



# Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **September 2, 2022**

*Two Weeks  
at a  
Glance*

<b>Monday, September 5</b> Labour Day	<b>Monday, September 12 (Day 4)</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 6</b> PA Day- no school	<b>Tuesday, September 13 (Day 5)</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 7 (Day 1)</b> First day of school	<b>Wednesday, September 14 (Day 1)</b>
<b>Thursday, September 8 (Day 2)</b>	<b>Thursday, September 15 (Day 2)</b>
<b>Friday, September 9 (Day 3)</b>	<b>Friday, September 16 (Day 3)</b> Caring and Safe Schools divisional assemblies

**Save the date:** September 29, 2022- Fall BBQ Event



**Multifaith  
Observances**

**Indigenous Spirituality Sept 1st** - Harvest Moon (local Oneida)  
**Jainism Sept. 1** -Paryushana-parva ends  
**Jainism Sept. 1** -Samvatsari  
**Jainism Sept. 1-** Dshalakshani-parva begins  
**Sikhism Sept. 1-** First Parkash



**We look forward to welcoming back all of our Windham Ridge PS students and families on **Wednesday, September 7, 2022.****

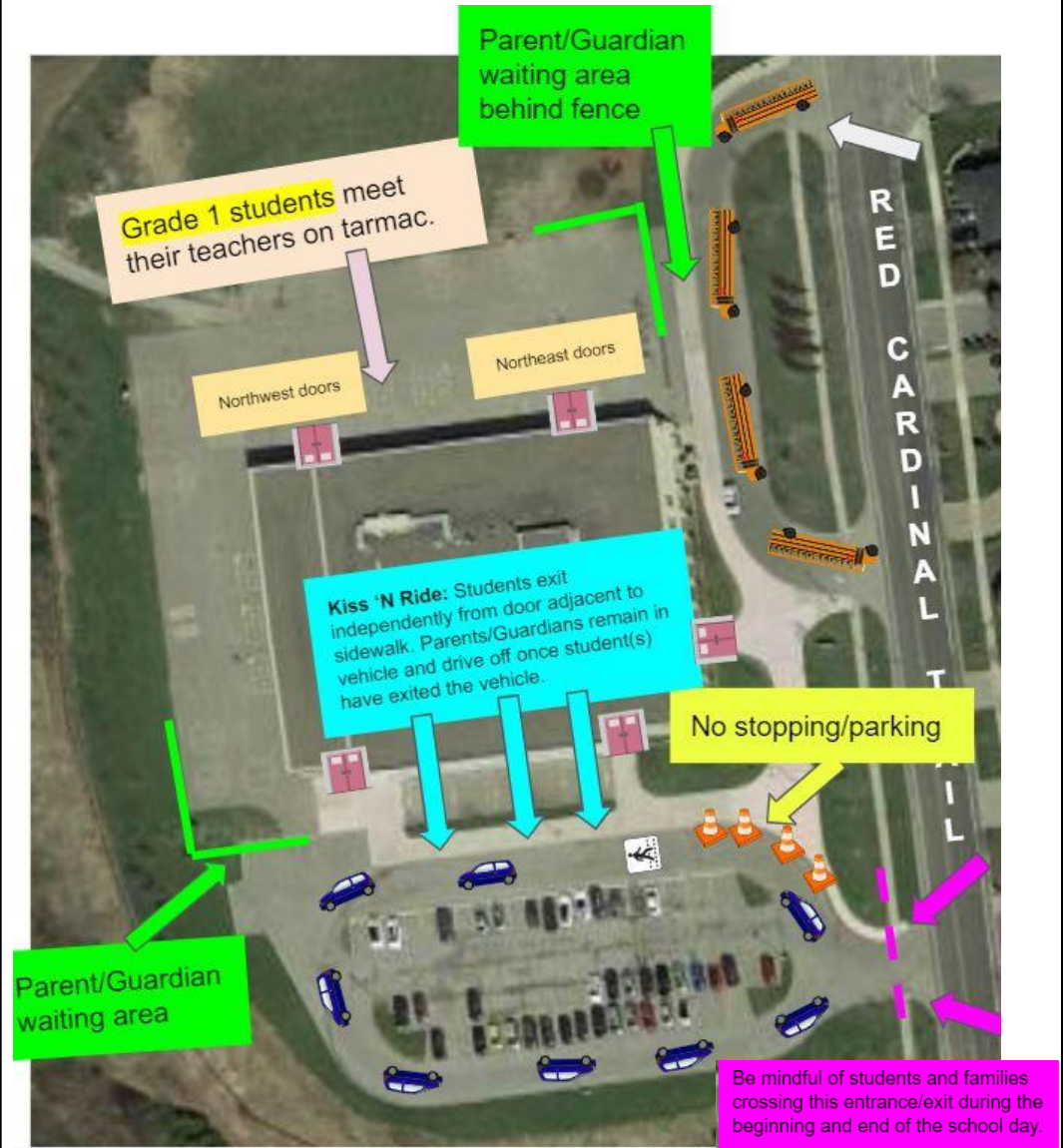
The first day of school is a special day for students, families, and staff. Students enter with anticipation and excitement for the day ahead and staff welcome your child(ren) with warm smiles as we begin our journey together.

