

School Council Meeting

February 20, 2025

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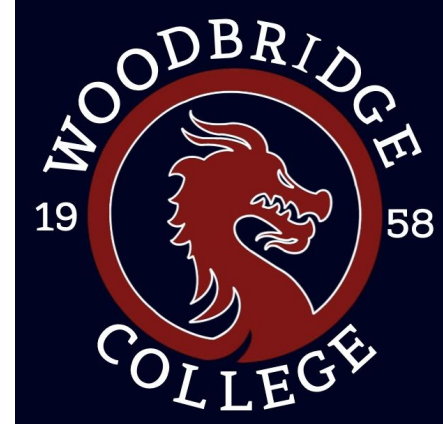
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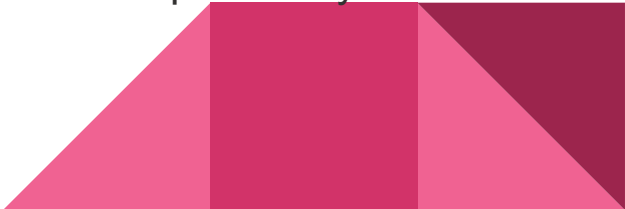
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Land Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.


To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.



Welcome and Introductions

- **Michelle Randall, Principal**
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 - **Janice Bordonali, Vice-Principal**
 - janice.bordonali@yrdsb.ca
 - **Talat Sadiq, Vice-Principal**
 - talat.sadiq@yrdsb.ca
 - **Manjeet Matharoo School Council Co-Chair**
 - woodbridge.college@sc.yrdsb.ca
 - **Soussanna Karas, School Council Co-Chair**
 - woodbridge.college@sc.yrdsb.ca
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Agenda

- Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Introductions
 - Meeting Agenda
 - Adopt Minutes from December Meeting
 - Student Council Report
 - School Council Chair Report
 - Parent Outreach - End of school BBQ
 - Administrators' Report
 - Constitution
 - SIP Planning - Interest in Supporting Process
 - Change to Bell Times
 - Teachers' Report
 - Treasurer's Report - Held Over
 - Sharing Voice: Questions, Comments, Concerns
 - Future Meeting Dates
 - Adjournment
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In attendance

School Council Executive Members: Azma Azizi, David Allman, Sheetal Thadani, Manjeet Matharoo,

School Administration and Representatives: Michelle Randall, Principal, Tim Wesson, VP, Janice Bordonali, VP

Student Representatives: Shrey and Sean

Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and approved

Approval of minutes

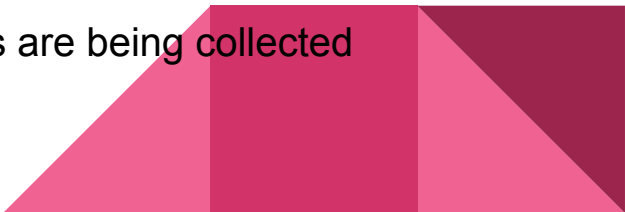
The School Council Minutes from November 7, 2024 were reviewed and adopted;



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Student Council Report

Shrey and Sean reported on a number of exciting and engaging activities the Student Council run in November:

1. SAC just finished off the month of November with the Fall Market in collaboration with a number of clubs
 2. The students are currently working on preparation for the Talent Show, Spirit Week and Winterfest
 3. Eco Club has been collecting CDs and milk bags, which is a great way to spread awareness about how to garbage disposal; further, Eco Club will be holding a thrifting event on Dec 11, 2024
 4. YLC Club is currently running their annual food drive; donations are being collected
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5. Staff and Students are building a brand new club – WC Alliance of Asia. The first meeting was held last week. The objective is to empower students!
6. Students have attended a Model UN conference at Maple High School on November 30th. They are holding bi-weekly practice runs to develop transferable skills such as problem solving, debating, also having fun to learn new things;
7. DECA – 8 WC students competed at regionals. That happened at North Park Secondary School to exercise their business skills. We have students who are moving on to provincials!
8. Our Women's Advocacy Coalition recently hosted a bracelet making workshop for preparing for the fundraiser bake sale this Friday.



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9. BSAA (Black Student Alliance Association) is hosting a Afro-Caribbean culture cookout in February

10. Prom committee has recently started up. This committee is returning to Woodbridge College brainstorming and fundraising efforts. They are outreaching for student input.

