

The Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School

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GRADUATE RESOURCES



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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Member of the Class of 2009:

Your graduation from Williams represents a significant change in your life. It not only celebrates your scholastic accomplishments, but ushers you into a life of greater independence and personal responsibility. Congratulations on achieving this most important milestone! I hope that your experiences at Williams have prepared you well for what lies ahead. I also hope that you will cherish all the special memories and relationships which have marked your time here.

You are part of a special graduating class. Your group has distinguished itself in academics, sports, the arts, community partnerships, citizenship and humanitarian efforts. You have been a very positive example for our student-body, having “raised the bar” in various dimensions of school-life. Thank you for applying yourselves and for the positive, spirited contributions that you have made to the character of our school. I am highly appreciative that I had the privilege of being your Principal.

As you leave the hallowed halls of Williams, here are some final thoughts from me to you:

- In a world of uncertainty...be a steward and a voice of hope;
- In a world of challenges...be steadfast in your dream and pursue it with everything in you;
- In a world of superficiality, fickleness and “virtuality”...be “for real”;
- In a world of need...be a listening ear and a helping hand;
- In a world of confusion...be a voice of reason;
- In a world of forgetfulness...be ever mindful of, and grateful for, the good you’ve experienced;
- In a world of complexity...be careful to enjoy the simple things in life;
- In a world of pride and prejudice...be humble and tolerant of heart;
- In a world of fear and doubt...be an over-comer;
- In a world of discord...be a peacemaker; and
- In a world of opportunity...be the change you wish to see.

On behalf of the entire staff, I applaud you on your accomplishments. Best wishes to you and yours for the future!

Sincerely,

David A. McAdam

LETTER FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear Friend,



Well, we did it! We are the graduating class of 2009!

It seems like it was only yesterday that we were setting foot inside this building. As little fish in the big pond, everything was new, overwhelming and exciting. Now, for many, we have outgrown these familiar hallways and are stretching beyond these four walls.

Hopefully, you will never forget your times spent here at Williams, for this school is not just a building of bricks and mortar. We are leaving our classrooms filled with memories, our lockers full of hard work, the parking lot filled with laughter, the gym filled with energy.

Your legacy fills this school to its brim and floats through its dimensions. I wish the very best for you in your future. Whether you find yourself in a post-secondary institution, the workforce, an apprenticeship or another round at Williams, hopefully you will carry your passion, spirit and enthusiasm right in your back pocket.

I need to congratulate those individuals who went above and beyond during their time here at Williams. Whether it was on the field, in the classroom, or outside this school, your dedication has truly enhanced the Wildcat experience for all and it is not to be forgotten.

Even though, come September for some, our physical appearance will no longer roam these halls, our hard work and spirit live on. So, when you reflect on your time as a Wildcat, remember the great things you have accomplished instead of dwelling on those things you have not.

Finally, thank you for your kindness as a person, your passion, energy and dreams. You have positively contributed to the Graduating Class of 2009 and you should be proud! Good luck in the next steps of your journey and never forget what Williams has given you. GO WILDCATS, GO!

Sincerely,
Laurissa Wiitala

LETTER FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPALS

Dear graduate,

It is our pleasure to extend congratulations to you – a member of the Class of 2009. This is the end of one chapter, and the start of another. You have so much to look forward to, and we wish you continued success in your future endeavours.

You have fulfilled a quantifiable set of curriculum requirements, but what did you really learn? You learned a little something about quadratic equations, how to write the perfect English essay, or the causes of World War II. Your most important lessons, however, cannot be recited or written down and turned in for a grade. These lessons involve friendship, hard work and dedication.

None of you have made it to this point alone. You are educated by every experience you live, every interest you pursue, every book you read, and every person you meet. You learn from your parents, friends, teachers, co-workers, classmates, teammates, coaches, and people, who although you never met, touch your hearts with their lives. Education is, perhaps, the only wealth that cannot be robbed. It is the bridge between cultures. Knowledge transcends education; it transcends the walls of the school. As you grow as an individual you will not be judged by the amount of wealth that you possess, but by the strength of your character and your commitment to action.

Your climb through high school is complete, but high school will be just a hill compared to the life you have ahead of you. There's not only one more mountain out there for you to climb; there is an entire range of them. In the future you are going to choose the mountains that you climb and the paths you take.

However, if you want something to change, you personally have to do something different. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy." Life will present you with many challenges. You have to defy your own group. Knock down your walls and get out of your way. It is you, and only you, who determine who you will be and what you will do for the rest of your lives. Do not follow where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

And in a world that seems increasingly cold and judgmental, be kind. Be kind to your friends, be kind to your family, be kind to yourselves. And remember, just as you are, everyone really is just doing the best they can.

Sincerely,

Mr. John MacNeill
Mrs. Krista Pummell

life



Oh, while I live, to be the ruler of life, not a slave, to meet life as a powerful conqueror, and nothing exterior to me will ever take command of me.

