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December 4 - 15, 2017

Attendance: 905.882.0277 x 238

Inspire Learning!

Principal: Sheri Epstein

Vice-Principal: Barb Caravella

Vice-Principal: Todd Taylor

Hello
December

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Message from the Admin Team

Dear Families and Community Members

We have now reached the month of December and we will be very busy these last few weeks of 2017. By this time all students have received their mid-term report cards. If, for some reason, you have not yet see your child's mid-term report, please feel free to contact the main office or individual teachers for information about your child's progress. Communication is a key component of the academic success of all students.

December is also a busy month on the extra-curricular front. The Music Department is hosting their annual Winterfest concert on December 14th. We hope that you will come out to enjoy what promises to be a wonderful evening. Dec 11th to Dec 15th is also Marketing Week. Students in our Grade 11 Business course are participating in creating a product, promoting it and then hopefully selling their items. All proceeds from these business ventures go to charity. December 15th is the last day for all grade 9 and 10 students to make changes to their second semester timetables. On December 20th Student Council is asking everyone to wear their pajamas to school for a fun, spirited way to begin the celebration of the upcoming holidays.

During this very busy time of year, we hope you find time to relax and spend time with family and friends. Best wishes to all members of the Westmount community as we begin this festive season.

Sheri Epstein
Principal

Wednesday, December 6

- Sr. Boys Basketball - Thornhill SS - Tarver

Thursday, December 7

- AGO - Clarfield

Friday, December 8

- TIFF - Clarfield, Bonder

Monday, December 11

- Jr. Boys Basketball - Draxler
- Salsa Dancing in House - Santos, Gorewicz

Tuesday, December 12

- Sr Boys Basketball - Westmount - Tarver
- Salsa Dancing in House - Santos, Gorewicz

Wednesday, December 13

- Varsity Swim Team - Vellore Village - Gorewicz, Diaz

Thursday, December 14

- Sr Boys Basketball - Westmount - Tarver



Message From Our Trustee

In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a [Ring of Peace](#) and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

Last month, our annual [Quest conference](#) brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018.

QUEST

At the board's annual conference, WCI students shared our Shield Initiative with Education Minister Mitzie Hunter. For more information, please view the YRDSB Artonomy video

<https://youtu.be/o5MtlpXmRWU>



Drama ArtsWest Show - *The Farm Show*

About the Play:

The Farm Show is a Canadian classic, which was developed in a co-operative, actor-driven form of playwriting known as "collective creation" and scripted by **Ted Johns**. Now recognized as one of the biggest indigenous theatre hits in Canadian history, in the beginning, says **Ted Johns**, "No one anticipated the delight people would take in hearing their own language and observing their own culture."

The Farm Show was a seminal "collective creation" under the direction of **Paul Thompson**, who pioneered the technique. A troupe of actors from Theatre Passe Muraille went out to the countryside near Clinton, Ontario one summer to talk to local farmers about their lives. In pairs, the actors knocked on every farm door in the Clinton district. In order to get the desired interviews, they often ended up helping with farm chores and paging through wedding albums over tea. They transformed their interviews into a series of set pieces, from a monologue about the pains of stacking hay bales to a song about a farming dynasty; the end result was **The Farm Show**, one of the landmarks of Canadian theatre history.

The show's director, **Paul Thompson**, described the project saying: "The idea was to take a group of actors out to a farming community and build a play of what we could see and learn ... We hope that you can see many stories woven into the themes of this play and that out of it will emerge a picture of a complex and living community."

The Farm Show was first produced in 1972 by Theatre Passe Muraille in Toronto. The show was a great success, and it has been performed in barns and theatres across Canada, on tour in the UK, and became the subject of the documentary film **The Clinton Special** produced by author **Michael Ondaatje**.

Come out to see this rarely produced, awesome piece of theatre at the Vaughan City Playhouse, January 10-12, 2018. Groups and school bookings available. Please contact andrew.dolha@yrdsb.ca for more info.

Do you have a child currently taking **Grade 9 Academic or Applied Math** this semester? They will be participating in the province-wide EQAO Math Assessment on January 17th and 18th. More information will be shared directly with you, in the form of a letter home with your child, late next week. Should you have any questions after you receive this letter, please contact the Main Office. The EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment is final of three assessments, which began in Grade 3 and continued in Grade 6. While not a requirement of graduation (like the Grade 10 Literacy test) your child's performance on the EQAO Grade 9 Math assessment is calculated into their final course marks.

WESTMOUNT APPAREL IS BACK with NEW design options!

Please see attached flyer for details on styles, sizes and prices.

Please come to **Bare Necessities** between 8:15 and 8:30 Monday-Thursday and 3:10-3:25 Monday-Friday to load your student / staff card with cash (with Mr. Coates). Then return to the store, at your convenience, to process your order with a student employee. Our orders will be placed Monday, December 6th.

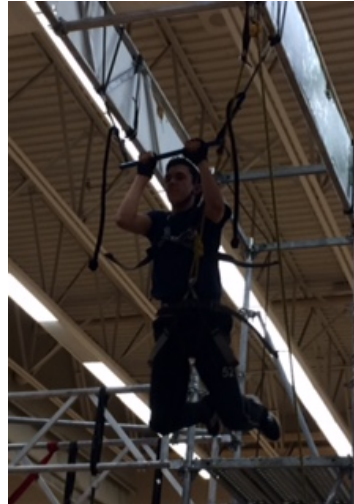
Grade 11 Visual Arts

Our students visited the Stratford Festival Theatre. After working with the designer and learning about the time period, students created costume designs for a character from Twelfth Night. Here are some of the finished etchings the students created.



