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Westmount CI



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Westmount CII

Dear Families and Community Members,

It's hard to believe that we are well into another school year with these wonderful "summer-like" temperatures. Fall is just around the corner and staff and students have begun to settle into a full semester of learning and other enriching opportunities at Westmount Collegiate. Our clubs, councils, student-led committees, sports teams, choirs and bands are getting ready for another successful year of extra- curricular activities. We want all students to become involved and participate in all that WCI offers in order to enrich their high school experience. Please encourage your child(ren) to join a club, team or student-led initiative.

Our Grade 9 students spent an entire day together at Camp Green Acres for our annual H.O.W.L. day and we could have not asked for a more glorious day. The weather was beautiful and the students had a wonderful time connecting with friends, making new friends and getting to know their Wolf Pack leaders. We hope that this event was enjoyed by all and ever-lasting friendships were made.

This week, all grades attended a Safe Schools assembly. This annual assembly is mandatory to ensure students are informed about what makes a school safe, welcoming and inclusive. Students heard about topics such as progressive discipline, code of conduct, vaping/e-cigarettes, and cyber-bullying. The importance of healthy relationships and positive behaviors were discussed as keys to success and wellbeing. Students were reminded of who they can talk to if they have any concerns. Our priority continues to be the safety of all students and staff.

The month of September is quickly drawing to a close but there are still many exciting events taking place. Next week, the entire school will be participating in a Terry Fox run/walk and our annual Club Fair is taking place. Field trips and guest speakers have been booked, bringing enrichment opportunities to students. We will continue with practice drills as part of Safety Week. A reminder that Monday September 23 is a P.A. Day and there is no school for students.

Photo Day was held last week. Students who missed Photo Day will have another opportunity to take their picture on Photo Retake Day, taking place on October 17.

As we continue to enjoy what's left of summer, I wish you all a wonderful start to the Fall season.

Warmest Regards,

Barb Caravella

Vice-Principal

EQAO 2019 Information (Semester 1)

EQAO Results

This month, parents and guardians will receive their child's Individual Student Report (ISR). This report contains their child's results from the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, administered in winter and spring 2019.

EQAO results offer an independent snapshot that shows whether students are meeting math expectations from *The Ontario Curriculum*. In receiving the ISR, there is an opportunity for parents and guardians to have discussions about their child's achievement within their family or with a teacher (e.g., parent/guardian-teacher interview).

EQAO data should be considered alongside other information—such as in-class assessment results, report-card grades and teacher observations—so parents and guardians can build a fuller understanding of their child's learning.

Parents and guardians can learn more about assessment results through EQAO's website (www.eqao.com) or by clicking the following link:

[Parents: Grade 9 Math](#)

Westmount CI on Social Media

Our school does have a Twitter and Instagram account, **@WCI_YRDSB**. Our school Twitter is close to a thousand followers, and our school Instagram has about 400 followers so far. Both are great ways to get news and information to students / parents.

Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox Community Walk is taking place on Wednesday September 25 from 10:00 11:00am. This is a school wide event, permission forms can be found on Cash on Line. Students are asked to bring a "Toonie for Terry" and wear red.

There will be a modified school day:

Period 1: 8:49-9:45

Morning announcements

Terry Fox Walk 10:00-11:00

Period 2: 11:05-12:05

Period 3 12:10-1:10

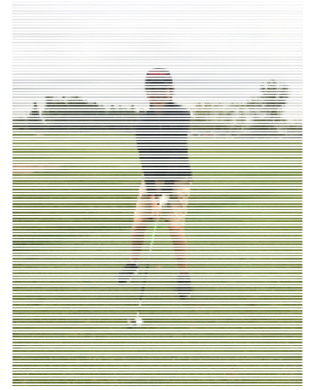
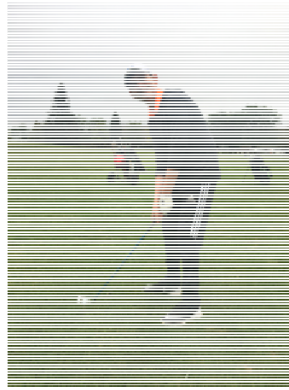
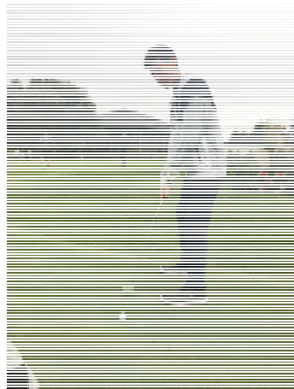
Period 4: 1:15-2:15

Period 5: 2:20-3:20



Westmount Golf

The golf teams are looking forward to another successful season. Our YRAA qualifier is on Tuesday September 24.



