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Dates At A Glance

Nov 6	Take Our Kids to Work
Nov 7	OUAC Transmission
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 14	Pathways Night (ECSS) - 7 p.m.
Nov 15	OCAS Transmission PA Day
Nov 18-20	Midterm Report Cards-eDistribution
Nov 26	Honour Roll Breakfast
Nov 27	Full Disclosure
Nov 28	Gr. 8 Open House 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Dec 9-13	Grad Photos
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 10	Grad Retakes/ S2
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.

**“THE HARDEST
THING TO DO IS
TO WORK WHEN
NO-ONE IS
WATCHING”**

Ray Lewis
EST. 2014 | VALOURINE

HELPFUL LINKS:

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

CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:

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

A Career that works for you.

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We believe that every student can be successful. That drives our work.

We are looking for individuals who share this commitment to student learning well-being, and achievement.

We have ongoing job postings in a variety of positions. Learn more about why YRDSB may be the right place for you.

Meet some of our staff and explore career opportunities. www.yrdsb.ca/careers or scan the QR code.



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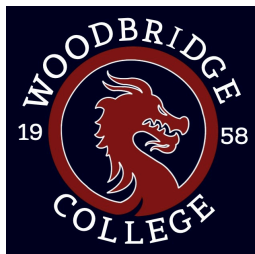
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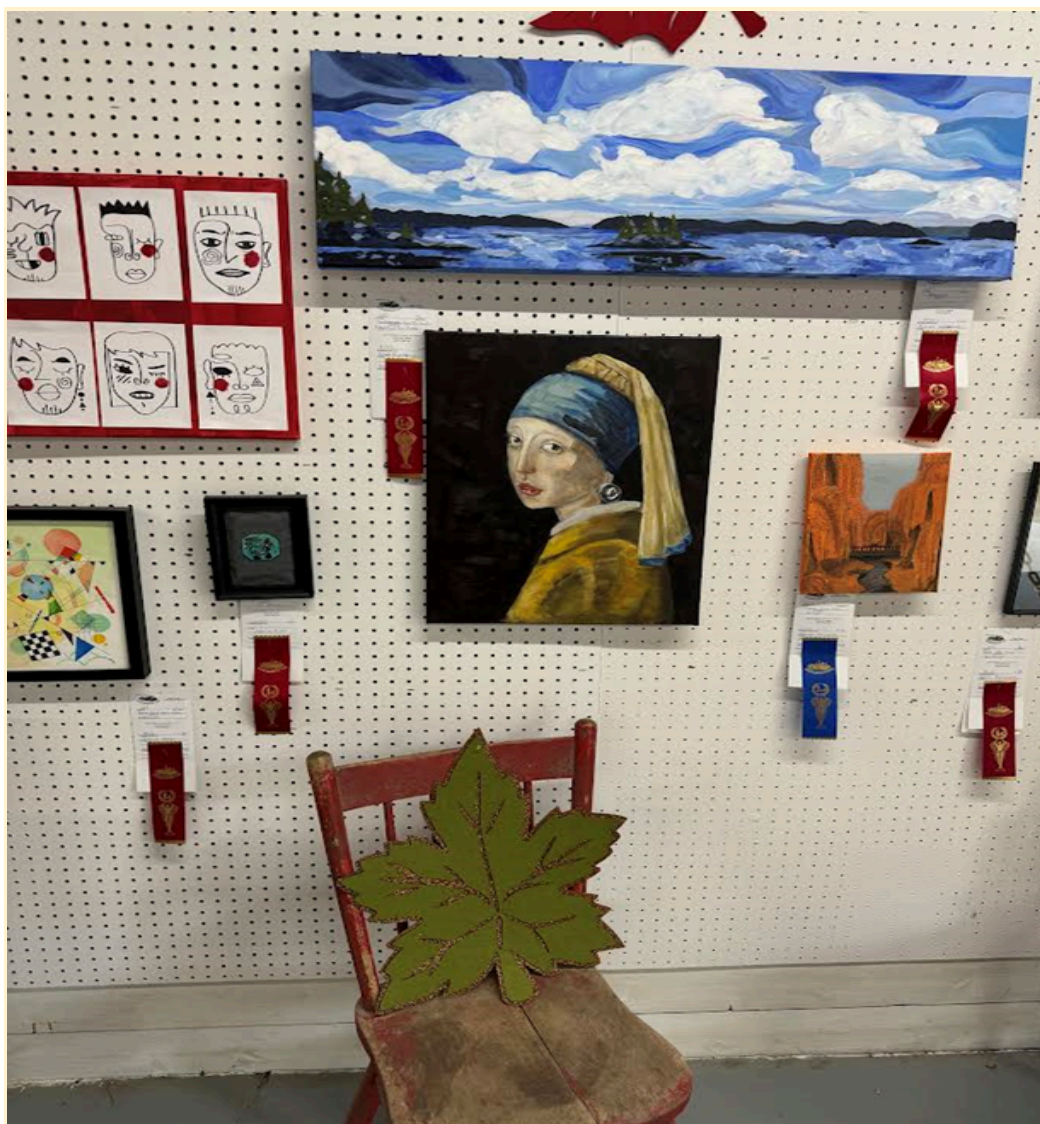


