

Westmount CII



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Dear Families and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final month of 2019. 2020 is just days away! Many of us recall the start of the school year and are wondering where did the time go and now we are heading into the start of a new decade. WCI 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 gearing up for exam preparation. We hope that you will reach out to teachers if you have any questions or concerns with your child's progress – this two-way communication will help to ensure students complete the semester successfully.

Last night, Westmount Music presented their annual *Winterfest* at the Vaughan City Playhouse Theatre. The performances from the Symphonic Winds, Choir, and Jazz Band made the evening very special and memorable as students showcased their wonderful musical talents. Congratulations to all the students and a special thank you to Mr. Nixon for preparing the students for a beautiful evening of delightful songs and music. An enjoyable time was had by all.

December is certainly not over as we head into the final week before the holiday break. Students and staff are hosting a *Holiday Spirit Week* with warm and fun activities planned such as flannel day and holiday movies and popcorn, all to support *360 Kids*, an organization which helps youth during challenging times. Students and staff are donating a variety of goods and clothing to support vulnerable youth during the winter months.

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 field trips, on sports teams, in workshops, in assemblies, and in tournaments. These events and opportunities help to enrich the high school experience of all of our students; we are very happy when students decide to participate in activities that occur outside of the classroom. This spirit also enriches the school community. Thank you to all the staff and students who put countless hours into planning events for the entire school to enjoy and to the parents/guardians who are supporting these events by encouraging their children to take part in something while in school, and having to do all the drop-offs and pick-ups.

As we head into Winter Break, a time when students and staff are celebrating with family and friends, we hope everyone will take the time to recharge, relax and enjoy each other's company so that we return in January well rested and ready to finish one semester and prepare for a new one. We would like to wish the Westmount school community a very happy holiday season, a restful break, and best wishes for the coming year. See you in 2020!

Warmest regards,

Barb Caravella

Vice-Principal

Thursday, December 19

- Dance—York University—Willingham, Harte

Wednesday, January 8

- Gr.11 Visual Arts—Silva Custom Furniture—Folmeg



ArtsWest Drama Show

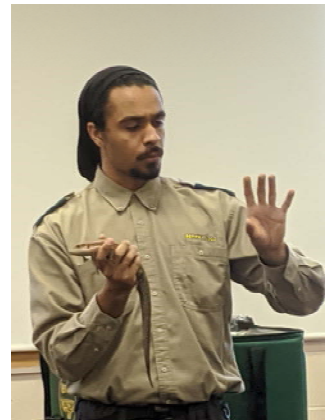
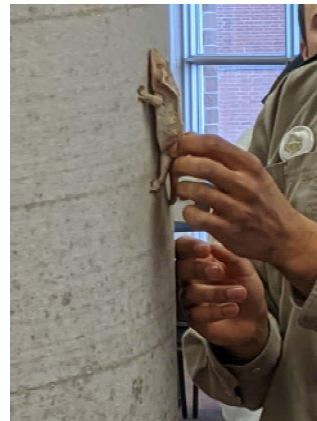
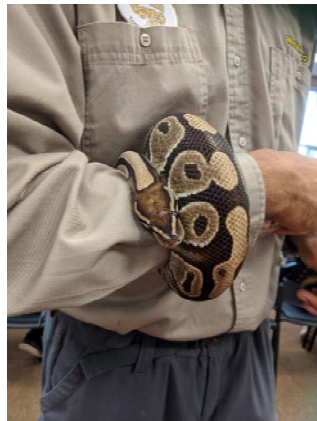
Don't miss out on Westmount Entertainment's first production this season: Stage Door by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman.

January 8-10, 2019 at the Vaughan City Playhouse 8PM, tickets at the door or in the Atrium. 10\$ students, \$15 adults.

Join us at Mrs. Orcutt's, where dreams meet reality; a rooming house in the mid-1930s New York, where young hopeful and ambitious women pursuing a career in the theatre come to stay. Will they survive the challenges and succeed? Join us to find out in this touching and funny portrayal of life in the big city.

Reptilia at Westmount

On Tuesday, the library and science departments welcomed Reptilia for the first time. Grade 10 students were given the opportunity to learn about reptiles and how their systems were similar and different to human systems. Aidan brought a number of animals with him, including lizards, snakes, and even a box turtle named Biscuit. We look forward to having Reptilia back soon.



Graduation Ceremony

Our graduation ceremony is on June 25, 2020 at the Paradise Banquet Hall. Please purchase your son/daughter graduation cap and gown by going to "School Cash Online". Our deadline this year is February 28, 2020.



