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# Westmount CII

September 25—October 5, 2018



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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, sports teams, choirs and bands are getting ready for another successful year of extra-curricular activities. We want all students to be a part of such experiences as part of their high school journey, so please encourage your child(ren) to join a club or team.

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.

September will draw to a close with Safety Week, which involve assemblies and practice drills planned for all students. Such events help to remind staff and students how to be safe while at school and what a safe and inclusive school community looks like.

Interim report cards will be sent home with all students on October 15. If you have any questions about your son's or daughter's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers directly. In addition, our first Parent's Night is scheduled for October 25th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. All parents and guardians are invited to the school to meet the teachers. We will be sending further information home that will explain how to book appointments with your child's teachers.

Students who missed Photo Day will have another opportunity to take their picture on Photo Retake Day which will take place on October 10. For families interested in learning about Ontario Universities, the Ontario Universities' Fair 2017 is taking place next weekend, September 28 - September 30. More information can be found at [www.ouf.ca](http://www.ouf.ca).

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

Warmest Regards,  
Barb Caravella  
Vice-Principal

Next week, as part of Safety Week, students will attend assemblies with information about caring, safe and inclusive school environments. They will learn about the elements of a Caring and Safe School that would support the academic achievement and well-being of all students, including:

- Demonstrating positive character attributes (such as empathy, courage and respect for human rights and inclusivity)
- Items and behaviours that are not allowed on school property (such as e-cigarettes, cannabis and scented products)
- What happens in situations of discipline
- Standing up for each other in bullying situations, including methods of reporting incidents of bullying:
- Tell a caring adult
- Use the YRDSB's ["Report It Button"](#) (located on our school website)
- [Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868)

For more details on each of these items, please read the YRDSB Start-Up Guide and School Start-Up Package given to our students earlier this semester (along with a sign-off sheet that must be returned by the end of September).

You can also visit the [YRDSB's Caring and Safe Schools](#) website for details and resources for families to continue the conversation.

We hope that you have a wonderful week ahead and thank you for supporting our safe, positive and inclusive school community.



## **Student Council**

Student Council is happy to welcome all students and parents/guardians to the 2018/2019 school year! The council kicked off the year with Grade 9 day, where we introduced the new students to the school, gave parents a tour of the facilities, shared important information with everyone, and much more. The grade nines also just completed their howl day adventure where they participated in team building activities and were given the chance to showcase their leadership and group work skills. Our next event will be Grade 9 Representative elections, where 4 grade nine students will be selected to be a part of student council based on a multi-day campaign and voting process. Election forms can be found in the office. Following that, we will hold our annual club fair on *September 26, during periods 3 and 4*, where students can learn about the different clubs Westmount has to offer and can sign up to be a part of their future meetings. That's all for now! Student council is looking forward to a great school year!

## **Parents Council**

Last Wednesday night, WCI hosted its first Parents Council of the 2018 – 2019 school year. Elections were held and we are pleased to announce that Mr. Mark Feigenbaum was re-elected as Chair of your Parents Council. Our first meeting of the year was a training session for parents interested in the safeTalk program, which aims to prevent suicide. It was really valuable learning for our community and we'd like to thank the parent who suggested it as a topic for our first meeting.

Please join us on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library for our annual discussion about **Post-Secondary Opportunities, how to apply for them and how to pay for them**. More information about this session will be forthcoming in our next newsletter.

## **Parent Night Appointment Scheduling**

While the school year has just started, preparations are already underway for Semester 1 Parents' Night on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Again this year, we will be using Edsby to book appointment slots with your child's teachers. More information about booking appointments will be available in the coming weeks, however we'd ask that you ensure that we have your correct email address on file. This can be done by either updating and returning the Student Index Card that was sent home with students last week OR by email [Westmount.ci@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Westmount.ci@yrdsb.ca) with your child's name and the correct email address you wish to have on file. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Main Office.

