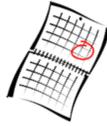


Westdale Guidance Newsletter

January 28, 2026



Key Dates



Fri. January 30	First Day of Semester 2 (Day 1 schedule)
Sun. February 1	Ontario College application deadline for equal consideration
Wed. February 4	2026-2027 Option and Pathway Planning Presentations
Fri. February 13	Last day for students to see counsellors for Sem 2 course changes
March 2-13	Submit 26-27 course options in myBlueprint;
March 2	Summer School registration opens in myBlueprint

Hello, Westdale Warriors! Welcome to Semester 2! We hope that everyone had a great end to Semester 1 and you are looking forward to the second half of the school year. The beginning of Semester 2 is a very busy time, so we want to make sure you have all the information you need to get started.

1) Semester 2 Timetables and Course Changes

Semester 2 timetables will be emailed to students on January 29. Guidance counsellors are available to see students on January 29 (Future Preparedness Day). Appointment booking for Guidance counsellors is closed on Friday, January 30 and will re-open on Monday, February 2.

Students with a SEE GUIDANCE code in their timetable or a timetable error (two courses in one period or a missing course) should see their counsellor as soon as possible. Students needing to see a Guidance counsellor based on results in Semester 1 courses should see their counsellor as soon as possible. Students with SEE GUIDANCE codes and/or conflicts may see counsellors on Friday, January 30 during Periods 1-3 without an appointment.

Students must attend the courses on their timetable. Students are not permitted to sit in on classes if not enrolled in the class.

Please note that there may be some changes to your timetable since Semester 1—assigned teachers, assigned classrooms, or the order of your courses may have changed to accommodate requests and to ensure we are adhering to class maximums.

Students planning to make a Semester 2 course change should make an appointment with their counsellor as soon as possible. Students must see their counsellor by Friday, February 13 to make a course change for Semester 2.

Students can make an appointment with their Guidance counsellor by accessing the Book Appointment icon on the navigation board in the Guidance Hub course or [through this link](#).

2) CE Night School

Continuing Education is offering an [Online Night School](#) opportunity for secondary school students requiring a new credit or upgrade in Grade 12 courses. Courses are available in English (ENG4U), Mathematics (MCV4U, MHF4U, MDM4U), and Science (SBI4U, SCH4U, SPH4U).

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The learning is **synchronous online** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm running from February 17—May 28. **Interested students must register through the Continuing Education folder in myBlueprint by February 13.** Westdale students registering in a night school class must be registered in three classes in day school at Westdale. Please see your Guidance counsellor if you have additional questions. More information is available in the link above.

3) 2026-2027 Course Selection

Guidance counsellors will be presenting course option information to students on Wednesday, February 4 at the following times:

Period 2 (Timeframe 1): Grade 12 classes

Period 1 (Timeframe 2): Grade 9 classes

Period 4: Grade 11 classes

Period 5: Grade 10 classes

Students are welcome and encouraged to see their Guidance counsellor for support with pathway planning and choosing courses from the beginning of February through to March Break. Students can enter their choices for the 2026-2027 school year in myBlueprint. **The submission window for course selections opens on March 2. Option submission is due by March 13.** Course Option Sheets and the slidedecks for Guidance presentations will be posted on the Hub and the Westdale Secondary School website under Student Services.

4) Summer School

[Summer School registration](#) opens in myBlueprint on March 2. Registration deadlines are firm.

Registration for **Summer School online new credit courses** closes June 26 at 11:00 am. These courses run from July 2-29.

Registration for **Summer School co-op** closes on April 27 at 11:00 am. We encourage students interested in co-op to register earlier than this date.

Registration for **Summer School Grade 12 upgrade courses** closes July 14 at 11:00 am. Students must have earned the credit to participate in this opportunity. Courses run from July 16-29.

5) Summer School Credit Recovery

Students in Grade 9 or Grade 10 who were unsuccessful in a credit in English, Math, Science, Geography, or History have the opportunity to recover this credit in a two week summer school program. Students should see their Guidance counsellor or Mr. Meyer if they are interested in this opportunity.

6) Grade 12 Information

i) **College Applications**—College applications are due on Sunday, February 1. This deadline provides students with equal consideration to competitive programs. Some college programs will remain open to application beyond this date. Applications are submitted through ontariocolleges.ca. Students planning to apply to college, but who have not yet submitted their application and need support, should reach out to their Guidance counsellor.

ii) **Supplementary Applications**—Many of Westdale's university applicants have applied to programs with supplementary applications. Please read communication from OUAC and the schools to which you have applied very carefully to ensure you submit required information by deadlines.

iii) **Sem 1 Mark transmission**—Semester 1 final marks will be transmitted to OUAC and Ontario Colleges by the HWDSB on or before Thursday, February 12.

7) Dual Credit Information

Dual credits are credit opportunities offered in partnership between the HWDSB and Mohawk College. Credits earned in a dual credit program count as secondary school credits toward a student's OSSD as well as for college credit toward a college diploma. Here are updates to current program offerings. Please connect with your Guidance counsellor if we can support with enrollment.

i. Semester 2 2026 Availability

Dual Credit has a few remaining seats available in:

AM Bridge: Positive Psychology & College 101 (Fennell)

PM Esports: Esports Fundamentals & Esports Marketing (Fennell)

ii. Spring 2026 Dual Credit Catch Up

Dual Credit Catch Up is an opportunity for grade 11 or 12 students to earn both a high school and college credit in an online college environment. Students will attend weekly online classes with some additional online work each week.

Date: March 31st to June 12th, 2026 (11 weeks)

Time: 4 hours per week: Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 pm, 2 hours online synchronous and 2 hours online asynchronous

Open to Grade 11 & 12 students (post-graduates are not eligible)

Course: Introduction to Psychology (HBB4T1)

****Students must attend Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 pm weekly (online)****

Course Description:

Introduction to Psychology - In this course you will: Explore the scientific study of mental processes and behaviour, including the concepts of normality and abnormality. Investigate the biological basis of human experience, sensation and perception, learning and memory, and the nature of consciousness. Examine social psychology, personality theories, health and stress, and various psychological disorders, including their etiology and treatments.

iii. Summer Construction 2026

Summer Construction application will be released in mid-February.

The Summer Construction Dual Credit Program allows students entering grade 11 or 12 (in Sept 2026) an opportunity to earn a high school credit while experiencing a college course for free!

Dates: June 29 - July 10, 2026, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm, Monday - Friday, Mohawk College, Stoney Creek Campus, 9 days: ****No classes July 1, 2026****

Course: Introduction to Construction (TSQ4T1)

****Students must attend all 9 days of the program****