Westmount Welcomes

Matthew Zheng

I had the privilege of teaching Grade 9 science for the second half of Semester 2 last school year, and I'm very pleased to once again be a part of the Westmount CI community, this time having the opportunity to teach Grade 12 biology. I enjoy travel, and am thankful for the opportunity to have taught overseas for a year, since it gave me the chance to go all around Europe during my breaks, and even the chance to visit Japan. I'm a huge foodie, so I'm thankful that my travels gave me an endless source of strange and interesting foods to try.

Vitaliy Bilous

"A teacher is never a giver of truth; he is a guide, a pointer to the truth that each student must find for himself".

After having taught for over eight years in both private and public school sectors I came to an understanding that education is all about self-discovery. The path that students take is like a business cycle that sometimes is unpredictable. However, based on my diverse teaching experience I believe that I have the right tools to make my students' journey more successful when it comes to achieving their personal and academic best.

Royston McKenzie

I have been a Technology teacher with the York Region District School Board since the mid 1970s. I have taught various subject areas of technology, but mainly woodworking with cabinet making and construction. I retired several years ago and have been working as an Occasional teacher. Since retirement, I have been called to various schools in York Region to fill many Long-Term Occasional positions for teachers who became ill during the school year. I am now at Westmount C. I. filling in for Mr. Tadrus.

Westmount Homecoming Hockey Game

This week the Athletic Council hosted the Westmount Homecoming Hockey Game. The student hockey team took on the staff and community team composed of teachers, custodians, fire fighters and York region police. The talent was huge but the students put their youth to work and beat the community team by a score of 3-1. Thank you to all the students, teachers and community members whom supported the event. Thank you to Daniella Porat and the Athletic Council for putting the event together. Money and donations collected will go to 360 kids.



WELCOME
TO
GUIDANCE



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

UPCOMING EVENTS TO CONSIDER

Semester 2 Timetable Change Requests

<https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/timetable-changes>

Friday, Dec. 13th was the last day for grade 9 and 10 students to request a change to their semester 2. After Dec. 13, all grade 9 and 10 semester 2 timetables became final.

Grade 11 and 12 students will have another opportunity to request a change during the first two weeks of semester 2.

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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.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH 360 KIDS

WCI HOLIDAY DRIVE

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

**DONATE WINTER
CLOTHING AND
NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS**



Bring all donations to the box outside the main office or to participating homeroom classes



**UGLY HOLIDAY
SWEATERS**
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HOLIDAY PJS!
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**WINTER WHITE
OUT**
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**HOLIDAY
ACCESSORIES DAY**
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FLANNEL DAY
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Holiday Spirit Week

DECEMBER 16th - 20th

Westmount Entertainment Presents



STAGE DOOR

A Comedy by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman

Directed by Andrew Dolha

JANUARY 8-10 2019

VAUGHAN CITY PLAYHOUSE 8PM

TICKETS \$10 STUDENTS \$15 ADULTS

TICKETS AT DOOR OR ATRIUM

GROUPS AND SCHOOLS WELCOME.



STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHIC SHOWCASE

JANUARY 14 & 15 2020
7PM
\$10/TICKET

DIONNE.HARTE@YRDSB.CA
PAOLA.WILLINGHAM@YRDSB.CA

Mastering your Separation

Learn how you can be the master of your own separation

Topics will include:

- Understanding separation concerns
- Discovering your own emotional triggers
- Creating self worth and self awareness during the separation process
- Learning strategies for maintaining emotional control
- Becoming a better you
- Creating your own mindfulness toolbox
- Differentiating between the legal separation and the emotional separation



\$60 per person

(sliding scale available)

We welcome all people regardless of cultural and/or racial background or affiliation

Sunday December 1, 2019

9:30 am -12:30 pm

9600 Bathurst Street | Suite 242

Joseph & Wolfe Lebovic Jewish Community Campus

For more information or to register, please call 416.638.7800 x 6627

REGISTER ONLINE

www.jfandcs.com/groups



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January 2020

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Winter Break				
6	7	8 * Wolf Pack Wednesday * Drama Show	9 * Course Selection Assembly * Drama Show	10 * Drama Show
13	14 * Dance Show	15 * Dance Show * School Council	16	17 * Course Selection (P1,2,3)
20 * Family School Visits	21	22 * Family School Visits	23 Exams	24
Exams			30 Exam Review Day	31 PA DAY

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.