## **Every Student Counts Survey**

Last spring, the Ministry of Education provided the YRDSB with a number of directives to complete to better support students learning and achievement. To this end, you will receive more information next week about the Every Student Counts Survey that we will be completing in November. This survey will provide crucial information to our board to better support all students. Please keep an eye out for an email next week, with more specifics. We'll also provide more details on Tuesday, September 25.

## **SHSM**

Is your child enrolled in SHSM? An information session will be held soon with Ms Kim, the SHSM Regional Teacher. Stayed tuned for the date. A Google Classroom has been set up to communicate with our SHSM students. Ask your SHSM student to get enrolled by typing in the code: 942u-ca SHSM opportunities like certifications, reach aheads and experiential learning opportunities. Got a question? Pop by guidance and speak with Mrs Burgis.

Want to enroll in SHSM? Visit the Guidance SHSM page to enroll:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/specialist-high-skills-major>

Don't forget to follow @WCIGuidance on Twitter, #wciSHSM

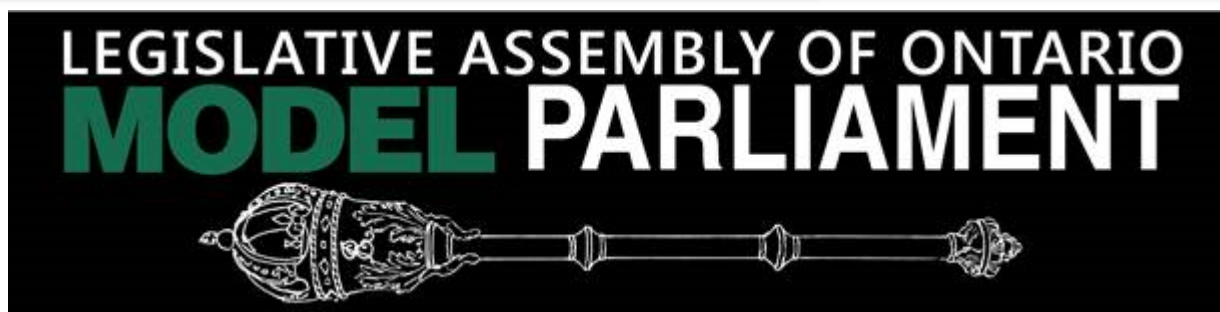
## **ArtsWest—Visual Arts**

Did you know the Arts West Visual Arts program is on Instagram? Follow us @artswest.visualarts

## **Ontario University Fair & Ontario College Fair**

Next weekend, September 28<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>, is the Ontario University Fair at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. It is a great chance for students to investigate their post-secondary university options for schools in Ontario and some outside of Ontario. Admission is free and more information can be found at <http://www.ouf.ca/>

For students interested in attending an Ontario college, the Ontario College Fair is October 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup> on the CNE Grounds. Information about the various programs and campus offerings are available. Again, admission is free and more information is available at <https://ocif.ca/>



**Applications accepted until November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

The Legislative Assembly of Ontario is holding its three-day Model Parliament Program for Ontario students in grades 10 to 12 from **February 27 - March 1, 2019**. This program offers civic minded students a unique opportunity to experience the legislature first-hand.

Visit our [website](#) for more information or to apply. Should you have any questions please contact us at [modelparliament@ola.org](mailto:modelparliament@ola.org) or 416-325-0025.

**\*\*If you no longer wish to receive emails from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, please respond to this email with "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject heading\*\***

## **DECA Information**

For more information about DECA, click on the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aHoLc4PSEWi6C9xrKH4shSV5MUREuThnX9DIvuoYZCE/edit#slide=id.g4253c89b3e\\_0\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aHoLc4PSEWi6C9xrKH4shSV5MUREuThnX9DIvuoYZCE/edit#slide=id.g4253c89b3e_0_0)

## **A welcome to our new staff:**

September was marked with a flurry of hiring, further expanding the expertise and creativity of our teaching staff. Please join us in welcoming the following new teachers to WCI:

**Mrs. Sharon Bimbat** – We'd like to welcome back Mrs. Bimbat, again to the Math Department, this year. Mrs. Bimbat previously worked for CHAT and joined the Math Department here at WCI last year for a semester. We're excited to have her rejoining our team.

