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Dates At A Glance

Oct 17-23	Sukkot
Oct 21	PA Day - No School
Oct 23-24	Shmini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah
Oct 24	Meet the Teacher
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 1	All Saints' Day Diwali
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
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 \(YRDSB\)](#)

Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

Joshua J. Marine

Good Afternoon,

We are very excited to have you joining us for **Interview Night on Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

To support our WC families, we are offering a presentation entitled "Supporting Our Students In Their Pathway Planning." This presentation will take place in the cafeteria from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., and is open to families with students in all grade levels. This presentation will help families to learn about pathway decisions that impact their students. Some of the information we will cover includes:

- Selecting courses for next year – How, when, and why it is important to think ahead.
- Starting high school - What kinds of programs can I participate in during grades 10, 11 and 12?
- Finishing high school - How do I apply to post-secondary programs and what are the timelines?

While interviews will begin at 6:30 p.m., our Student Success Teacher, Ms. Zupnik will be available in the cafeteria all evening to answer questions you might have.

We look forward to having you join us for this evening session. We will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

With thanks,

Woodbridge College Admin. and the Student Success Teams

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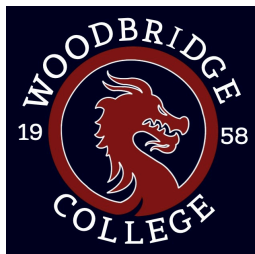
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School Council Updates

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 ,
also on our website.

YRDSB Resources and Opportunities

YRDSB FAMILY DASHBOARD

A family portal including;

- parent/guardian authentication
- secure access to report card links
- links to useful information for parents/guardians

[Newsletter](#)

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 [link](#).

Families of YRDSB Black Students - Monthly Information Session

Families, parents and caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting, Monday, October 28, 2024, where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools. For more information please see [flyer](#).

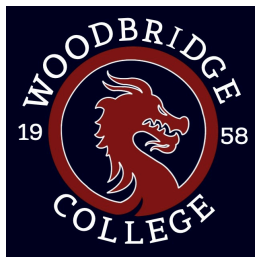
Concours d'art Oratoire - FSL Programs

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/>

Islamic Heritage Month

Join York Region District School Board in celebrating Islamic Heritage Month this October at Emily Carr



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S.S. Together, we'll honor the rich cultural, historical, and religious contributions of Muslims to society. This celebration is all about fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement while building a deeper understanding of our diverse society.

Islamic Heritage Month Event ([Flyer](#))

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Emily Carr Secondary School

Address: 4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff. Please register by Sunday, October 27, 2024

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

Latin Heritage Month - LATINE EDUCATORS NETWORK OFFICIAL LAUNCH EVENT

The York Region District School Board's Latine Educators Network is hosting the official launch of the Latine Educators Network to celebrate Latin Heritage Month. Please join us and see [link](#) for more information.

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](#).

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:

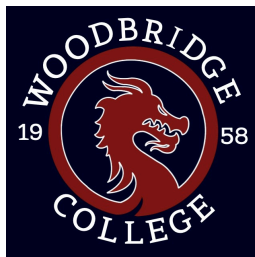
- Rooted in an Afrocentric Framework
- Three tier model (life skills, community engagement and civic responsibility)
- Highlights the principles of the Nguzo Saba – (The Seven Principles) Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, Faith, 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



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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

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.

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 **Friday, October 25th**. We ask that you review the form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions.

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.

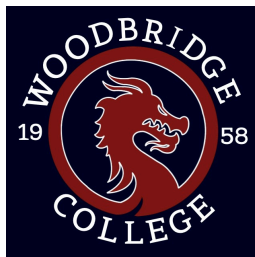
Post Secondary Open Houses

College Open Houses

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University Open Houses

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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:

- **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:

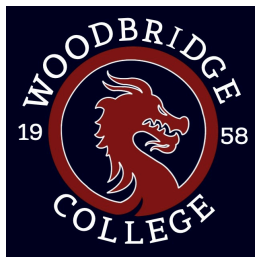
We recognize the importance of supporting our students, families, and staff during these challenging times. While many remember and reflect on current events, in response, the following culturally responsive supports are available to our families:

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



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- <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>