WCI STUDENT VOICE

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[HTTPS://BIT.LY/WCIINVOLVED](https://bit.ly/wciinvolved)
**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

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IT CAN BE**





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

ONTARIO UNIVERSITY FAIR

Metro Toronto Convention Centre – Friday, Sept. 27 to Sunday, Sept. 29

Attending this Fair is a definite must for any Gr. 12 who has not yet finalized a plan for post-secondary. Gr. 11 students should also attend. Charting a plan in grade 11 will make selecting courses for Gr. 12 much easier and it will alleviate all associated anxiety. It is NOT too early and it is highly recommended for Gr. 10 students to attend the Fair. Attending both the University Fair and the College Fair in October in combination with their Gr. 10 Careers course is a recipe for smart high school and post-secondary academic planning. For more info visit www.ouf.ca and/or www.ocif.ca #wicgrad #onuniversity #oncollege

UPCOMING EVENTS TO CONSIDER

Notifications/events to watch for:

Ontario University Fair – Metro Toronto Convention Centre – September 27 to 29 #wicgrad #onuniversity

College Fair @ the Direct Energy Centre – Exhibition Place – October 23 & 24 #wicgrad #oncollege

Gr. 12 Graduation Preparation Assembly – Thursday, Oct. 10 – period 1

- If your child has a spare period 1, please have them arrange to be at school for period 1 on Oct. 10. It is important that all grade 12 students attend.

NEED AN APPOINTMENT WITH A COUNSELLOR?

Book an appointment. It's really easy! Appointments available starting Sept. 24th.

- 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.

Stay in the Loop All parents and guardians are invited to check out our [guidance website](https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/home) and follow us on Twitter @WCI GUIDANCE



Vaping and back-to-school: Why parents need to have this important conversation with their children



Dr. Theo Moraes, Staff Respiriologist at SickKids shares his tips for parents on how to have important conversations with children and youth about e-cigarette use – otherwise known as vaping – to help keep all kids happy and healthy.

This fall, as teens return back to school, parents need to be prepared to have an important conversation with their children about e-cigarette use – also commonly referred to as vaping – and the impact it can have on health. [A new Canadian study earlier this year](#) revealed a massive 74 per cent increase in youth vaping – between the ages of 16 and 19. However, there is a huge misperception of how dangerous the use of these substances are. Below is what you need to know to start a conversation with your child or youth about vaping.

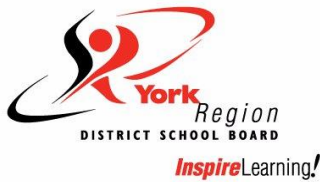
What are e-cigarettes?

Briefly, e-cigarettes belong to a group of devices more broadly known as Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS). ENDS come in various shapes and sizes but they all have a mouthpiece from which to inhale a vapour. A little pod holds the liquid that is vaporized and a battery provides the energy to heat and vaporize the liquid. This is dangerous because the liquid contains nicotine and other chemicals that can be harmful.

Why are they so popular?

Although vaping and tobacco companies deny that they are marketing to young people, I would argue that advertising directed at teens can be subtle and often takes form in social media spots, attractive packaging, and teen-friendly flavours. Clever marketing and e-marketing strategies, as well as celebrity influence also suggests – historically similar to smoking – that vaping may be seen as a way to improve a teen's social status. But vaping and tobacco companies don't talk about how nicotine and ENDS may impact the lungs or brains of teens.

Most people are now aware about the health dangers associated with traditional smoking as they are made readily apparent on cigarette packaging. As result, fewer people are smoking today than 50 years ago; this includes young people and teenagers. This is good news for most – and as a Paediatric Respiriologist I am doubly happy because when people don't smoke, the kids around them are healthier.



Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN),
York Region District School Board (YRDSB) & Alliance of
Educators for Black Students (AEBS) presents a...

Scholarship Application Workshop & Pathway Planning

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Vaughan Secondary School
1401 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill
(Dufferin & Steeles Avenue)



*An interactive workshop to show students and their parents
how to search, apply and win scholarships and bursaries.
If you are in High School or Grade 7/8 this workshop is for YOU!*

To register - Eventbrite 'BFCN' by Monday, September 23, 2019

For further information contact

Cheryl Yarde at 416-566-2731 or info@bfcn.ca

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bfcn-scholarship-application-workshop-pathway-planning-tickets-72186254029>

FREE EVENT – LIMITED SEATS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
EVERYONE WELCOME

Association of Sri Lankan Graduates of Canada

**Jointly with
Inclusive School and Community Services
York Region District School Board**

Are Hosting:

Guidance for Higher Studies and Career Information Workshops 2019

For secondary students (Grades 9 – 12), parents and guardians

Admission is Free; Refreshments and Snacks Provided!

When:

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Time:

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Where:

Middlefield Collegiate Institute, 525 Highglen Avenue (@ Middlefield Road), Markham

[Please Register Here](#)

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In partnership with:

Canadian Tamil Professionals' Association (CTPA), Canadian Tamil Medical Association (CTMA)
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September 2019

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 LABOUR DAY	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 PA DAY	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 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.

