

The Woodbridge Wyvern

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Dates At A Glance

Nov 13-19	Transgender Awareness Week
Nov 18-20	Midterm Report Cards-eDistribution
Nov 26	Honour Roll & Awards 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
Feb 11-13	S1F1 Report Cards eDistribution
Feb 12	Immunization Clinic
Feb 13	OUAC Transmission
Feb 14	OCAS Transmission
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 \(YRDSB\)](#)

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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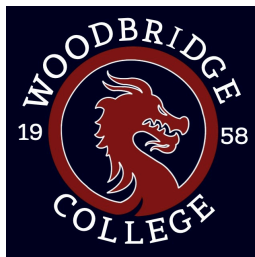
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Attendance at WC

ATTENDANCE ABSENCE REPORTING

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

School Council Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

YRDSB Resources and Opportunities

Post-Secondary Transition Night

RARC Transitions is hosting a virtual Post-Secondary Transition Information Night for Grade 11 and 12 students with LD, ADHD, ASD, and mental health disorders. Event is on November 26 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Please see [flyer](#) for more information.

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](#).

Roots, Ruach and Resilience Workshop Series

Strengthening the Spirit and Well Being of the Jewish Community in the Face of Antisemitism. Join us for a 4 week group workshop starting on November 26, 2024. This group is for students in Grade 9-11 that do not attend Jewish Day School. Please see [flyer](#) for more information.

The Jewish Rainbow Alliance

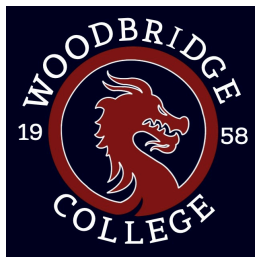
The Jewish Rainbow Alliance is hosting a monthly support group for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ individuals. Please contact sshedletsky@jfandcs.com for registration and view the [flyer](#) for more information.

BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop

The Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with YRDSB, is providing a free online workshop to guide Black students and their families on how to prepare, search, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. Grade 8 - 12 students. Please see [flyer](#) for more information.

YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session: Understanding & Navigating the Education System

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us on Monday, November 25, for our monthly meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary & secondary schools. Please see [flyer](#) for more information.



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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 \(Tamil\)](#)

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/>

Gurpurab and Langar Celebration: An Evening of Learning and Langar

Families, students and educators, are invited to join the SEVA Affinity Group in a Gurpurab Celebration: An Evening of Learning and Langar on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Emily Carr Secondary School.

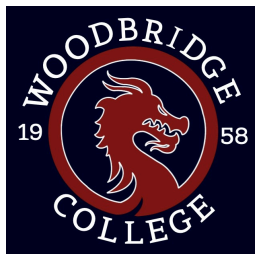
This event will honor the founder of the Sikh faith, Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Our [flyer](#) is available to share with your community. [Registration 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](#).



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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](#)

An Empowering Mental Health Awareness Presentation - [Register Here](#)

Ontario Health **VAUGHAN** COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
Vaughan Community Health Centre & York Region Alliance Of African Canadian Communities Present

An Empowering Mental Health Awareness Presentation
To explore mental well-being- self-care and navigating health services

**What is Mental Health?
Dealing with the Stigma
Anxiety, Stress and Depression**

Date: Nov 26, 2024
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30:pm
Where: Virtually on Zoom

Join Us and let's shine a light on mental health together.

To register

Click the registration button or contact
General Manager at YRAACC
Email: gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca
Website: York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities (yorkregionaacc.ca)

After registration, you will receive a meeting link for the session.
Just in case please check your junk folder for the meeting link.

To join virtual program you need access to internet, working video/microphone on a phone, tablet, or computer.

REGISTER HERE

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@vaughancommunityhealthcentre
www.vaughanchc.com

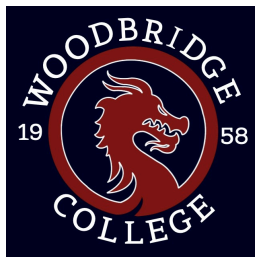
This flyer can be provided in an alternative format.

CO-OP & Pathway Opportunities

Level Up - Skilled Trades Career Fair

Ontario has 144 skilled trades in the apprenticeship program. Open House for Parents/ guardians, see what students experience at the Level Up Skilled Trades Career Fair and talk to experts about the skilled trades as a rewarding career path for your child. See hands-on demonstrations and explore a variety of trades November 26, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the International Centre-Hall 2, Mississauga, ON.

[YRDSB Information link](#) & [2024 Event Schedule](#).



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Pathways to the Skilled Trades and Technology Open House

The Pathways Team in Curriculum & Instructional Services in collaboration with the York Catholic District School Board invites families of students in Grades 9-11 to attend a Skilled Trades and Technology Career Planning Information Night.

This event is taking place on Monday, December 9, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Richmond Hill High School (201 Yorkland Street, Richmond Hill).

Students, their families and YRDSB educators are invited to register through our YRDSB

[Skilled Trades and Technology Open House Registration.](#)

[Pathways to Skilled Trades and Technology Flyer](#)

[Skilled Trades & Technology Information Flyer](#)

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](#)

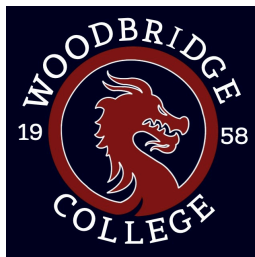
Guidance Corner

Learn more about Scholarship and Bursaries:

Thursday, December 5th, Parents and Guardians of Grade 12 students are invited to learn about scholarships and bursaries when applying to post-secondary institutions.

Applying to postsecondary school for non-permanent residences.

The Guidance Dept would be running a workshop for students who are applying for post-secondary do not have permanent status (work or study permit or refugee status) in Canada. Please complete the following google form if you are interested in participating.. Students can complete the following [Google Form](#) letting if they are interested in attending the event.



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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 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:

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

Community Involvement

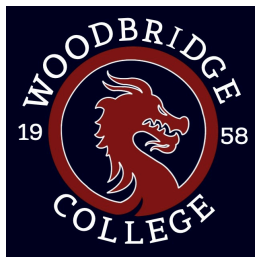
Tim Hortons is having their annual Holiday Smile Cookie fundraiser from November 18th to November 24th.

All money goes to charity – 50% to Tim Hortons Camps and 50% to Woodbridge College for their morning and afternoon snack program (School Food and Nutrition).

*** Our location is the Tim Hortons at 25 Woodstream – Hwy 7 east of Martingrove on the south side.

Cookies are \$1.50 each. Buy your Smile cookies next week and support our school! Remember 50% of all Smile cookies sales will go directly to Woodbridge College.

Buy a box – say thank you or hello to your friends, families and coworkers.



Mental Health Supports

Student Mental Health and Addictions Letter

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

[October 2024 - Resilience](#)

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:

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



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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>