Walt Whitman– writer

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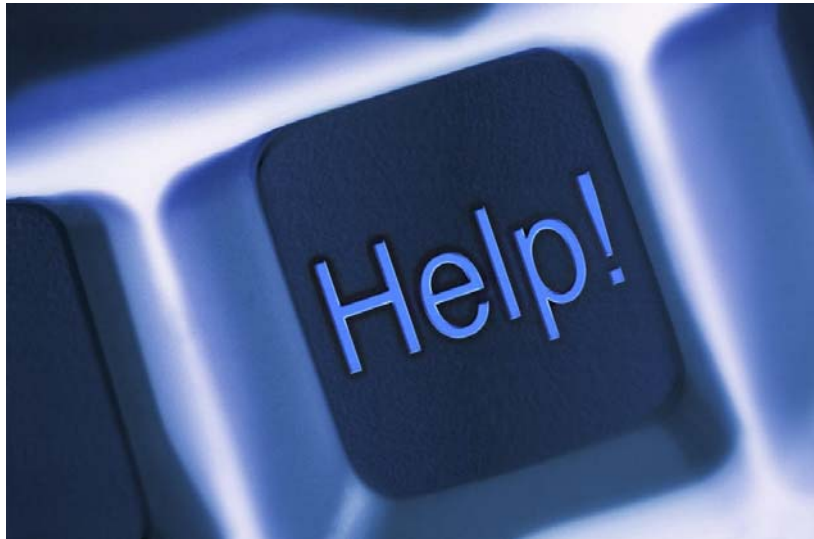
life

Canada's Human Rights Program	<p>The Charter of Rights and Freedoms is founded on the rule of law and entrenches in the Constitution of Canada the rights and freedoms Canadians believe are necessary in a free and democratic society.</p> <p>www.pch.gc.ca/progs/pdp-hrp/canada/freedom_e.cfm</p>
Local Libraries	<p>www.library.aurora.on.ca www.bradford.library.on.ca www.eastwillimbury.ca/library www.georgina-library.com www.king-library.on.ca www.newmarketpl.ca</p>
Ministry of Revenue	<p>Tax information for students.</p> <p>www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/resources/students.html</p>
Ministry of Transportation	<p>Getting an Ontario driver's licence.</p> <p>www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/driver/drvlicen.htm www.drivetest.ca</p>
Ontario Ministry of Labour-Employment Standards	<p>Employment standards are enforced under to Employment Standards Act (ESA) 2000. This website will give detailed information regarding your rights and responsibilities in the workplace.</p> <p>www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/es/index.html</p>
Public Transportation	<p>York Region Transit/ VIVA www.yrt.ca</p> <p>Transit Georgina www.transitgeorgina.com</p> <p>GO Transit www.go transit.ca</p> <p>Toronto Transit Commission/ TTC www.city.toronto.on.ca/ttc</p>
Service Canada	<p>Service Canada offers single window access to a wide range of Government of Canada programs and services for citizens through more than 595 points of service located across the country, call centres, and the Internet..</p> <p>www.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/audiences/canadians/index.shtml</p>

life

Telehealth	Telehealth Ontario is a free, confidential telephone service you can call to get health advice or general health information from a Registered Nurse.
	www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/program/telehealth/telehealth_mn.html
Young Worker Awareness Program	The YOUNG WORKER AWARENESS PROGRAM is designed to give students the information they need to protect their health and safety while at work.
	http://ywap.ca/english/ywa_eng.htm

support



We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

Dr. Loretta Scott- doctor

support

<p>G.W. Williams Department Contacts 905 727 3131</p>	<p>X101 Attendance Office X150 Reception X251 Business Department X242 Computer Information Department X137 Co-Op X253 English Department X238 Family Studies Department X177 Geography Department X133 Guidance Reception X238 History X233 Learning Strategies X173 Library X245 Math X243 Moderns X166 Physical Education– boys X165 Physical Education– girls X164 Science X143 Technologies X147 Visual Arts</p>
<p>Health</p>	<p>York Region Health Services 1 800 361 5653 Health Connection / Healthy Sexuality</p> <p>Markham Stouffville Hospital—Markham 905 472 7000 www.msh.on.ca</p> <p>York Central Hospital—Richmond Hill 905 883 1212 www.yorkcentral.com</p> <p>Southlake Regional Health Centre—Newmarket 905 895 4521 www.southlakeregional.org</p> <p>Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region 1 866 345 0183 www.cmha-yr.on.ca</p>

