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Westmount CII

January 28—February 8, 2019



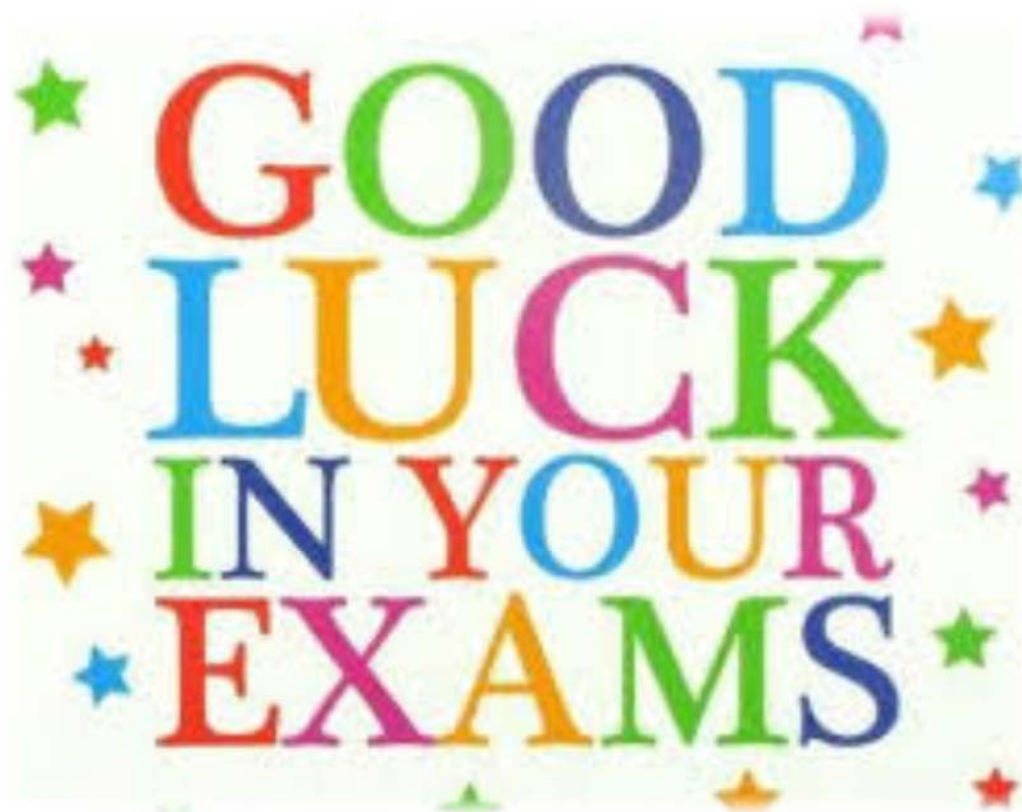
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Westmount C.I.

Dear Families and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that the end of semester one of the 2018/2019 school year is upon us. The first few weeks of January have been very busy as students completed culminating activities and began their exam preparations.

Today was the second day of exams, which run until January 30. Please ensure that your child is available to write exams throughout this period. If there is an unforeseen situation, such as inclement weather, exams will be rescheduled within this time frame. If there are any changes to this timetable, they will be posted on the school website. Feel free to call the Main Office during the school day if you require additional information.

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

Departments hosted a Course Selection Fair showcasing elective courses for students to choose from as we head into course selection for the next school year

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 a stage adaptation of the novel “*Animal Farm*” by George Orwell, directed by our very own Mr. D, with lyrics by Adrian Mitchell

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

All Grade 9 math students completed the Math EQAO requirements

Guidance visited our four Elementary Partner Schools to share information about transitioning to 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 January 31st is Exam Feedback Day – modified schedule during the afternoon
- ✓ Friday February 1st is a P.A. Day – no school for students
- ✓ The first day of Semester Two is Monday February 4
- ✓ All Semester One final report cards will be mailed home in early February
- ✓ School Council – next meeting will take place on Wednesday February 13

We want to wish all of our students good luck on their exams and the successful completion to semester one. We also wish to thank the parents and guardians for their support in helping us to educate and prepare our students for the future.

