

The Woodbridge Wyvern

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September 20, 2024

Dates At A Glance

Sept 26	School Council Meeting at 7:00 PM
Sept 27	PA Day - No School
Sept 30	Orange Shirt Day
Oct 1	BLAST - Grade 9 students
Oct 3	Rosh Hashanah
Oct 4	OCAS Transmission
Oct 14	Thanksgiving - No School
Oct 15	Photo Retakes
Oct 17	College Fair
Oct 17-23	Sukkot
Oct 21	PA Day - No School
Oct 23-24	Shmini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 1	All Saints' Day Diwali
June 25	Graduation

DAILY SCHEDULE

PERIOD	TIME
Warning Bell	8:50 a.m.
HR	8:55 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
1	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
2	10:20 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
Lunch	11:35 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
3	12:40 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
4	2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.



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HELPFUL LINKS:

[WC Website](#), [YRDSB Website](#)
[WC Twitter](#), [WC Instagram](#)

CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:

[Crimestoppers](#), [Kids Help Phone](#)
[Report It \(YRDSB\)](#)

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

In semester one, families will receive three reports including the Interim Report, Mid-Semester Report and Semester End Report. Our reports provide you with information about your child's achievement throughout the first semester.

Interim reports are part of the ongoing communication from our school to support student achievement and well-being. We hope that this report will provide valuable feedback for your child while supporting conversations about learning at home. Distribution of your child's interim report card for the first semester will begin on the week of October 15, 2024. These reports will be distributed using the same process used for Mid-Semester and Final Reports via student GAPPS accounts.

Sincerely,

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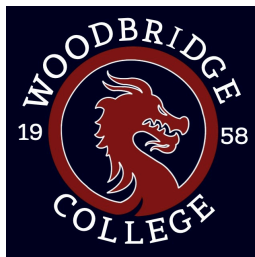
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YRDSB Resources and Opportunities

Safety Week and Safety Drills

The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, and visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 23 to 27, 2024) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills, including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and the newly established Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to [Board Policy #669.0](#) for more information about Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management.

Practicing drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.

General Supports for Emotional Well-Being

- 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- [KidsHelpPhone](#): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- [York Hills Help Phone Line](#): 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters.
- [Trans Lifeline](#)
- [Black Youth Helpline](#)
- [Naseeha Helpline/](#)
- [2SLGBTQ+ Youthline](#)

Ministry Survey: Launch of Life Skills Consultation

The Ministry of Education announced that it would be launching consultations in fall 2024 with students, parents, job creators, educators and other stakeholders on the practical life skills students need to build a strong foundation for future success. This anonymous survey, designed by the ministry, will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will remain open until September 24, 2024. [Survey Link](#)

Renewed Computer Technology Fall Applications

YRDSB will once again be working with Renewed Computer Technology to support limited income families with gaining access to technology.

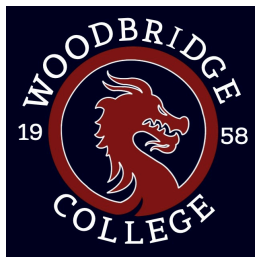
Please read the [Letter to families](#) and see the [Renewed Computer Technology \(RCT\) Application Flyer](#).

Sankofa Mentoring Program

The Sankofa Mentoring Program is for students in grades seven to twelve, online on Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and two Saturday's per month in person 10 am to 1pm at Bur Oak Secondary School, Markham Ontario. The environment creates a safe space for students, and mentors to come together in unity and learn more about their heritage. Through collective work/responsibility, we have created an environment where creativity and cooperative economics work together to engender self-determination.

The program was developed in the follow structure:

- Rooted in an Afrocentric Framework
- Three tier model (life skills, community engagement and civic responsibility)
- Highlights the principles of the Nguzo Saba – (The Seven Principles) Unity, Self-Determination Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, Faith, and Self-Respect



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School Start-Up Virtual Meeting for Black Families

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for a special virtual meeting where Black families will have the opportunity to hear about initiatives, available resources and upcoming programming for Black Students in both elementary and secondary division.

Agenda:

- Introduction to some available resources for Black Students
- Important information for elementary and secondary division
- Upcoming Initiatives, programs and events
- Opportunities for collaboration and involvement
- Question and answer session

[Registration Link](#)

Please register no later than September 25, 2024 to ensure you receive the zoom meeting link. Virtual meeting link will be provided after registration. Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Location: Virtual meeting link will be provided after registration

When: Thursday, September 26, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. to Thursday, September 26, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.

East Asian Students Family Engagement Evening

YRDSB in collaboration with Family Services York Region are hosting our first Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) Family Engagement Evening workshop on October 9, 2024.

Please see the link for more information. [2024 Oct. 9 Families Engagement Evening](#)

2024 GIVE Fall

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support your school community and enrich your child's learning experience! View the [flyer](#) for more information.