support

Food	<p>Emergency Food Banks</p> <p>905 841 1577 Aurora Food Pantry 905 722 8305 Georgina Food Pantry 905 833 5432 All Saints Anglican 905 939 2314 St. Mary Magdelene Anglican Church 905 859 0843 St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 905 472 2437 Markham Food Bank 905 853 7285 Newmarket Food Pantry 905 508 4761 Richmond Hill Community Food Bank 905 472 3009 Salvation Army- Markham 905 895 6276 Salvation Army- Newmarket 905 851 2333 Vaughan Food Bank 905 640 4704 Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank 905 967 0428 York Region Food Network www.yrfn.ca/initiatives</p> <hr/> <p>Drop-In Meals</p> <p>The Welcome Table & Helping Hands 905 727 6101 Wednesdays 5:30 pm—7:00 pm Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, Aurora</p> <p>The Gathering Place 905 476 7455 Thursdays 4:30 pm—6:00 pm Cornerstone Pentecostal Church, 180 Church Street, Keswick</p> <p>Friday Lunch Club 905 722 3059 Friday 11:30 am—12:30 pm Georgina Salvation Army, 1816 Metro Road, Jackson's Point</p> <p>Community Bread on Main St. 905 898 4137 Mondays 5:00 pm—6:00 pm, September to June St. John's Chrysostom, 432 Ontario Street, Newmarket</p> <p>Cuisine Art- Stone Soup 905 953 5120 Tuesdays 4:00 pm—7:00 pm Newmarket Youth Centre, 56 Charles Street, Newmarket</p> <p>Home Base Drop-In Centre 905 884 3070 Monday to Thursday 1:00 pm—8:00 pm and Fridays 1:00 pm—7:00 pm 10944 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill</p> <p>Community Dinner 905 722 3544 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 20858 Dalton Road, Sutton</p>
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support

<p>Counsel</p>	<p><u>For Help getting out of debt and budget planning</u> Community Credit Counselling Centre of York Region- Thornhill 1 800 500 0003</p> <p>Credit Counselling Service of Simcoe County– Barrie 705 726 2705 or 1 800 284 6525</p> <p><u>To obtain a copy of your credit file</u> Equifax Canada 1 800 465 7166 www.equifax.ca</p> <p>TransUnion Canada 1 800 663 9980 www.tuc.ca</p>
	<p><u>Crisis Lines</u></p> <p>York Region Children’s Aid Society 85 Eagle Street West, Newmarket, Ontario 905 895 8379 www.yorkcas.org</p> <p>Kid’s Help Phone (20 Years and under) 1 800 668 6868 www.kidshelpphone.ca</p> <p>Community Crisis Response Service 905 310 2673 (COPE) www.yssn.ca</p> <p>Women’s Support Network / York Region 1 800 263 6734 www.womensupportnetwork.ca</p> <p>Addiction Services for York Region 1 800 263 2288 www.asyr.ca</p> <p>Al-Ateen www.al-anon.alateen.org/alameetings.html</p> <p>Al-Anon http://al-anon.alateen.org/english.html</p>

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Shelter	<p>Housing Help Centre 905 508 1877 / 416 410 6051 / 905 713 2696 / FAX 905 508 1237 Monday to Friday 9:30—4:30 pm 10271 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill www.housinghelpcentre.org</p>
	<p><u>If you have been evicted by your landlord</u> Community Legal Clinic of York Region 905 508 5018 / 1 888 365 5226 21 Dunlop Street, Suite 200 Richmond Hill Ontario L4C 2M6 www.clcyr.on.ca</p>
	<p>Legal Aid Ontario– York Area Office 905 898 3943 / 1 888 613 8775 / FAX 905 898 4932 17070 Yonge Street, Main Floor Newmarket, Ontario www.legalaid.on.ca</p>
	<p>Classifieds</p> <p>Toronto Star http://thestar.livedeal.ca/rentals/index.jsp</p> <p>Toronto Sun www.classifiedextra.ca/toronto</p> <p>Globe and Mail www.theglobeandmail.com/services/site/classifieds.html</p> <p>The National Post www.househunting.ca/index.html?branding=nationalpost</p> <p>Era Banner http://yorkregion.yourclassifieds.ca/ads/vid/13</p>
	<p><u>In case of an emergency</u> 905 252 5791 Inn from the Cold- Newmarket</p> <p>905 830 0121 York Region Youth Shelter</p> <p>416 392 3777 / 1 866 392 3777 Out of the Cold</p> <p>905 898 1015 Porter Place Men’s Shelter–East Gwillimbury</p>

