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January 15 - 26, 2018

Attendance: 905.882.0277 x 238

Inspire Learning!

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Vice-Principal: Todd Taylor



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Message from the Admin Team

Welcome back to 2018

The staff of Westmount hopes that you had a relaxing winter break and had plenty of time for friends and family. Though we've been back for just over a week, it's been busy here, and will only get busier as the semester winds down.

Last week, the Westmount Drama Department presented a truncated run of "The Farm Show", a collective drama piece set in 1970s south-western Ontario. A cast of colourful characters detailed the average experiences found in rural communities in an entertaining and light-hearted way. The students were absolutely incredible, as they portrayed their various roles with warmth, humour and understanding. Whether engaging in country line-dancing, woefully recalling a farming accident or remembering the struggle of the bailer and the maw, students excelled in every aspect of their performance. And who could ever forget a rap battle between two farming tractors (Go Team John Deer!)? All students should be very proud of their efforts, and a special acknowledgement to the creative genius behind this semester's show, Mr. Dolha. Congratulations to all on a very successful run.

Looking ahead, the WCI Dance students will be performing their end-of-semester show, this Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Vaughan City Playhouse. Having had the opportunity to sneak into rehearsals prior to the break, I'm confident when I tell you that the show will be absolutely amazing. The students energy, especially in their "jazzercise" number, will be infectious.

As you have probably heard by now, Friday was one those days here at Westmount. The Board declared an Inclement Weather Day, cancelling all bussing for the day. As a result of the Board's decision at 6:00 a.m., any assessments (tests/assignments/presentations) were automatically postponed. This is the same procedure that is in place, should an Inclement Weather Day be declared during our upcoming Exam Writing Period. While we understand that it can be disappointing to students to have assignments postponed, we thank you for your understanding. During an Inclement Weather Day, unless explicitly mentioned, schools will remain open and academic programming will continue. However, please note, that academic programming may differ from the programming on a regular day, depending on teacher availability and other factors.

In addition to the Inclement Weather Day declaration on Friday, we also experienced a partial power outage between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and then a full power outage from 11:00 a.m. onwards. Even in face of these obstacles, we thank teachers and students for their flexibility during the day. The power was only eventually restored after 7:00 p.m. on Friday night, as a result of longer-than-expected repairs. We are proud of the fact that the we were able to keep the school open and the students safe.

Our exams begin on January 25th and continue through until January 31st. Students are able to access the most up-to-date exam schedule via the link on the main page of TeachAssist. All exams during the exam period begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. If, on the morning of your child's exam, they are unable to write, please contact the school's Main Office (905) 882-0277 and speak to either of the Vice Principals to learn about next steps. If you are already aware of an issue that would prevent your child from writing their exam during their block, please contact Mr. Taylor (todd.taylor@yrdsb.ca) to discuss alternatives. It is the expectation of teaching staff and administration that all students will complete their final exams. Requests to be excused for vacations cannot be entertained.

In the event that an Inclement Weather Day is called on an Exam Day, that exam will be postponed until **Thursday, February 1st at 10:00 a.m.** This will have a knock-on effect on Exam Review Day and the start-up of Semester 2. More information will be communicated with you, via email, should this be the case.

At this time in the semester, many students can feel overwhelmed and stressed out. As a parent, helping your child organize their time, reviewing effective study strategies and ensuring that your child eats well, gets enough sleep and finds time both for physical activity and entertainment are some of the best things you can do. The WCI Library will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. every day of the Exam Block for students to engage in quiet study. Additionally, to support students' well-being during the exam period, our Phys Ed Department is activities to help students deal with stress. More information is available later in the newsletter.

With the end of Semester 1 rapidly approaching, thoughts turn to Semester 2. Students will be able to access their Semester 2 Timetables exclusively via TeachAssist, on the morning of February 5th. Guidance has been dealing with course changes for the past couple of weeks and all students should be aware that classes and teachers may change from what they originally were scheduled into earlier in the school year. These changes may have been requested, but also may be as a result of other structural changes.