**Ms. Kimberly Cumming** - Ms. Cumming is a Drama and English Teacher, and this semester, joining the WCI Drama Department. She is a graduate of York University with a B.A. in English, Theatre and a Bachelor of Education. She has been involved in various theatre productions through Theatre@York, Young People's Theatre, the University of Toronto's ArtSideOut Festival, and the Toronto Fringe Festival.

**Mr. Derrick Goffe** – Mr. Goffe will be joining our Science Department this semester. Prior to joining the YRDSB as a supply teacher last year, Mr. Goffe was a Secondary Science teacher working in various countries in the Caribbean. In addition to his teaching degree, Mr. Goffe has his Bachelor of Science and his Masters of Science from various universities in England.

**Ms. Alyssa Salamat** – A warm return welcome to Ms. Salamat, who worked in Student Success and Business. Having spent the summer teaching and travelling, we're excited to have Ms. Salamat rejoin the Business Department again this year.

**Ms. Jodi Shin** – Ms. Shin will be joining our music department, specifically our Vocal program. Ms. Shin is a graduate of the UHS Arts program and is familiar what an enriched Arts program is all about. Ms. Shin graduated from Queen's University with her Bachelor of Music and her Bachelor of Education and has worked as a supply teacher with York Region, prior to joining our staff.

**Tex Teixeira**- another YRDSB graduate, Tex joins our Physical Education department this semester. Tex graduated from OISE with their Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Physical and Health Education in 2015. Tex is a familiar face at WCI as they've been in our building numbers of times as a supply teacher over the past couple of years.

Please join us in welcoming all our new staff members for this semester.





## 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

## NEED AN APPOINTMENT WITH A COUNSELLOR?

### **Book an appointment. It's really easy!**

- 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.

**SHSM**—Interested in joining SHSM? Visit the SHSM page of the YRDSB, Westmount and Guidance website

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO CONSIDER

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

- Ontario University Fair – Metro Toronto Convention Centre – September 28 to 30 #wcigrad #onuniversity
- SHSM Student Information Sessions – Wednesday, October 10 at 10:00 (Gr 11) and 10:40 (Gr 12) in the library #wciSHSM
- College Fair @ the Direct Energy Centre – Exhibition Place – October 23 & 24 #wcigrad #oncollege
- Graduation Preparation Assembly – Thursday, October 18 #wcigrad
- Scholarships - watch Twitter for #wcimoney4school

All progress  
takes place  
*outside* the  
comfort zone.

**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



# Orange Shirt Day

September 28th



The orange shirt day movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973. Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl, who was being raised by her grandmother. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform.



Webstad has felt the impact of that event long after it occurred, "that feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter."

The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters.

Recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors by wearing an orange shirt on September 28th



# Arts Westmount

An Amazing High School Experience Awaits YOU!

## WELCOME TO ARTS WESTMOUNT!

The Arts Westmount is a fun-filled YRDSB program for those students who want to continue their love of the arts in high school. We offer specialized arts courses (2 credits per year) to artistically motivated students interested in Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts. Come to Westmount to experience high school through the arts.



PLEASE BRING YOUR QUESTIONS TO OUR INFORMATION EVENING!!  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2018, 7:00PM- WESTMOUNT COLLEGIATE:  
1000 NEW WESTMINSTER DR, THORNHILL, L4J8G3

The evening will include a presentation, and a question and answer session in the school.

City  
PLAYHOUSE  
THEATRE

[yrdsb.ca](http://yrdsb.ca)

\*Designed by Arts Westmount student Shane Feldman



# ARTS WESTMOUNT DISCIPLINES



## DRAMA

This program is for all those who love drama! It allows you to explore all aspects of theatre in a safe and creative place. You will get instruction in everything from basic acting skills, personal expression and communication, to performances in musical and nonmusical theatre. Along the way you will have professional instruction in all the skills of the actor including film acting, singing, improvisation, modern and classical text, movement, mask, clowning, and so much more! This program will leave you with lasting memories of your high school experience and skills to last you a life time regardless of the profession you choose.