11. Finally, our Hack Club has just recently begun and is open to all students, regardless of programing or coding experience. Hack Club has just recently hosted a workshop to teach students how to make their very first website.




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Teachers Report

1. Seneca College Presentation on December 10th for students who are not permanent residents and are applying to post secondary colleges and universities (during lunch)
2. Registration for Semester 2 Dual Credit is underway, applications are still being accepted. Students should see Ms. Bazzo in room 218.
3. 47 Grade 11 and 12 students have recently acquired their Standard First Aid through the SHSM program.
4. WC is among the top three schools in the Board in SHSM student certifications and paperwork completion.
5. Accelerated OYAP typically occurs in the Spring months of semester 2; a pilot program was developed to begin student learning in January. WC is sending one of only two students in the YRDSB to this pilot program for studies in Electrical Construction and Maintenance.

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Administrators' Report

1. OSSLT went well. Our students have written, and we will receive results towards the end of the semester to support second semester programming.
 2. Student Success Awards and Honour Role Breakfast on November 26th was a great success. More families in attendance than in past years. It was great to see the community coming together to celebrate success of the students and families.
 3. Grade 8 Night on November 28th welcomed many gr. 8 students and families to the school. We had many attendees from out of the Board, and we received wonderful feedback from our guests. It was a wonderful event!
 4. Grade 8 Visits to WC's Feeder Schools will take place between January 13th and 21st. We are also making a special trip to Elder's Mills P.S. and Blue Willow, who requested that we come speak with their school about WC and what WC has to offer/course selection/transitioning into grade 9.
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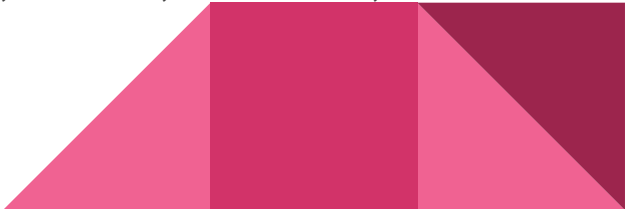
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5. Course Selection Evening will take place on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Families from grade 8 - 11 will be invited to attend on a drop-in basis to be supported with the process and have opportunity to get personalized support and questions answered.
6. Graduation Photos occur the week of Dec. 9 - 13; Student will need to book appointments through Edge Imaging website
7. Welcome Tyler Tillmann from our English Department. Mr. Tillmann transferred at the beginning of the semester to WC. He has recently completed his Master Degree with thesis on parent engagement in school improvement planning; Mr. Tillmann spoke about School Improvement Plan and parents' input into its discussion and development.



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School council Report

1. There is a high need to engage more parents into the School Council. So that we can run different programs, initiatives and more dialog with the parents, reach out to them. and we also met with the school to get the conversations going. One of the suggestions is to send a broadcast email to all the parents as a school council so that we can start engaging with them directly.
 2. secondly, we will start on drafting application for the school council grant. We wanted to do this last year, but we were too late.
 3. Another initiative, we want to do a fundraising for the graduation and other students' needs. A few suggestions were discussed, such as Krispy Kreme, popcorn, cookies, book drive, etc.
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Treasurer Report

1. Our budget for the 2024-2025 school year is \$500

Other Business

1. Co-Chair appointment – Soussanna Karas appointed to Co-Chair



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Meeting Adjourned


Meeting is adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting


February 20, 2025



Student Council Report: Sean and Shrey

- SAC:
 - Winter week: week of spirit days, cafeteria games, Santa Clause photo booth and Talent Show
 - Winter Ball: Held in the school cafeteria, DJ & Dinner, 120 attendees
 - Love Week: Spirit Week, cafeteria games
 - Eco-Club:
 - Audits: completed many audits concerning the greening, waste, energy faction
 - Thrifting event
 - Battery, milk bags and old technology collection
 - Dance Team:
 - Preparation for dance competition
 - Talent Show performance
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Student Council Report: Sean and Shrey

- Art Club:
 - Winter card decorations
 - Sticker workshop
 - Preparation for Arts Night
 - Women's Advocacy Coalition:
 - Vision board making, December 6th bake sale, bracelet making
 - MLC:
 - Holiday movie night and mandala colouring
 - Youth Leading Change:
 - Teacher appreciation week, food drive, clothing drive, and preparing for culture day
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School Council Chair Report