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WOODBIDGE FAIR ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to our first prize winners Polina N and Nika R who participated in this year's Woodbridge Fair art contest!



School Council Updates

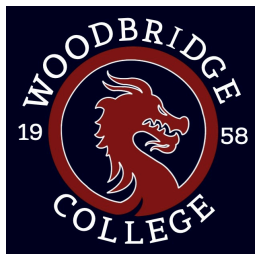
School Council Meeting

Our next School Council Meeting is on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
All are welcome to attend.

Attendance at WC

ATTENDANCE ABSENCE REPORTING

Parents/ guardians please email attendance absences to woodbridgecollege.attendance@yrdsb.ca



YRDSB Resources and Opportunities

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 \(Tamil\)](#)

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

Families Day - Exploring Family, Community & Love at the Toronto Holocaust Museum

Families, please join the Toronto Holocaust Museum (THM) and York Region District School Board (YRDSB) for a Family Sunday at the Museum on Sunday, November 17th from 1:30pm - 4:00pm.

Please register at this [link](#).

GIVE 2024 Fall Session - Cohort 2

All parents, guardians and caregivers are welcome to register for a free information session November 11-15, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., about making a difference in your child's education by volunteering.

Organized by YRDSB in partnership with the Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information and registration, please click on the [link](#).

Concours d'art Oratoire - FSL Programs

Once again, our school has the opportunity to participate in a French Speech competition in semester 2.

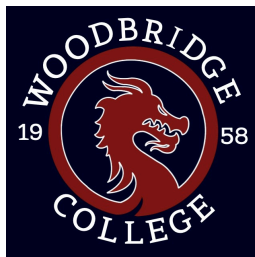
There is the option to prepare and present a speech or participate in an impromptu presentation. In previous years, we have had students move on to the provincial level and win cash prizes. It is an amazing opportunity for Core and Immersion students. If students are interested, they are to see Mme Wolf 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](#).



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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.

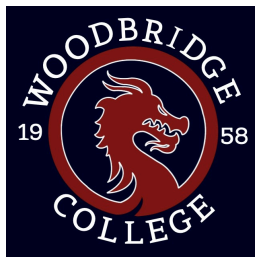
[Health Care Plan Form](#)

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

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



Guidance Corner

WC GUIDANCE UPCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER	
NOV 6	Take Our Kids to Work for Gr 9's
NOV 6	Grade 8's To Our Kids To High School
NOV 11	Teachers share Grade 11 & 12s Midterm marks
NOV 14	Pathways Nigth at ECSS from 6 to 8 PM
NOV 15	OCAS Transmission of Midterm marks
NOV 19	OUAC Transmission of Midterm marks
NOV 18-20	Report Cards E-distrubution
NOV 27	Full Disclosure - Grade 11 & 12 marks appear on transcript
NOV 28	Grade 8 Open House 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Take Our Kids to Work (TOKW) - November 6, 2024

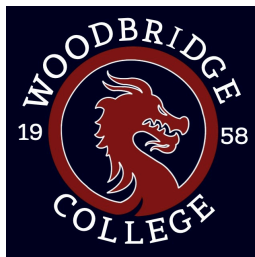
Take Our Kids to Work (TOKW) is an Ontario Ministry of Education initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment for one day. It is a day dedicated to fostering a deeper understanding of various career options and pathways. The [Students Commission of Canada](#) is the organization that supports this program and offers resources for educators and students.

On Wednesday, November 6, 2024, Grade 9 students will have two options:

1. Spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer or
2. Complete career exploration activities at home. The family guide provides resources for students to complete at home independently. As well we have posted more information in the Gr 9 Google Classroom.

