



Windham Ridge P.S. Community Newsletter



Week ending: **September 23, 2022**

Two Weeks



at a

Glance

Monday, September 26 (Day 3)
Rosh Hashanah- Diamond Day

Monday, October 3 (Day 3)
Return Student Registration Verification to the office with signatures and changes

Tuesday, September 27 (Day 4)
Rosh Hashanah- Diamond Day

Tuesday, October 4 (Day 4)

Wednesday, September 28 (Day 5)

Wednesday, October 5 (Day 5)
Yom Kippur- Diamond Day

Thursday, September 29 (Day 1)
Terry Fox Run- rain or shine
Welcome Back School Council BBQ- see last page of the newsletter for information- food pre-ordered through School Cash Online

Thursday, October 6 (Day 1)

Friday, September 30 (Day 2)
Orange Shirt Day, [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
Wear Orange
Pizza Orders Due

Friday, October 7 (Day 2)
Immunizations - for Grade 7-8 (Hep B, HPV & Meningococcal vaccines – boys and girls)
School Council Nominations Due

Multifaith Observances



“Quiet Moment“ by Tamara Kwapich

“This work is about resilience in knowing that even though the seasons change and

time moves on, there is beauty in the present moment and hope that the future is bright.”

<http://tkwapich.com/>

Judaism 25 Eve of Rosh Hashanah
Judaism 26 Rosh Hashanah (New Years Day, 5783)
Hinduism 26 Navaratri begins
27 Rosh Hashanah (New Years Day, 5783)
Bahá'í Faith 27 Mashúyyat
30 Orange Shirt Day (Canada)
Indigenous Spirituality, 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Canada)
Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism), 2 Mehragan
Jainism, 2 Aymbil Ori (Second Half) begins
Christianity, 2 World Communion Sunday
Judaism 4 Eve of Yom Kippur
Hinduism 4 Navaratri ends
Diamond Days Judaism 5 Yom Kippur
Buddhism 5 Bodhidharma Memorial
Hinduism 5 Dassehral
Islam 8 Mawlid al-Nabiy

Resources for Families and Students

There are a number of resources on the York Region District School Board website (www.yrdsb.ca) that families and students may find helpful.

Translation

- There is a built-in translation tool on the website that translates website content into over 100 languages.
- The [translation page](#) has tips on using translation options in other tools, such as Google, Edsby and YouTube. The page also includes videos in 13 languages about how to use the translation tool on the website.

Family Resources

The Family Resources page (www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources) offers families quick access to:

- Helpful resources, including tech support, privacy tips, translation information and more.
- Online tools and resources, including Edsby, School Cash Online, Google. You can also find tips and supports in using these tools. Click “need help” under each tool or link for more.
- Links to information about family engagement, student supports, elementary and secondary school programs and more.

Online Student Tools

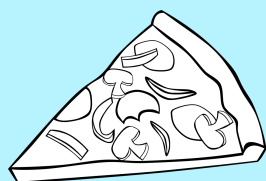
Online Student Tools (www.yrdsb.ca/students) offers students quick access to:

- Online learning platforms and tools, such as Google and My Pathway Planner, as well as tips and supports in using these tools. Click “need help” under each tool or link for more.
- Learning resources and databases to help with homework .
- Quick links to information about students supports and tips.

Community Supports

There are community organizations who can provide support finding food, clothing, housing, financial assistance, mental health support, legal or employment support, and more. Identity-specific supports are also available. Learn more about the supports and resources available in your community at www.yrdsb.ca/communitysupports.

Pizza Lunch is back!



PIZZA LUNCH IS BACK!

We are so happy to announce that we can once again offer pizza lunch to our students. Pizza day will be on Tuesdays, starting October 13, 2021, and will run for 20 weeks until March 7, 2022.

There are 4 choices available: cheese, pepperoni, Hawaiian, and vegetarian. Your choice will apply to all 20 weeks, we do not have the capability of changing the selection week to week. The cost per slice will depend on the selection. Please see below.

Orders must be processed through [School Cash Online](#). If you do not have an account set up, click the link and select Register to set up your account. Please contact the school administration team if you have any questions.

Deadline to order is Friday, September 30, 2021.

Reminders:

- The pizza will be distributed in the event of a bus cancellation or inclement weather day. Pizza will be rescheduled for a later date, and you will be notified by the school.
- **Program Details & Policies:**
 - Pizza lunch is non-refundable - all selections are compliant with Ministry of Education Policy 150.
 - Order is applicable for the 20-week timeframe - we do not have the volunteer base to take orders for short dates.
 - If your child is on a field trip, their pizza will be held in the office refrigerator until the end of the day.
 - If your child is absent, their pizza will be kept in the freezer until the following week.