## DANCE

This program is designed for those who love to dance! It will develop your dance skills and help you learn the basis for communicating through movement. Even if you are currently working in a studio, Arts Westmount Dance will provide you with enriched and in-depth instruction to take your dance to the next level. You will study a variety of dance forms including ballet, modern, jazz and composition. You will learn about your body, nutrition, the history of dance, and more! Your experience in Arts Westmount Dance will include a wide variety of professional guest artists to help you further expand your repertoire. You will be able to participate in all Dance Department performances, guest artist workshops, trips and tours. The program puts a strong emphasis on your own personal development and working towards your potential within each designated area of dance.

## MUSIC

If you love music, then Arts Westmount Music program is for you! If you love to sing, or play in a band- the Arts Westmount music program is designed to develop and further grow your musical skills. Our program will help you become the musician you want to be. It will further your skills as a singer or player and give you performance experiences in solo and small repertoire situations throughout high school. You will get a chance to go on great field trips, learn from amazing guest artists and teachers and grow as a musician. Make the most of your time in high school by joining Arts Westmount Music (\*Strings, Piano, Guitar not offered)



## VISUAL ART

This program is geared toward those of you who love to create with visual art! It will give you the opportunity to grow as an artist in every way. In your time in Arts Westmount Visual Arts you will get to learn in-depth about drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics and crafts. You will also receive instruction in cool tech arts like media arts, computer arts, digital photography, film and video. Field trips and guest artists will complement and further enrich your experience. By the end of this program you will have a filled portfolio with amazing work created by you.



[yrdsb.ca](http://yrdsb.ca)





# groups & workshops

## OCTOBER 2018

For more information or to register please call Shawna Sidney at 416-638-7800 x 6215 or visit our website at [jfandcs.com/groups](http://jfandcs.com/groups)

As with all of our programs, registration is required. Our groups and workshops are open to all members of the community regardless of cultural, religious and/or racial background and we offer a sliding scale for those who require fee reductions.

### BEYOND THE CHUPPAH, BECOMING A COUPLE

A five session Marriage Preparation group for couples who are going to be married in the next year. Topics include: Changing roles and expectations, finances, conflict negotiation and resolution, communication, and Jewish home and family life. This program is offered in partnership with the Rabbinical Assembly- Ontario Region.

Tuesday, October 9, 2018  
7:00pm to 9:00pm  
1700 Bathurst Street  
Beth Tzedec Congregation

### MIND BODY CONNECTION FOR WOMEN PART 2 \*BRAND NEW\*

Join us for a 6 session series that continues building on the practice of Mindfulness for those who have already taken the part 1 group. Topics include: reducing stress and anxiety; gaining insights into limiting thoughts and habits; exploring self-worth and self-esteem; fostering positivity and happiness.

Wednesday, October 10, 2018  
6:30pm to 8:00pm  
35 Madison Ave  
Gordon S. Wolfe Branch

### THE CHALLENGE OF ANGER FOR WOMEN

A five session group for women who want to learn how to express their anger in an assertive, non-aggressive way. Topics include: understanding what triggers your anger; emotional and physical responses to anger and alternative techniques to express your anger.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018  
7:30pm to 9:00pm  
4600 Bathurst St  
Lipa Green Centre



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# September 2018

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2	3 <b>LABOUR DAY</b>	4 * Gr 9 Day	5 * Timetable change starts	6	7 * Last day to request a timetable change	8
9	10 * Rosh Hashanah	11 * Rosh Hashanah	12 * School Council	13	14 * HOWL Day	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <b>PA DAY</b>	25	26 * Safe School Assemblies	27 * Terry Fox Run	28 * ON University Fair (Sep28-30) www.ouf.ca * Student Council Club Fair	29
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## **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:

### 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.

