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Dates At A Glance **Dutch Heritage Month** Polish Heritage Month May Jewish Heritage Month Armenian Heritage Month May 2 Culture Day May 5 PA Day - No School Full Disclosure May 6 Public Health - Gr 12's May 9 College Presentation May 12 Wesak May 17 Irish Heritage Day Victoria Day - No May 19 School May 22 May 30 John Sims Tournament Jun 2-3 **Shavuot** Jun 6 Eid-ul-Adha Jun 18-24 Exams Graduation Jun 25 Jun 26-27 PA Day - No School Jul 4 OCAS Transmission **OUAC Transmission**

DAILY SCHEDULE		
PERIOD	TIME	
Warning Bell	8:50 a.m.	DON'T FORGET
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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.	KON KON
4	2:00 p.m 3:15 p.m.	Kristen Butler Kristen Butler
HELPFUL LINKS:		CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:
WC Website, YRDSB Website WC Twitter, WC Instagram		Crimestoppers, Kids Help Phone Report It (YRDSB)

EQAO Math Test

Dear Parents/Guardians,

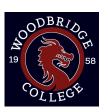
We are writing to inform you about the upcoming **Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics**, administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This provincial test is designed to evaluate the mathematics knowledge and skills that students are expected to have acquired by the end of their Grade 9 mathematics course.

Students will be writing the assessment on **June 4th** and **June 5th** during their scheduled math class. The Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics is an online test that includes two sessions, covering various strands of the Grade 9 mathematics curriculum. These strands include Number, Algebra, Data, Geometry and Measurement, and Financial Literacy. The assessment aims to measure students' proficiency in these areas and their ability to apply mathematical processes. The results of this assessment will count towards 10% of your child's final mark in their Grade 9 mathematics course.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's math teacher. In addition, please visit the <u>EQAO website</u> for more information.

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Event at WC

Arts Night Thursday, May 8th - Flyer

On behalf of the Arts Department,

We are thrilled to have you join us for this extraordinary celebration of creativity, passion, and talent. We invite you to embark on a journey through the world of art, featuring mesmerizing dance performances, soulful musical compositions, stirring spoken word, and breathtaking visual works.

Each piece presented has been thoughtfully crafted with imagination and care, embodying the distinct voices and perspectives of our remarkable art students at Woodbridge College. This evening is a testament to the exceptional talent we are fortunate to nurture at Woodbridge College.

Tonight is not just a showcase—it's a powerful reminder of art's ability to inspire, unite, and transform. We thank you for your support and for being here to celebrate with us. Let the creativity unfold!



Attendance at WC

ATTENDANCE ABSENCE REPORTING

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

School Council Upcoming Dates

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



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YRDSB Resources and Opportunities

School Year Calendar - 2025-2026

The YRDSB 2025-2026 school year calendars have been approved by the Ministry. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar.

Our Truth: A Student Art Exhibit

We invite all YRDSB students, family, community members and staff to join us at Bill Hogarth Secondary School for Our Truth எங்கள் உண்மை: A Student Art Exhibit. This event will showcase artwork and artifacts created and curated by students to represent their Tamil identity and the Tamil Diaspora. All are welcome to explore original student artwork, listen to live music, enjoy light refreshments, and meet local Tamil artists from the Greater Toronto Area. The aim of this event is to provide a space of healing and to honour the legacies and resiliency within the Tamil community. Please see flyer for more information and register through the Registration Google Form.

For more information, please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@yrdsb.ca.

Victims of Crime Week

Parents, caregivers, guardians, community members and youth 11+ are welcome to attend the **3rd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference** in York Region.

Join us at **Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus** on <u>May 13 and 14, 2025 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.</u> for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking. <u>Registration for the 3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference</u>. Please see <u>flyer</u> for more information.

Our conference brings together experts, advocates, and community members to raise awareness and education. Through engaging workshops, inspirational talks and community booths, we gain valuable knowledge and tools to protect and empower our community. Free refreshments and a light dinner will be provided.

For more information, please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@vrdsb.ca.

Open Mic Night Series with YRP

Friday, May 16, 2025, Saturday, May 21, 2025

Please see <u>flyer</u> for more information.

