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October 9 - 20, 2017

Attendance: 905.882.0277 x 238

**Inspire** Learning!

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Vice-Principal: Barb Caravella

Vice-Principal: Todd Taylor

*There is always  
something for which to be*



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# **Message from Admin Team**

Dear Westmount Parents,

Fall has arrived and school is back in full swing. Student performances, whether in academics, sports or the Arts continue to impress and inspire.

Our tradition of success continues at Westmount again this year. Yesterday, over 100 students received recognition for their academic achievements during Semester 2 of last year. We were joined by almost 200 parents, proving once again that one of the most important determinants in a child's academic success is regular parental involvement. A special mention to our three students with the highest academic averages in Grade 9, 10 and 11, which were all over 95%.

Our Arts students are busy preparing for a number of shows, performances and competitions. Whether it's classics like The Little Mermaid, or something more sophisticated, students continue to mentor and encourage each other. Next weekend, 60+ music students, chaperoned by some of our wonderful music teachers, will be attending a music retreat at YMCA Pine Crest. A great weekend of musical bonding is on tap.

Today, we gave thanks. 200 students arrived this morning to Timmy's Hot Chocolate and Tim-bits, a gift from Student Council. Every student at Westmount Collegiate contributes something unique to our collective mosaic, and we're glad that you're here.

In case you missed it earlier, the second meeting of the Westmount Collegiate Parent Council occurs this coming Wednesday night (October 11th) at 7:30 p.m. Our Head of Guidance, Mr. Conte will be presenting information about university and colleges, specifically the admission process. If you've got a child planning on attending post-secondary education sometime in the next four years, this might be the workshop for you.

And finally, good luck to our students, representing both WCI and York Region at the OFSSA Golf Championships in Kingsville and North Bay next week!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Todd Taylor  
Vice-principal

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**Interim report cards** will be distributed next Friday (October 13th). Your child will bring home one report, with a level for each class to date. This level, ranging from 1 - 4 , should be used to gauge success to date, and though not an predictor of future performance, does provide you with an overview of how well your child is doing a month into the school year. Should you have any questions about your child's achievement to date, please feel free to speak to their teacher. To that end, we'd also like to extend an invitation to you to attend our Semester 1 Parents' Evening on October 26th. More information about Parents' Night will be available in our next update, in two weeks.

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Our grade 10 **Arts West drama** class welcomed some great speakers in our classroom this week. Patrick De Belen, a spoken word artist, performed and worked with the students on creating their own spoken word poetry. Mike Shara, a Toronto based actor, worked with our class on performing Shakespeare. Both workshops were a great success! Also, our class is heading to Stratford to see 'Twelfth Night' in a few weeks. It's a busy time in Drama this month!

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Our **Shields for Sick Kids Initiative** will be featured as an ARTonomy Process Room at this year's YRDSB Quest Conference in November

## Tuesday, October 10

- Varsity Girls Basketball - Hamilton, Tarver

## Wednesday, October 11

- Varsity Boys Soccer - Stephen Lewis - Gorewicz, Alweyn

## Friday, October 13-15

- ArtsWest Music - Pinecrest - Nixon, Morgan

## Tuesday, October 17

- Varsity Boys Soccer - Toronto District Christian - Gorewicz, Alweyn

## Thursday, October 19

- Varsity Boys Soccer - Maple HS - Gorewicz, Alweyn
- Stratford Festival - Lambert, Bath, Burgis, Jarvis
- Holiday Inn Yorkdale - Orlowsky, Katyshev



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## Westmount Athletics

Girls Golf Team is off to play the provincial finals in North Bay. Pictured at Jacky Goldschlager, Lulu Cong, and Gaby Goldschlager. Congratulations ladies and best of luck next week.

Jr and Sr. Boys golf teams both qualify for YRAA Championship.