- End of School BBQ

Proposed Date - Thursday, June 12, 2025

Proposed Time - 6pm or 7pm start

Proposed Goals -

1. Celebrate the end of the school year
2. Get school parents community together
3. Offer opportunities for parents to engage with School Council subcommittees
4. Introduce the School Council and create continuity for the next school year

Proposed audience -

1. Woodbridge College Parents and their children
2. Woodbridge College Teachers



School Council Chair Report

Proposed Budget –

1. \$500 – School Council's budget
2. Asking Fortino's, restaurants, small business for food or money donation
3. Tentative budget is \$7,000-10,000

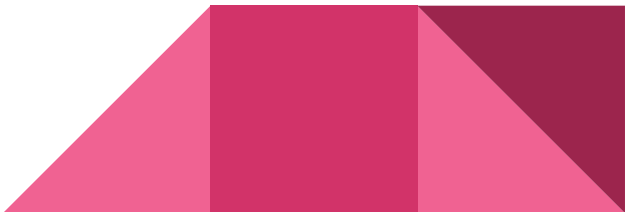
Proposed Volunteers -

1. Manjeet, Sheetal, Azma, Soussanna, David
2. Other parent volunteers invited to join



School Council Chair Report

Proposed equipment required -

1. BBQs – at least 3
 2. Trays for food, meat, etc.,
 3. Cutlery, napkins,
 4. BBQ tongs, brushes, etc.
 5. Hand washing stations – or can we use the school facilities for that
 6. Drinks – Water
 7. Tables
 8. Chairs
 9. Table covers
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Administrators' Report

- **OSSLT:**
 - Spring writing scheduled for Tues., April 8th and Wed., April 9th
- **Constitution:**
 - Based on Board-provided sample (School Council Handbook)
 - Requires additional provision regarding election of officers
 - What will the process be if people who have advocated to run for elected positions do not show for the vote at the first school council meeting?
- **School Improvement Plan (SIP):**
 - We continue to work on the revision of our SIP
 - Call for parent voice - Would you like to participate by providing feedback on our SIP? Please identify yourself to Ms. Randall by Tuesday, February 25, 2025.
 - michelle.randall@yrdsb.ca

Administrators' Report

- **BSAA (Black Student Alliance Association)**
 - Hosted Afro-Caribbean Cookout on February 19
 - Black History Month Assembly on February 26 (Period 4)
 - Guest Speaker Confirmed
 - Theme Roots and Routes: Focuses on celebrating the rich cultural heritage and achievements of Black communities. We hope to share stories of trailblazers who have shaped our world and highlight the significance of the African and Black diaspora, understanding the diverse experiences and contributions of Black communities.
- **Course Selection**
 - Our guidance team has been visiting classes and sharing information about course selection
 - Course Selection Support Night on February 19
 - Helps students and families with course consultations, selection process and submission onli
 - Course selection due: Fri., Feb. 21st at 4:00 p.m.
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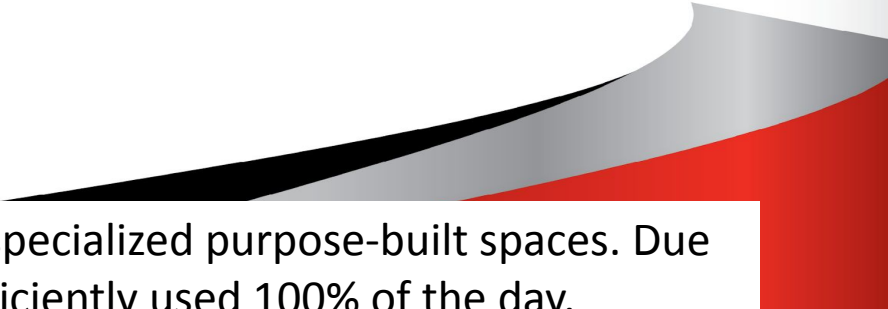
Woodbridge College Change of Bell Times

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Inspire Learning!