School Council Updates

School Council Meeting

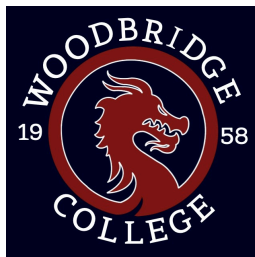
Our first School Council Meeting is on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

Guidance Corner

Grade 9 Families Night - Thursday, September 19, 2024

Those who were unable to attend the presentation can view the [Grade 9 Presentation](#), or find it on our Woodbridge College website on the [Guidance Page](#) on the left hand side.



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Scholarship Report

We wanted to make you aware of a newsletter called **The Scholarship Report**. This resource provides helpful information as your child prepares for postsecondary education. The Scholarship Report posts information on postsecondary events and opportunities, application tips, advice from experts, campus Open House Schedules, career resources, and lists of curated scholarship and bursaries, and other ways to pay for school. Don't miss out on this relevant information!

Accessing The Scholarship Report:

1. To access The Scholarship Report [here](#)
2. The password you will need for access: **scholar678**

Password hints:

- The password is lowercase.
- Try copy and pasting but be sure that you don't add any extra spaces at the beginning or end of the password.

3. Keep track of new postings using the Posting Schedule [here](#)
4. Keep track of scholarship applications using the Scholarship Tracker [here](#)

If you have questions, please contact your Guidance Counsellor



SCHOOL-NOMINATED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

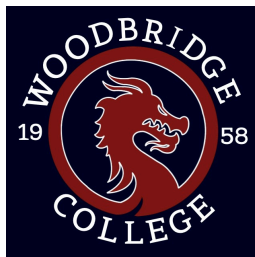
There are many scholarship opportunities available for Students Pursuing Post-Secondary Studies in the Fall of 2024. Please be mindful of deadlines and requirements for each scholarship you apply for. Note that some require school nominations, which means you must meet internal deadlines set at WC to be considered. If you have any questions, please book an appointment to speak to a guidance counsellor.

Student will need to complete a [WC School Nomination Form](#) as well as the application form

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO BOOK AWARD 2024/2025

To receive this award, you must be nominated by your school.

- ☐ The internal deadline is **October 6th, 2024 by 3pm**.
- ☐ We will inform you by **October 10th** if you are chosen as our school nominee.
- ☐ We choose 1 student.
- ☐ If chosen, you will be required to submit your application to U of T by the end of the day on **National Scholarship is October 17, 2024 (11:59pm EDT)**.
- ☐ The student selected for the Book Award will automatically be invited to apply for the National Scholarship Award.
- ☐ To apply, please complete the application package for the National Scholarship Program. We will use this as the basis for the selection process.
- ☐ Print off a copy of your application and hand it into the guidance office. [National Scholarship Program Application](#)
- ☐ You may apply for the National Scholarship Program without a school nomination. The deadline is **October 20th, 2023**.



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QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY MAJOR ADMISSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS 2024/2025

To be considered for the Queen's Chancellor award, you must be nominated by your school.

- ☐ One nominee will be chosen
- ☐ The internal deadline is **November 17, 2024 by 3pm.**
- ☐ Submit your [application package](#) to the guidance office.
- ☐ In order to apply for any of the major awards, you must apply to your program at Queen's through **OUAC by November 20th at the latest.** Only then will you receive your access to SOLUS (the Queen's internal platform) to which you will upload your application (by the **December 8, 2024 deadline**) for consideration.

SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIP 2024/2025

To be considered for the scholarship, you must be nominated by your school.

- ☐ The internal deadline is **January 29, 2025**
- ☐ We must submit the name of our school nominee by **January 31st, 2024**
- ☐ School nominee must then submit their Schulich Leader Scholarship Package to the Scholarship Committee by **February 23rd, 2024.**

Student Eligibility Criteria:

- ☐ To be entrepreneurial-minded and plans to pursue a career in one of more of the following focus areas: technology, engineering, entrepreneurship, and business enterprise, applied scientific research. Check if your program is eligible here.
- ☐ be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- ☐ graduate high school in **2024/2025**

You must meet at least two of the following criteria:

- ☐ Academic excellence
- ☐ Leadership (entrepreneurial or community)
- ☐ Financial need

Please fill out the [application](#) and hand it into guidance prior to the internal deadline.

- Please note you will need two single-page letters of reference that include email and telephone contact information for verification as well as your credit counselling summary will be required if you get chosen.

WESTERN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

To be considered for the Scholarship program, you must be nominated by your school.

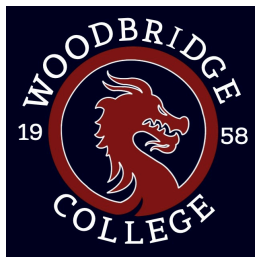
- ☐ One nominee can be chosen.
- ☐ The internal deadline is **February 6th, 2025 by 3pm.**
- ☐ To apply, please fill out the [scholarship application](#) and provide a copy to the guidance office.
- ☐ If successful, you will be notified by **February 16th, 2025.** The deadline to submit your final application to Western is **February 16, 2025**

SCHULICH BUILDERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SKILLED TRADES

To be considered for the Scholarship, you must be nominated by your school.

