



School Council Meeting

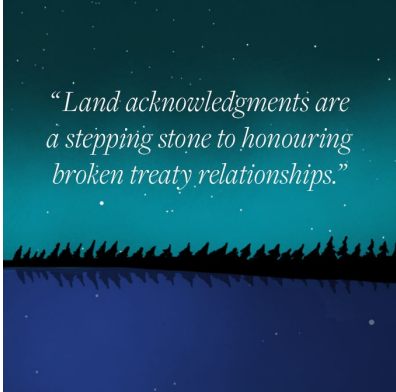
Thursday, January 18, 2024



We are on Indigenous Land

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.



“Land acknowledgments are a stepping stone to honouring broken treaty relationships.”

AGENDA

Opening Items - Talking Tuesdays
Course Selection Presentation (Guidance Team)
Student Report - Student Leadership Council
School Council Overview - Spring 2024 Events
Report from Administration

2023-2024 WCI School Council

Nicolle Kopping-Pavars
Richa Prasher

CO-CHAIRS



Heidi Amernic
Fabiana Schvartz
Zvi Vaxman

OFFICERS

Talking Tuesdays

A monthly interactive forum designed to facilitate open conversation between parents in a safe and nonjudgmental space

- Community Connection
- Interactive Discussions & Workshops
- Monthly Themes
- Fun and Inclusive Atmosphere
- Sharing information /insights and strategies.
- First session Feb. 4, 2024
 - “Parenting Teens and Effective Parenting Strategies”
 - Future session ideas: navigating social media and online privacy concerns, teens and vaping/drugs, other topics?

Talking Tuesdays at Westmount Collegiate Institute – because parenting is a journey best shared!

Talking Tuesdays for 2023-2024*

- Tuesday, February 6
- Tuesday, March 5
- Tuesday, April 2



Presentation: Course Selection

WCI Guidance Team

JOIN US

for a presentation on...

**"WHAT YOU NEED
TO KNOW ABOUT
SELECTING
COURSES FOR
2024-2025"**



Thursday, January 18

6:30

WCI Cafeteria

Report from WCI Students

Student Leadership Council

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WCI Student Leadership Council - 2023/24

Present by: Summer Cohen and Marc Dorais

1. What is the purpose of the student council?

- All students feel welcomed at WCI
- Raise school spirit
- Expand our school clubs and committees
- Create and coordinate all WCI events
- Raise awareness and act on the issues in our communities.



2. Who is in the student council (roles)

- Student Council Meets every Monday.
- Spirit Committee
- Events Committee
- Communications Team
- Equity Committee
- Grade Representatives (2 per grade)
- Leadership Team (4 Grade 11 and twelve)



3. What events are we planning for this year

- Spring School Dance
- Summer Carnival/Fair or Talent show

Fundraisers for Events:

- Valentines day Candy Grams
- Pie a Teacher Raffle

4. Tentative Event Timeline

February → Valentines day candy grams for sale, delivered on Feb 14

March → Pie a teacher

April → Spring dance

May → Non-profit fundraiser (blanket drive, toy drive)

June → Summer carnival/Talent show

**Thank you for
your time!**



School Council Planning

WCI School Council Executive



School Council Update

Jan 18, 2024

Upcoming Spring 2024 Events

- **Talking Tuesdays** - first Tuesday of the month (Feb., March, April)
- **Wellness Convention** - April 16 ,2024
- **The WestFest** - May 22,2024.

The Wellness Convention (Apr. 16, 2024): A Focus on Stress, Mental Health & Student Well-Being

- Save the date: April 16 (6.30pm-9pm)
- Identified as important within our school community; Many unknown resources in York region to support students/families
- Proposed agenda: Keynote address (TBC); Resource introduction & open house

The West Fest

- **Save the date: May 22 (time -tbd)**
- Special event packed with fun activities, student recognition awards and more.
- Planning in collaboration with the students leadership council.
- Grand end of year celebration.
- Stay tuned for more updates.....

Information Items



Report from WCI Admin Team

S. Maharaj, L. Fisher

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WCI Administration



Susan Maharaj

PRINCIPAL

Rory Gangbar

VICE-PRINCIPAL (A TO L)

Lana Fisher

VICE-PRINCIPAL (M TO Z)



Westmount C.I.