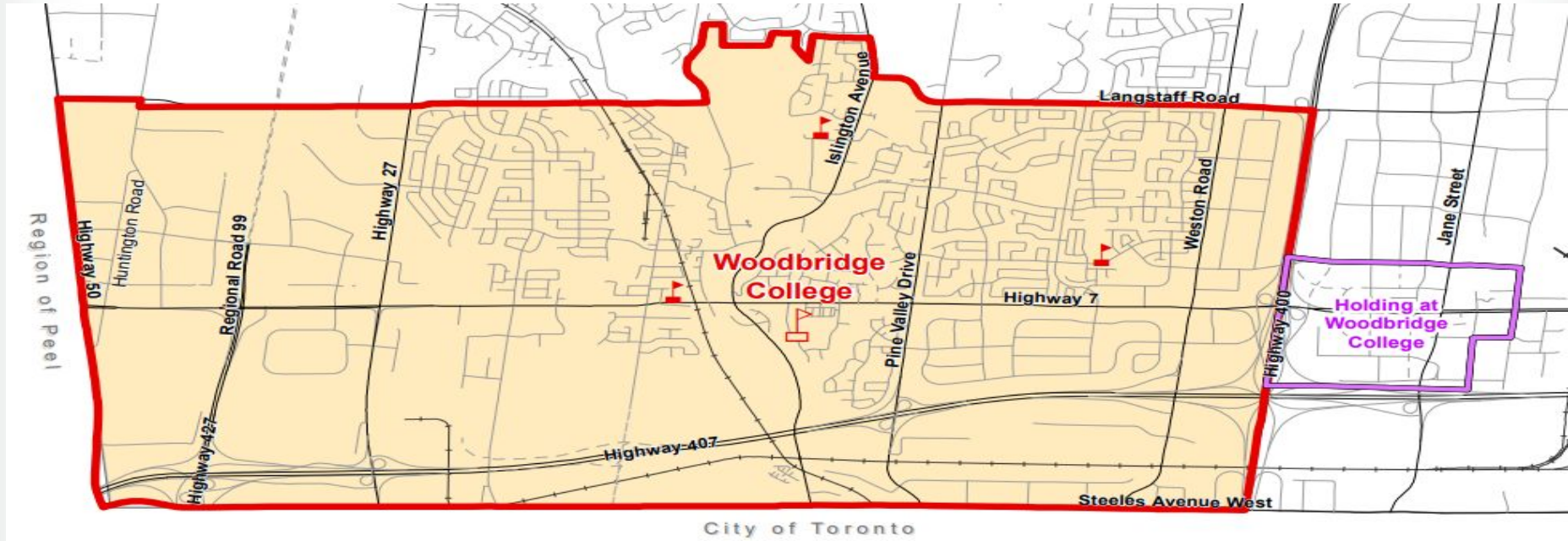
Woodbridge College

- Enrolment: October 31, 2024: 654 FTE
- Capacity: 784
- Utilization: 83%

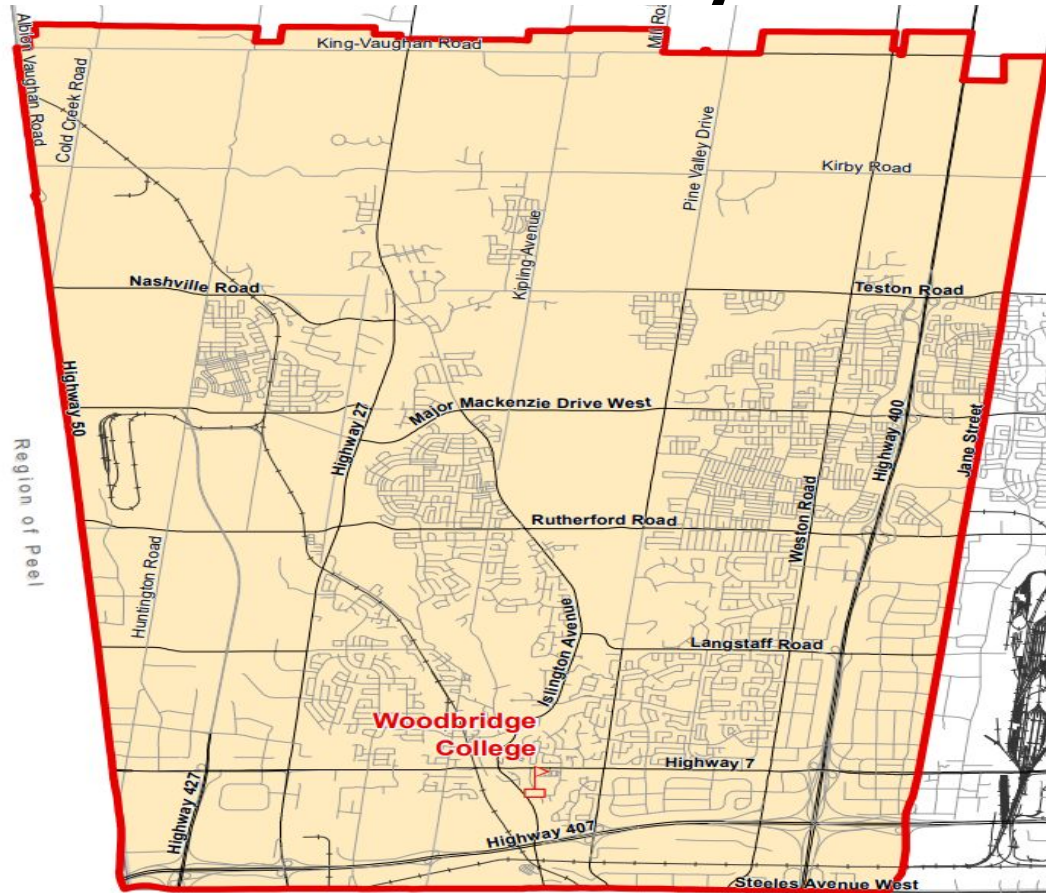


