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# Westmount CI



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# Westmount C.I

Dear Families and Community Members:

Welcome to the start of the 2019 – 2020 school year! We are really looking forward to a successful year at Westmount C.I. We know that our students will once again be busy pursuing their academic goals while getting the full school experience on our teams, in our clubs, at our dances and while enjoying all that Westmount has to offer. Our staff members are excited to work with the students to ensure that all the classes and co-curricular activities are exciting and engaging.

The first week of school has been very busy at Westmount and has been characterized by the registration of many new students and student program changes. I would like to thank you for your patience and support while our Guidance Department works tirelessly meeting with students and making timetable changes where possible. I am so proud of the hard work of everyone. We are getting settled and we are raring to go!

We had a very successful Grade 9 Day on September 3<sup>rd</sup> when we welcomed approximately 265 grade 9s into the school and had over 300 parents spend the morning with us. We loved the energy and excitement of the new Westmount Wolves! Our Wolf Packs are up and running and the grade 9s are busy in their classes and making new friends. Just a reminder to all Grade 9 Parents that our H.O.W.L. Day field trip is taking place on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Permission forms have been made available on line. You should have received an email asking you to give permission on-line for this amazing trip. Please look after the permission form as soon as possible. All grade 9s are expected to attend this field trip; there will be no grade 9 classes running that day.

Our first School Council meeting will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in our Library. We hope to have a wonderful turnout. These meetings are a great way to find out the “inside scoop” on what is happening in our school. As well, we often have great guest speakers, from our school, who share great information on a wide range of topics. During the first meeting we will have our elections for School Council Chair and we will also be sharing our professional development plans for staff and students that will be our foci for this year. As well, we will be available to answer any and all questions from our community.

Photo Day will be on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. It is important that all students have their picture taken on that day. These pictures will be used for the school Yearbook and for Student Cards. As well, parents will be able to purchase pictures through Pegasus School Services. Bring your smiles!

I strongly believe in and value the community school concept, where the school is an integral part of the community and serves students and their families by providing opportunities for life-long learning. I truly believe a school is a place where parents, students and staff can work in partnership to improve student achievement.

Please feel free to contact me at [sheri.epstein@yrdsb.ca](mailto:sheri.epstein@yrdsb.ca) as I welcome your comments or questions. Thank you again for your patience and support; together we can truly make a difference for our children.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Sept 16 – 20 Safe School Assemblies for all students (done by grade)
- Sept 23 PA Day – Health and Safety training for all Staff
- Sept 27-29 Ontario University Fair

Ms. Sheri Epstein

Principal

## Message from Our Trustee

I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families to another school year. As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The [Board of Trustees](#) makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#).

We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

As we start the new school year, I want to highlight the importance of relationships. We want to build and maintain relationships with our families that are built on trust, respect and responsive communication. To support that, I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities, and I encourage you to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website.

In addition, I invite you to share your feedback on our Board policies. Policies govern everything from field trips, school volunteers, equity and inclusive education, student discipline and much more, and we greatly value input from families on these important matters. We regularly post on our website the [policies that are under review](#) and available for comment as well as information about how to share your feedback. I hope you will take a look.

I know school staff are excited to welcome back students, and I look forward to meeting more of our families throughout the upcoming school year. I encourage you to build a relationship with the staff members and community at your school. There are so many [different ways to get involved](#) and support your child's education. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

David Sherman  
Trustee, Markham Ward 1, Vaughan Ward 5

## Medical concerns

If your child has a serious or life-threatening allergy or medical condition, let the school know immediately and speak to the school office about completing the appropriate medical forms .



## Photo Day

Photo day is Wednesday, September 11. Every student is required to take a photo that will be used for their student ID card. This photo will also be featured in the Yearbook.



## **WESTMOUNT DECA**

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019** = Information Meeting in the **Cafeteria at 3:30pm until 4:15pm**  
Links to Westmount Remind Apps will be given out at this meeting to gain access to practice multiple choice exam materials.

Qualifying exam will be **Wednesday, September 18, 2019** in the **Cafeteria at 3:30 pm until 4:45 pm**

## **BECOME A LIFE GUARD:**

Did you know that your child can complete their life guard training, earn a credit AND a chance to secure a part job with either the City of Vaughan, the City of Markham or the Town of Aurora? The YRDSB runs an Athletic Leadership program that provides all the above opportunities to our students. Check out <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/ALP-Overview.aspx> for more information.

## **Grade 9 - HOWL Day**

HOWL Day field trip is on Friday, September 20. All Gr. 9 students are recommended to attend. Please make your payment and indicate your permission on the School Cash On Line system by Wednesday, September 18.





## YOUR GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

Support and promote students' well-being and continuous growth in three areas: personal (student) development, interpersonal development, and career development in order to help them develop resilience and realize their potential (success) as individuals and as valuable members of society.  
*-Ontario School Counsellors' Association, 2015*

## TIMETABLE CHANGES

The school has until Friday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to get all students settled into their semester 1 classes. If your child has followed the timetable change procedure, they will be seen by Guidance or Administration to review their timetable change request.

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO CONSIDER

### **Notifications/events to watch for:**

- Ontario University Fair – Metro Toronto Convention Centre – September 27 to 29 **#wcigrad**  
**#onuniversity**
- College Fair @ the Direct Energy Centre – Exhibition Place – October 23 & 24 **#wcigrad**  
**#oncollege**
- Gr. 12 Graduation Preparation Assembly – Thursday, October 17 **#wcigrad**

## NEED AN APPOINTMENT WITH A COUNSELLOR?

**Book an appointment. It's really easy! Appointments available starting Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.**

- Your child can drop by the Guidance office and Mrs. Pearlstein will book the next available appointment with their Counsellor.
- Mrs. Pearlstein will give your child a date and time for their appointment.
- Please tell your child to let Mrs. Pearlstein know if you will be attending the meeting so we can book extra time if necessary.
- Come to Guidance on the day and time of your appointment.