education



It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

Aristotle- philosopher

education

<p>Career Cruising Username: yorkregion Password: 50830</p>	<p>Career Cruising is an interactive career resource designed for people of all ages. If you want to find the right career, explore different career options, or plan future education and training, you've come to the right place</p> <p>www.careercruising.com/</p>
<p>eINFO</p>	<p>Welcome to a comprehensive guide to Ontario's universities.</p> <p>www.electronicinfo.ca/en/index.php?j=1</p>
<p>Government Ministries</p>	<p>Ministry of Education www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/index.html</p> <p>Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/</p>
<p>Independent Learning Center</p>	<p>The Independent Learning Centre (ILC) provides a distance education program, in English and in French, for Ontario residents who want to earn secondary school diploma credits, upgrade basic skills, or study for personal development. ILC also offers an elementary program for children temporarily living outside Canada</p> <p>www.ilc.org/cfmx/home/home.cfm?Menu_ID_Sel=50&Lang_Sel=1</p>
<p>My Blueprint Planner Log in Key: drwilliamsl</p>	<p>myBlueprint is a customizable, interactive education planning tool that provides students the ability to make the most informed decisions about their education.</p> <p>www.myblueprint.ca/</p>
<p>Ontario College Application Service</p>	<p>Planning is an important step on the road to college. Check out the typical costs of going to college, scholarship and bursary information, and information about the colleges and their locations.</p> <p>www.ontariocolleges.ca/portal/page/portal/ONTCOL/Home</p>
<p>Ontario University Application Centre</p>	<p>The Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC), located in Guelph, Ontario, Canada, is a central bureau whose key function is the processing of applications for admission to the province's universities.</p> <p>www.ouac.on.ca/about/about.html</p>
<p>York Region District School Board</p>	<p>www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/</p>

career



Careers, like rockets, don't always take off on schedule. The key is to keep working on the engines.

Gary Sinise- actor

career

Apprenticeship	Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and related government web links
	www.oyap.com www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/training/apprenticeship/skills/training.html
Canadian Careers	Career and employment information for Canadians
	www.canadiancareers.com/
Job skills Ontario	A non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing people’s capacity to participate in the labour market, thereby contributing to the economic and social viability of our community
	http://www.jobskills.org/
Mazemaster	Find work now. Plan for your future. Learn about the job search process.
	www.mazemaster.on.ca/
Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities	Finding employment is a job in itself. You will find information about career options, labour market trends, and career-specific training, as well as job search skills and strategies.
	www.gov.on.ca/ont/portal/!ut/p/.cmd/cs/.ce/70A/s/70252/s.70A/70252/!/en?docid=004434
Monster	Why wait to find your perfect job? Why surrender one more Monday morning to weak coffee and daydreams? Start searching Monster’s extensive job database now. And propel yourself to a whole new work life.
	http://www.monster.ca/
SES York Region	Specializing in job development for persons with disabilities
	www.dimes.on.ca
Seneca/ YMCA employment Centre	Job connect, youth programs and summer job service
	www.senecac.on.ca www.ymcatoronto.org
Workopolis	Workopolis is Canada’s leading provider of internet recruitment and job search solutions
	http://www.workopolis.com/work.aspx?action=Transfer&View=Content/Common/WorkLoginView&lang=EN&OldUrl=
York Youth	York Youth provides employment support and work referral services to youth between 15 and 30 who are out of work and out of school.
	www.yorkyouth.ca

experience



A human being is part of a whole, called by us the 'Universe,' a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separated from the rest--a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

Albert Einstein– scientist

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Canadian International Development Agency	<p>Do you want to make international development a part of your future now? Become an active global citizen and make a difference in Canada and abroad.</p> <p>www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/acdicida.nsf/En/JUD-12882713-HSK</p>
Canadian World Youth	<p>Canada World Youth is a leader in developing international education programs where young people learn through experience on a global scale.</p> <p>www.cwy-jcm.org</p>
Community Information and Volunteer Centre for York Region	<p>Central database that connects an individual with many volunteer opportunities throughout York Region</p> <p>http://york.cioc.ca/volunteer</p>
Free the Children	<p>Take the trip of a lifetime and experience international development first hand through an unforgettable journey overseas.</p> <p>www.freethechildren.com</p>
International Cooperative Education	<p>Do you like learning by doing? Try an international Co-Op.</p> <p>www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=SCI000001</p>
KATIMAVIK	<p>Katimavik offers young Canadians an exciting experience that incorporates learning and volunteer involvement. It is Canada's leading national youth volunteer-service program.</p> <p>www.katimavik.org</p>
Projects Abroad	<p>Projects Abroad is the leading volunteer abroad organization. We offer a diverse range of international service projects, plus the opportunity to become part of one of our volunteer communities abroad.</p> <p>www.projects-abroad.org</p>
SWAP.ca Working Holidays	<p>Live, work, and Play in one of 13 international destinations. SWAP sets you up with a work visa and the orientation you need to live and work abroad.</p> <p>www.swap.ca</p>
Travelcuts	<p>Canada's youth, student, and budget travel experts.</p> <p>www.travelcuts.com/en/index2.asp</p>
York Region Learning Connection	<p>Provides both credit and non-credit experiences to York Region Students as they travel abroad.</p> <p>www.yrlcs.on.ca www.yourworldtodiscover.org</p>



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