



## Grade 8 news

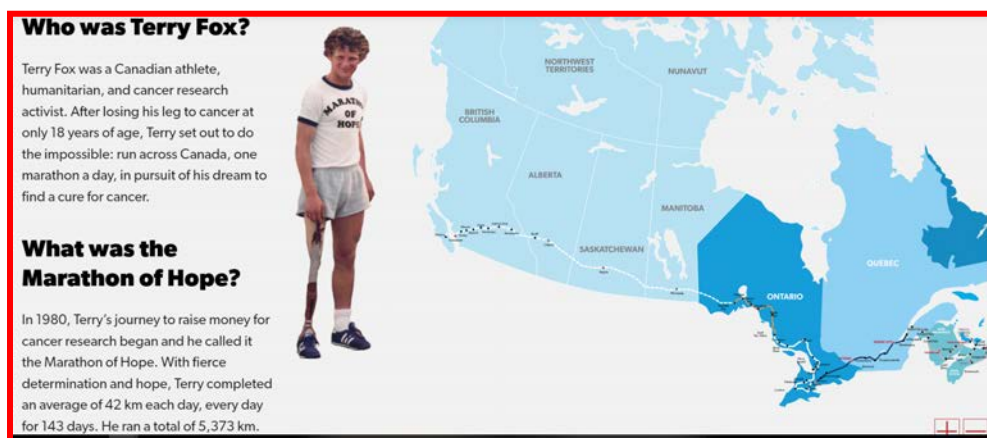
Hello Grade 8 families!

Welcome back to WRPS and congratulations on making it to Grade 8! Two important pieces to note. First, our Grade 8 Network google classroom has been updated for 2023-24. Please check in with your child to ensure they have joined the classroom and regularly refer to the page for updates and information. Also, IB information night is approaching. On Thursday October 12th, each of the five IB schools will offer information sessions about the IB programme, their particular school, and address questions you have about the application process. Please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/ib> for further details.

**Please reach out to Mr. Raha with any questions or concerns. Thank you!**

## Terry Fox Run/Walk

September 21, 2023  
@ 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.

The infographic includes a photo of a young Terry Fox in a white t-shirt with 'MARATHON OF HOPE' on it, and a map of Canada showing his route across the country, with provinces and territories labeled: Northwest Territories, Nunavut, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec.

<https://terryfox.org/>

We are excited to share that our school is once again participating in the Terry Fox Walk/Run. **On Thursday, September 21, 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.

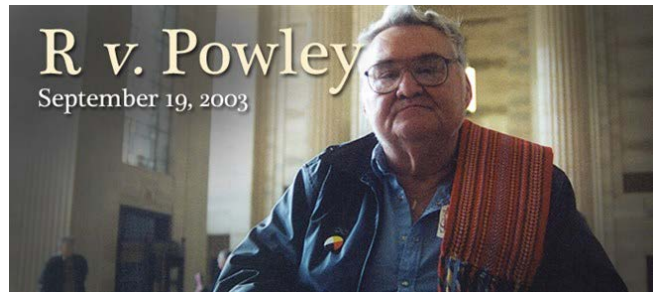
Windham Ridge is also raising money for the Terry Fox Foundation this year. Next week we will share the direct link for fundraising.

## Powley Day



**Tuesday September  
19, 2023**

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 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.

## **WRPS Office News and Information**



### **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 until September 25th while quantities last. Please login to [School Cash Online](#) to purchase the Primary agenda for grades 1 to 3 and the Junior agenda for grades 4 to 6.

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.

### **Contact Information:**

Please ensure the school has updated contact information including: telephone #, home address, email address, emergency contact information and medical information, if applicable.



## **2023-2024 Online Start-Up Forms**

Over the coming weeks, YRDSB will be sending a link to a Google Form for all families to complete the online start-up forms.

The forms will include:

- The Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory)
- Student Information Consent Form (mandatory)
- Request for Faith Accommodations Form
- School Council Nomination Form

# YRDSB Student Mental Health & Addictions Newsletter

## September 2023



### Newsletter includes:

- Supportive Resources
- Free Community Events for Parents, Students, & Families
- Contact Information



## Become a School Crossing Guard

**Become a School Crossing Guard!**

**WE'RE HIRING!**

**Jobs.RichmondHill.ca**

**Richmond Hill**


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.

## Fun Fair and Meet & Greet

Celebrating Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot



## Celebrating Rosh Hasanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot

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](mailto:diana.talis@yrdsb.ca) or [jcs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jcs@yrdsb.ca)

