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January 28 - February 9, 2018

Attendance: 905.882.0277 x 238

Inspire Learning!



Principal: Sheri Epstein

Vice-Principal: Barb Caravella

Vice-Principal: Todd Taylor

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TERM AND SEMESTER EVENT

**SEMESTER 2
BEGINS**

Message from the Admin Team

Dear Families and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we are very close to the end of semester one of the 2017/2018 school year. The first few weeks of January have been very busy as students completed culminating activities and began their exam preparations. We wish all students good luck on their final exams.

Today was the second day of exams, which run until January 31. Please ensure that your child is available to write exams throughout this period. If there is an unforeseen situation, such as a snow day, then exams will be rescheduled within this time frame. If there are any changes to this timetable, they will be posted on the school website and the sign outside the school.

The last month of any semester is always busy, with many amazing events taking place. This month alone:

All students attended course selection assemblies in preparation for next year led by the Guidance Department

Venture Week took place in our Business Department – we are very proud of the money that was raised for a variety of charities under the guidance of Mr. Coates and the Business Team

Grade 12 Arts West Drama students presented “The Farm Show” – a collective creation, directed by Mr. Andrew Dolha, with choreography by Sid Kroach and music by Jim Parker

Arts West Dance students showcased an evening of Student Choreography – supported by dance teachers Ms. Catalano and Mrs. Hopkins, and guest choreographers

All Grade 9 math students completed the Math EQAO requirements

Admin and Guidance visited our 4 Elementary Partner Schools to share information about starting high school and picking courses for Westmount C.I.

We are extremely proud of all of our students who were involved in these school activities and wish to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Thursday February 1st is Exam Review/Consultation day – see schedule on website
- Friday February 2 is a P.A. Day – no school for students
- The first day of semester two is Monday February 5
- Last day to request a timetable change for semester two – Thursday February 8
- All Semester One final report cards will be mailed home on Monday February 12
- School Council – next meeting will take place on Wednesday February 21

We wish all of our students a successful completion to semester one.

Good Luck on all exams.

Warmest Regards,

Barb Caravella

Vice-Principal

Message From Our Trustee

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

DECA PROVINCIALS

The provincial competition will be taking place between **Thursday, February 8th and Saturday, February 10th** at the Sheraton Centre downtown. Buses will leave Westmount at 4:30 pm on Thursday and return by 7:00 pm on Saturday.

Some of the categories (**Hospitality, Business Management, Entrepreneurship and Principles of Business Administration**) will be having an **on-line exam** (rather than doing the exam at provincials). This exam is scheduled to take place on **Monday, February 5th at 3:30 pm.**

Students competing in these categories will need to come to room 314 to do the exam that afternoon. Students competing in the Marketing and Finance categories will write their exams on Saturday at the competition.

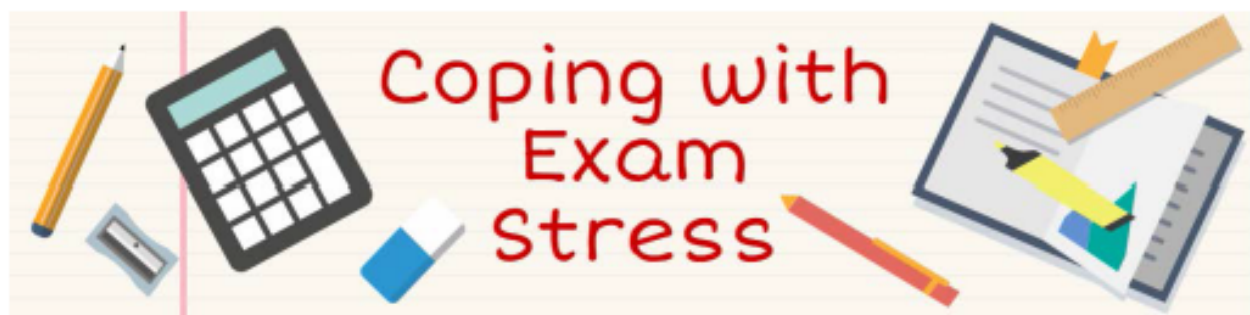
There is paperwork (requiring the signatures of Semester 2 teachers & parents) that needs to be filled out and returned to Mr. Coates by **Wednesday, February 7th** at our regular meeting. This paperwork is **available outside the Business Office (315) in the wall files**. Please have students come pick up the blue permission form and an updated agenda for the two day competition.

School Cash Online

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students.

Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque.

