September 6th. At that time, please login to [School Cash Online](#) for more information and payment options.

Medical Forms:

If your child has medical needs, please ensure that the appropriate health care plan is completed and returned to our office staff. This will ensure that we are aware of how to best support your child's medical needs while at school.

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

[Administration of Medication Form](#)

Bus information:

Please go to www.schoolbuscity.com to find out if your child is [eligible](#) for the bus. The website will provide you with the *bus number (Route ID)*, *bus stop location* and the *time* for the morning and afterschool bus. **Please share this information with your child so that they are aware of which bus to take at the end of the school day... only grade one students will be receiving bus tags.** We encourage students (who are eligible) to take the bus home on their first day to establish routines with the rest of their classmates.

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	<p>Please note, you do not have to register for the bus if they are eligible. The only time you need to notify the school is if your child's before and after school arrangements have changed from last year. If your child will be picked up from a different address or will be dropped off at a different address other than the home address (i.e. daycare within the boundaries of the school), please notify the school.</p> <p>The school will be providing bus tags to grade one students ONLY:</p> <p>Grade 1 students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents of grade one students are asked to confirm with the homeroom teacher on the first day of school that the after school bus number and bus stop location on the bus tag provided is correct. • If not, please go to the office before you leave the school grounds on Tuesday September 5th to clarify. <p>Grade 2-8 students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please speak with your child before coming to school on Tuesday about after school arrangements. • Will they be picked up by a parent, will they be taking the bus home or will they be going to the YMCA afterschool? • If they are eligible for the bus, make sure they are aware of the after school bus number and bus stop location to avoid any confusion at dismissal time. <p>The Guide to the School Year is available now as online web content. This will make the content translatable, more accessible, searchable and help to ensure information remains current, in addition to reducing our environmental footprint and costs.</p> <p>Contact Information: Please ensure the school has updated contact information including: telephone #, home address, email address, emergency contact information and medical information, if applicable.</p>
<p>2023-2024</p> <p>Online Start-Up Forms</p>	<p>Over the coming weeks, YRDSB will be sending a link to a Google Form for all families to complete the online start-up forms.</p> <p>The forms will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory) • Student Information Consent Form (mandatory) • Request for Faith Accommodations Form • School Council Nomination Form



Become a School Crossing Guard

Become a School Crossing Guard!



WE'RE HIRING!

Jobs.RichmondHill.ca



School crossing guards play a vital role in ensuring the safety of children as they travel to and from school. We're looking for caring individuals to help guide children across roads and intersections and make sure drivers and cyclists are aware of pedestrians crossing.

Benefits of becoming a crossing guard:



Work close to home



Paid position



Paid PA days and STAT holidays



Attendance bonuses and mileage reimbursements

Apply online or call us at 905-771-8800

Testimonials



"I enjoy working as a crossing guard because I get to connect with my neighbors. A simple smile and hello can go a long way in brightening another person's day."

Sherman C.



"I have been a school guard for years and I am coming back next year (my 12th year). As I enjoy seeing the children so enthused on learning and they also show their respect to me."

Joe R.



"It is very rewarding and fun! I look forward to getting up every day no matter the weather to see the children, their families and the people in my community. After 8 years, I know everyone....You develop bonds with families as the children and siblings come to school."

Shari F.

Community Supports- available to all families

Visit [YRDSB's public website](#) to find various supports available to Ontario residents.

Some services listed on the website include:

- **211 Ontario** : Managed and maintained by the Government of Canada, Government of Ontario and funded by the United Way. It is Canada's primary source of information on government and community-based health and social services. It is a both a helpline and online database of Ontario's community and social services that is answered and updated by highly-trained specialists.



Proud to be serving lunch every FRIDAY to
WINDHAM RIDGE P.S.

Lunch service begins on Friday, September 15th.

Kids Kitchen is prepared and ready to assist with
the safe and healthy implementation of your
school's hot lunch program



SAFETY
FIRST



NUT FREE
ALLERGY
AWARE



GRAB & GO



VEGETARIAN,
GLUTEN FREE &
ALLERGY OPTIONS

SAMPLE MENU

Entrees

Macaroni & Cheese
Beef Soft Taco
Bean Soft Taco
Pancakes with Turkey
Sausage
Pasta with Meat
Sauce (GF)
Pasta with Tomato
Sauce (GF)
Tuna Salad Sandwich
on a Kaiser
Chicken Fingers with
Rice (GF)
Beef Burger (H)
Chicken Burger (H)
Veggie Burger

Side Items

Chicken Fingers
(2 pcs) (GF)
Baked Potato with
Sour Cream
Garden Salad with
Ranch Dressing
Steamed Veggies
Edamame (shelled)
Cucumber Slices
Veggies & Dip
Pierogies (4 pcs)
Garlic Bread
2% or Chocolate Milk
Various Fruit Juices
(100% juice)

Snacks & Desserts

Fresh Apple
Fresh Pear
Fresh Orange Wedges
Diced Fruit
Yogurt Cup
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Kettle Popcorn
Fresh Fruit of the Season
Fudgy Brownie
Banana or Carrot Muffin

(GF) Gluten-friendly also available

(H) Halal also available

Not all options are available in all
locations. Please check online to see
the options at your school.

DELIVERING GOOD, REAL FOOD TO KIDS AT SCHOOL

Our commitment is to
provide nutritious, delicious,
"home-cooked" meals with
simple ingredients that you'd
find in your own kitchen.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?

No problem! We're here for
you. Speak with us on how
we can accommodate your
child.

ORDER ONLINE

Visit www.kidskitchen.ca to
see your school's menu,
specials and for fast,
secure, online ordering.



SEE YOUR SCHOOL'S
MENU ONLINE

Need Help with your order?

905-944-0210 (M to F 8:30am-2pm) or email us:
information@kidskitchen.ca



Fun Fair and Meet & Greet

Celebrating Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot



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Please join us to foster cultural understanding to celebrate the Jewish holidays in September. Come meet fellow families and community members and help to create an identity affirming environment for Jewish learners.

This celebration is for YRDSB students, parents/caregivers and community members to learn about Jewish traditions, customs and practices.

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Location: Westmount Collegiate Institute

Fun Activities

Acknowledgment of holiday traditions and games

Holiday related art activity

Jewish community questionnaire/survey

Kosher food will be available for purchase sold by Kosher Pickle food truck

Jewish resources

Jewish holiday dance performed by Bounce Entertainment

You will also have an opportunity to meet the YRDSB Jewish Community and Partnership Developer from Inclusive School and Community Services, Diana Talis

To Register

Scan the QR code or fill out the [Registration Form](#)

If you have any further questions regarding this community event, please reach out to diana.talis@yrdsb.ca or jcs@yrdsb.ca



International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAMME

SAVE THE DATE

Students who start Grade 8 in September 2023 and their parents/guardians are invited to attend an International Baccalaureate Programme information session on:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

Information sessions will run at each of the five YRDSB schools that offer IB programming:

- Alexander Mackenzie High School
- Bayview Secondary School
- Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School
- Maple High School
- Milliken Mills High School

What is the International Baccalaureate?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

For more information about the YRDSB's IB programming, check out www.yrdsb.ca/ib