Five nominees can be chosen.

Nominees must be enrolling in a full-time eligible skilled trade one-year certificate or two-year diploma program at a participating college starting in Fall 2024



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The internal deadline is **March 24, 2025**. To apply, please fill out the scholarship application and provide a copy to the guidance office. If successful, you will be notified **by April 5th, 2025**.

Start your research on scholarships <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/> get matched to schools and scholarships.

Program Registration - Indigenous Languages & International Languages:

International Languages Secondary Courses can be applied toward the Ontario Secondary Diploma as a Group 1 - Compulsory or as an Elective Credit. Students in the Secondary International Languages program can earn up to three credits towards graduation.

If students successfully complete the Level D - University course, it can be used as one of their top six marks for post-secondary entry. For example, if a student takes Spanish Level B, C and D, the student can submit their Level D mark as one of the top six marks for post-secondary applications.

Please visit the [YRDSB page](#) for more information and see the flyer for more information.

SKILLED TRADES CAREER FAIR: GRADES 7-12

[Level Up Ontario Link](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Woodbridge Fair

Student Volunteers for the FAIR October 12-14

To register please fill out the [Registration Google Form](#). If you have any questions please email us at WoodbridgeFairVolunteer@gmail.com

SANKOFA PROGRAMS

- [Sankofa Programs Registration](#)
- [Sankofa Flyer](#)
- REGISTRATION LINK - <https://yorkregionaacc.ca/sankofa-programs/>

Mental Health Supports

Student Mental Health and Addictions Letter

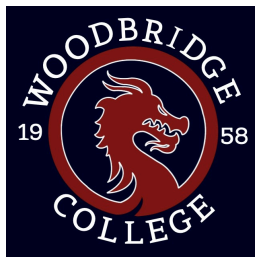
[September 2024 - Welcome Back!](#)

Inclusive School and Community Services

Inclusive School and Community Services support schools in developing a learning and school environment that is respectful, supportive and welcoming to all. This includes building and maintaining strong partnerships with parents, community, community organizations and social service agencies to ensure the Board is able to meet the diverse needs of our school communities. See [YRDSB website](#) for details.

Services to Support Mental Health

- **Family Services of York Region** - 905-883-6572
- **Trans Lifeline:** <https://translifeline.org>
- **YRDSB Trans Student Support Group** – Bi-weekly meetings 3:30 – 4:30 – contact Max at max.denley@yrdsb.ca Also offered in: Ukrainian, Russian, Dari, Mandarin and Arabic



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Academic Supports

[YRDSB Student Tools and Supports](#)

Supporting Mental Health:

Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:

- **310-COPE:** 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - avail.24/7
- **KidsHelpPhone:** 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7, <https://kidshelpphone.ca>
- **York Hills Help Phone Line:** 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters.
- **Mental Health Helpline:** 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7

Culturally Relevant Mental Health Supports:

We recognize the importance of supporting our students, families, and staff during these challenging times. While many remember and reflect on current events, in response, the following culturally responsive supports are available to our families:

1) TAIBU Community Health Centre

- Clinic: 416-644-3536 - <http://taibuchc.ca/en/>
- Taibu provides intersectional, equity-based and culturally affirming practices for YRDSB students who self-identify as Black:
- Individual Therapeutic Counselling for individuals and parents/families/caregivers.
- Referrals for individual counselling can be made via your school's Social Worker or Psychology Services Professional.
- Group workshops for students (after school). Inquiries regarding potential workshops can be addressed to: Brittany Creighton, BSW, MSW, RSW Diabetes Education Program Social Worker / Health Promoter - Mental Health and Wrap Around Services TAIBU. BCreighton@taibuchc.ca

2) Black Youth Helpline

- Call 416-285-9944 - Toll Free 1-833-294-8650
- <https://blackyouth.ca/contact-us/>
- [Black Youth Helpline](#)

3) Harriet's Youth Support Line

- 24-hour emergency / crisis response line: 1-877-695-2673
- Text messaging available for young people who do not feel like speaking to someone, but are still in need of help
- Contact info@tubmancommunity.org or jdunn@peacebuilders.ca for additional inquiries.

4) NACCA - Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA)

- Call 905-781-6222 - <https://www.naccacommunity.ca/nacca-youth.html>

5) Tropicana

- (416) 439-9009 - <https://tropicanacommunity.org/defy-your-label/>

6) Sikh Family Helpline: [Sikh Family Helpline](#) (1-800-551-9128)

7) Naseeha Helpline: [Naseeha Mental Health](#)

8) 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline: [LGBT Youthline](#)

9) PFLAG Canada York Region: 1-866-YR-PFLAG (977-3524) <https://plfagyork.ca>