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# Westmount CII

February 11—22, 2019



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# Westmount CI

Dear Families and Community Members

Semester II is underway and we would like to thank all of our students and parents for their patience in dealing with timetable changes. A big thank you to all staff who made this happen – Guidance and Office Staff who worked so hard to ensure all administrative work was completed. We also thank our teachers for their patience during this process.

Guidance and Admin have now visited all of our elementary partner schools to help incoming Grade 9 students learn about Westmount CI and help with their course selection decisions. Current WCI students must choose and submit their courses on My Blueprint by Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The “submit” button will be active as of Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that students choose their courses wisely as this data is used to determine our timetable and course offerings for next year. We base the timetable solely on what the students select!

In order to prepare students for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), that is taking place on March 27, 2019, our Literacy Team is working hard to prepare practice test opportunities and resources for our students to help them prepare. In addition, we will be offering an after-school literacy preparation course for grade 10 students. Classes will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm., beginning on February 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet signed up your grade 10 student, please have your child come by the main office and/or please contact Vice-Principal Barb Caravella or Mr. Neil Orlowsky.

This weekend, members of Westmount's DECA team are participating in the provincial business competitions at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto. We wish them much success!

Semester I final report cards will be mailed home on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please look out for the report card over the next few days!

On Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> our School Council is presenting on evening on “Vaping: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly”. Our tobacco enforcement officer will be speaking to parents about the new legislation and the effects of vaping on our children. We hope you will be able to attend this very important and informative session.

## Upcoming Important Dates

- ✓ Feb 14 – Valentine's Day Spirit Day – we ask all staff and students to wear Red & White
- ✓ Feb 15 – Immunization Clinic at Westmount CI
- ✓ Feb 18 – No School! Family Day
- ✓ Feb 22 – all course selections due! (even graduating students must go in and select “not returning”)
- ✓ Mar 7 – Awards Assembly – Semester I Awards

As always we are a busy place!

If you have questions and/or comments, please give us a call or send us an email! We love hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Sheri Epstein  
Principal

# Westmount Collegiate Institute

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## School Council Meeting Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 at 7:15pm

Please join us on February 13th, to learn about the new legislation surrounding smoking, vaping and the effects of this phenomena. Our Guest Speaker will be our Tobacco Enforcement Officer.

### **“Vaping: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly”**

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## **Semester 2 Parent's Night Appointment Schedule**

With Semester 2 underway, we wanted to remind you that our Semester 2 Parent's Night will take place on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 until 8:30. Please join us between 6:30 and 7:20 p.m. in the school atrium, for a Meet and Greet sessions with all teachers. This is a great opportunity for you to connect with those teachers who you don't really need a full-length appointment with. Beginning at 7:20, teachers will be available for ten-minute interviews, to discuss specific concerns about your child. Appointment bookings will open by the end of the day on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. These appointments are limited and offered on a first-come, first served basis. In the event that you are unable to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher on Parents Night, you are able to set up an appointment at another, mutually agreeable time. Staff email addresses can be found by visiting our [online staff directory](#).

## **Adult Students**

Students born early in the year, in Grade 12, are likely to turn 18. At that point, your child is considered an adult and must provide informed consent to the school, in order for there to be any discussions between you and your child's teachers about their marks or attendance. This "Consent Information Sharing for Parents" form is available in the Main Office, and must be returned to the Office, where it will be noted on your child's electronic file that communication with home can continue. If you have any questions about this, please contact a member of the school's administration.

## **Westmount Welcomes**

Dear Parents, my name is **Sabrina Romano**, and I am a new Science and Math teacher at Westmount C.I. I graduated from the University of Toronto St. George Campus with a Master of Teaching and a Honours Bachelor of Science in Human Biology, Mathematics, and Psychology. I bring a solid foundation as an educator, given that my whole life has been dedicated to contributing to students' educational experience and empowering them as individuals. As an educator, my philosophy is being a life-long learner along-side my students, in order to develop inspiring lessons that encourage inquiry and capture youth's individuality and creativity in order to lead them to success. I create a classroom valued around cooperation and respect to allow for the diversity of students' needs and strengths to be acknowledged, because I believe that when students are given the opportunity to work together in a safe and positive atmosphere, they learn together. I am looking forward to meeting and working with the parents whom are part of the Westmount C.I. community, and to having a successful second semester!

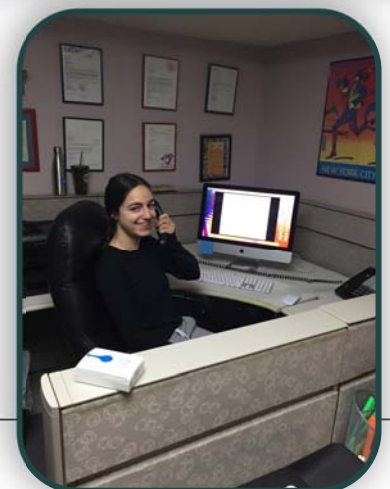
Hello parents of Westmount C.I.! My name is **Dena Berzen** and am currently teaching Grade 11 Law and Grade 10 Civics here at Westmount C.I.. Prior to working at Westmount C.I., I worked in the private school system for 5 years within the Social Sciences, Math and Special Education departments and most currently worked in the Special Education department at Richmond Green Secondary School upon joining the York Region District School Board. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you and to a successful semester with the students.



## THE COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATION

The **Community Based Education Department** would like to congratulate the students on a successful semester and thank the community supervisors who have supported and given the students a great opportunity for experiential learning. Students have had experiences in a variety of work environments such as education, medical, graphic arts, law, culinary, retail, architecture, engineering, and auto. They have developed employability skills and are more prepared to make future career path decisions.

The **Community Based Education Department** would like to expand the list of placement opportunities for our students. If you are interested in investing in the future of our students by having a Co-op student at your work place, please call Mrs. Monica Del Bianco at 905-882-0277 Ext. 104 or at [monica.del-bianco@yrdsb.ca](mailto:monica.del-bianco@yrdsb.ca).





## 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

All students that requested a timetable change in semester 2 will be settled into their classes by Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. **#wcitimetable**

## COURSE SELECTION 2019-2020

On Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> the "SUBMIT" button will appear and student may begin locking in their course. The deadline to lock-in courses is Friday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This will be our first course selection using MyBlueprint which replaces Career Cruising. We are anticipating a smooth transition. However, should your child have any issues submitting their course please remind them to drop into guidance so we can sort it out.

Guidance counsellors will be available for course selection appointments starting the week of Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Stay in the Loop** All parents and guardians are invited to check out our [guidance website](#) and follow us on Twitter @WCIGUIDANCE



### Field trips / Athletic events

#### **Thursday, Feb 14**

- Spoken Word —Tommy Douglas—Williams





# Graduation

## portrait appointments

**We Will Be At Your School:**

**Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Pegasus School Images offers you a variety of poses, props and backgrounds to choose from making your portrait session unique and professional.





# 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](http://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.

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#### 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

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#### 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



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## February 2019

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					1 <b>PA DAY</b> 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 <b>FAMILY DAY</b>	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](http://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