**Nathan Laraia.**  
Qualified for ofsa golf.





**HOWL Day 2017** (HOWL = Hanging Out With your Leader) at Green Acres Day Camp went off without a hitch. HOWL Day took place on Wednesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. The first day of fall may have been two days away but you would not have known that by the weather. It was sunny and it was hot; a record breaking 30 degrees , feeling close to 40. With just over 340 grade nine students, 35 Wolf Pack leaders, 15 Student Council Reps and 18 staff the day was filled with fun, food and games. Our Wolf Pack leaders bonded with their pups (grade nine students) and did an amazing job of keeping them cool, hydrated and leading their teams through challenging and fun activities. Our students had a great time meeting new friends and bonding with their peers and Wolf Pack leaders. Thank you to our senior students for leading the day. Thank you to the teachers who supervised the event. Looking forward to HOWL Day 2018.



# **Your Guidance Team welcomes you to a NEW school year.**

## **NEWS**

All grade 12 students are 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 .

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Check out our updated [Community Involvement Information Page](https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/community-service-hours) at <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/community-service-hours>. Community involvement opportunities will be tweeted out using #wcigetinvolved. Follow us @WCIGuidance.

## **DROPPING A COURSE**

Grade 11 and 12 students may drop a semester 1 course at anytime during the semester if going from 4 to 3 courses. Wednesdays is “[Drop a Course](https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/dropping-a-course)” drop in day. Go to <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/dropping-a-course> to learn how. Gr. 11 and 12 Full Disclosure is Tuesday, Nov. 28. #wcidropacourse

## **CHANGING YOUR TIMETABLE**

If you need to change your timetable for next semester here is how you do it <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/timetable-changes> #wcitimetable

## **MARK YOUR CHILD'S CALENDAR...**

Check the main page of the Guidance website for an updated list of Guidance related dates and events. Dates and events are tweeted using #wcievent. Follow us @WCIGuidance.

### **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](http://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/)



WESTMOUNT COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

# School Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00pm

In the Library

For Parents of ALL GRADES

TOPIC:

Preparing your child for University &  
College Applications as well as  
Scholarship Opportunities

It's never too early to start planning!

*Presenter this evening is Mr. Rod Conte  
Head of Guidance*

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# Vaughan 150 Dream Weaver Project Event Schedule

*Dream Weaver events are family-friendly and free of charge*

Share your dream online!  
**#DreamWeaver150**



## **Sat July 1** – Canada Day Celebration

Boyd Conservation Area noon–9pm

## **Thu July 13** – Art Beat

Vellore Village Community Centre 7–9pm

## **Wed Aug 2** – Concert in the Park

York Hill District Park 7:30pm

## **Sept 2 & 3** – OH Canada Popup Exhibit

JEH MacDonald House Sat & Sun 10am–5pm

## **Sun Oct 1** – Vaughan Culture Days

Vaughan Mills Mall 10am–4pm

## **Wed Oct 4** – Library Popup

Pierre Berton Resource Library 10am–1pm

## **Thu Oct 5** – Library Popup

Ansley Grove Library noon–3pm

## **Sun Oct 8** – Woodbridge Fall Fair

Woodbridge Fairgrounds 10am – 6pm

## **Wed Oct 11** – Library Popup

Bathurst Clark Resource Library 10am–1pm

## **Mon Oct 16** – Library Popup

Civic Centre Library 10am–1pm

## **Tue Nov 7** – Library Popup

Kleinburg Library 12pm–3pm

- ▶ Community-wide event, open to the public
- ▶ For local schools and community

For information, contact: [mirella.Tersigni@vaughan.ca](mailto:mirella.Tersigni@vaughan.ca), Economic Development & Culture Services  
905-832-8585 ext. 8459. Dream Weaver is a City of Vaughan Canada150 project in partnership with  
Thinkin Educational Services [www.vaughan.ca/canada150](http://www.vaughan.ca/canada150) [www.thinkined.com](http://www.thinkined.com)





# JEWISH FAMILY &CHILD

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)

## groups & workshops OCTOBER 2017

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.