Please note, there will be no classes for grade 9 students at Woodbridge College on Wednesday, November 6th.

The [permission form](#) to participate in Take our Kids to Work Day must be completed through your child's GAPPS account and must be completed by **November 1st**. We ask that you review the form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions.



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We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact a guidance counsellor or administrator to discuss your questions.

OUAC and OCAS Mark Transmission Dates

This announcement is for Grade 11 and 12 students and their families who are planning to apply to Ontario colleges and universities this year.

This year, OUAC/OCAS transmission dates are before the YRDSB midterm report distribution dates. To support students in making informed decisions about their courses prior to mark transmissions, please be aware of these important dates:

- **November 11** - This is the date that Grade 11 and 12 teacher(s) will share **midterm marks** with students
- **November 14** - Pathways Night at Emily Carr Secondary School - come visit college, university, apprenticeship, and workplace booths
- **November 15** - This is the date that Grade 11 and 12 marks are uploaded to **OCAS**
- **November 19** - This is the date that Grade 11 and 12 marks are uploaded to **OUAC**
- **November 18 to 20** - report cards are e-transmitted
- **November 27** - This is the date any Grade 11 and 12 courses will permanently appear on your **transcript**. Courses dropped by this date will not show on a student's transcript

If you need assistance with your decision making, please speak with your parent/guardian and then make a Guidance appointment.

- If you do not want OCAS/OUAC to see your courses, then you must have a Guidance appointment **before** November 15th.
- If you do not want your courses to appear on your transcript, then you must have a Guidance appointment **before** November 27th.

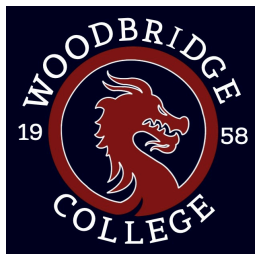
Thrive Program at WC

After school opportunity for ALL WC students! This program is free to WC students and will last 7 weeks. It runs from 3:30-5:45 pm. Please fill out the [google form](#) for your child to participate.

Thrive Youth is a weekly youth program designed to cultivate resilience, develop key life skills, and promote a balanced lifestyle. By bringing the community together and bridging the gap between youth and sport, we aim to provide a transformative experience that inspires and empowers young people to thrive in all aspects of their lives. Thrive will include guest speakers, snacks, and open gym basketball! This is a FREE event for WC Students.

WC Dates:

- Thursday November 7 @ 3:30pm.
- Thursday November 14 @ 3:30pm.
- Wednesday November 20 @ 3:30pm.
- Wednesday November 27 @ 3:30pm.
- Thursday December 5th @ 3:30pm
- Thursday December 12th @ 3:30pm



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Pathways Night on November 14, 2024 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

1. Students, parents/guardians from grades 10 - 12 are invited and should plan to attend this very worthwhile POST SECONDARY FAIR to gain valuable insights into colleges and universities. Representatives from most colleges and universities will be at **EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14th FROM 6 - 8 PM** to answer any questions you may have.
2. Students and/or parents/guardians are able to make a Guidance appointment with Ms. Kolianou and Ms. Neally through Students Teachassist accounts. Students have access to our booking times and calendar. Students must show their teacher if they have an
3. **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
4. Students applying to Universities or College will no longer need a PIN to apply. They will now use their OEN (Ontario Education Number) and Schools BSID code.
5. 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.

Mental Health Supports

Student Mental Health and Addictions Letter

[October 2024 - Resilience](#)

[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

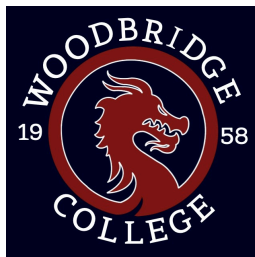
- **Family Services of York Region** - 905-883-6572
- **Trans Lifeline:** <https://translifeline.org>
- **YRDSB Trans Student Support Group** – Bi-weekly meetings 3:30 – 4:30 – contact Max at max.denley@yrdsb.ca Also offered in: Ukrainian, Russian, Dari, Mandarin and Arabic

Academic Supports

[YRDSB Student Tools and Supports](#)

Supporting Mental Health:

Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:



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- **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>



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**Mental health...is not a
destination, but a process.
It's about how you drive,
not where you're going.**

NOAM SHPANCER, PHD