Health and Physical Education

The Grade 9 students completed a one week **Junglesport** climbing and challenge course structure in our school gymnasium. Students went through a range of climbing and ropes course activities. Some of the activities on offer were: Rock Climbing; Traversing; Low Ropes; Vertical Challenges; Obstacle Courses; Cable Ride and Team Challenges. A few callouses and sore muscles later the students achieved personal highs from the leap of faith to high rope acrobatics.



@WCIGuidance Team UPDATES

TIMETABLE CHANGES

Friday, December 15th is the last day for grade 9 and 10 students to request a change to their semester 2 timetable. Grade 9 and 10 students will not have another opportunity to make a change when 2nd semester starts on Monday, February 5, 2018

Grade 11 and 12 students will have the opportunity to request a timetable changed during the first two weeks of semester 2. Timetable change forms will be available on-line after 5 p.m. on the first day of classes. There are no timetable changes during the month of January.

For more information visit <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/timetable-changes> and follow us on Twitter #wcitimetable

PLEASE NOTE: All student timetables are subject to change whether a request has been made or not. A course could move periods, teachers and room numbers could also change.

GRADUATION CLASS NEWS

The Graduating Class NEWS page of the Guidance website has been updated. Please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/graduation> #wcigrad

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Community involvement opportunities will be tweeted out using #wcigetinvolved. Grade 12 students need to have their 40 hours of community service completed by May 31, 2018 in order to be eligible for graduation. <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/community-service-hours>

DROPPING A COURSE - FULL DISCLOSURE

Full Disclosure for semester 1 was Tuesday, November 28! Students may still drop a course but it will appear on their official transcript. Honestly, this does not really negatively affect post-secondary applications. <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/dropping-a-course> #wcidropacourse

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.



Wishing you
a season of gladness,
a season of cheer,
and to top it all off -
a wonderful year.

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](#)

WESTMOUNT ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

THE FARM SHOW

BY THE COLLECTIVE CREATION

JANUARY 10-12, 2018

VAUGHAN CITY PLAYHOUSE

8:00PM

TICKETS AT DOOR \$10 STUDENTS \$15 ADULTS



WWW.YRDSB.CA

THE FARM SHOW IS PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH PLAYWRIGHTS GUILD OF CANADA

JAPAN 2019



TRAVEL WITH US TO JAPAN

TOKYO, HIROSHIMA, OSAKA, KYOTO



March 27 – April 7, 2019

12 Days

\$4900

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION MEETING

February 5, 2018

Library 7:00pm

For current Grade 9 - 11 Students

MORE INFO: E-mail Natasha.popiel@yrdsb.ca

CHAPERONES: Ms. Epstein, Ms. Polimeni, Mr. Orlowsky, Ms. Popiel

****Pending YRDSB Approval****



WESTMOUNT APPAREL



Hype Pull-On Hoodie



Black Fitted Mid Profile Cap



Long Sleeve Shirt



Short Sleeve T-Shirts



Black Knit Skull Cap



Hooded Sweatshirt

Please load student card with Mr. Coates for total purchase amount at Bare Necessities, Monday-Thursday 8:15-8:30 am and Monday-Friday 3:10-3:25 pm - then submit order form and make final purchase (with student card) at Bare Necessities with student employee. Please choose sizes carefully. All orders are made to order. Sizing samples are available at Bare Necessities.



Westmount Collegiate Institute - Apparel 2017-2018

Student Name: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Period 2 Teacher: _____



Hype Pull-Over Hoodie

100% Performance Polyester
Fleece With Full Front
Decoration

100% Premium Fully
Embroidered Logo

	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Black					
White					

x \$65.00

Personalization _____ x \$7.00
to appear on lower back
(First Name or Last Name)

TOTAL: _____



Hooded Sweatshirt

50/50 Cotton/Polyester
2 Colour Imprint Front Logo

	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Black					
White					

x \$35.00

Personalization _____ x \$7.00
to appear on lower back
(First Name or Last Name)

TOTAL: _____



Long Sleeve Shirt

100% Cotton
2 Colour Imprint Front Logo

	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Black					
White					

x \$20.00

Personalization _____ x \$7.00
to appear on lower back
(First Name or Last Name)

TOTAL: _____



Short Sleeve T-Shirt

100% Cotton
2 Colour Imprint Front Logo

	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Black					
White					

x \$15.00

Personalization _____ x \$7.00
to appear on lower back
(First Name or Last Name)

TOTAL: _____



Black Knit Skull Cap

100% Cotton
Embroidered Front Logo

QTY: _____ x \$18.00

TOTAL: _____



Black Fitted Mid Profile Cap

97/3 Washed Cotton/Spandex Twill
Embroidered Front Logo

QTY: _____ x \$20.00

TOTAL: _____

GRAND TOTAL _____

Prices include all applicable taxes

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 * Wolfpack Wednesday	7	8	9
10	11 * Marketing Week	12 * Marketing Week	13 * Chanukah begins * Winerfest rehearsal * Marketing Week	14 * Marketing Week * Winterfest	15 * Marketing Week * Last day for Gr 9/10 Timetable changes	16
17	18	19	20 * Spirit Day - Pajama Day	21	22 * Course Selection: School Course Info Updated	23
24	25 26 27 28 29 W i n t e r B r e a k					30
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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 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.