City of Vaughan's Transportation Youth Ambassador Program Announcement

Hey Woodbridge College! Ready to make a difference in your community? Join the City of Vaughan's Transportation Youth Ambassador Program.

Why Join?

- You can work alongside the City staff and gain real-life work experience.
- Earn volunteer hours and receive a certificate of completion.
- · Voice your ideas on transportation and help shape the future of our city!
- · Host fun events and learn to engage with different audiences.
- Build useful skills like leadership, teamwork, and critical thinking.

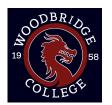
The program will run from: February 24th to May 30th

And the application deadline is: February 16th

To learn more about how to send in your application, go to

vaughan.ca/YouthAmbassador for more information.

Don't miss out on this chance to make an impact! Please see poster for more information.



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Understanding and Navigating the Education System - Families of YRDSB Black Students - May Information Session

Please see flyer for more information.

Unity in Diversity - A Celebration of South Asian Heritage

We invite all YRDSB students, family, community members and staff to join us at Maple High School on <u>Tuesday, May 27th, 2025</u> to celebrate South Asian Heritage Month.

Please see flyer for more information and registration.

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 <u>flyer</u> for more information.

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

CO-OP & Pathway Opportunities

Celebrating Our Grade 12 Apprentices!



We are incredibly proud to share the success of two of our Grade 12 students, Daniel and Sole who recently attended the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Signing Event on Thursday, May 1, 2025. Through their hard work, dedication, and passion for skilled trades, they have officially taken their first steps as apprentices in Truck and Coach and Plumbing!

This marks the beginning of an exciting journey as they work towards becoming certified journeypersons. Their commitment to learning and



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developing their skills is inspiring, and we know they will make a significant impact in their respective fields.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing community partners for their unwavering support and mentorship. Through the Cooperative Education Program, these students have had the invaluable opportunity to gain job-specific skills, industry knowledge, and hands-on experience. Their ability to network and learn from professionals has been instrumental in shaping their futures.

Congratulations to our apprentices as they embark on this new chapter—we can't wait to see all they accomplish!



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

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.

Summer School - Continuing Education



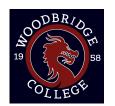
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Acceleration Courses (18 days)

For students who wish to earn a credit in a subject they have not previously studied or those who wish to upgrade a mark in a course that they have successfully completed. Students are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment. Course offerings are not guaranteed as they are based on sufficient enrollment and teacher availability. Students can only take one acceleration course during the summer session. Transportation is not provided for this program.

Registration opens April 15, 2025.



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Option 1 : Online Learning (formerly elearning)

Courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format. Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other. Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher. The learning platform is Brightspace by D2L.

Dates: Wednesday, July 2 to Friday, July 25 Hours: Flexible (6 hours per day minimum)

Learn more about Secondary Summer School Online Learning.

Option 2: In-Person Learning

Courses will be offered in a face-to-face learning model.

Dates: Wednesday, July 2 to Friday, July 25

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm

Locations: Bill Hogarth SS, Bur Oak SS, Keswick HS, Maple HS, Middlefield CI, Newmarket HS, Richmond

Green SS, and Thornlea SS

Learn more about Secondary Summer School In-Person Learning.

Option 3: Remote Synchronous Learning

The learning platform is Google Classroom. Classes will be a mix of synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous learning. The teachers will be expected to be online for most of the day. A majority of the day will be spent in synchronous learning experiences (Google Meet with whole class or small groups, phone or video chats, individual conferencing – a combination of many tools to engage in synchronous learning). In July, before the start of classes, your child will receive an email with instructions on how to log on and participate in the class. Remote Summer School

Grade 11 Courses

MBF3C - Math College

MCF3M - Functions & Applications

NDA3M - Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and

Inuit Issues and Perspectives

Grade 12 Courses

MAP4C - Math Foundations College

International Language Courses

LKBBD - Simplified Mandarin - Level B

LKBCU - Simplified Mandarin - Level C

LWSBD - Spanish - Level B

LWSCU - Spanish - Level C

LITBD - Tamil - Level B

LITCU - Tamil - Level C

Centre for Black Excellence Summer School Courses

Y2 LEGACY – A Black-Centred Approach to Leadership, Innovation, and Excellence

is a transformative summer learning program that empowers students through a Black-centred lens celebrating leadership, innovation, and academic excellence. By building foundational knowledge and identity-affirming skills, students emerge with the confidence and capabilities to lead in their schools and communities. The foundational skills students gain in the summer will support them in navigating the school year with confidence and leadership.

