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September 11 - 22, 2017

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Inspire Learning!

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Message from Admin Team

Dear Families and Community Members:

Welcome to the start of the 2017 – 2018 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 5th. We welcomed over 340 grade 9s into the school and had over 350 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 20th. Permission forms have been handed out to the students and we need them back ASAP. 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 13th 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.

Photo Day will be on Thursday, September 14th. It is important that all students have their picture taken on that day. These pictures will be used for the Yearbook and for Student Cards. As well, parents will be able to purchase pictures through Edge Imaging. 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 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.

Sheri Epstein
Principal

Message from our Trustee

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#).

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.



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September 5, 2017

Dear York Region District School Board families,

As you may be aware, York Region District School Board is currently recruiting for a Director of Education. The responsibility of selecting a Director is one of the most important tasks of the Board of Trustees.

The Board has engaged the services of Phelpsgroup, a leading Canadian executive search firm, to gather your input into the qualities and characteristics of the Board's new Director of Education.

Your input is critical and will inform both the job description and evaluation criteria used in the recruitment process. Please take a few minutes to complete the [online survey](http://www.yrdsb.ca) (also accessible through the Board website www.yrdsb.ca). The survey results will be submitted electronically directly to Phelpsgroup and held in strict confidence by the consultant.

Responses received by **September 17, 2017** will be considered in the initial development of the Director of Education job description and candidate profile. Responses received after this date and prior to **October 1, 2017** will be shared with trustees for their information.

If you require the survey in print format or translated into one of the Region's top 12 most spoken languages, please contact the Board at 905-727-0222 extension 2217 or email trustee.services@yrdsb.ca.

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

Sincerely,

Loralea Carruthers

Chair
York Region District School Board

Introducing...

DECA WESTMOUNT 2017 – 2018

DECA provides the perfect opportunity to introduce students into the world of business. Through weekly Wednesday meetings and training, leading to a regional business competition, students will be exposed to real life applications of issues within businesses, and will learn how to address these concerns in a professional manner. Through role-play of case studies and preparation of written reports, the student will learn to quickly problem solve, using business logic and strategies. They will then present a solution to their provided situation to a judge. They will be given the opportunity to compete against the region, onto province and possibly world, if they are successful in progressing from the regional competition.

DECA allows students to build on their business knowledge, create professional partnerships and develop confidence, employability skills and demonstrate leadership, which can be applied in every day life. 92% of DECA members say that they learned to communicate thoughts and ideas, as well as what businesses expect from employees while gaining problem solving skills. As well, 90% of members say that their experience empowered them to be an effective leader and affected their contributions to the community and daily lives. Past members of DECA also say that their experience had prepared them academically for post secondary school, influenced their post-secondary plans, career paths, and their interest in business.

If a student is interested in the DECA program and would like to learn more about it, a meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 13, 2017** after school in the cafeteria.

Your Guidance Team welcomes you to a NEW school year.

WELCOME

If you are new to the Westmount community; WELCOME! Your Guidance Team invites you to get to know us. Check out our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/home>. Our website covers items such as: how to change your timetable, how to book an appointment, post-secondary options, community service ideas and much, much more. We also suggest that you follow us on Twitter @WCI Guidance. Important news, announcements and events are given a specific # so you can locate anything you may have missed.

TIMETABLES

Administration and Guidance are working together to quickly meet with the students who have submitted a Request for a Timetable Change. Administration is working with the grade 9 and 10 students and Guidance is working with the grade 11 and 12 students. The last day to "request" a change is Friday, Sept. 8. The school has until Friday, Sept. 15 to get students settled into their classes. An outline of the timetable change request process can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/>. Follow us on Twitter @WCI Guidance for updates **#wcitimetable**

MARK YOUR CHILD'S CALENDAR...

Ontario University Fair

Friday, Sept. 22 to Sunday, Sept 24

Taking place at the Toronto Metro Convention Centre, this event is a must for grade 11 and 12 students. It is not too early for grade 9 and 10 students to attend this event either. For more information please visit www.ouf.ca. **#wcigrad #onuniversity**

Ontario College Fair

October 24 and 25

Taking place at the Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place and like the university fair; a must for grade 11 and 12 students and never too early for grade 9 or 10 students. For more information visit www.ocif.ca. Twitter updates at **#wcigrad, #oncollege**

Grade 12 Graduation Preparation Assembly #1

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Period 2, Westmount Cafeteria

All grade 12 students will be expected to attend!

#wcigrad



Stay in the Loop

Follow @WCI Guidance on Twitter. Visit the Guidance website regularly for important news, information and announcements.

<https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/home>

Guidance Appointments

Need an appointment with your Guidance Counselor?

Here's how to book an appointment:

<https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/>

Follow us on twitter @WCI Guidance or check the website regularly for updates as to when you can begin booking Guidance appointments.



[WCI Guidance](#)

Westmount Collegiate Institute

Get photo date and reminders at
edgeimaging.ca/photoday

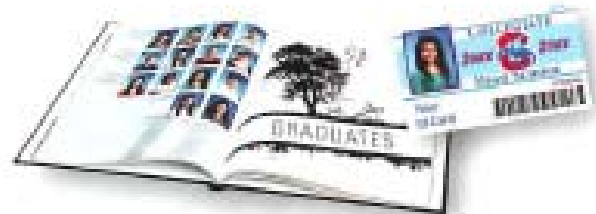
School Code:WTT

Thursday, September 14, 2017

PHOTO DAY ^{is} coming



All students must be photographed
for student ID and yearbook purposes.



ENHANCE YOUR PHOTO

for the yearbook

Retouching and more options
are available for your photos.



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SCHOOL AND SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

SEPTEMBER 2017

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
					1 * Eid-Ul-Adha	2
3	4 LABOUR	5 * Grade 9 Day	6 * Regular School day * Timetable changes Day1	7	8 * Last day to request a timetable change	9
10	11	12	13 * School Council	14 * Photo Day	15 * Last day for timetable changes	16
17	18	19	20 * Gr. 9 HOWL Day	21 * Rosh Hashanah	22 * Rosh Hashanah * ON University Fair - Sep22-24 - ouf.ca	23
24	25 PA DAY	26	27 * Gr 10 Safety Assembly - P1	28 * Gr 11 Safety Assembly - P1	29 * Gr 12 Safety Assembly - P1	30

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 or access the following radio or television stations:

Radio

CFRB 1010 AM	CHUM 1050 AM	CHUM 104.5	CHIN 1540 AM	NEWS 680 AM
CJEZ 97.3	CKDX 88.5 AM	CHFI 98.1 FM	CHIN 100.7	CBC 99.1 FM
CKFM 99.9 FM	Q107.1 FM			

Television

CITY TV, CFTO TV, THE WEATHER CHANNEL

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

