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Dates At A Glance

Dec 23- Jan 3	Winter Break
Jan 7	Christmas (Eastern)
Jan 22-28	Exams
Jan 29	Exam review day Lunar New Year
Jan 31	PA Day - No School
Feb 4-11	Course Selection Classroom Visits
Feb 10	Grad Retakes/ S2
Feb 11-13	S1F1 Report Cards eDistribution
Feb 12	Immunization Clinic
Feb 13	Course Selection Night OUAC Transmission
Feb 14	OCAS Transmission
Feb 17	Family Day - No School
Mar 1-30	Ramadan Begins
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
Mar 20	Naw-Ruz
Mar 21-24	Interim Report Card eDistribution
May 22	Prom
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.

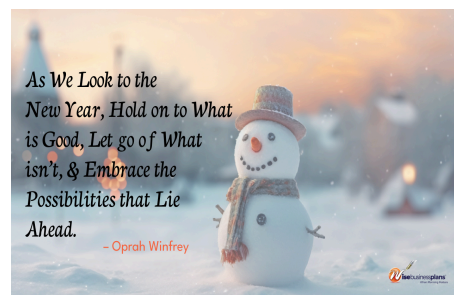


HELPFUL LINKS:

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

CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:

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

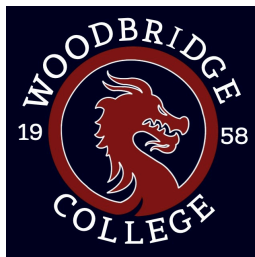


Dear Families,

We are reaching out to seek your support in reinforcing important washroom etiquette with our secondary students. To maintain a clean and respectful environment, we kindly ask that students refrain from eating in the washrooms and avoid using them as a place to hang out with friends. Additionally, students should use the washroom during class time promptly to minimize missed instructional time and should not coordinate visits with friends. Students are encouraged to use washroom facilities in between classes and during lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

WC Administrative Team



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Attendance at WC

ATTENDANCE ABSENCE REPORTING

Parents/ guardians please email attendance absences to woodbridgecollege.attendance@yrdsb.ca
Please note, EDSBY is **not** monitored for student absenteeism.

School Council Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Families wishing to connect directly with our School Council can do so by emailing:
woodbridge.college@sc.yrdsb.ca

YRDSB Resources and Opportunities

Understanding Navigating the Education System-Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Info Session - December

Please join us for our monthly virtual meeting, where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students. Please see [flyer](#) for registration and information. [Registration link](#)

Centre for Black Excellence Mailing List

We would like to encourage families to subscribe to the mailing list to stay up to date with information about school board and community events and programs that would benefit Black students and families with Black children and updates on Board efforts to dismantle anti-Black racism.
Please see [flyer](#) for more information on how to subscribe to the mailing list.

TCC Heritage Month Video Essay Competition - 2025 Call for Entries!

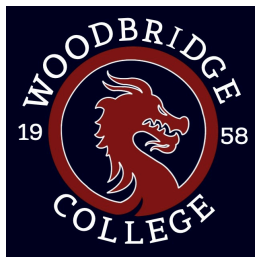
The Tamil Community Centre's Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition. Students from all schools are invited to participate in this exciting contest. Submissions are due by January 7, 2025. Please visit our [flyer](#) for more details.

Caregiver Consultation - Coffee with Tamil Social Worker

For more information and/or to book a consultation, please contact Nijatha Subramaniam at nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca or 905-727-0022 ext. 4138 (voicemail only).
Please see flyer below..

[Caregivers Consults Flyer \(English\)](#)

[Caregivers Consults Flyer \(Tamil\)](#)



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360°Kids Information Flyer

360°kids is dedicated to helping at-risk and unhoused youth by providing essential support services in housing, employment, health, and education. Please see [flyer](#) for more information.

YRDSB FAMILY DASHBOARD

A family portal including;

- parent/guardian authentication
- secure access to report card links
- links to useful information for parents/guardians

[Newsletter](#)

The Supreme Court of Canada's 150th Anniversary Art Contest

Students ages 5-17 are invited to participate in The Supreme Court of Canada's art contest, celebrating the SCC's 150th anniversary. For contest rules visit: [Rules](#)

Please see the flyer for more information. [SCC-Art-Contest.pdf](#)

Concours d'art Oratoire - FSL Programs

Once again, our school has the opportunity to participate in a French Speech competition in semester 2. There is the option to prepare and present a speech or participate in an impromptu presentation. In previous years, we have had students move on to the provincial level and win cash prizes. It is an amazing opportunity for Core and Immersion students. If students are interested, they are to see Mme Wolf for more details and to sign up! For more info about the provincial competition, see:

<https://on.cpf.ca/en/concours-dart-oratoire/>

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](#).