And finally, thinking of September already, Mr. Conte and the Guidance Department hosted their Course Selection Assemblies for students in Grade 9, 10 and 11 last week. Students must select their courses for the 2018 – 2019 School Year, between January 22nd and February 23rd. Of special note, students in Grade 11 this year should consult [E-Info Ontario](#) or [Ontario Colleges](#) to ensure that they will have the required prerequisites for admission, if they are applying to post-secondary educational opportunities. Should you child have any questions or concerns, it is best that they make an appointment with Guidance.

If you have any questions about any of the above, or anything else, please feel free to reach out to one of us in the Main Office.

Mr. Todd Taylor
Vice-Principal

Student Choreography Showcase 2018

Arts Westmount presents Student Choreography Showcase 2018! Join us for a night of student created choreography at 7:30 p.m. on January 16 & 17 at the Vaughan City Playhouse Theatre. Tickets can be purchased through the dance department - see Ms. Catalano or Ms. Hopkins for details. A free matinee for WCI students will take place during Period 2 on Tuesday January 16.

Tuesday, January 16

- Sr Boys Basketball - Westmount - Tarver





Exams are around the corner, and for many students that means moments of high stress and anxiety. Research has shown that physical activity can help to manage stress during busy times, which can have positive impacts on academic success.

The Westmount Wellness Team & Phys. Ed Department have teamed up to offer a range of “de-stress” drop-in activities for students. Join us during the exam period on

Thursday Jan. 25 - Wednesday Jan. 31st from 8:30-9:30 AM.

You can unwind and still have plenty of time before exams begin at 10 AM.

Activities offered:

- **Zen Room** (room 115) for yoga & meditation.
- **Weight Room** where students can complete their own workout or complete a provided “Workout of the Day”.
- **Pick Up Sports in Gym:** Come by for Futsal or Basketball. Depending on student interest we can also play other sports.

We hope to see you Wolves!



@WCI Guidance Team UPDATES

TIMETABLE CHANGES

Grade 9 and 10 timetables are now FINAL. Friday, December 15th was 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 the 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.**

Updated semester 2 timetables will be available on TEACHASSIT as of Monday, Feb. 5th. All student need to follow their new updated timetable. ***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.***

For more information visit <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/timetable-changes> and follow @WCI Guidance on Twitter for real-time #wcitimetable



"THERE ARE FAR, FAR BETTER THINGS AHEAD THAN ANY WE LEAVE BEHIND."

- C.S. LEWIS

MARK YOUR 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 @WCI Guidance.

2018-19 COURSE SELECTION

Course selection for 2018-19 has officially begun! Career Cruising will be updated and ready for selection on Monday, January 22. Students will need to lock-in their courses in Career Cruising by Friday, February 23, 2018. Our website <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/course-selection> has been updated with all that you need to know about selecting your courses. You can also download all course selection material from the bottom of the course selection page of the guidance website. Follow @WCI Guidance on Twitter for real-time #wciourselection updates.

Stay in the Loop

Follow @WCI Guidance on Twitter. Visit the Guidance website regularly for important news, information and announcements. <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/home>

GRADUATION CLASS NEWS

The Graduating Class NEWS page of the Guidance website has been updated. Grade 12 students are invited to nominate themselves for the Graduation Awards of Excellence. Details of these awards can be found at the bottom of the Graduating Class NEWS webpage. Please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/graduation> Follow @WCI Guidance on Twitter for real-time #wci grad updates.

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 @WCI Guidance or check the website regularly for updates as to when you can begin booking Guidance appointments.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

