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Westmount CII

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Welcome Back!

Westmount CII

Welcome 2019

After a relaxing couple of weeks off (as demonstrated by students' smiles on their return to school), it's almost the end of the semester and things at Westmount are continuing. Our Drama students' successful production of *Animal Farm: the Musical* had a very successful run at the Vaughan Playhouse on Wednesday and last evening. It's not too late to catch the show, as the curtain rises one last time, tonight (Friday) at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for Students and Seniors and \$15 for Adults, available at the door. Also not to be missed is the Student Choreographic Showcase, next Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the City Playhouse. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.

Our Marketing students have been busy completing their culminating activities, as they have launched their business this week, during Venture Week. Students were responsible for sourcing a product, developing a business plan, developing marketing materials and finally selling their products in the school atrium. All proceeds from Venture Week continue to support cancer research.

A reminder for students in Grade 9 Math this semester: Students will be completing the EQAO Math Test, during their regular math class, on January 16th and January 17th. Individually, course teachers will accommodate requirements for students with IEPs. At this point, you should have received an email outlining the process, should your child be identified with an IEP. If you have any questions, please reach out directly to your child's Special Education Resource Teacher.

While we've been lucky so far this winter with the weather, but it is important to remember that any decision to suspend school-provided transportation will be made by the Board, by 6:00 a.m. The easiest way to confirm if an Inclement Weather Day is declared is to monitor the Board's official Twitter account @YRDSB. In the event that an Inclement Weather Day is declared, any tests/assignments/exams are postponed and will be rescheduled.

At our February School Council Meeting (on February 13th), we will have two presenters joining us from York Regional Public Health, to explain the realities of Vaping. We will also spend some time looking at changes to the Smoke Free Ontario Act (which governs the use of vapes and e-cigarettes). You may have read the information that we sent out with our previous Parents' Bulletin and may have more questions, or want to learn more. Please join us in the WCI Library at 7:00 p.m. on February 13th for this informative presentation.

Students have now had access to the Exam Schedule for over a month. Exams begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 24th (with Period 5 exams) and conclude on January 30th (with Period 4 exams). It is WCI's expectation that all students will complete their final exam, at the scheduled time. Teachers are unable to accommodate any special circumstance requests. On Exam Days, students should arrive at school, and be in their writing room, by 9:50. At the conclusion of a student's exam, they are to leave the building. The Exam Review Day will occur in the afternoon of Thursday, January 31st. Teachers will provide more information about when students will be able to see their exams over the next couple of weeks.

Some students may find the next couple of weeks stressful, as the semester comes to an end and final assignments and exams are pending. Developing a plan with your child now can help alleviate some of the anxiety that they may experience. Additionally, ensuring that students get a good night's sleep, away from electronic devices, is crucial to academic success. Our Child and Youth Worker, Ms. Neves is available in the Wolves Den (Room 230) every day to help students plan and cope with the upcoming workload.

Should you have any questions about your child's progress so far this semester, or what is left, please feel free to connect directly with their teacher. If a matter is unresolved, please feel free to contact the respective department head. In the event that the issue is still unresolved, please get in touch with your child's VP (Ms. Caravella Surnames A – L, Mr. Taylor Surnames M-Z)

Talk to you in a couple of weeks,

Todd Taylor
On Behalf of the Westmount Admin Team

Message From Our Trustee

Happy 2019! I hope your holiday season was festive, and your vacation restful. I like to welcome this season with renewed enthusiasm, seeing it as a time for reflection at the year ahead, building upon our accomplishments of the past.

I am honoured to not only serve as your trustee, but also as Budget Chair, where I will work tirelessly to ensure that resources are directed to areas that best serve students and the continual improvement of public education. We have exciting initiatives in the works. The new Board of Trustees is filled with a varied set of skills and experience, driven to bring forward innovative ideas to York Region District School Board.

