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December 17—January 11, 2019

Principal: Sheri Epstein

Vice-Principal: Barb Caravella

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Dear Families and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final month of 2018 – many of us still recall the beginning of the school year and are wondering where did the time go. Westmount is always a busy place especially during the month of December as students are engaged in many events and activities inside and outside of school. Many classes have already begun their culminating activities and are preparing for exams in January.

Last night, Westmount Music presented *Winterfest* at the Vaughan City Playhouse Theatre. The performances from the Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Junior and Senior Vocals, and Symphonic Winds made the evening very special as students showcased their musical talents. Congratulations to all the students and to Mr. Nixon and Ms. Shin for preparing the students for a wonderful evening of song and expression.

In January, we look forward to the drama production of *Animal Farm* and the dance show, *Student Choreographic Showcase*.

This week, students in the Business Department engaged in Marketing Week, an annual event where students are involved in a marketing challenge. Student groups hosted a variety of activities for the school, including special promotions to benefit OPACC – Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer. This year, events included Spin to Win, Westmount Waffles, Coffee & Cookies, The Chase Concert, and Claus' Christmas Carnival. Thank you Mr. Coates and your team for organizing the students and this event for the entire school community.

Beyond the classroom, students engage in a variety of activities to enhance their learning and high school experiences. Over the last couple weeks, students participated in many field trips and were part of a variety of sports teams; went to the Science Centre and Ripley's Aquarium; engaged in yoga and other mindfulness activities in their gym classes; and the Reach for the Rim basketball event; and Student Council run events. As a school community, we are fortunate that our students participate in these wonderful events and opportunities.

As we head into Winter Break, we would like to wish the Westmount Community a very happy holiday season, a restful break, and best wishes for the coming year. See you in 2019!

Warmest regards, Barb Caravella Vice-Principal

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Grade 10 Timetables

Grade 10 Students and Families,

As many of you know, this year has been quite a challenge in timetabling Grade 10 students. We were very happy that we were able to make viable timetables for first semester for all of our Grade 10 students. That was done leaving many of our Grade 10 students with incomplete or inappropriate timetables for the second semester. We told everyone not to worry that we would request some additional staffing from the Board and we would fix every timetable before second semester started. Well the good news is that we were true to our word!!! We did receive an additional 4 classes that we have added into our master schedule for Grade 10 students.

After carefully looking at the needs of the students, we added an additional Academic Math class, an Academic Science class and two electives to the schedule. We chose these two electives very carefully in order to adjust some of the grade 10 timetables. We knew that we had a group of students who needed a period 1 elective and we had a group of students who needed a period 5 elective. We had to take a look at every single timetable and choose the electives that none of the students had on their timetables to avoid conflicts. As a result, the two electives we have added are Grade 10 Open Drama in period 5 and Grade 10 Open Discovering the Workplace in period 1.

These courses are a great addition to our Grade 10 timetable. Students who were missing an elective were automatically placed in one of these courses. In addition, in order to ensure that every grade 10 student has a viable timetable we have had to change many of the grade 10 timetables to ensure that all students have all the mandatory and elective courses that are required. We are very happy to announce that every grade 10 student has a timetable that fulfils what is needed in the second semester. That being said, students will be in electives they might not have chosen, but this worked with the spaces that were available.

We are going to send all Grade 10 students an electronic copy of their timetable on Monday, January 7th – our first day back after the Winter Break. Then, we are going to have a special day for all Grade 10 students to visit Guidance if they wish to make any timetable changes. On Friday, January 11th, Guidance is going to dedicate this day to Grade 10 timetable change requests. On this day, our guidance counsellors will only be seeing grade 10 students! At 8:40 am, an announcement will be made asking all Grade 10 students who would like to request a timetable change to come down to the Guidance Office to receive a randomly assigned number.

Then, throughout the day, Guidance counsellors will call down students, by number, to see if a change can be made. If a change is possible, parents will be called and if parent approved, the change will be made immediately.

Please keep in mind that all of our Grade 10 classes are very full and chances of making any timetable changes are slim but we want the students to be able to express what they hope to change and have a chance to see what, if anything, is available.

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding with this process.

If you have any questions about the grade 10 timetables or the process students should follow to request a change, please don't hesitate to call or email us in January!

Have a wonderful, safe, and happy holiday!

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OYAP Dual Credit

College Delivered Dual Credit courses allow senior high school students to experience College life by taking a first-year college course on a college campus. The credit would count towards both their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a college certificate, diploma, or degree. Dozens of courses are available at a variety of campuses around the GTA. Go to yrdsb.ca/dualcredits for more information.