Warmest Regards,

Barb Caravella Vice-Principal

Town Hall Q & A

Last Wednesday, Westmount hosted its first Town Hall for our Parents' Council, a chance for you to ask the burning questions that you've always wanted answered. We documented the questions and answers for parents who were unable to attend, and you can access them by visiting <https://bit.ly/WCITOWNHALL> (the address is case sensitive)

Looking forward to seeing you at our next Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on February 13th where our topic will be e-cigarettes and vaping. We'll have an Tobacco Enforcement Officer as well as a York Region Public Health nurse to explain the recent changes to the Smoke Free Ontario Act and the implications for students, as long as some of the health concerns.

SHSM

Did you know that your child could be entitled to an extra \$500 a year for enrichment activities through the SHSM Program? Designed to provide students with real world skills, the SHSM Programs at WCI offer insights and opportunities not available to students in regular programming. We have four different SHSM programs at WCI: Arts & Culture, Business, Not for Profit and Health & Wellness. As part of the SHSM programs, students must complete a Co-Op placement (normally in Grade 11), as well as a variety of other subject related courses (though they are likely taking these courses anyways). Additionally, students participate in enrichment tasks, which can be various certifications (First Aid is mandatory for all, other offerings include Leadership, Project Management and Customer Service to name a few). Students can indicate their interest in participating in SHSM in their Grade 10 year, using the button found in My Blueprints. Additional information is available at <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/specialist-high-skills-major> or by speaking to your child's Guidance counsellor.

Math Contests

The Waterloo Math Contest for Grade 9, 10 and 11 students will be held at Westmount C.I. on Feb. 26, 2019 during first period in the cafeteria. To register for the contest, students must pay the registration fee of \$5.50 on School Cash Online by Feb. 6 2019. Please ensure that you pay for the appropriate contest:

Grade 9 - Pascal Contest
Grade 10 - Cayley Contest
Grade 11 - Fermat Contest

The deadline for registration is Wednesday Feb. 6, 2019.

Students who have registered for these contest will meet in the cafeteria on Feb. 26 at 8:30am

Note: The Euclid contest for grade 12's will be written in April and registration for the Euclid will begin in early March.

OSSLT Preparation Literacy After-School Program

Do you have a child writing the OSSLT this year? One of the many supports Westmount is putting into place to support our students is to offer an After-School Literacy program. The goal of this program is to build the literacy skills of students who need additional intervention; for students to build their confidence in reading and/or writing skills; and for those students who just want to improve these skills prior to the test. The classes offer an opportunity for students to benefit from some extra help in literacy. Your child will need to attend all sessions to get the maximum benefit from this program.

The after school program consists of ten, 1.5 hour sessions. Students will attend twice a week for five weeks. There is a fee of \$102.80 for VISA students only. The program will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm starting Tuesday, February 12th and ending Thursday March 21st. Please note there will be no session during the March Break. A commitment from 12 students is needed for this program to be offered.

Please complete the attached registration form or pick up registration forms from the main office. All forms are due by Friday, February 8th, 2019 to the main office.

OSSLT Parent Information Night

Do you have child writing the 2018/2019 OSSLT? Are they stressing? Are you? There will be an OSSLT information night for all parents/guardians who have children writing the 2018/2019 OSSLT (oh, and the students are invited to). This meeting will discuss the OSSLT, share study resources and previous versions of the OSSLT, strategies for success, our OSSLT Preparation Literacy After-School Program, and more. Please join us in the Westmount school library on Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm for this information evening. Forms for our second OSSLT Preparation Literacy After-School Program will be made available at the meeting for easy registration.