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 Friday.* To read aloud or support translation of the newsletters, we encourage you to access <https://translate.google.ca/>.

Looking ahead to

Wednesday,  
September 7,  
2022

BACK TO  
SCHOOL



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

- **Students in grades 2-8:**
  - All families will receive an email on Tuesday, September 6 with information about your child's classroom teacher and room number. Please help your child with 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.*
- **Grades 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.



## Important Safety Reminders while on WRPS spaces

**Beginning on Thursday, September 8th**, grades 1-8 will line up each morning on the tarmac and will enter the school at 8:40am.

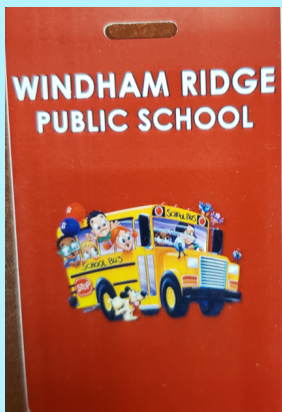
We appreciate that the first day of school is a memorable moment for families. If you are interested in capturing this moment with photos and/or videos, **we ask that you take images of your child(ren) individually and refrain from taking photos/videos that include other students.** Thank you in advance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

### Dismissal

Students in grades 2-8 will be dismissed at 3:10 pm from the northeast and northwest doors. **Please wait behind the indicated areas** above if you will be picking up your child. Grade 1 students will be dismissed from the southeast doors to a parent/guardian by our staff.

Please take note of all information on the map above to ensure safety for all members of our WRPS school community.

## WRPS Office News and Information



### Purchasing Agendas:

Families are welcome to purchase an agenda for their child(ren) at a cost of \$6.00. If this is of interest to you, you can purchase an agenda beginning on Wednesday, September 7th. 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](http://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.** We encourage students (who are eligible) to take the bus home on their first day to establish routines with the rest of their classmates.

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.

The school will be providing bus tags to grade one and two students only:

**Grade one students:** The school will provide bus tags to grade one students.

- Parents of grade one students are asked to confirm that the **after school bus number** and **bus stop location** on the bus tag provided to students on the first day of school (at the beginning of the day) is correct.
- If not, please go to the office before you leave the school grounds on Wednesday September 7th to clarify.

**Grade two students:**

- Parents of grade two students should share with their child the **after school bus number and bus stop location on Wednesday morning** so that they can confirm that the information on their bus tag (provided to them by their classroom teacher) is correct.

**Online Start-Up Forms:**

- The Board will be emailing families a link to a Google Form to complete the start-up forms (the week of Sept 12)
- Translations will be available
- Student GAPPs login information will be required for families to complete the forms.

Please ensure your students have their GAPPs login information at the start of the school year. If your child is *new* to the Board, the classroom teacher will provide your child with the GAPPs login information.

The form will include: • The Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory) • Student Information Consent Form (mandatory) • Request for Faith Accommodations Form • School Council Nomination Form

**Office Index Card:**

The office will be sending home an *Office Index Card* with your child's personal information. Please review the information, sign, date and return the form to your child's teacher. **Please indicate on the form if there are any changes to guardian phone numbers, address, email addresses and emergency contact information.**

**At school:**

- ★ If you choose to have your child wear a mask, provide your child with multiple snug and comfortable masks, so that masks can be changed as needed throughout the day;
- ★ Pack a reusable water bottle to be refilled at our filling station and a Boomerang lunch (all leftovers and packaging will go home with your child);
- ★ Send a change of clothing in a clear, labelled bag with their name to remain at school.

**At home:**

- ★ Set a bedtime routine to ensure that your child has a good rest each evening.
- ★ Involve your child in packing lunches. Participation in this routine may encourage your child to eat all snacks and lunches at school.



## Community Supports- available to all families

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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 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.