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September 25 - October 6, 2017

Attendance: 905.882.0277 x 238

Inspire Learning!

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Vice-Principal: Todd Taylor



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Message from Admin Team

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, teams, choirs and bands are getting ready for another successful year of extra-curricular activities. We want all students to share in such experiences as part of their high school journey.

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 with assemblies and practice drills planned for all students. Such events help to remind staff and students how to be safe while at school. We will host our final celebration of last year's academic year with our Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 5 beginning at 9:00 am. We will be celebrating the academic achievements of students who excelled during the second semester of the 2016- 2017 school year. Award winners will receive invitations in their homeroom classes next week. Parents, guardians, and/or family members are welcome to attend; each award winner may bring a maximum of two family members.

Interim report cards will be sent home with all students on October 13. 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 26th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. All parents and guardians are invited to the school to meet the teacher. 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 this weekend, September 22 - September 24 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. As well, for those families interested in learning about Ontario Colleges, the Ontario College Fair is taking place on October 24 and 25 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Direct Energy Centre.

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

Monday, September 25

- DECA Executive Symposium - Coates

Tuesday, September 26

- YRAA Tennis - Jarvis, Cacenco
- Boys Golf - Spring Lakes - Grossi, Dolha

Wednesday, September 27

- Varsity Boys Soccer - Tommy Douglas - Gorewicz, Alweyn
- Varsity Girls Soccer - Hamilton, Tarver

Thursday, September 28

- Girls Golf - Kettlecreek - Madill

Friday, September 29

- YRAA Tennis - Jarvis, Cacenco

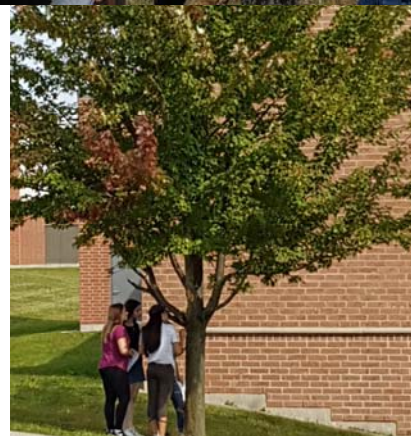
Tuesday, October 3

- Girls Golf - Kettlecreek - Madill



On Monday, **Grade 11 U Biology** students did a field biology study to determine air quality around Westmount CI.

Students went hunting for different species of lichen (colourful fungus/algae that grows on rocks and trees) that have a direct connection to local air pollution levels. Many different species were found and identified. The results? Air quality around WCI is very good! We can all breathe a sigh of relief.



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 @WCIGuidance. Important news, announcements and events are given a specific # so you can locate anything you may have missed.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

All grade 12 students will be required to **follow @WCIGuidance** on Twitter. If you are in grade 12 and plan to graduate please ensure you have Twitter and you are following @WCIGuidance. If you do not have Twitter please sign up for a free account and follow @WCIGuidance. Twitter can be accessed on any smartphone, computer, laptop or tablet. By following @WCIGuidance you will get direct notifications about graduation news, important information and events – such as the Graduation Ceremony and PROM. If you have any questions please see Guidance

MARK YOUR CHILD'S CALENDAR...

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 @WCIGuidance 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 @WCIGuidance or check the website regularly for updates as to when you can begin booking Guidance appointments.



[WCIGuidance](https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/)

Ontario College - Fall Preview Days 2017

Algonquin College	Tues. & Wed. Nov. 7 th & 8 th
Cambrian College	Saturday, November 5 th
Canadore College	Visit school website for details
Centennial College	Sunday, November 12 th
Conestoga College	Saturday, November 18 th
Durham College	Visit school website for details
Fanshawe College	Saturday, November 18 th
Fleming College	Saturday, November 18 th
George Brown College	Visit school website for details
Georgian College	Saturday, November 4 th
Humber College	Saturday, November 18 th
Lambton College	Visit school website for details
The Michener Institute	Visit school website for details
Mohawk College	Saturday, November 4 th
Niagara College	Saturday, November 18 th
University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus	Thurs. Nov. 29 th , Fri. Nov. 30 th
Seneca College	Saturday, November 25 th
Sheridan College	November – sign up on school website
St. Clair College	Saturday, November 18 th