The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) is a School to Work program that opens the door for students to explore and gain training in apprenticeship occupations starting in Grade 11 or Grade 12 through the Cooperative Education program. There are over 150+ skilled trades to choose from!

Visit www.oyap.com for more information.

Do you have a student in Grade 9 Math this semester?

In Ontario, as part of EQAO's mandate, students are assessed formally, at the provincial level for Math in Grade 3, Grade 6 and again in Grade 9. Unlike the Literacy Test in Grade 10, students complete the EQAO Math evaluation as part of their regular Grade 9 Math program. Students who have either Grade 9 Applied or Grade 9 Academic Math will be completing the EQAO on January 16th and January 17th. January 18th is the back up day, should one of the previous days be declared an Inclement Weather Day.

Students who receive additional supports, as a result of their IEP will be provided with the same supports that they normally receive. You should expect additional information from your child's Special Education Resource Teacher shortly.

Vaping & E-cigarettes - Updates to the Smoke Free Ontario Act

We want to remind students that the use of electronic products such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are not permitted on or within 20 metres of school property. This means 20 metres *beyond* the school boundaries as opposed to simply off of school property. <u>Health Canada</u> reports health risks associated with vaping particularly for young people.

This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the <u>Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure</u>. A progressive form of discipline, including potential suspension from school and <u>fines</u> (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law.

For more information visit Health Canada or the Board website. <u>Partnership for Drug Free Kids</u> also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.

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Westmount Entertainment presents

"All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others." Such is the satiric lesson of *Animal Farm*, George Orwell's cautionary parable about the uses and abuses of power. *Westmount Entertainment* presents "Animal Farm: The Musical," based on George Orwells classic political parable, January 9-11, 2018 at the Vaughan City Playhouse, 8PM. This witty, stunning production — based on the landmark musical adaptation by famed British director Peter Hall — re-imagines Orwell's novel in a not-too-distant world. School Matinees available Thursday January 10 and Friday January 11, 2018. Contact: andrew.dolha@yrdsb.ca for more group/school information.

Student Choreographic Showcase 2019

The Arts Westmount Dance Program will be presenting our Student Choreographic Showcase 2019. Evening performances will take place on Tuesday, January 15 & Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available for purchase next week in the cafeteria, through the Dance Department, and at the door.

Westmount Arts Auditions

THERE IS STILL A CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED IN ARTS WESTMOUNT! For all students who are interested in being in the Arts Program, there is still space in all disciplines for grade Ten. Please apply at http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/westmount.ci/Pages/default.aspx. For more information please email andrew.dolha@yrdsb.ca

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Reach for the Rim

On Thursday December 5, Westmount had the pleasure of hosting Reach for the Rim - Centrals Division. 10 teams showed up for the basketball action, leading the pack was the Westmount Wolves. Congratulations team on a job well done.











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Community Class at Ripley's Aquarium



On December 7th our Community class went to Ripley's Aquarium of Canada. We learned about many different sea animals, fish and how the aquarium operates. The show in the Rainbow Reef was very entertaining. Some students were brave enough to touch a stingray.

It was very interesting and fun trip.

On the long bus ride to Toronto Downtown and back we listened to songs and even sang along.













Guidance Updates

@WClGuidance



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

SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLE CHANGE REQUESTS

Grade 9

Friday, Dec. 14th is the deadline for grade 9 students to request a change to their semester 2 timetable. Grade 9 students will not have an opportunity to make these changes when semester 2 begins on Feb. 4, 2019. https://sites.google.com/site/wciguidance/timetable-changes #wcitimetable #wcigr9

Grade 10

Grade 10 students will receive an electronic copy of their semester 2 timetable via their GAPPS account on Monday, Jan 7th. On Friday, Jan 11th, grade 10 students will be given the opportunity to request a timetable change. More details will be posted on the Guidance website and Twitter. #wcitimetable #wcigr10 https://sites.google.com/site/wciguidance/timetable-changes

Grade 11 and 12

Students can request changes to their semester 2 timetable up to Dec. 14th this year and during the first two weeks of the semester in Feb. 2019. Requests of a semester 2 timetable change cannot be entertained in January since we will be in course selection mode.

https://sites.google.com/site/wciguidance/timetable-changes #wcitimetable

COURSE SELECTION 2019-20

Course selection for the 2019-20 school year will begin in January with school-wide assemblies on Thursday, Jan. 10. More information will be available in the new year. https://sites.google.com/site/wciguidance/course-selection #wcicourseselection

Introducing myBlueprint!