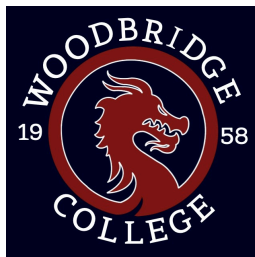
Sankofa Mentoring Program

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

[Register Here](#)



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CO-OP & Pathway Opportunities



Dear Parent/Guardian Community,

As your child enters their senior years of high school, it's an exciting time to explore the many experiential learning opportunities in the skilled trades and technologies. Pathway programs such as the Cooperative Education Program, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP), Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM), and Dual Credit courses provide hands-on, real-world experiences that are invaluable in shaping future career paths.

These programs offer students the chance to gain practical skills, connect with industry professionals, and earn valuable credentials, all while still in high school. Whether through job placements, apprenticeship opportunities, or college-level courses, students are equipped with the knowledge and confidence needed to pursue rewarding careers in high-demand sectors like construction, manufacturing, information technology, and more.

We encourage you to support your child in exploring these pathways, as they provide a strong foundation for both post-secondary education and immediate employment opportunities. Together, let's help them build a future full of possibilities!

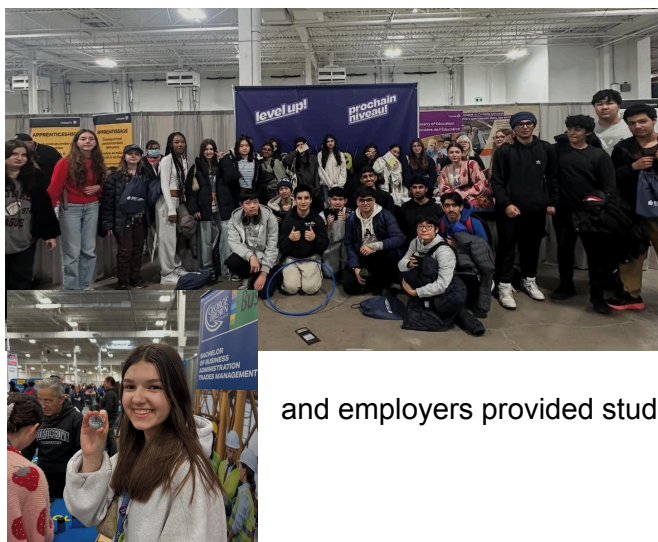
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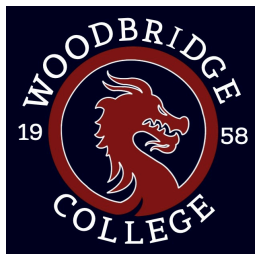
Christina Bazzo
Department Head of Community Based Education



Skilled Trades & Technology Information Flyer

"Level Up! Unlock Your Future in the Skilled Trades" provided a valuable experience for our Grade 10 students! By showcasing over 140+ skilled trades, this event aimed to inspire students by demonstrating the many exciting and impactful career paths available in industries that are not only at the forefront of technology but also vital to people's lives. The hands-on activities and interactions with tradespeople and employers provided students with a deeper understanding of the possibilities





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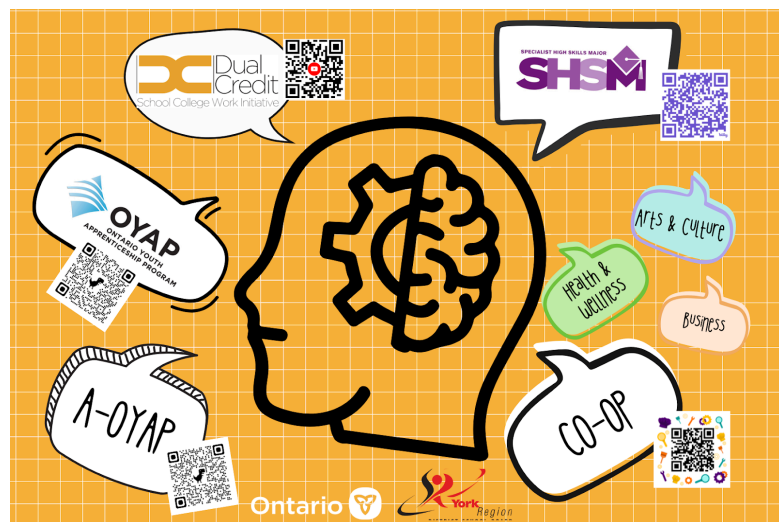
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within these fields, making it an excellent opportunity to learn about life-changing career options. It was great to see that our students had the chance to explore these industries firsthand!