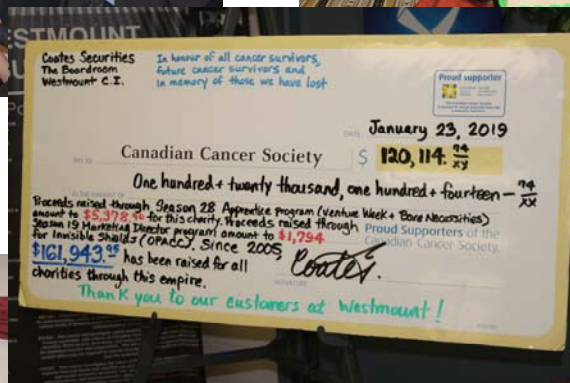
Community Class News

In December and January our Community Class was skating at Rosemount Community Centre. For some students it was the very first experience on ice! We all, students, staff and volunteers, had a blast! It was a great opportunity to learn a new sport. We don't stop! We will continue skating every week the whole winter.



Coates Securities Season Finale - New Apprentice & Director Hired

On January 23rd, the Season Finale was held in the boardroom, where the final candidates went head to head in the three hour final interview. Throughout the season, candidates in both panels (Entrepreneurship & Marketing) were challenged to put their knowledge into action and raise money for The Canadian Cancer Society. The 14 entrepreneurship teams collectively raised \$5,379 for The Canadian Cancer Society, through their final ventures and at Bare Necessities. The five marketing teams collectively raised \$1,794 for the charity OPACC (Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer) through their marketing events hosted during Marketing Event Week. During the Season Finale, the Executives asked the candidates a series of questions, weighed their responses with regards to their respective book smarts and street smarts demonstrated throughout the twenty-eighth season of The Apprentice and the nineteenth season of The Director. After the votes were cast, Mr. Coates added his vote, tallied the results and then announced the final winners - Mr. Noah Lubov and Mr. Jacob Saltzman, each, secured the title as The Apprentice - Season 28; Ms. Gabby Natovitch secured the title as The Director - Season 19. Congratulations to all students for an outstanding season! Collectively, over the fourteen years in operation at Westmount, Coates Securities has raised \$161,943 for charity, \$120,115 of which has been raised for The Canadian Cancer Society.





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 11 and 12

All grade 11 and 12 students will have the ability to request a timetable change starting on Tuesday, Feb. 5th. Students have until Thursday, Feb. 7th to request a timetable change. 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

Grade 9 and 10

Grade 9 and 10 timetables are 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

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.





Elective Certificate:
advanced training in an art form

Tuesday, March 5, 2019
9:00 am -12:00 pm

JEWISH FAMILY &CHILD

For more information or to register please
call Shawna Sidney at 416-638-7800 x 6215
or visit our website at jfandcs.com/groups

groups & workshops FEBRUARY 2019

As with all of our programs, registration is required. Our groups and workshops are open to all members of the community regardless of cultural, religious and/or racial background and we offer a sliding scale for those who require fee reductions.

HIGH CONFLICT DIVORCE

A workshop for parents wanting to develop strategies and techniques to deal with a High Conflict situation and help to lessen the impact of that conflict on their children. This workshop is not for individuals in an abusive situation.

Tuesday, February 5, 2019
7:00pm to 9:00pm
9600 Bathurst St
Lebovic Community Campus

EFFECTIVE PARENTING

A four session group for parents of children ages 2 to 10 years that helps parents learn what they can do to raise a happy, motivated and well behaved child. Topics include: how to nurture self-esteem; encourage problem solving; increase communication and set appropriate limits and discipline.

Thursday, February 14, 2019
7:00pm to 9:00pm
4600 Bathurst St
Lipa Green Centre



facebook.com/jfandcs

February 2019

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					1 PA DAY ON College ap- plication Dead- line	2
3	4 * First day of Sem 2	5 * Sem 2 timetable changes Day 1	6	7 * Gr 11 & 12- Last day to re- quest timetable changes	8	9
10	11	12	13 * School Council	14	15 * Immunization Clinic-Library AM	16
17	18 FAMILY DAY	19	20	21	22 * Course Selec- tion Deadline for 2019-2020	23
24	25	26 * Math Contests	27	28		

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

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