Type of Pizza	# of Students	Cost per Student	Total Cost
Cheese Only	20	\$1.50	\$30.00
Pepperoni or Cheese	20	\$3.50	\$70.00
Hawaiian (Ham and Pineapple)	20	\$4.00	\$80.00
Vegetarian (Onion, Tomato, and Mushroom)	20	\$4.00	\$80.00

Calendar Pizza Days (Tuesday only)

Month	Day	Date
September	1	13
September	8	15
September	15	22
September	22	29
October	6	13
October	13	20
October	20	27
October	27	3
November	7	14
November	14	21
November	21	28
December	7	14
December	14	21
December	21	28

The office will be accepting pizza orders up until **September 30th at noon**. You may process payments through [School Cash Online](#). If you are new to the Board, please email the office at windham.ridge.ps@yrdsb.ca to request your child's student number required for setting up the account.

Please take note of the two different requests for permissions that have been shared with you over the past week.

YRDSB Online Start-Up Forms <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>

Parents/guardians **received an email from YRDSB Update** with important 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.***

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.
- 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.
- It is important that these forms are completed online as soon as possible to allow your child's participation in various activities.

Windham Ridge PS Start-Up Package

All families received an email from Windham Ridge PS with an attached PDF document.

This package holds important information about our school and routines.

This package also contains:

-School Council Information

School Council

As parents/guardians, there are many ways you can be engaged in your child's learning at home and at school. This may include becoming involved with the School Council. Contact school office staff for more information. Elections shall occur within the first thirty days of the start of each school year. **School Council Nomination Forms are due by October 3, 2022.**

School Council meetings will take place in person at Windham Ridge. **Our first School Council Nomination Meeting will be held on October 12, 2022.** Further details to follow.

-Information and forms to become a volunteer

Volunteering in the School

We welcome and encourage the important role that parents/guardians and community members play in education. There are many opportunities for you to get involved at the school. For more information, contact the school office staff or review **Volunteers in Our Schools Policy and Procedure**. If you are interested, please complete the **Volunteers in Our Schools Form** and return it to the school office.

The York Region District School Board regards confidentiality and security of data and information to be of utmost importance. As such, the Board requires users of data and information to follow the procedures outlined below.

Each person granted access to data and information holds a position of trust and must preserve the confidentiality and security of the information s/he uses. Users of Board data and information are required to abide by all applicable Federal and Provincial guidelines and Board policies regarding confidentiality of data and information.

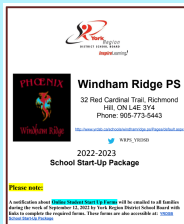
Please complete the Confidentiality Agreement by accessing [this link](#).



YRDSB ONLINE Start-Up Forms

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WRPS Start-Up Package



Yearbook
2021 - 2022
school year



We are awaiting the arrival of the 2021-2022 yearbook. As soon as it arrives at the school, it will be distributed to students in a timely manner. Thanking parents and students in advance for their patience.

Student Absences and Safe Arrival

Notify the school before 8:40 a.m. if your child is going to be absent or late for school. For your convenience, *Planned Absences* can also be entered in advance.

There are two ways to report:

1) Call the automated phone reporting system **before 8:40 am by dialing 905-773-5443 and press 1, follow the prompts provided. After 8:40 am, the system will not allow you to enter the absence.**

2) Report on Edsby (a mobile App is available)

Keep in mind that it is also necessary to let the office know of the absence even if you have already notified the teacher in advance.

If the office is unsuccessful in reaching parents or emergency contacts provided by parents at the beginning of the year, the school is required to call the **police** to ensure the safety and location of the student.

What is a



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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'.

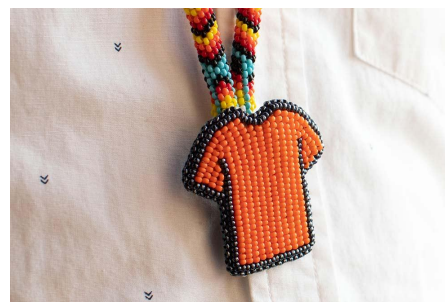
Our school-wide learning will be shared with you as the weeks progress.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



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.

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

~Hon. Murray Sinclair

<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 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

	<p>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.</p> <p>Windham Ridge is also raising money for the Terry Fox Foundation this year. We ask that you donate using the following link:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://schools.terryfox.ca/10080.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you so much for supporting cancer research!</i></p>
<p>Google Classrooms</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Student Registration Verification Form</p>	<p>The office will be sending out Student Registration Verification Forms in the coming week.</p> <p>To ensure we have accurate contact information (e.g., emails, emergency contact numbers), we ask that you carefully review this form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Edit any information that is incorrect on the form ● Sign and date the form ● Send back the form with your child by October 3, 2022.
 <p>School Council</p>	<p>Our first WRPS School Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday October 12, 2022 in person in our school library.</p> <p>During this meeting, our 2022-2023 will be formed through a voting process.</p> <p>If you are interested in nominating yourself for an executive position on the WRPS School Council, please submit the School Council Candidate Nomination Form (included in your YRDSB Online Start-Up Forms email) by Friday October 7, 2022.</p> <p>If you do submit a Nomination Form, you are required to attend the meeting on October 12 in order to be considered for a position on School Council.</p>

*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