



# Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **September 16, 2022**

## Two Weeks



at a

Glance

<b>Monday, September 19 (Day 4)</b> Complete all online Start-Up forms by end of day <a href="#">Powley Day</a>	<b>Monday, September 26 (Day 3)</b> Rosh Hashanah- Diamond Day
<b>Tuesday, September 20 (Day 5)</b> Complete Consent Form for Gr. 7-8 Immunization (Hep B, Menin., HPV)	<b>Tuesday, September 27 (Day 4)</b> Rosh Hashanah- Diamond Day
<b>Wednesday, September 21 (Day 1)</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 28 (Day 5)</b>
<b>Thursday, September 22 (Day 2)</b> <b>Franco-Ontarian Day- wear green &amp; white</b> First Day of Fall	<b>Thursday, September 29 (Day 1)</b> <b>Terry Fox Run- rain or shine</b> <b>Welcome Back School Council BBQ-</b> see last page of the newsletter for information
<b>Friday, September 23</b> P.A. Day- no school	<b>Friday, September 30 (Day 2)</b> Orange Shirt Day, <a href="#">National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</a> <b>Wear Orange</b>

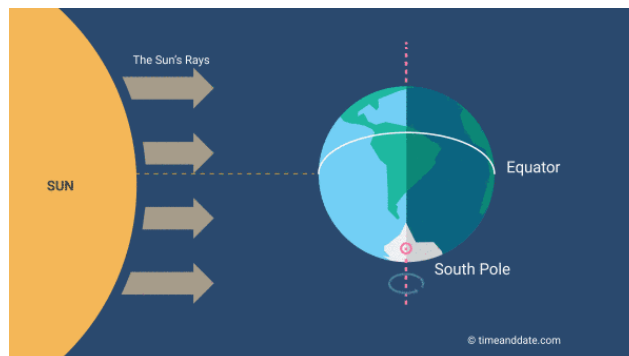
## Multifaith Observances



"Dreamscape" by Char Vanderhorst

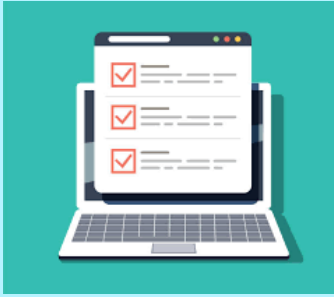
For additional artist info, visit:  
<http://www.charvanderhorst.com/>

*Buddhism 20 Festival of Higan-e 20 - 26 September*  
*Buddhism 22 Eihei Dogen Kigen Memorial*  
*Astronomical Event 22 September Equinox*  
*Shinto 23 Shūbun-no-hi*  
*Wicca 23 Mabon*



There are two *equinoxes* every year: one in *September* and one in *March*. In *September*, the Sun crosses the equator from north to south.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/september-equinox.html>



## Start-Up Forms

Please complete all forms online by Monday September 19, 2022

Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with important school start-up forms to complete. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain important information and permissions.

The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>.

A link to the forms can also be found on the Family Resources page of the Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources](http://www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources). Click on the [Need Help link](#) beside Family Startup Forms for additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPS account to complete the forms.

Please note:

- You **must be signed in to your child's student GAPPS account** to complete the form. Please remember to sign out of one account before signing into another. Additional information is available on the Board website on [how to login to the student account to complete the forms](#).
- The forms should be completed for each student, whether they are attending school in person or participating in remote, online learning.
- If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school office.
- Parents/guardians 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.

## Franco Ontarian Day September 25, 2022



[https://www.thestar.com/local/welland/news/2022/03/17/ontario-launches-2022-23-edition-of-the-francophone-community-grants-program.html?utm\\_source=storyapi](https://www.thestar.com/local/welland/news/2022/03/17/ontario-launches-2022-23-edition-of-the-francophone-community-grants-program.html?utm_source=storyapi)

The green and white flag – created by history professor Gaétan Gervais and first-year political science student Michel Dupuis, both from Laurentian University – was first raised on September 25, 1975.

The Province officially declared September 25 the annual date for Franco-Ontarian Day in 2010, the year that marked the 400th anniversary of Francophones in Ontario.