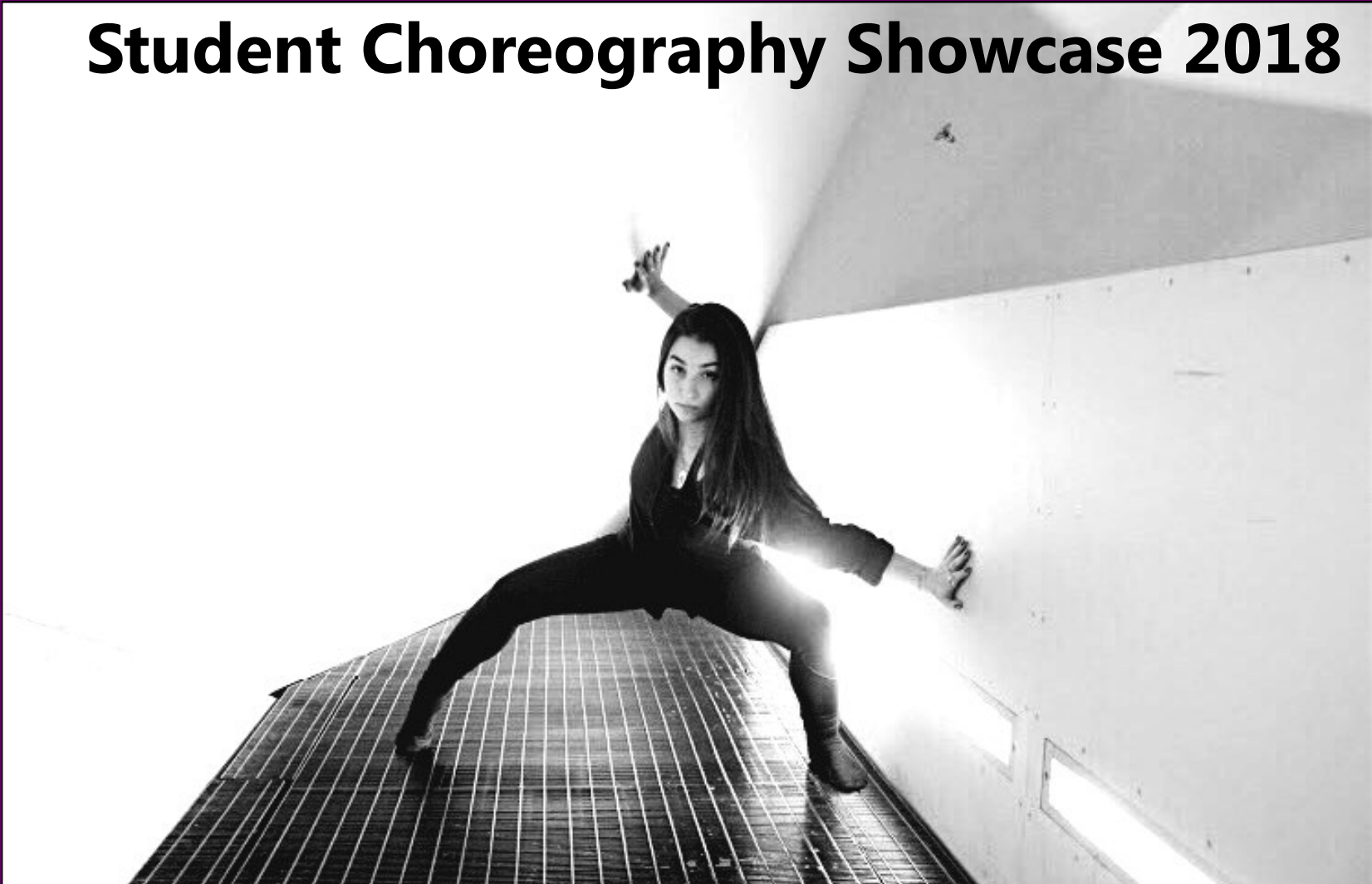
Community involvement opportunities will be tweeted out using #wci getinvolved. Grade 12 students need to have their 40 hours of community service completed by May 31, 2018 in order to be eligible for graduation. <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/community-service-hours>



[@WCI Guidance](#)

ARTS WEST DANCE PRESENTS

Student Choreography Showcase 2018



Vaughan City Playhouse

January 16 & 17 7:30pm Tickets \$10

WCI Student Matinee January 17 10:00am

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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****



School Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

7:00 pm—8:30 pm— in the Library

Caring, quality, community

Please join us on Wednesday to learn more about *Special Education* at Westmount C.I.

How are students identified?

What do accommodations look like at High School?