You can [register for School Cash Online](#) at any time. There is also a button on our school website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.



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!



Come join us and let off some steam before exams. Each morning from 8:30-9:30

	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Zen Room (115)	Catalano	Fornazar	Puja	Hamilton/Fornazar	Catalano
Weight Room	Grossi	Soon Shiong/ Grossi	Grossi	Grossi	Madill
Gym Activity 1	Futsal Gorewicz	Futsal Gorewicz	Futsal Gorewicz	Futsal Gorewicz	Futsal Gorewicz
Gym Activity 2	Basketball Alweyn	Basketball Alweyn	Basketball Alweyn	Basketball Alweyn	Basketball Alweyn

@WCI Guidance Team UPDATES

SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLE CHANGES

Grade 9 and 10 timetables are now FINAL. Grade 9 and 10 students finalized their semester 2 timetables back in December. Therefore, 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. Please follow the timetable change procedure and your request will be considered. The school has until Friday, Feb. 16 to get all students settled into their semester 2 classes.

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

2018-19 COURSE SELECTION

Career Cruising is OPEN and ready for course selection. 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 #wcicourseselection updates.

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 #wcigrad updates.

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>



FAILURE IS NOT
THE OPPOSITE OF
SUCCESS, IT'S
PART OF SUCCESS.

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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.

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>

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.



[@WCI Guidance](#)

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****



“Raising Positive Resilient & Happy Kids”

With International Speaker, KATE JONES

Thursday, March 29, 2018 7:15 - 8:45 PM

Thornhill Secondary School

167 Dudley Ave., Thornhill L3T 2E5

Join Kate to learn how we can work together to help kids thrive both at home and at school. In this interactive session, you will explore the following:

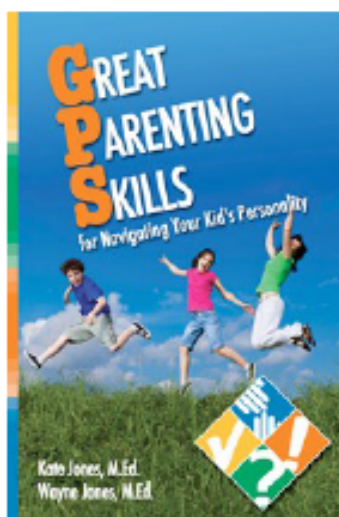
Your Kid's Resilience versus Achievement

Why Resilience is so Important

Recognizing Resilience

Ways to Increase Kids' Resilience

By applying these practical strategies you will be able to help your offspring cope with life's challenges in a more positive way.



Book available at

Special price: \$20!

ABOUT KATE JONES

**Amazon Author with Partner, Wayne, Retired Principal
International Speaker**

Specialist in Personality & Positivity

Motivational speaker for over 15 years

Founder of the “Awesome Parenting Series®”

Master Trainer for Personality Dimensions®

Master of Education Degree in Teaching and Learning



For adults 21+ years of age

CONQUERING ANXIETY

Wednesdays
Feb. 21 – Apr. 25, 2018
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Interested participants will be booked for a half hour pre-group interview.

**DO YOU HAVE ANXIETY?
IS YOUR ANXIETY OVERWHELMING?
DOES IT INTERFERE WITH YOUR DAILY FUNCTION?**

If so, join this 10 week supportive group to learn more about:

- Understanding anxiety
- Identifying thoughts associated with it
- Recognizing anxiety triggers
- Developing new strategies of overcoming anxiety

For more information or to
register, please contact Ketrina at
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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.

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| 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

[Registration online is preferred however not mandatory.](#)

**For more information, childminding, transportation or translation, please
contact:**

Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis
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FEBRUARY 2018

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
				1 * Ontario College Application DEADLINE * School Dance - "Glow Party"	2 PA DAY	3
4	5	6 * Sem. 2 Timetable Changes Day 1 (Gr.11/12)	7	8 * Last day to request a timetable change	9 * OCAS Transmission (Sem. 1 Final grades)	10
11 * Se. 1 Final Report Cards mailed home * Course Selection Lock-in Date START	12	13	14 * Spirit Day - Valentine's Day dress up: Red & White	15 * OUAC Transmission (Sem. 1 Final grades) * Grad Photo Retake Day	16	17
18	19 Family Day	20 * Gr. 9 & 10 Assemblies - P1 & 2	21 * School Council	22	23 * Career Cruising is closed (course selection due)	24
25	26	27	28 * Spirit Day - Anti-Bullying dress up: Pink Shirt 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.