-Ministry of Education Capacity includes specialized purpose-built spaces. Due to facility design, not all spaces can be efficiently used 100% of the day.

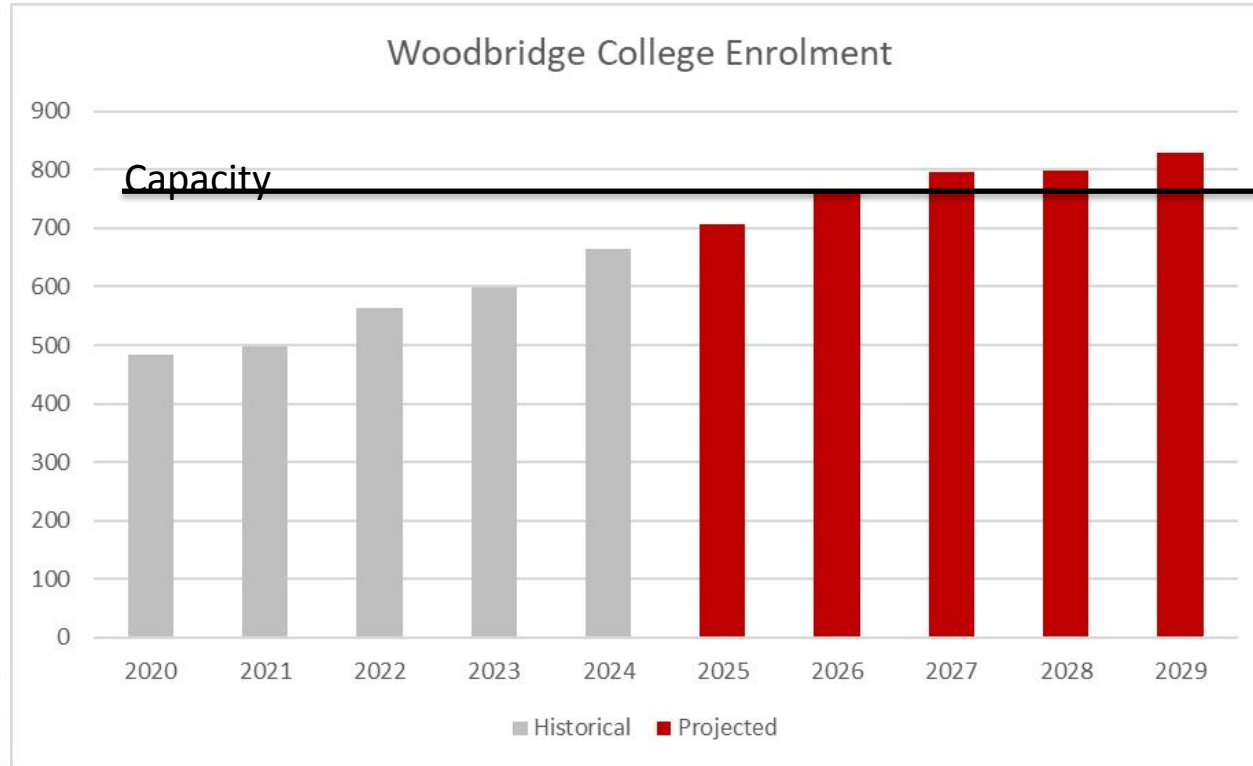
Woodbridge College Regular Track Boundary