Schools are our children's home away from home; in recent months I've had the opportunity to visit our schools, and see the wonderful work being done by our teachers and staff members. I've spoken with parents and teachers about ways we can collectively improve educational outcomes and support the priorities in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#):

- Foster well-being and mental health
 - Build collaborative relationships
 - Champion equity and inclusivity
- Empower ethical leadership

In the upcoming months, I will continue to engage with principals, school councils, parents and students about our journey ahead. Each and every individual's insights are invaluable to strengthening our education system, and I look forward to achieving our goals together.

I'm always happy to hear your thoughts - and you can join the conversation on Twitter [@david4thornhill](#).

Warmest regards,

David Sherman
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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.

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 CI Welcomes

Hello, my name is Susie Youn. Let me tell you a little about myself. I received my undergraduate degree and Bachelor of Education concurrently at York University. I graduated with an Honours in Mathematics for Education. I am qualified to teach Math and Economics at the Intermediate and Senior grade levels. I have a great passion for teaching students and helping others. Since 2012, I have been working and volunteering in classrooms getting experience working with students in various grades. I enjoy working with students one-on-one to build a strong rapport with them, which allows me to familiarize with each student's needs, strengths and interests. My goal as a teacher is to support students in their future success and overall development. Moreover, I will help students understand the value of mathematics in attaining their individual goals and to continue to be lifelong learners.

Phys-Ed Latin Dance workshop

World renowned Latin Dance Instructor Giovanni Torres, has returned to Westmount C.I. This week Mr Grossi and Ms Santos' Grade 9 Phys-Ed classes participated in a Latin Dance workshop where they learned salsa, merengue and bachata. The students had a fantastic experience and a lot of fun!





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 and 10

Grade 9 and 10 timetables are now final for semester 2. Students will receive a finalized copy of their timetable via Teachassist on Monday, Feb. 4th. All students should check and follow this timetable on the first day of semester 2.

<https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/timetable-changes> #wcitimetable #wcigr9 #wcigr10

Grade 11 and 12

All grade 11 and 12 students will have the ability to request a timetable change starting on Tuesday, Feb. 5th. The school has until Friday, Feb. 15th to get all students settled into their semester 2 classes. At this time, we cannot entertain any timetable change requests until Feb., 5th. <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/timetable-changes> #wcitimetable #wcigrad #wcigr11

COURSE SELECTION 2019-2020

Course selection for the 2019-20 school year officially kicked off with school-wide assemblies that took place on Thursday, Jan. 10. MyBlueprint planner is open and ready for students to begin the course selection process. On Feb. 11th the "SUBMIT" button will appear and student may begin locking in their course. The deadline to lock-in courses is Friday, Feb. 22nd.

As we wrap up this semester and prepare for the next; this is a busy time for Guidance. Exams are from Jan. 24 to 31st, Feb 1 is a P.D. Day and Feb 4 to 15 is grade 11 and 12 timetable changes. As such, guidance counsellors will be available for course selection appointments starting the week of Feb. 19th. Students are encouraged to follow the course selection process <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/timetable-changes>, take advantage of the drop-in sessions, workshops and pop-up shops before meeting with a Counsellor.

For more information, click <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/course-selection>. For real time notifications and updates, follow @WCIGuidance on Twitter. Use #wcicourseselection.

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.



School Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2019
7:00 pm—8:30 pm— in the Library

Please join us on Wednesday to be a part of our

Town Hall

What do you want to know about Westmount C.I.?

Are there questions you have really wanted to ask?

What is it that you want us to know?

Please send in your questions here.