**Have a quick question? Your child can do the following...**

- **Drop-in** to see their Counsellor. We can answer a quick question on-the-spot
- **Check-out** the YRDSB, Westmount and Guidance website  
<https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/home>
- **Follow** @WCIGuidance on Twitter. Get real-time notifications regarding news, events and more. You can even tweet or direct message your question to us.



## School Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

7:00 pm—8:30 pm— in the Library

Caring, quality, community

Please join us on Wednesday to learn more about *Our Plans for this Year* at Westmount C.I.

What is our focus?

What will we be working on during Professional Development Days?

How do we plan on incorporating student voice in the school?

Plus—ask the Admin team!

Our Guest Speakers will be Ms. Sheri Epstein, Mr. Todd Taylor, & Ms. Barb Caravella



**We hope you able to join us!**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

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September 3, 2019

Dear families,

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at York Region District School Board. We hope that you are looking forward to a year of learning, growth and discovery. It is important to us that all of our students and families know that they are a valued part of our school community. Each and every child has important and unique contributions to offer and we aim to create learning environments where they feel safe, respected and supported in making those contributions.

It is a privilege to work alongside families to support your children in exploring their interests, learning more about the world around them and reaching their full potential. We are more successful in doing that when there are strong connections between our schools and families, and we hope you will find opportunities to build those important connections throughout the year.

Our work to provide your child with the best possible education is guided by four priorities set out by the Board of Trustees in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership. [Our plans](#) are available on the Board website or you can make a request through your school office.

As part of our commitment to build collaborative relationships, we will continue to keep you informed about our work at the board and important news and events through our website, social media and through your school. We look forward to connecting with you, and wish you a happy, safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louise Sirisko".

Louise Sirisko  
Director of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corrie McBain".

Corrie McBain  
Chair of the Board



# POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS?

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## DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Secondary Principals  
Secondary Vice-Principals  
Guidance Heads and ESL Heads

**FROM:** Clelia Della Rovere, Principal

**DATE:** September 6, 2019

**RE:** International Languages (IL) Credit Programs 2019-2020- **Registration Process**

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We are pleased to announce that the International Languages (IL) credit course registration for YRDSB students is now available online through My Pathway Planner. This memo is only for students who want to register for a credit course and have not taken an International Languages course in this current school year.

The course offerings and sites are available on [My Pathway Planner](#) login page. Students can register through My Pathway Planner until September 11<sup>th</sup>. For assistance, view the [My Pathway Planner Tip Sheet](#).

Students should **not** register for a credit language course if they are:

- current IL grade 8 students who want to take a Level 1/B credit course because we have already pre-registered them
- secondary students who have taken IL courses this current school year because we have already pre-registered them

Below is additional information:

- International Languages (IL) credit courses are yearlong courses. Paper registration is accepted after September 11<sup>th</sup> and is possible up to, and including the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of IL classes. After **September 11<sup>th</sup>**, please continue to register students using the [Community and International Education Services Night and Summer School Registration Form](#). Please remind students that registration closes after the third class (each class is 3.70 hours long; hence missing three classes would jeopardize the credit).
- The day school Guidance staff and administrators will determine the appropriateness of the student's choice considering his/her **prerequisites and equivalencies**.
- The \$20 non-refundable consumable fee (collected by the YRDSB for photocopying, project items and additional resources) plus any additional book fees will be collected during class hours in September 2019. Please note that although these programs are paid for by the Ministry of Education for most students, International Visa students are required to pay an additional **\$1,562.50** for registration. This is a revised course fee for continuing education courses. Information about payment is on our webpage.
- In June 2019, in the courier, Guidance Heads received multiple copies of the following documents to post or distribute to help promote our programs and support student registration:
  - IIL Credit Course Brochure for 2019-2020 to distribute
  - IIL Credit Flyer to post
  - IIL Volunteer Opportunities for Secondary students to post
  - Guidance Handbook 2019-2020

### **For more information**

Visit the [International and Indigenous Languages](#) webpage or contact Nella Di Prospero at (905) 884-2046 ext. 242 if you require assistance or copies of any materials. Many thanks for all your support in promoting this program.

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## September 2019

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 <b>LABOUR DAY</b>	3 * Gr. 9 Day	4 * Timetable starts	5	6 * Last day to request a timetable change
9	10	11 * School Council- 7PM * Photo day	12	13 * Last day to complete timetables
16 * Gr.9 Safe schools assembly (P2)	17	18 * Gr.12 Safe schools Assembly (P2)	19 * Gr.11 Safe schools Assembly (P2)	20 * HOWL Day * Gr.10 Safe schools Assembly (P2)
23 <b>PA DAY</b>	24	25	26	27 * ON University Fair (27-29)
30 * Rosh Hahanah				

**SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION NOTICE**

**Please remember that if the school buses are cancelled in the morning, then they will NOT operate in the afternoon.** Therefore, if you drive your children to school in the morning, you must also pick them up from school at 3:50 p.m. When buses are cancelled, it does not necessarily mean that schools are closed. Schools usually remain open with a modified program. To find out whether or not the buses are cancelled, please check the following website: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) or access the following radio or television stations:

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 FM CKFM 99.9 FM      Q107.1 FM

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A bus cancellation message will also be available at 1-877-330-3001.

