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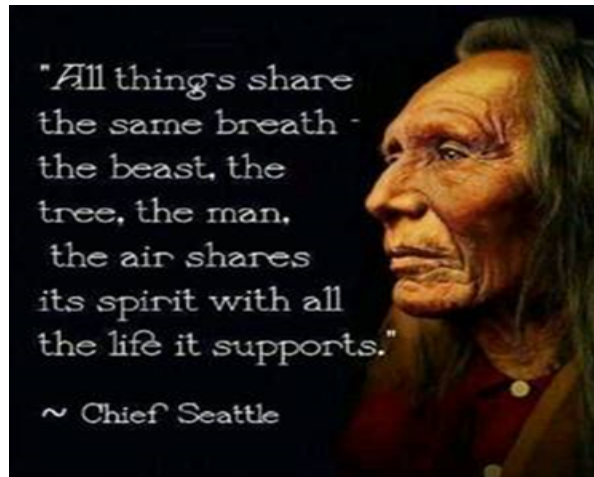
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Dates At A Glance

Jan 14	EQAO
Jan 21	Last Day of Sem. 1
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 \(YRDSB\)](#)

Exam Preparation

Student Success has created a few resources we wanted to pass along to help support students during exam season. We know many students are overwhelmed as they have never been through this before!

- 1.) This slide deck on [Study Strategies](#) goes through different study strategies and ideas for students on how to study and how to approach this stressful season.
- 2.) We will be holding lunch time study sessions in Room 120 next week Monday-Thursday.
- 3.) We have made an [Exam Schedule](#) for students. They can input their own culminating activities and exam dates in there and then add in their own study plans etc.

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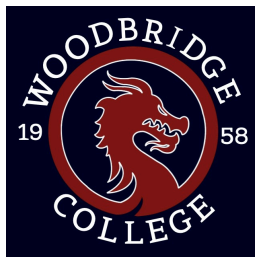
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Attendance at WC

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

Student Trustee Area Elections Open

Students can vote now for Student Trustees

Students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity January 13 -17 to participate in voting for the student trustee candidate who will represent our geographic area of the school board.

How to Vote

All students in Grades 5-12 will receive an email in their GAPPs account. The email will include a link to a Google site where they will find information about candidates in our area, and a link to a form where they can submit their vote. Voting closes on January 17 at 8:00 p.m.

One candidate will be selected by students to represent each of the four areas of the school board in the final vote. In the final vote, scheduled for February, students can vote for two candidates who will represent them during the next school year.

Student Trustees

Student trustees play an important role representing students in the school board. They network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice.

This is an important opportunity for students to participate in the student trustee elections and vote for the students who will represent their voice, so we encourage students to check their email and take the time to vote.

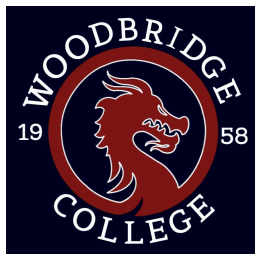
Learn more about the role and the election process at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

Tamil Heritage Month Launch 2025

Students, families and staff are invited to come celebrate Tamil Heritage Month with Arts & Literature Workshops, Cultural Performances and refreshments.

Join us Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Maple High School from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Please see [poster](#) for more information.



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Tenants Rights Workshop

You are invited to free Virtual Tenant Rights Workshops offered in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights from January through April 2025. Please see [link](#) for more information and registration.

Understanding & Navigating the Education System - Families of YRDSB Black Students January Session

Families, parents and caregivers are welcomed to join in on Monday, January 27, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our monthly virtual meeting, where families of Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools. Please see our [flyer](#) for more information and to register.

Wellbeing and Mindfulness Workshop

Please join us in an engaging Wellbeing and Mindfulness Workshop designed to help nurture, balance, build resilience, and practice self-care in today's fast-paced world. Please see the [flyer invitation](#) for more information and to register.