Change of Bell Times

School Timetable 2024-2025

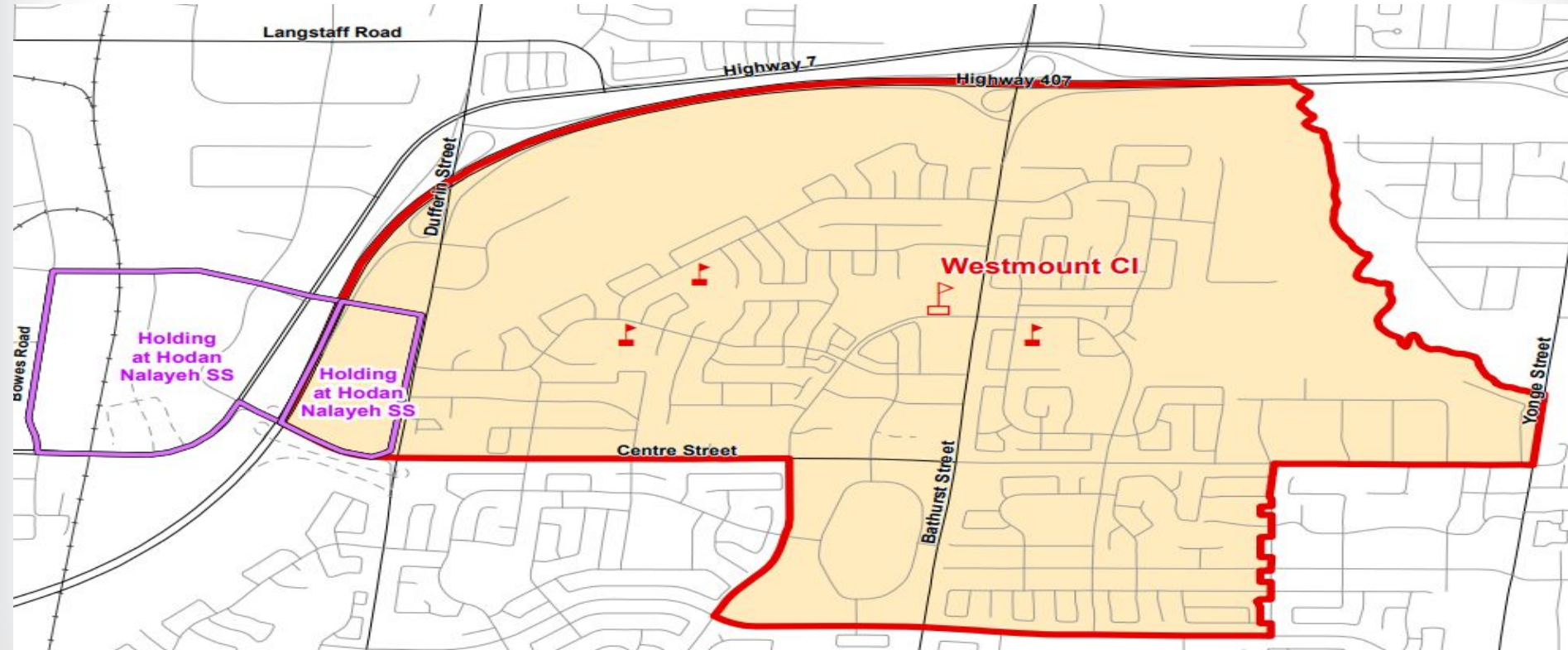
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Inspire Learning!

