

The Woodbridge Wyvern

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Dates At A Glance

Sept 9	Safe Schools Grade Assemblies
Sept 11	Photo Day
Sept 13	Terry Fox Run - Period 2
Sept 19	Grade 9 Evening
Sep 26	School Council Meeting at 7:00 PM
Sept 27	PA Day - No School
Oct 1	BLAST - Grade 9 students
Oct 3	Rosh Hashanah
Oct 4	OCAS Transmission
Oct 14	Thanksgiving - No School
Oct 15	Photo Retakes
Oct 17-23	Sukkot
Oct 21	PA Day - No School

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to our class of 2028, and all our returning Wyverns! We hope that your summer was restful and you are excited to start school again. Tuesday we welcomed all our new grade 9 students for a day of fun activities where they got to know each other and the school as part of their transition to secondary school. The shouts of joy on Wednesday as our grades 10-12 met up with friends on their first day filled the foyer.

The next few weeks are full with school activities, clubs restarting, team tryouts, photo day and assemblies. For our grade 9 families we look forward to having you join us on September 19th for our Grade 9 Open House night, where you can meet representatives from the departments and understand the grade 9 program.

This year we also welcome a new Vice Principal, Ms. Janice Bordonali. Any questions or concerns, the Admin Team is happy to connect with you.

Thank you,
The Admin Team

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 \(YRDSB\)](#)

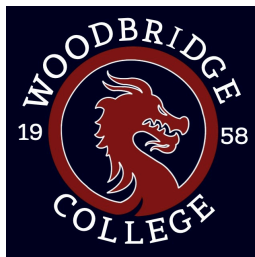
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Message from Our Trustee

Welcome to the start of the 2024-2025 school year. We are so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning students and families to a new school year.

How Trustees Help

As school board trustees, we have a number of [roles and responsibilities](#), including setting policies and budget and advocating for quality public education. My responsibilities also include communicating with the public. I will continue to keep you informed throughout the school year through these regular newsletters. You can also reach out to me directly. Learn more about [how we can help](#) and [how you can reach me](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

You can also stay up-to-date with school board news and events through school communications, social media (X [@YRDSB](#) and [Instagram @yrdsb.schools](#)), our [newsroom](#) and Board podcast [TuneIn YRDSB](#).

Our Priorities as a School Board

One of our responsibilities as a Board of Trustees is also setting the Multi-Year Strategic Plan. This plan outlines the priorities that will guide our work as a school board for the next several years. We want to thank the many students, family and staff members and community partners who shared feedback in the spring that was used to inform the development of the plan. Some key themes emerged in the feedback that families will see reflected in the plan, including a clear focus on student achievement and well-being. We look forward to sharing more with you very soon.

A New School Year

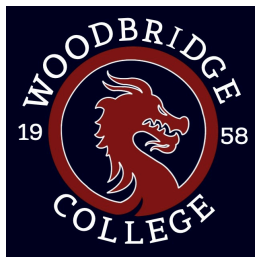
The start of a new school year is a time of transition - whether your child is starting elementary or secondary school for the first time, entering a new program, moving to a new school or beginning a new grade. The caring, dedicated and professional staff members who work in our system are here to help support your child through this transition. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers or the school to speak about your child's transition and the support that is available. We also recognize that transitions can take place throughout September. Elementary schools may be required to adjust some classes due to enrollment changes and class size restrictions. In secondary school, schools may also see timetable requests and adjustments in the first few weeks. These are occurrences that happen each fall and schools do their best to be responsive and to minimize the effects of any changes on students.

Partnerships with Families

We value the essential partnership between schools and families and want to ensure that families are aware of the many resources available. Our [family resources page](#), available from the homepage of [www.yrdsb.ca](#), gives you quick access to platforms that we use, tips and information, the [Guide to the School Year](#) and [student learning resources](#). It also includes resources for [newcomers](#), [translation information](#) and much more. We are also working on a dedicated new family portal to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education. To ensure you receive notifications and updates, please make sure the school has your up-to-date email address. If you are not receiving emails, please contact your school to confirm. More information will be shared in the coming months.

I wish you and your family all the very best for a safe, successful and enjoyable 2024-2025 school year, and look forward to communicating with you in the months ahead.

Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair
Trustee, Vaughan Wards 2 and 3



School Council Updates

ANNUAL REPORT - July 4, 2024

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

2024 GIVE Fall

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support your school community and enrich your child's learning experience! View the [flyer](#) for more information.

Guidance Corner

Night School:

Registration is open to take a night school course if we cannot schedule the course during the day. Please visit My Pathway Planner for a list of courses. Speak with your Guidance counsellor if this is an option for you. [Night School - Courses Offered](#)

Registration for the [Aquatic Leadership Program - Part 1](#) is now open. In Part 1 of the program, the students work on the Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities, Grade 10 Open (PAQ2O1) course.

Online tools for Post-Secondary Research:

Now is the time to start researching your post-secondary options.

Ontario Universities www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

- This is a great tool to research Ontario university programs. All information regarding admission requirements, residence, and scholarships are available.

University Study <https://universitystudy.ca/>

- Website containing profiles on all Canadian Universities.

School Finder <https://www.schoolfinder.com/>

- Search for information on Canadian universities, colleges, and career colleges.

Ontario Colleges <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en>

- School information and program listings for Ontario's colleges.

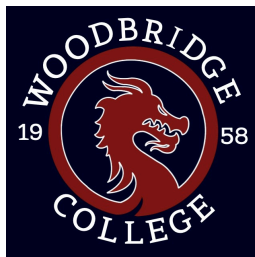
Level up Fair <https://levelupontario.ca/>

- Learn more about trades and apprenticeship
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process, feel free to book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor. Also remember to attend the Post-Secondary Fair at **Emily Carr Secondary School on November 14, 2024**. More information will be shared in a future newsletter.

Start your research on scholarships <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/> get matched to schools and scholarships.

Program Registration - Indigenous Languages & International Languages:

International Languages Secondary Courses can be applied toward the Ontario Secondary Diploma as a Group 1 - Compulsory or as an Elective Credit. Students in the Secondary International Languages program can earn up to three credits towards graduation.



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If students successfully complete the Level D - University course, it can be used as one of their top six marks for post-secondary entry. For example, if a student takes Spanish Level B, C and D, the student can submit their Level D mark as one of the top six marks for post-secondary applications.

Please visit the [YRDSB page](#) for more information and see [flyer](#) for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

B'nai Brith during the week of **September 16th** as we sort and hand out clothing to those in need in the GTA at our upcoming clothing pop-up shop.

Volunteering for this event is not only a mitzvah, but is also a meaningful way to make a difference in your community.

To sign up or for more information, contact Tamara at 416-633-6224 ext. 221 or tamaraj@bnaibrith.ca

Woodbridge Fair

Student Volunteers for the FAIR October 12-14

To register please fill out the [Registration Google Form](#). If you have any questions please email us at WoodbridgeFairVolunteer@gmail.com

Mental Health Supports

Student Mental Health and Addictions Letter

[September 2024 - Welcome Back!](#)

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:

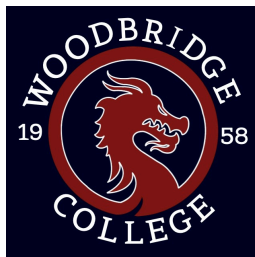
- **310-COPE:** 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - avail.24/7
- **KidsHelpPhone:** 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7, <https://kidshelpphone.ca>
- **York Hills Help Phone Line:** 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their 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/>



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- 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>