Nominations Open for Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM

These awards honour outstanding and innovative elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines for their remarkable educational achievements. [Link](#)

Student Mental Health Strategy Implementation LAMPS: Learning About Mental Health Presentation Series

Schools are invited to participate in a Mental Health Presentation provided by the Central Student Mental Health Implementation Team. Presentations are available for students in grades 1-12, parents and caregivers, Jan. 15, 2025 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Please see [flyer](#) for more information and to register..

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 our [flyer](#) for more information on how to subscribe to the mailing list.

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 our [flyer](#) for more information.

YRDSB FAMILY DASHBOARD

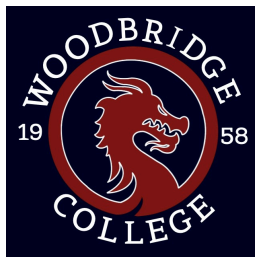
A family portal including;

- 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](#)



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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](#)

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](#)

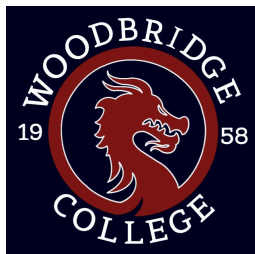
[Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

Guidance Corner

1. Students and/or parents are able to make a Guidance appointment with Ms. Kolianou or Ms. Neally through teachassist. Please wait for a response to see if your chosen date and time are available.

2. A reminder of GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 30 Credits - 18 Compulsory, 12 Elective
- 40 Hours of Community Involvement
- A successful Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)
- 2 On-line Credits or a signed "Opt Out" Form



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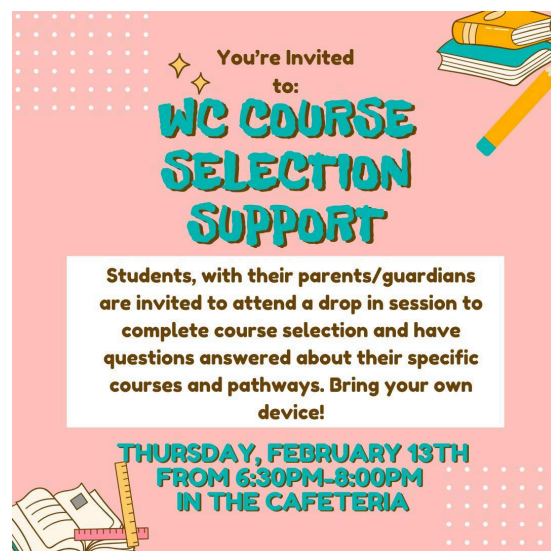
3. Many Grade 12 students have not started or completed their Community Involvement hours. This is a requirement for Graduation. Please remind your children that they must complete these hours as soon as possible so that diplomas can be ordered.

4. Course Selection Support Night

Students, with their parents/guardians are invited on **Thursday, February 13, 2025 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Cafeteria** to attend a drop-in session to complete course selection (on MyPathwayPlanner) and have questions answered about specific courses and pathways

- Bring your own device
- Submit your course selection
- Explore French Immersion, Coop, SHSM and/or grade specific courses

Guidance will be visiting classes **Feb 5 to 11th** to help answer any questions students may have. The course selection window will be open from Feb 13th to Feb 21st.



Grade 12's

- **University Applications** for equal consideration are due by January 15, 2025, please do not wait on January 15 to submit your applications.
- **College applications** for equal consideration are due by February 1, 2025, please submit your application before this date.

Schulich Leader requiring a Scholarships Nomination

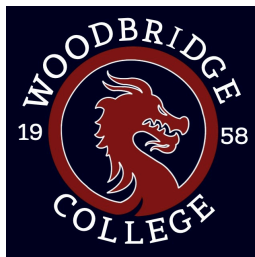
- eligible to select ONE candidate each year.
- appointed as Schulich Leaders at each participating university will receive \$100,000 or \$80,000.
- Information: <https://www.schulichleaders.com/>

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**.



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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.

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](#)

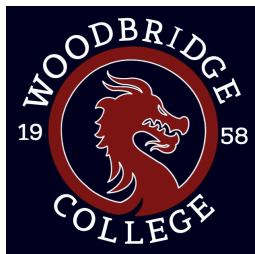
Supporting Mental Health:

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:



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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>