MyBlueprint has replaced Career Cruising as our pathway planning and course selection platform. All students have completed an introduction activity for myBlueprint. If you child has not completed this activity they should see their Guidance Counsellor asap.

Guidance Updates

@WClGuidance

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 is 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/wciguidance/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.



SEASON 28 – FINAL CHALLENGE

JENTURE WEEK



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The Apprentice, now in its' twenty-eighth season, is the ultimate, Westmount Collegiate Institute eighteen-week job interview, where candidates compete, in teams, over the duration of the semester in a series of rigorous business tasks, that require the perfect balance between street smarts and book smarts to conquer, in order to show Mr. Coates, the boss, that they are the best candidate for his company, Coates Securities. In each task, the teams are sent to the boardroom, where Mr. Coates and his hired associates Mr. Benudiz I, Ms. Bukovsky, Mr. Kasprow, Ms. Eshel, Mr. Clements, Mr. Remtula, Mr. Klausz, Mr. Levy, Mr. Brooke, Ms. Schlosser, Mr. Benudiz II, Ms. Feldman, Mr. Birer, Mr. Krestell Jr., Ms. Kofman, Ms. Wisener, Ms. London, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Feigenbaum, Mr. Ciss, Mr. Pearlman, Mr. Feldman and Ms. Aschaiek judge the job applicants on their performance in the task.

The current season of Mr. Coates' Apprentice include fourteen teams, challenged to combine both "Street Smarts" and "Book Smarts" as they go head-to-head to see which team is most innovative and enterprising. This season's ventures include everything one might need this summer and beyond. As the tasks have become tougher, the judging has become harder, and the contestants have become fiercer. All profits raised are combined with the profits raised through Bare Necessities, to support the Canadian Cancer Society. Over the past twenty-seven seasons, over \$114,000 has been raised to support those in need.

In the end, the question will be answered in the showdown of the semester – The Final Challenge – Venture Week 28 (January 7th to January 11th, 2019 in the atrium). Who will take their well-earned place, this season, with Mr. Coates on the other side of the board-room table? Who will succeed? Who will be ordering a taxi? And who will be The Apprentice, Season 28?





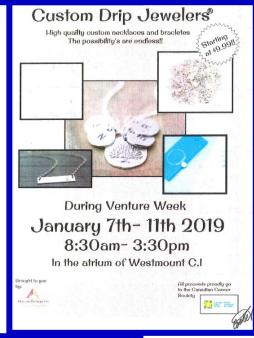
JOIN THE FIGHT, HELP THOSE IN NEED. HELP FIND A CURE. ALL PROFITS ARE DONATED TO THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

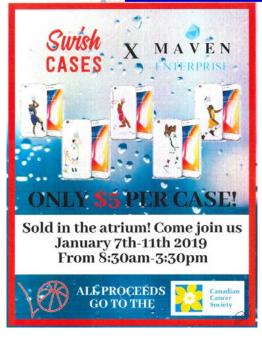




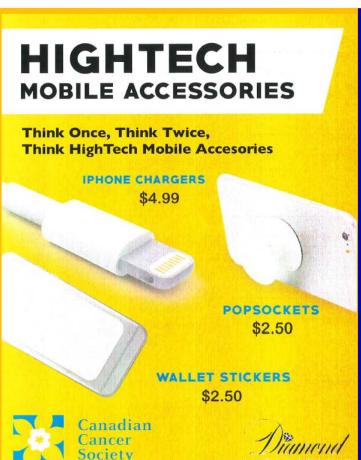














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JANUARY 7-11, 2019

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and dance 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 bigh school. We offer specialized arts courses (2 credits per year) to artistically motivated students interested 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. Applications are now available on our website. Apply now for an audition to be a part of our



yrdsb.ca



This program is for all those who love dramal. 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

FOR INFO EMAIL MR. DOLHA AT andrew.dolha@yrdsb.ca

www.yrdsb.ca/schools/ westmount.ci/arts

APPLICATIONS ONLINE AT

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GRADE TEN ARTS DANCE AT WESTMOUNT

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GRADE NINE? Space is available for Grade 10! ----music

This program is designed for those who love to dance! It will develop your dance skills and hete you learn the basis for communicating through movement. Even if you are currently working in a studio orts Westmann Consequit around your with 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