Visit the school's website to register for each open house

Ontario Universities - Fall Preview Days 2017

Algoma University	TBA – see website
Brock University	Sunday, November 5 th
Carleton University	Sunday, October 22 nd - Science Saturday, October 28 th - Arts, Business
University of Guelph	Sunday, November 5 th Sunday, November 12 th — Science, Engineering
Univ. of Guelph-Humber	Sunday, November 12 th
Lakehead University	
Thunder Bay	Tuesday, December 5 th
Orillia Campus	Tuesday, December 5 th
Laurentian University	
Sudbury	Saturday, October 28 th
McMaster University	Saturday, October 28 th , AND Saturday, November 18 th
Nipissing University	Saturday, October 28 th
OCAD	Saturday, October 21 st
National Portfolio Day	Saturday, November 4 th
Portfolio Clinics	See website
University of Ontario Institute of Technology (OUIT)	Saturday, November 25 th
Ottawa University	Saturday, November 18 th
Queen's University	Saturday, November 4 th AND Saturday, November 18 th
Ryerson University	Friday, November 17 th
University of Toronto	
U of T St. George	Saturday, October 21 st
U of T Mississauga	Sunday, October 22 nd
U of T Scarborough	Saturday, November 18 th
Trent University	
Peterborough	Friday, November 3 rd
Durham	Saturday, November 17 th
University of Waterloo	Saturday, November 4 th
University of Western	Sunday, November 12 th
King's College	Saturday, November 4 th
Huron College	Sunday, November 12 th
Wilfrid Laurier University	Saturday, November 4 th
University of Windsor	Saturday, November 4 th
York University	Saturday, November 4 th

Visit each Universities website and pre-register for each fall preview day or Open house.

ARTS Westmount Music Parents,

Hello and Welcome to a new school year!

As September begins to (very quickly!) close its doors; both Ms. Morgan and I are extremely excited to host ARTSWestmount's first Music Retreat. We are hoping to make this an annual event for our students and believe that these types of experiences are crucial in creating connections as a Department in both the instrumental and vocal sections; along with fostering bonds and long lasting relationships. Setting time aside to create bonds (along with some amazing music!) between both streams is an extremely important factor in growing and developing our music students and our Department.

The retreat will be held at **YMCA Camp Pine Crest** (just north of Gravenhurst, in Muskoka). We will be travelling Friday, Oct. 13th and returning Sunday Oct. 15th (just after 12 noon). Countless hours of time and effort have been put into planning this weekend for the kids & we really do want to have as many participants as we can to be there.

The cost for students is \$180 - which includes all meals, accommodations & the coach bus to and from the campsite. We kindly ask that payment be submitted to School Cash On Line no later than **Wednesday Oct 4th, 2017 in order to secure that the retreat can proceed.** More information can be found in the attached documents or please feel free to email (makenzie.morgan@yrdsb.ca) or call (905)882.0277 ex.109 during school hours.

Looking forward to an amazing year and an amazing time with your children.

Best,

Mr.Nixon and Ms. Morgan

Please open the attached form and read it carefully. If anything listed applies to your child, please print out the forms, complete them and return them to either Mr. Nixon or Ms. Morgan.

Thank you.

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From the list below, select what you need help with in order to find or secure sustainable employment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finding and using information | <input type="checkbox"/> Using digital technology (computer skills) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating ideas and information | <input type="checkbox"/> Managing your learning (goal setting and action plans) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding and using numbers (math) | <input type="checkbox"/> Engaging with others ("soft skills" such as customer-service) |

The iWIN Program is offered at no cost to eligible learners by the York Region District School Board, with support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Book your assessment today!

Date: _____ Time: _____

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This program is right for you if you are a resident of Ontario (19+) and need to:

- Enhance your employability skills
- Gain or upgrade computer skills for the workplace
- Prepare for college, university or apprenticeship programs
- Prepare for a High School Credit program or GED
- Gain confidence in life, work and studies

Our **iWIN Program** will help you reach your goals faster! Get individualized support from a highly qualified and experienced instructor and create a class schedule that **works for you**.

Select the program(s) you'd like to learn:

Basic Computer Skills

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting to Know a Computer <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Terminology- Hardware and software- Mouse skills- Keyboarding | <input type="checkbox"/> File Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Saving files to a hard drive or USB- Creating folders- Moving files |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting Started with Email <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Setting up a new address- Sending/receiving email- Attaching a document (résumé, picture, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Text and Image Skills (in MS Word) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Working with documents- Moving text- Inserting pictures, clip art, shapes- Formatting images and shapes- Creating a basic chart/table- Using spell-check- Inserting, editing and removing a header/footer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Searches <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conducting searches- Making searches more effective- Choosing reliable sites | |

Digital Technology for Effective Job Searches and Online Applications

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Email for Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Subject line- Address: to, cc, bcc- Reply, reply all, and forward- Body of email- How to attach a file- Formal/informal tone- Purpose of email | <input type="checkbox"/> Résumés and Cover Letters <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How to format- Salutations and closings- Purpose of letter- Appropriate language and tone- Inserting, editing and removing a header/footer- Applying to positions online |
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Soft Skills and Successful Oral Communication

Once a week

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conversation Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weekly topics for discussion- Appropriate language and tone | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Workplace culture and etiquette- Body language- Enhanced pronunciation- Confidence building |
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High School Credit or GED Preparation

- ☐ Get individualized support and instruction while preparing for your high school credit program or GED (high school equivalency). All subjects are offered.