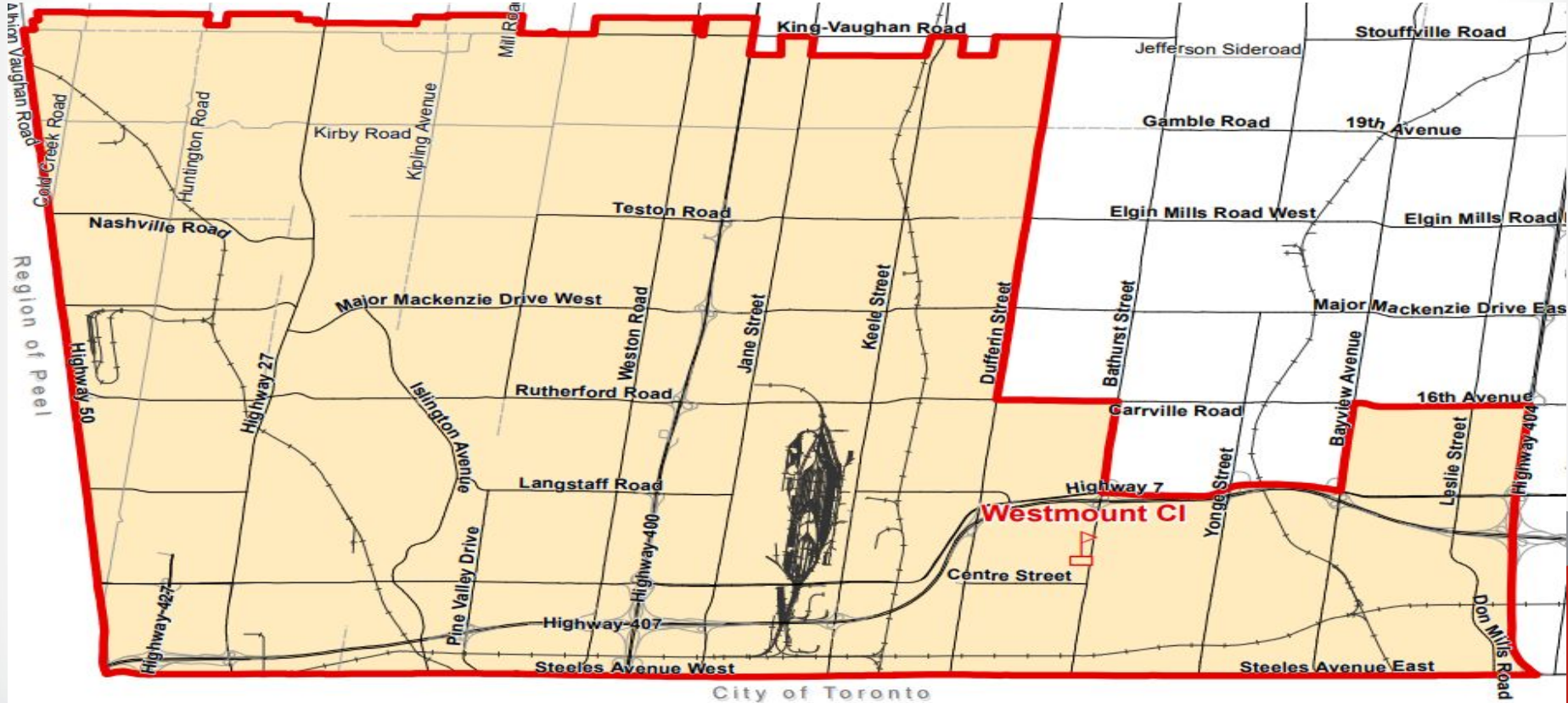
Westmount C.I.

- Enrolment: October 31, 2023: 1,100 FTE
 - Capacity: 1,040
 - Utilization: 106%
 - Unable to add portables on site to accommodate growing enrolment
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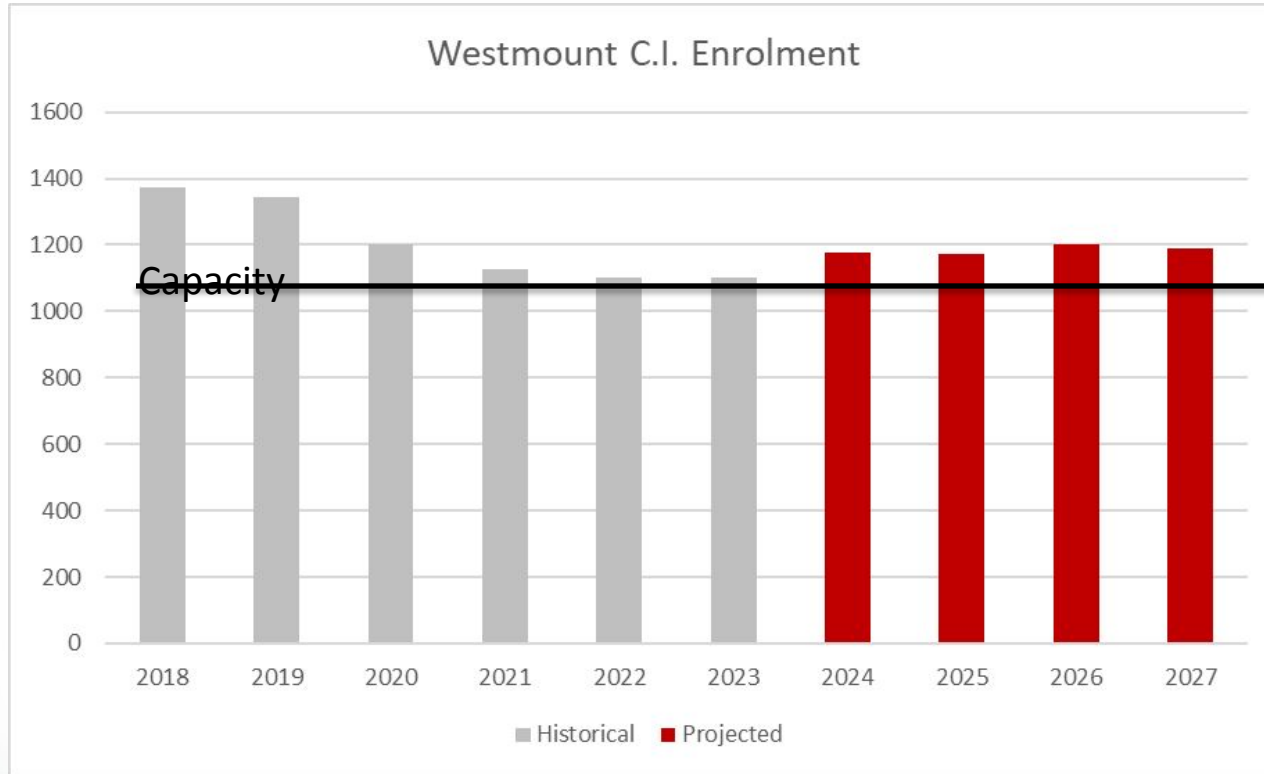
Westmount C.I. Regular Track Boundary