Skills Ontario

We are excited to inform you that, as part of our ongoing efforts to support students in exploring potential career paths, a Program Facilitator from **Skills Ontario** will be joining Woodbridge College on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 to deliver an engaging, interactive multimedia presentation to our Grade 10 classes.

The 45-minute presentation will offer students a comprehensive overview of various skilled trades and technologies, highlighting the potential benefits these fields can provide. The session will cover topics such as:



Exploring Career Opportunities: Students will have the chance to take a visual tour of different skilled trades, learning about various roles, their median salaries, and the qualities, education, and training needed for success. This will help students find a career that aligns with their interests, lifestyle, and personality.

Pathways to a Career in the Skilled Trades: The presentation will cover the steps to apprenticeship and other educational pathways, helping students understand the various routes they can take to enter these industries.

Building Skills and Experience: Students will learn how to acquire hands-on skills and real-world experience that will set them on the path to success in these careers.

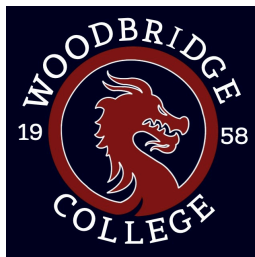
Employability Skills: The session will emphasize the importance of key employability skills that can make a significant difference in securing and excelling in a job.

We strongly believe that this presentation will be a valuable learning experience for our students, providing them with the knowledge and resources to make informed decisions about their future career options.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or would like additional information about this exciting event.

Sincerely,

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Health Care Plans for Students

If your child has a serious life-threatening allergy or medical condition, please inform the office to complete the appropriate medical forms. There are students and staff members in our school who have life-threatening allergies to nuts and other allergens. To help create an allergen-safe environment, do not bring nuts or nut products to school.

It is critical that parents and guardians share information with us about students' serious or life-threatening medical conditions or other health-related matters so that we can create fulsome Health Care Plans that help keep students safe. We encourage students, who are able, to contribute to the creation of these plans too.

Please access forms below as needed. Completed forms and medication can be placed in a sealable bag, with the student's name marked on the bag and left in the Main Office. As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

[Health Care Plan Form](#)

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

Guidance Corner

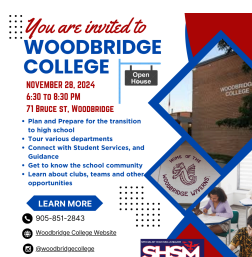
Scholarship, Bursaries, Grants and Loans Presentation for Potential Grads:

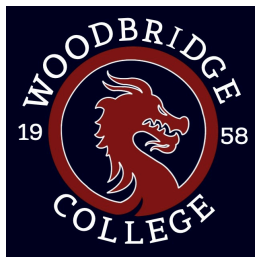
To learn more please visit our school website, and review the [presentation](#). Students and families learn the difference between scholarships, bursaries, grants, and loans



Grade 8 Open House

Occurred on November 28, to learn about course selection and pathways please visit our [school website](#) to learn more about school registration, course selection, and pathway options for your child





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Schulich Leader requiring a Scholarships Nomination

- eligible to select ONE candidate each year.
- appointed as Schulich Leaders at each participating university will receive \$100,000 or \$80,000.
- Information: <https://www.schulichleaders.com/>

Criteria:

- student must be intending to enroll in a program at one of the 20 Canadian universities in the STEM areas of study (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
- must be a Canadian citizen
- each candidate must possess at least two of the following three attributes:
 - academic excellence
 - outstanding community, business or entrepreneurial leadership
 - financial need

Please fill out the application and hand it into guidance prior to the internal deadline.

Complete the School Nominated Scholarship Form If you wish to be considered for this nomination and you meet the criteria, please fill out the nomination form and email it to nancy.sebasta@yrdsb.ca no later than **January 24, 2025**. We must submit your name by **January 31st, 2025**. If selected, your Schulich Leader Scholarship nomination is due by **February 23rd, 2025**.

Schulich Builders Scholarship

Scholarships for Skilled Trades are scholarships for students enrolling in an eligible, full-time skilled trades program at a participating college in Ontario. Ten colleges will award a total of 120 scholarships annually.

Each college will award:

Five - \$20,000

scholarships for one-year certificate programs, and

Five - \$40,000 scholarships for two-year diploma programs.

For more information: info@schulichbuilders.com AND see your child's grade 12 Google Classroom.

Mental Health Supports

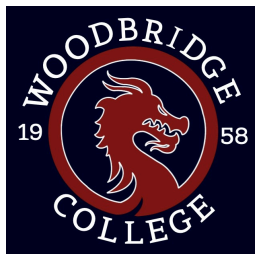
Student Mental Health and Addictions Letter

[December 2024 - Windows to Wellness](#)

[November 2024 - Digital Wellness and Screen Time Balance](#)

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.



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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

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/>



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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>