Through credit-bearing courses grounded in technology, literature, business leadership, and community engagement, Y2 LEGACY provides a dynamic and culturally responsive learning experience. Students engage in experiential learning, build essential academic and life skills, and receive mentorship that supports long-term success.

Learn more <u>here</u> and <u>registration</u> is through MyPathwayPlanner

Summer Mentorship Program (SMP)

This gives high school students of Indigenous or African ancestry a chance to explore health sciences at the University of Toronto over four weeks in July.



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Visit the Centre for Black Student Excellence to learn more about other summer programs available for Black students. Learn more <u>here</u>

Black Internship Program

The Come Up, in partnership with York University, presents the Black Internship Program. This program is designed to develop leadership skills for Black students and increase education engagement.

Students earn a cooperative education credit

Details are available through MPP -> continuing education -> explore courses -> scroll to bottom " YRDSB Summer School" -> 1 Credit Coop Alt Ed Holding

Aquatics Leadership Program

Part 1 Fall 2025	Part 2 Winter 2026		
Students earn Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, CPR and First Aid Certification from Life Saving Society	Students earn National Lifeguard Certification and the Swim and National Lifesaving Instructor Certification from Life Saving Society		
Students earn PAQ2O1	Students earn PLF4M1		
 Students must be registered in a secondary school and minimum age of 13 years old Students must pass a 400 metre swim test 	 Students must be 15 years old, and have Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Standard CPR and First Aid Certifications Students must have completed at least one Health and Phys. Ed Credit at Highschool 		
Available at Aurora, Georgina, Markham, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, and East Gwillimbury (Spring 2026)			
2 Part Registration Part A Register with Town or City, Part B Register with YRDSB			
Flyer email to Guidance Departments in June			
Registration will begin July 2025			

Spring College and University Open Houses

This is a wonderful time to visit college and university campuses for students applying to post-secondary.

- <u>University</u> campuses
- College campuses

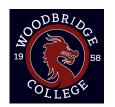
Scholarships

OJEN's 2025 Bursary Program is open for applications

Are you considering a career in law? You might be eligible to apply for our bursaries!

Bursaries are available for graduating high school students in Ontario entering post-secondary education this fall. Each successful applicant receives between \$1,000-1,500.

When you apply, you are considered for bursaries provided by the Association of Justices of the Peace of Ontario, the Association of Ontario Judges, and the Ontario Superior Court Judges' Association. In your



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application, please describe the legal sector career you are interested in and demonstrate how your post-secondary program will help you achieve this goal.

To learn more, please visit: ojen.ca/program/bursaries-grade-12-students

Submit your application by Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

Questions? Contact: bursary@ojen.ca

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) 14th Annual Scholarships Application

This year, BFCN will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships to qualifying students pursuing education at an accredited Canadian University or College in September 2025. Two scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students and two scholarships will be awarded to graduate students. <u>Learn more and register</u> by <u>July 31, 2025</u>.

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) 11th Annual Aim 2 Achieve Awards Application

The Aim 2 Achieve Award will recognize Black students who are celebrating achievement after facing adversity. This year BFCN will be awarding two Aim 2 Achieve awards. The recipients of the \$1000 award will be students graduating from a Canadian secondary school or CEGEP and who will be attending an accredited Canadian University or College in September 2025 to pursue undergraduate education. Perseverance and dedication are two qualities that the Aim 2 Achieve winners must embody and believe in. Achievement exists in many different forms and we want to hear about yours! Learn more and register by July 31, 2025.

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) Scholarship Directory 2025

The <u>BFCN Scholarship Directory</u> is a free, detailed, and up-to-date compilation of 50+ available scholarships, awards, and bursaries for youth pursuing post-secondary education primarily at the undergraduate level. This directory was created to support Black students and their families, educators, guidance counselors, and coaches search, find, and apply for funding opportunities.

Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) invites self-identifying Black students who are graduating from a high school in the York Region District School Board to apply for AEBS 2025 Scholarships. Please see the flyer for more information. The deadline to apply is Monday May 12, 2025.

Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA)

The Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) will be awarding scholarships of \$1,000 to selected recipients. <u>Deadline is June 30, 2025</u>.

2025 Scholarship Application Package

Please see the flyer for more information or visit the MACCA website.

2025 Healthy Democracy Student Leadership Award

Please see <u>Flyer</u> and <u>Information Sheet</u> for more information. The deadline for receipt of application packages is June 6, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

Scholar Tree

With spring right around the corner, <u>ScholarTree.ca</u> wanted to share a list of scholarships (over 1,800 awards totalling over \$5,000,000) available to students over March/Spring Break. <u>Scholarship for March</u> If you have issues opening the links, you can either try right-clicking and copying the links into your browser.

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Not all awards will apply to all students. Students should create a profile on ScholarTree to get a customized list and weekly email reminders of deadlines. Students can use the "Applications Open" filter only to see those scholarships currently accepting applications at the top left of their scholarship list.

1. York Region Sports - volunteer opportunity

Our organization is hosting a non-profit volleyball program in Woodbridge on Thursday Evenings. We are looking for both male and female volunteers between 14-18 years old, who are interested in helping out. Flyer They can contact us if interested - email York Region Sports info@yorkregionsports.ca

2. Woodbridge Soccer House League Coaching or General Volunteer

The Woodbridge Soccer Club is a non-profit organization and volunteers are a vital part of our organizations' operations. Volunteering is an extremely rewarding experience and any bit helps. Below you will find a list of volunteer opportunities within Woodbridge Soccer Club.

Volunteer coaches are used by the Club for all levels of soccer. Coaches are the leaders and teachers of our young athletes. Their role is to help improve the players soccer skills and performance while also ensuring they have fun!

If you would like to be involved with Woodbridge Soccer, be it as a coach or in some other capacity, just fill out the form below and submit it. A WSC representative will get back to you soon. https://woodbridgesoccer.ca/volunteer/?authuser=0

3. Volunteer at Rooks to Cooks

Practical cooking skills in a fun, hands-on environment. We operate camps across the GTA, led by professional chefs and culinary educators, and we place a strong emphasis on teamwork, confidence-building, and leadership.

We're currently accepting applications for our, and we'd love to connect with students who are eager to gain experience, contribute to a positive learning environment, and have some fun in the kitchen!

If you are interested, please feel free to share the application form below: 👉 Volunteer ApplicationForm

Summer Jobs

YRES is hiring for 8-week paid positions (Camp Counsellor, Web Developer, and more) in York Region through Canada Summer Job. Open to youth aged 15-30. Positions start April 28 or June 30. Apply today at yorkeducation.org/join-us.

Mental Health Supports

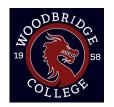
Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Each year, Ontarians mark the first full week of May as Children's Mental Health Week. Please see family toolkit <u>link</u> for more information.

Policy update from the Ministry of Education

Dear Families,

The Ontario Ministry of Education released Policy/Program Memorandum 128 in the fall of 2024, which included a directive to school boards to set out enforcement mechanisms to address the possession, use and provision of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, nicotine products, recreational cannabis, alcohol and illegal drugs. In support of a comprehensive approach, we are pleased to announce that in the coming months, vape-detecting devices will be installed at all YRDSB secondary schools.



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Our schools continue to provide education and support regarding the harmful impact of these products. Please see resources listed below.

Resources for Families QUASH

- A Logical Plan for Quitting
 - free smoking and vaping cessation app (co-designed by youth for youth)

School Mental Health Ontario

- Vaping: What you need to know
 - general information about vaping; outlines important facts, associated risks, and additional resources to support educators/families in having informed conversations with students

York Region Public Health (YRPH)

- Vape Facts: What You Need to Know
 - o a website containing YRPH anti-vaping campaign videos and vaping facts
- Vaping and E-Cigarettes
 - o a website continuing YRPH information on vaping and health risks

Canadian Lung Association

- How to Talk to Your Child About Vaping
 - o a pdf guide for parents about talking with your child about vaping and the risks

Student Mental Health and Addictions Letter

<u>April 2025 - Getting Ready for Mental Health Awareness Week</u> March 2025 - A Fresh Start for Spring

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:

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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. <u>BCreighton@taibuchc.ca</u>

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