Westmount C.I. Arts Boundary



Westmount C.I. Enrolment Projection



Existing Bell Times

	Start Time	End Time
Homeroom	8:40 AM	8:45 AM
Period 1	8:45 AM	10:00 AM
Period 2	10:05 AM	11:20 AM
Lunch (65 min)	11:20 AM	12:25 PM
Period 3	12:25 PM	1:40 PM
Period 4	1:45 PM	3:00 PM

Bell Times Beginning Sept 2024

	Start Time	End Time
Homeroom	8:40 AM	8:45 AM
Period 1	8:45 AM	10:00 AM
Period 2	10:05 AM	11:20 AM
Period 3	11:25 AM	12:40 PM
Period 4	12:45 PM	2:00 PM
Period 5	2:05 PM	3:20 PM

No Change to Start

20 min later

All periods are 75 minutes


Sample Schedule for Sept 2024

	Start Time	End Time	Class
Homeroom & Period 1	8:40 AM	10:00 AM	English
Period 2	10:05 AM	11:20 AM	History
Period 3	11:25 AM	12:40 PM	Lunch
Period 4	12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Math
Period 5	2:05 PM	3:20 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 2024
 - 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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Literacy Test (OSSLT)

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



The test has two parts over two days

Day 1 – Section A: (65 min.)

- **Reading**
 - Three Reading Selections (Selected-Response, One 100 Word Open-Response)
- **Writing**
 - Language Conventions (Selected-Response)

Day 2 – Section B (75 min)

- **Reading**
 - Two Reading Selections (Selected-Response)
- **Writing**
 - Essay Expressing an Opinion (500 words)
 - Language Conventions (Selected-Response)

Literacy Test (OSSLT)

Fall OSSLT has been written

Results are being released to our Gr. 10 students tomorrow

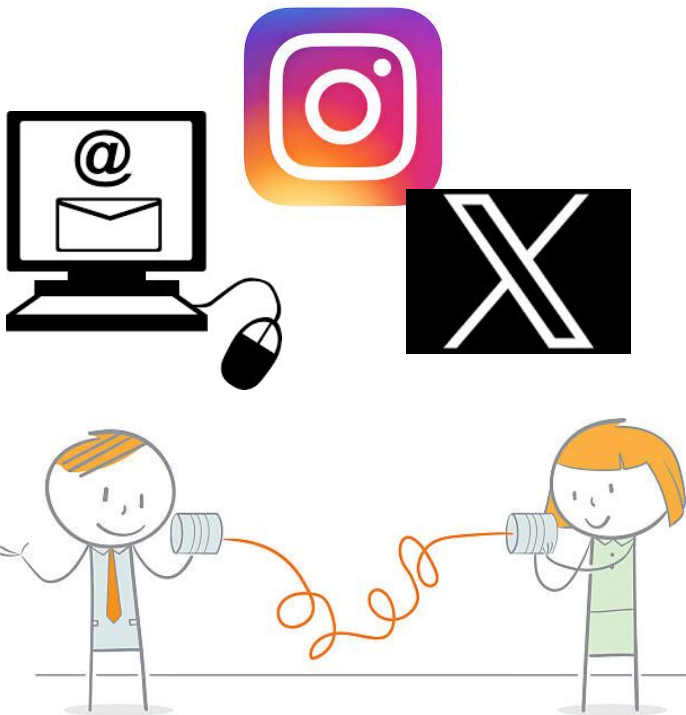
Unsuccessful candidates will have a chance to write again

OSSLT Spring date - late March

Or

Summer school - OLC in July (summer school sign up April)

WCI Communication



- **WCI Blog**
 - <https://westmountci.blogspot.com/>
- **WCI X (Formerly Twitter)**
 - [@WCI_YRDSB](#)
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Thank you
FOR COMING!

Meetings Ahead for 2023-2024*

Wednesday, February 21 - Planning!

Wednesday, March 20

Funding Post-Secondary Education

Tuesday, April 16

Wellness Convention

Wednesday, May 22

West Fest



Thank you
FOR COMING!