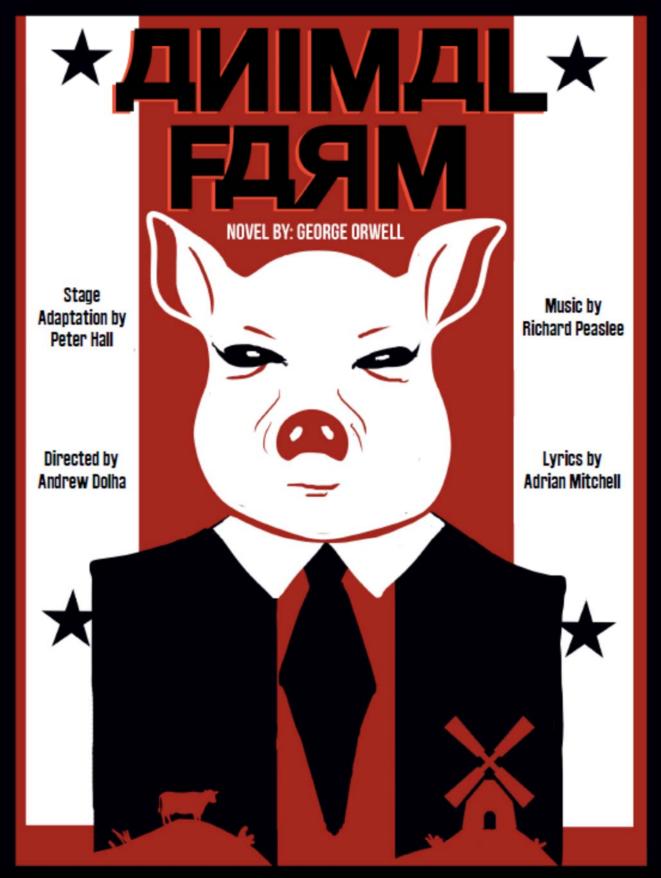
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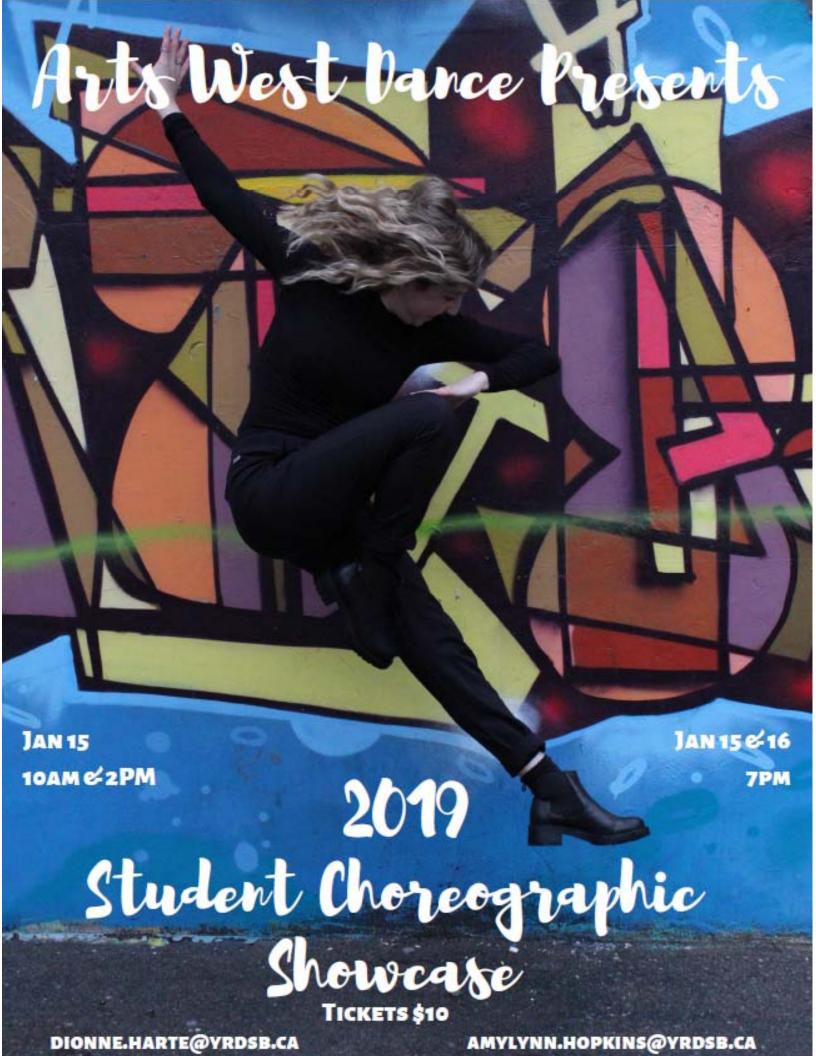
www.yrdsb.ca/schools/ westmount.ci/arts

WESTMOUNT ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS



JANUARY 9-11, 2019 VAUGHAN CITY PLAYHOUSE - 8PM STUDENTS \$10, ADULTS \$15: AT DOOR OR ATRIUM

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What are e-cigarettes?

Electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, include "vapes", hookah pens, or JUULs. They are battery-powered devices that heat an e-liquid sometimes called "e-juice" that often contains nicotine. E-cigarettes are inhaled like regular cigarettes and produce an aerosol cloud of nicotine or other substances. They are not proven to be a safer alternative to cigarettes.

Is there a difference between using e-cigarettes and JUULing?

 No. JUULs may look different, but they're actually a type of e-cigarette.

Every JUUL pod contains highly addictive nicotine. JUUL does not make any nicotine-free pods. Some JUUL pods claim to have roughly as much nicotine as an entire pack of cigarettes.

 The aerosol cloud produced by a JUUL might not look as thick as other e-cigarettes' or regular cigarette smoke, but it still contains many of the same chemicals and has the same health risks.

Aren't e-cigarettes less harmful than tobacco? Isn't it just water vapor?

 The aerosol produced by e-cigarettes isn't water vapor and it isn't harmless.

The aerosol inhaled from these products is often a mixture of harmful chemicals like nicotine, formaldehyde and acrolein.

- Virtually all e-cigarettes contain nicotine even the ones labeled "nicotine free". This is because there are no rules about how e-cigarettes or "e-juice" are made. There is no way to know exactly what is in an e-cigarette.
- "E-juice" and JUUL pods flavored like fruit or other treats carry the same health risks as the unflavored products. Also, the flavorings used are typically not safe to be inhaled into the lungs.

What are the health risks of e-cigarettes?

• E-cigarettes contain chemicals that can cause irreversible lung damage and alter teen brains.

E-cigarettes contain harmful chemicals such as formaldehyde, which is known to cause cancer, and acrolein which is used as a weed killer and can cause irreversible lung damage.

- Nicotine is highly addictive and exposure during adolescence can harm the developing brain.
- Youth who use e-cigarettes are more likely to go on to use traditional cigarettes.
- In the short term, e-cigarette aerosol can irritate your lungs, throat and eyes. It can also make it more likely that you'll catch colds or get the flu.



Is it legal for people to sell e-cigarettes to youth or for youth to buy or use them?

• In the majority of states, the minimum age of sale for e-cigarettes is 18; in three states the minimum age is 19 and in six states and DC the minimum age is 21.

In many states, it is illegal for retailers to sell youth e-cigarettes, and in some states it is also illegal for youth to possess e-cigarettes.

• Many schools have added e-cigarettes to their tobacco-free school policies and the consequences for using them on school grounds are often the same as smoking traditional cigarettes.

Can e-cigarettes help someone quit?

- No e-cigarette has been found to be safe and effective to help people guit smoking.
- If you know someone who wants to guit smoking, they can call 1-800-LUNGUSA (1-800-586-4872) or visit www.Lung.org to learn about quitting safely.

Learn more:

Contact your local American Lung Association office for information on youth leadership groups and other youth tobacco initiatives. 1-800-LUNGUSA or www.Lung.org





Westmount Collegiate Institute - Apparel 2018

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WESTMOUNT C.I.	Short Sleeve T-Shirt 100%Cotton 2 Colour Imprint Front Logo	Personalization to appear on lower back (First Name or Last Name		ther	S	M	L	XL TC	2XL	x \$15.00 x \$7.00
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WESTMOUNT APPAREL



Please load student card with Mr. Coates for total purchase amount at Bare Necessities, Monday-Friday 8:15-8:35 am and 12:45-1:00 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.



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January 2019

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6	7	8	9 * Drama Show	10 * Course Selection Assembly (P1&2) * Drama Show	11 * Drama Show	12
13	14	15 * Dance Show	16 * School Ccouncil * ON University Application Dead- line * Math EQAO * Dance Show	17 * Course Selection Fair (P1,2,3) * Math EQAO	18 * Guidance Ppop-Up * Course Selection * Math EQAO (Make- Up day)	19
20	21	22	23	SEM 1 Exams-P5	SEM 1 Exams-P1	26
27	SEM 1 Exams-P2	SEM 1 Exams-P3	SEM 1 Exams—P4	31 Exam Review Day-PM		

SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION NOTICE

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.

Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

 590 AM
 640 AM
 680 AM
 860 AM
 1010 AM
 1050 AM

 1540 AM
 1580 AM
 88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 FM

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