Your child will be involved in learning and activities leading up to September 22nd when we will observe Franco-Ontarian Day by wearing the colours green and white. Join us in celebrating [La Francophonie!](#)

## What is a PROMISE ? Promises, Treaties & Indigenous Learning



At our Caring and Safe Schools assemblies on Friday, September 16th, we briefly discussed our Land Acknowledgement with the Primary, and Junior/Intermediate students.

Moving forward, we will be learning more about the land that Windham Ridge PS occupies and shares with Indigenous peoples and the understanding of treaties being a 'promise'.

Our school-wide learning will be shared with you as the weeks progress.

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



**Education is what got us  
into this mess, and  
education will get us out.**

**~Hon. Murray Sinclair**

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.



This federal statutory holiday was created through [legislative amendments](#) made by Parliament.

### **Wear orange**

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and [Orange Shirt Day](#) take place on September 30.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>

On September 30, we encourage all WRPS students to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

In advance of this date, students will continue age-appropriate learning about Canadian Indigenous history and residential schools.

If you would like more information to share with your child about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation or Orange Shirt Day, [CBC has published some resources for children and families to explore](#) together.

## **Grade 7-8 Immunization for Windham Ridge students**

Message from York Region  
Public Health school  
immunization clinics

- **Hepatitis B**
- **Meningitis**
- **HPV vaccine**

Dear families,

Please review this [message from York Region Public Health](#) regarding the upcoming Fall 2022 campaign of In school immunization clinics offering Hepatitis B, meningitis and HPV vaccine to students in Grades 7-12.

**Please complete a consent form by **September 20, 2022** for your child to be immunized at school.**

**Please click on the link below for the consent form:**

**[School Immunization Consent Form](#)**

If your child has already been immunized with these vaccines, please ensure their immunization record is up to date. Check online at [www.york.ca/immunization](http://www.york.ca/immunization) or call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675, ext. 73456 to update your child’s immunization records.

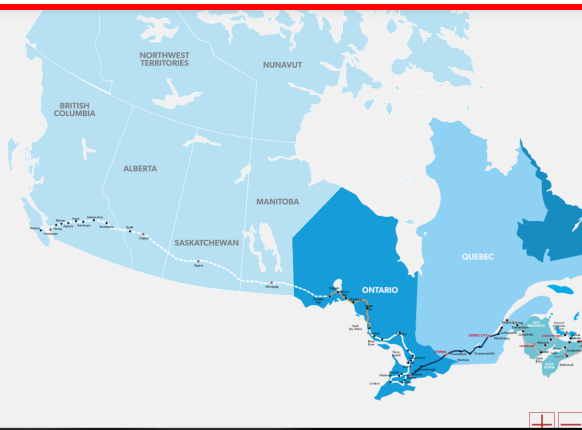
**NOTE:** If these immunizations were previously completed in school or through your healthcare provider, additional doses are not required.

## Terry Fox Run/Walk

September 29, 2022  
@ WRPS

### Who was Terry Fox?

Terry Fox was a Canadian athlete, humanitarian, and cancer research activist. After losing his leg to cancer at only 18 years of age, Terry set out to do the impossible: run across Canada, one marathon a day, in pursuit of his dream to find a cure for cancer.



### What was the Marathon of Hope?

In 1980, Terry's journey to raise money for cancer research began and he called it the Marathon of Hope. With fierce determination and hope, Terry completed an average of 42 km each day, every day for 143 days. He ran a total of 5,373 km.

<https://terryfox.org/>

We are excited to share that our school is once again participating in the Terry Fox Walk/Run. **On Thursday, September 29, 2022**, students will be walking or running around the school to raise awareness about a Canadian hero and icon.

As many of you know, after losing his leg to cancer, Terry Fox made it his mission to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. Canadians continue his legacy each year by raising money in hopes of finding a cure for a disease that has affected so many people around the world.

Windham Ridge is also raising money for the Terry Fox Foundation this year. We ask that you donate using the following link:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/10080>.

*Thank you so much for supporting cancer research!*

## Coffee Chat hosted by School Council



It's time to meet some other Windham Ridge parents!