### **WIDOW/WIDOWERS under 65 BEREAVEMENT**

A six session evening group for men and women under 65 years of age and who have recently lost a partner or spouse. Topics to be discussed may include: coping with grief, living with loneliness, changing relationships, and new beginnings.

Tuesday, October 31, 2017  
7:30pm to 9pm  
4600 Bathurst St  
Lipa Green Centre



[facebook.com/jfandcs](https://facebook.com/jfandcs)

# Don't **DIS** my **ABILITIES!**



**October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month.**  
Help stop the stigma and realize the **ABILITIES!**



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Association of York Region**

*The right to learn, the power to achieve*



**United Way**  
Toronto & York Region

[info@LDAYR.org](mailto:info@LDAYR.org)

[www.LDAYR.org](http://www.LDAYR.org)

905-884-7933



# Annual Youth Memberships

valid all year for just

## \$16

Chill, study...  
or whatever!



## Drop-in Sports

- Badminton
- Soccer
- Ball Hockey
- Table Tennis
- Basketball
- Volleyball



**Purchase your membership**  
at Customer Service.



## Games Room

- Air Hockey
- Music
- Xbox
- Billiards
- Ping Pong
- Wii
- Foosball
- TVs



[vaughan.ca/sports](http://vaughan.ca/sports)





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## Public Speaking Workshop For Youth by Youth

Thursdays October 19 & 26, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

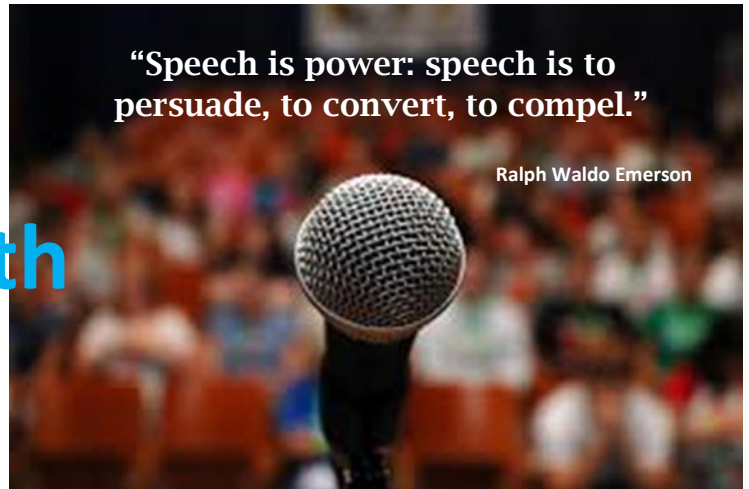
YEDI Institute, 909 Alness Street, North York

**Cost: \$89/person for both days**

*includes light refreshments*

**"Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel."**

Ralph Waldo Emerson



**Develop your public speaking and facilitation skills,  
and add power to your presentations by gaining insight into what  
makes you shine in front of an audience.**



**Facilitated by trained Youth Speakers who bring expertise to one of the top ten fears – public speaking! Within the context of a youth-friendly and engaging format, they will share skills on how to access their inner voice to impact and add value for the audience.**

*"We are 'wired for story.' Research has shown that hearing a story causes our brains to release cortisol and oxytocin. These chemicals trigger the uniquely human abilities to connect, empathize, and make meaning. Storytelling is in our DNA!"  
(Brene Brown, 2015)*

This interactive workshop will focus on personal strengths, address barriers to confidence, and provide a safe, fun environment to practise public speaking skills. Participants will:

- Discover their inner strengths and confidence in their abilities
- Learn tools for dealing with self-doubt and nervousness
- Build a basic understanding of putting together and presenting a speech

**To register, contact Una Wright: [una@youthspeak.ca](mailto:una@youthspeak.ca) 905-967-0604 [www.youthspeak.ca](http://www.youthspeak.ca)**

**SPEAK. INSPIRE. CHANGE.**

# OCTOBER 2017

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
1	2	3	4	5 * Awards 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 Assembly #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](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.