Computer Skills for Employment and Further Education

Blended learning using training software and instructional support

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

- ☐ **Microsoft Office Skills Introduction**
- Word: creating and editing original documents, using proofing tools, templates, setting page layout
 - Excel: entering data, formatting worksheets, setting worksheet layout, creating formulas, exercises
 - PowerPoint: creating simple presentations
 - Publisher: creating basic publications, formatting objects, duplicating an existing tri-fold brochure
 - Outlook: making contacts, using the calendar
 - Access: creating relational database tables, field properties
- ☐ **Microsoft Office Skills Intermediate to Advanced**
- Word: working with tabs, bullets and numbering, drawing objects, using building blocks, tables, mail merge, macros. Creating flyers using WordArt, images and tables
 - Excel: conditional formatting, sorting and filtering data, pivot tables and charts, security features, larger orders and charts
 - PowerPoint: slide show view, animations, inserting sound, charts, tables and objects. Creating presentations using animation and sound. Delivering presentations to a group.
 - Publisher: using master pages, customizing schemes, page set-up and layout. Creating an original tri-fold brochure and other business stationary such as gift certificate and flyers
 - Outlook: tasks, folders, mailbox options
 - Access: queries, creating forms, form and report controls, macros
- ☐ **Google at Work**
Once a Week
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| - Gmail | - Sharing documents |
| - Calendar | - Hangouts |
| - Drive | |
- ☐ **Increasing Keyboarding Speed**

Employment and Academic Skills Upgrading

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Math
Minimum time commitment - 8 classes <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Basic arithmetic- Money math- Time (time sheets, calendars)- Math for college | <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Skills
Minimum time commitment - 8 classes <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grammar: parts of speech, word order, parts of a sentence- Mechanics: punctuation, capitalization, spelling- Writing complete sentences- Verb tenses, agreement |
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Threat Assessment and Intervention

Keeping Our Students Safe!

The well-being and safety of members of the school community are a shared responsibility. Attention to maintaining secure environments, hazard awareness, and practical planning for emergencies is important for all of us. This includes preventing and responding to the risk of violence.

Schools continue to be among the safest places in our community. To continue to promote the safety and well-being of students, we have developed, with our community partners, Student Threat Assessment and Intervention procedures to respond to threats of violence.

Our Student Threat Assessment and Intervention Protocol has been developed to respond to behaviours, including actions, statements and other indicators that suggest that a student may be “at risk” of harming others. To keep school communities safe and provide support to everyone, staff, parents, students, and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school administrator or police as soon as possible.

Note - other procedures and protocols are in place to deal with threats from adults in the school community.



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Student Threat Assessment and Intervention



Student Threat Assessment and Intervention: Fair Notice and Process

What is the purpose of Student Threat Assessment and Intervention procedures?

The purposes of Student Threat Assessment and Intervention procedures are intended to:

- ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and other members of the school community;
- ensure an effective and timely response when there is a threat of violence;
- begin to understand the factors that contribute to a situation where an individual makes threats to harm others;
- assist in the development of an intervention plan; and
- promote the emotional and physical safety of everyone involved.

What is a threat?

A threat is an indication of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, made by gesture or reasonably inferred from the surrounding circumstances of events. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to in a timely way.

What happens when a threat of violence is reported?

All threatening behaviours by a student shall be reported to the principal who will activate the Student Threat Assessment and Intervention protocol.

Once a threat has been reported to a school administrator, interviews will be conducted. These interviews may include students, staff, family members and/or others as appropriate. This will be done to determine the level of risk, and develop an effective and timely response to the incident. After the immediate safety risk has been addressed, support and intervention plans will be developed with input from parents/guardians.

Is parental/student consent required?

Consent is not required to respond to an emergency situation. When there is a risk that someone may be harmed, it is important that the incident be addressed as quickly and effectively as possible with all parties involved as necessary.

Fair Notice

Please consider this pamphlet as “fair notice” to all members of the school community that any report of a threat to harm others (spoken, written or gestured) will be investigated. The Student Threat Assessment Intervention protocol is part of our strategy to create a safe, secure and supportive school environment for everyone.

Who is a member of a Student Threat Assessment and Intervention team?

Each school will have staff trained in the Student Threat Assessment and Intervention process. A multi-disciplinary Student Threat Assessment and Intervention team will carry-out the threat assessment, and develop an effective and timely intervention plan. The team includes a School Administrator, a School Social Worker and/or a Psychological Services staff member, or a York Regional Police officer and/or school personnel who know the student well.

Questions?

If you have any questions please contact your school administrator.

OCTOBER 2017

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
1	2	3	4	5 * Award's Assembly (P1)	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving	10 * Photo retake day	11 * School Council	12	13 * Interim Reports distributed	14
15	16	17 * Holocaust Assembly	18 * Diwali	19 * Arts Info Noght	20 PA DAY	21
22	23	24 * Ontario College Fair - Direct Energy Centre	25 * Ontario College Fair - Direct Energy Centre	26 * Gr. 12 Grad Assemble #1 * Parents' Night	27	28
29	30	31 * Halloween				

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.