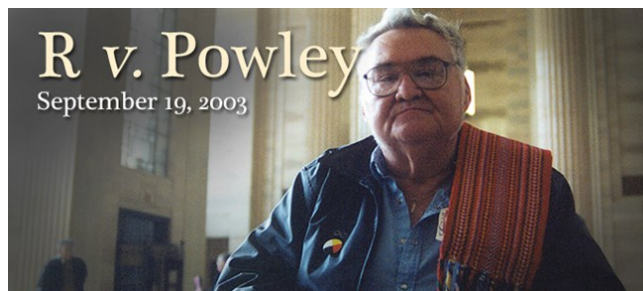
The School Council invites you to a Coffee Chat on **Thursday Sept 22nd 8:45-10am at the outdoor classroom (by the playscape)**. This is a casual way to meet other parents and learn about our school. Our focus of this meeting is to meet and greet parents new to the school.

All parents are welcome to attend all School Council events throughout the year.

## Powley Day

Powley Day is a day of political and cultural significance for the Métis community.

It is marked every year on September 19, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision





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in the matter of R v. Powley. The ground-breaking results of this trial led to Métis people receiving more rights as indigenous people across Ontario.

*From The Indigenous People's Atlas of Canada:*

On Oct. 22, 1993, two Métis men, Steve and Roddy Powley, killed a bull moose near Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. They used a Métis card as a tag with a note that read, "Harvesting my meat for the winter."

They were charged with hunting without a licence, a contravention of Ontario's Game and Fish Act. The Powleys argued at trial in the Provincial Court of Ontario that they had a Section 35 Aboriginal right to hunt. In particular, being Métis, they were asserting their Aboriginal rights while hunting, which predated Canada's claim to sovereignty.

The Powleys had been Indigenous residents of the Sault Ste. Marie region long before Euro-Settlers arrived. The court agreed, as did the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

## Google Classrooms



This academic year, there is no hybrid learning in YRDSB. Online learners have shifted to an EVS school, as per parents' opportunity to make a decision in the spring 2022.

As teachers get to know their students and their learning styles, they will develop routines and choose instructional tools and communication methods that best meet the needs of their students this year.

As such, not every class will necessarily be using a Google Classroom this year, as we have done in the past. In the coming weeks, your child's teacher will be sharing information with you about the communication tools that will be used in their classroom this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

## Review Policy #672 Student Leadership and Voice

and

## Policy #635 Student Dress Code



The York Region District School Board regularly engages in reviewing its policies. Currently, the Board of Trustees has identified a need to review Policy #672 Student Leadership and Voice and Policy #635 Student Dress Code. As part of the review process The YRDSB consults extensively with students, staff and community members.

We encourage you to review this [slide deck](#) to build some context around Student leadership in our Board and fill out the surveys to provide your feedback. You will find the surveys on our [Board's Policy review page](#) along with an explanation of policy review. Scroll down the page and click on to find the links to the surveys.

We thank you for your participation and your voice in ensuring our policies are reflective of our community of learners. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary, anonymous, and confidential. Your input will be considered and used to help inform revisions to the policies.



## 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.
- **COVID-19 Pandemic** : Programs, supports and resources are available to support students and families.

## Indigenous Languages and International Languages

The Indigenous  
Languages and  
International  
Languages Team  
Phone Number: (905)  
884-2046 ext. 242,  
Email:  
[ILIL@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ILIL@yrdsb.ca)



Dear Students and Families,

We welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) program year and thank you for your continued support and patience.

We are also excited to welcome our students and families back to in-person instruction onsite for the 2022-2023 elementary program year. While we will be returning to the same ILIL school locations pre-pandemic, there may be some changes to the locations in which specific languages are offered.

**\*NEW\* Elementary Online/Remote Options:**

To better serve our language learning community, we have added online /remote learning options on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Online learning does not require students and teachers to be face-to-face at a school site. Classes occur online using a synchronous and asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher. Families will be contacted with updates as necessary.

[Click here to access the full flyer and registration details.](#)

Coming  
Soon!

WRPS  
School  
Council  
Fall Fest

*Windham Ridge Council  
invites you to*

# FALL FEST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:00PM-8:00PM

RAIN OR SHINE

BBQ• DJ• Fall Beverages• Activities



Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and halal burgers will all be available by pre-order only on School Cash Online.

**\$8.50**  
Includes  
food, drink  
& a bag of  
chips