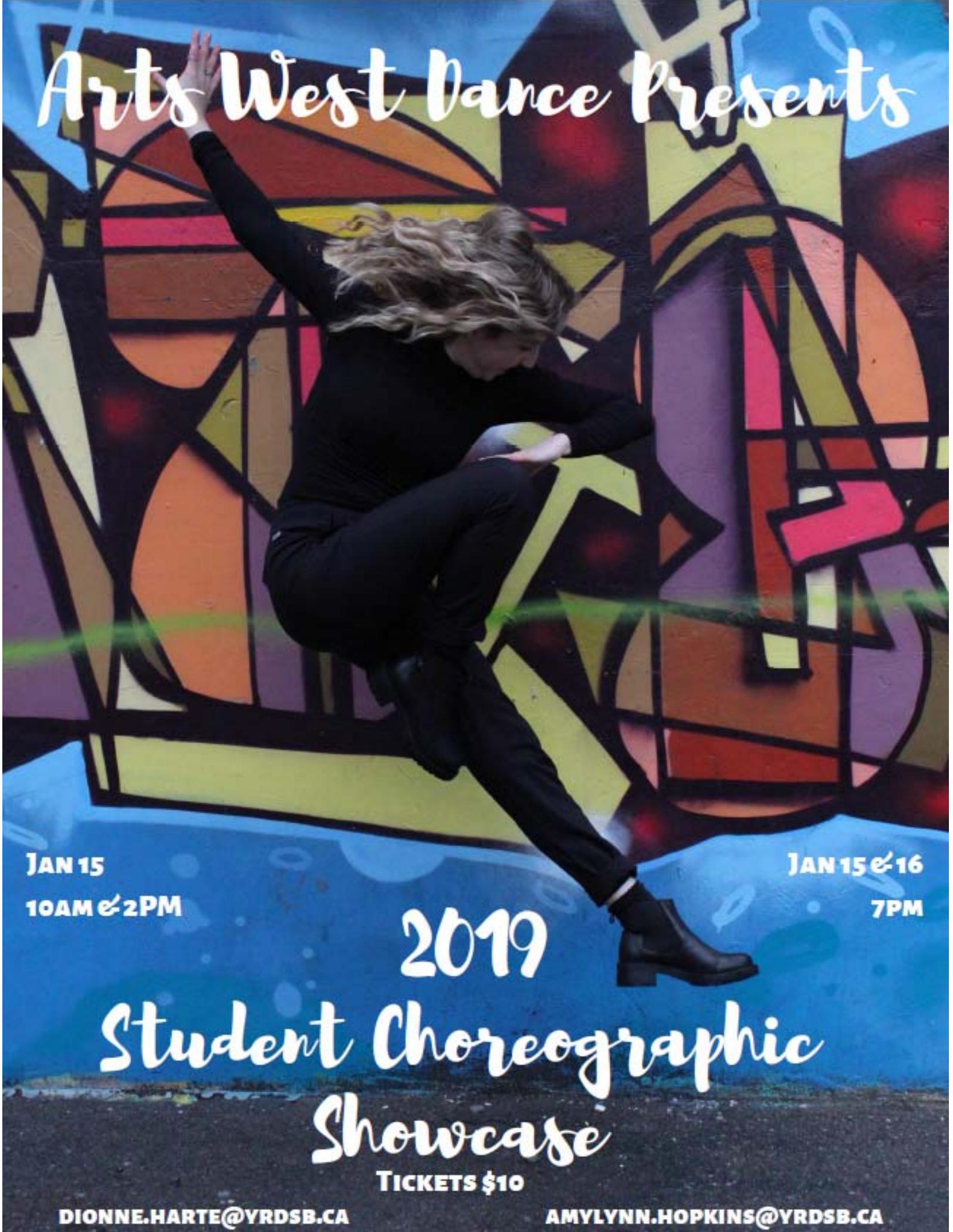
<http://bit.ly/WCIJAN16>

WCI Admin look forward to an evening of sharing, learning and discussing your questions and concerns.



We hope you able to join us!
We look forward to seeing you there!

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Arts West Dance Presents

JAN 15
10AM & 2PM

JAN 15 & 16
7PM

2019
Student Choreographic
Showcase

TICKETS \$10

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January 2019

S	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	S
	Winter Break					
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 Council * 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	24 SEM 1 Exams-P5	25 SEM 1 Exams-P1	26
27	28 SEM 1 Exams-P2	29 SEM 1 Exams-P3	30 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
 94.9 FM 95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM
 101.1 FM 102.1 FM 104.5 FM 100.7 FM 105.9
 107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