Woodbridge College French Immersion Boundary



Woodbridge College Enrolment Projection



Existing Bell Times

	Start Time	End Time
Homeroom	8:55 AM	9:00 AM
Period 1	9:00 AM	10:15 AM
Period 2	10:20 AM	11:35 AM
Lunch (1hr 5min)	11:35 AM	12:40 PM
Period 3	12:40 PM	1:55 PM
Period 4	2:00 PM	3:15 PM

Bell Times Beginning Sept 2025

	Start Time	End Time
Homeroom	8:55 AM	9:00 AM
Period 1	9:00 AM	10:15 AM
Period 2	10:20 AM	11:35 AM
Period 3	11:40 AM	12:55 PM
Period 4	1:00 PM	2:15 PM
Period 5	2:20 PM	3:35 PM

No change

20 min later

All periods are 75 minutes




Sample Schedule for Sept 2025

	Start Time	End Time	Class
Period 1 & Homeroom	8:55 AM	10:15 AM	English
Period 2	10:20 AM	11:35 AM	History
Period 3	11:40 AM	12:55 PM	Lunch
Period 4	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	Math
Period 5	2:20 PM	3:35 PM	Science

All periods are 75 minutes



York Region Transit (YRT)

- Planning is underway by YRT to ensure schedules are adjusted to meet school bell times
 - YRT schedules for September will be available online in August 2025
 - Students may plan their trip at [//yrt.ca/PlanYourTrip](https://yrt.ca/PlanYourTrip) or by calling the YRT Contact Centre at 1-866-668-3978
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Teachers' Report

- Support with the Ministry of Education's phone policy
 - During class time, phones should be switched to silent and out of site (backpack, in locker, etc.)
 - Phones are only allowed if permitted for educational reasons by the teacher OR, if the child has special education designation requiring the support or for medical reasons
- Core French Certificates
 - If students take core French all four years, they will receive a certificate from the YRDSB acknowledging this work
 - FSF1D > FSF2D > FSF3U > FSF4U



Teachers' Report

- WC's Second Annual Iftar Night is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2025
- Tickets are \$6 and available on School Cash Online

YOU ARE INVITED TO W.C'S



COMMUNITY IFTAR

March

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05:00- 7:00 pm

71 Bruce Street [inside School]

Tickets: School Cash Online [\$6]

- ★ Iftar and Dinner will be Served Fresh
- ★ Student Speakers on Spirituality and the power of Fasting
- ★ Art Station, Islamic History Stations

Treasurer's Report

- Our budget for the 2024-2025 school year is \$500

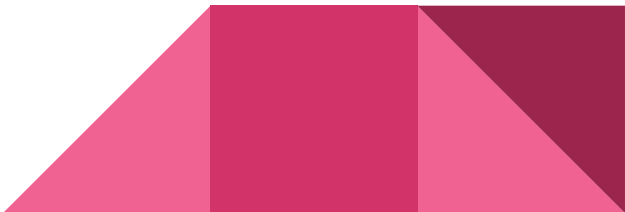


Sharing Voice: Questions, Comments, Concerns

- No questions were asked in the google form; are their questions from the floor?



Mental Health and Well-Being

- [**310-COPE:**](#) 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) available 24/7
 - [**KidsHelpPhone:**](#) 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7
 - [**York Hills Help Phone Line:**](#) 905-503-9561 Monday - Thursday, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - [**YRDSB - Mental Health Page**](#)
 - [**YRDSB - Community Partners Page**](#)
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Culturally Relevant Mental Health Supports

- **Black Youth Helpline**: 1-833-294-8650
- **Taibu Community Health Centre**: 416-644-3536
- **Tropicana Community Services**: 416-439-9009



Supporting Students' Academic Needs

- [YRDSB Caring and Learning Plan](#)
- [Student Tools and Resources](#)
- [TVO Mathify](#)



Future Meeting Dates

- Thursday, September 26, 2024
- Thursday, November 7, 2024
- Thursday, December 5, 2024
- Thursday, February 20, 2025
- Thursday, May 15, 2025