What is different from Elementary School?

What are reasonable expectations?

What happens post-secondary school?

Our Guest Speaker will be Ms. Michelle Dor,
Head of Special Education



**WE HOPE YOU ABLE TO JOIN US!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU THERE!**

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EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANTI-BLACK RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Consultations

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

Actions Taken by YRDSB following Ministry Review to Support the Learning of Students of African Descent and their Families

Agenda

- An overview of the Ministry of Education's Review of YRDSB
- YRDSB Current Work and Response to the Ministry's Review on all levels (board, school and community engagement)
- Community Feedback Sessions in small group carousel format - *What is going well? What are you worried about? What needs to happen next?*
 - Board
 - School
 - Community Engagement
- Report Back and Next Steps

Dates, times and locations

Thursday January 18, 2018

6:00pm – 9:30pm

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

(Refreshments will be provided)

Saturday January 27, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4

(Lunch will be provided)

Registration

Please register [online](#) by Friday January 12, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Freyja Phillips freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca.



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLASSISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Conversations

Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low income and class-based discrimination?

We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.

Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

January 15 **Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7**

January 22 **Sutton District HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0**

January 29 **Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4**

February 5 **Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5**

February 12 **Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5**

All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Child-minding will be provided at all locations. If you require child minding, please email Kristine with the number of children and their ages.

For more information or transportation support needs, please contact:

Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis
905-895-3126

K_carbis@hotmail.com



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@ BATHURST CLARK RESOURCE LIBRARY

Come check out the many amazing things that are happening at Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL). We deliver a wide assortment of programming to meet the needs and interests of our diverse community, such as Maker programs, Book Events, Study Hall, and Movie programs.

We also have a collection of over 500 000 items, including books, movies, video games, magazines, and even iPads, GoPro Cameras, and Board Games that you can borrow! We also have book club sets that can be borrowed by your English Department.

If you are looking to access material online, we also offer that. With our large collection of database and digital platforms you can download research articles, eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, digital newspapers, movies and more.

If you have any questions about any of our programs or services please contact us. We are a welcoming destination that aims to **enrich**, **inspire** and **transform** your life!

STUDY HALL

@ Bathurst Clark Resource Library

Dec 1 – 22; Jan 24 – Feb 1

Mon-Thurs: 9pm-12am

Fri: 6-9pm

Sat-Sun: 5-9pm

For High School, College, and
University Students

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Reading Buddies

STEAM Coaches

Computer Tutors

*Apply online or in branch

VISIT THE THERAPY DOGS

@ Bathurst Clark Resource Library

Jan 28 at 2pm

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

@ Dufferin Clark Library

Feb 3 at 10am-5pm

Cost is \$60

TEEN BOOK CLUB

@ Pleasant Ridge Library

Jan 8 at 7pm

Discussing *Legend* by Marie Lu

NALOXONE INFORMATION NIGHT

@ Bathurst Clark Resource Library

Jan 15 at 7-8pm

BATHURST CLARK RESOURCE LIBRARY

900 Clark Avenue, West

Thornhill ON L4J 8C1

905-653-7323

www.vaughanpl.info/

Mon. – Thurs. 9 am – 9 pm

Fri. 9 am – 6 pm

Sat. & Sun. 9 am – 5 pm

JANUARY 2018

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
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	Winter Break					
7	8 * Drama Rehearsal * Venture Week	9 * Drama Rehearsal * Venture Week	10 * Drama Show * Venture Week	11 * Drama Show * Course Selection Assembly (P1 & 2) * Venture Week	12 * Drama Show * Venture Week	13
14	15 * Family School Visits * Dance Rehearsal	16 * Dance Show	17 * ON Univ. Applications Deadline *Gr. 9 Math EQAO *School Council *Dance Show	18 * Gr.9 Math EQAO	19 * Gr. 9 Math EQAO (back up date)	20
21	22	23	24 * Spirit Day - De-Stress Day Dress Up:Groutfit Day	25 EXAMS	26 EXAMS	27
28	29 EXAMS	30 EXAMS	31 EXAMS			

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.

