

Westmount CII

February 25—Mar 8, 2019



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Dear Families and Community members,

Three weeks into Semester 2 and just two more weeks till March Break. It's amazing how quickly the time flies by.

Thank you to all parents who attended our School Council meeting, last week, about vaping! Some very informative (and frankly scary) information was shared, by our community partners in York Region Public Health, including what goes into vaping products, the risks of sharing vapes with numerous other students and shockingly high amount of nicotine. If you didn't get a chance to attend, but would like a copy of the information, please contact the Main Office.

Westmount is always proud of our students. As mentioned in your last bulletin, our DECA students competed in provincials in Toronto a couple of weekends ago. Congratulations to the student delegates who have moved on and will represent WCI in Florida, in the spring. Additionally, a big WCI shout out to our ski team, and our student who is moving on to provincials later this month! And a reminder of our Awards Assembly for Semester 1, held on March 7th.

Course selections for the 2019 – 2020 school year, were due today, via the MyBluePrint platform. We are pleased to announce that most students have already completed this. Students who have not yet submitted their selections for next year will be contacted by a member of the Guidance Department, over the first couple of days of next week, to finish their selections. Our next step in preparing for next year is to compile all the various requests and decide how many sections of each respective course we will be running next year. This is why this course selection is so important! These numbers, once compiled lock in our offerings for the upcoming school year.

As you are already aware, on March 27th, students in Grade 10, along with any student who has not yet successfully complete the OSSLT, will write the Grade 10 Literacy Test. Successful completion of the OSSLT is required for graduation. On March 27th, we run a modified school day, and **no classes will run** for students in Grade 9, 11 or 12 courses. More information, specifically for students completing the test this year will be available in upcoming newsletters.

Finally, our Parents' Night for Semester 2 is on March 28th. Again this year, we will be using Edsby to book appointments for your child's teacher. If you have already registered with Edsby, there is no need to register again. Only parents newly registered, or with new emails will be asked to do so, before our Parents' Night. More information about Parents' Night can be found later in this newsletter.

Thank you again for your on-going support of your child. Should you have any questions, about anything you've read here, or in the newsletter, please feel free to contact one of us in the Main Office.

Sincerely,

Todd Taylor
Vice Principal

DECA PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

Westmount DECA competed at the DECA Ontario competitions between Thursday, February 7th and Saturday, February 9th at the Sheraton Centre. Case competitions ranged between Marketing, Finance, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, Business Operations or Business Management. All 64 delegates used their business skills and savviness to sell the judges on their ideas. Several awards were secured by Westmount in a variety of categories. Overall Provincial Champions moving forward to the International competitions in Orlando, this April are: Linda Jiang, Sherry Li, Romy Levy, Sydney Perez, Jordan Gerlock, and David Weiss. Congratulations on your accomplishments!



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 28th 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 18th, 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](#).

Archery at Westmount

Westmount was proud to partner up with NASP this week to introduce and refine the students archery skills.



Grade 12 Digital Photography

Students explore light, composition, & creativity in their 'Citrus Challenge'.



Alisha Papazian



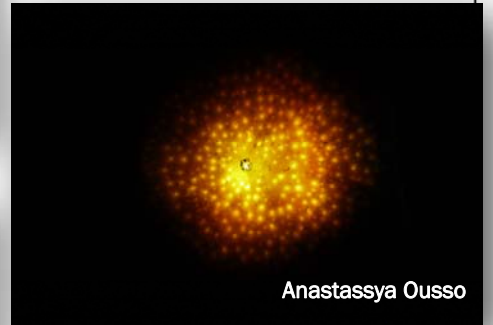
Cassandra Porikos



Claude Labuschagne



Daniel Cohen



Anastassya Ousso



Joshua Warman



Daniella Vizelter



Leon Gritsyk



Sophie Katzenberg



Rachel Gurr



Riley Goldstein



Jaamie Voronoff

Ms. Alweyn's Gr. 9 Phys-Ed— Valentine's Skate





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

COURSE SELECTION 2019-2020

Students have selected their courses and choice are now locked into MyBlueprint. After March Break on Wednesday, March 20th all students will receive a verification of their course selection. Student can make changes to their course selection directly on this verification form. The form needs to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the Guidance office by Friday, March 22. After March 22nd, no further changes can be made to a course selection until September.

Guidance counsellors are still meeting with students regarding course selection over the next few week; up until the end of March. Counsellors are able to make changes to a student's course selection after any deadline.

The course selection process and timeline can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/course-selection>. For real time notifications and updates, follow @WCIGuidance on Twitter. Use #wcicourseselection.

GRADUATION CLASS NEWS AN UPDATE

Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to review the updated "Graduating Class NEWS" page of the guidance website <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/graduation> Items that have been updated include: **OUAC/OCAS grades** transmission dates, part-time status and **full disclosure** dates, final **GRAD assembly** date, **Prom**, **valedictorian** nomination and voting process, **community service** hours due date, **graduation ceremony** date and time and the **graduation awards of excellence** deadline.

Please note that the deadline for students to RSVP for the June Graduation Ceremony is Friday, March 15th!!! Caps, gowns and diplomas must be ordered by this date.

ALSO....

Community services hours for graduation are due Friday, June 7th

Students following @WCIGuidance on Twitter will receive reminders for all of the above important events and dates. Look under hashtag #wcigrad

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 @WCI GUIDANCE



Field trips / Athletic events

Tuesday, Feb 26

- Gr. 9 Pascal Math Contest—Gold
- Gr. 10 Cayley Math Contest—Gold
- Gr. 11 Fermat Math Contest—Gold

Thursday, Feb 27

- Textile Museum—Burgis, Bonder

Thursday, Feb 28

- Central Peel SS—Shin

Friday, Mar 1

- AGO—Folmeg, Burgis, Ivanovic

Tuesday, Mar 5

- SNAP Floor—Richmond Green SS—Berditchevskaia, Sitt
- Soccer Tournament—Gorewicz, Alweyn, Wright

Wednesday, Mar 6

- Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts—Berditchevskaia, Sitt



Graduation

portrait appointments

We Will Be At Your School:

Monday, February 25th

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 jfundcs.com/groups

groups & workshops

MARCH 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.

LIVING WITH TEENS

Parenting your adolescent without losing your cool. A six session group for parents of teenagers. Topics include: setting appropriate limits; learning to let go; parent's rights and responsibilities; keeping the lines of communication open; realistic expectations, and the pressures of drugs, alcohol, dating and sexuality.

Tuesday, March 19, 2019
7:30pm to 9:00pm
4600 Bathurst St
Lipa Green Centre



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March 2019

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3	4	5	6	7 * Awards Assembly (P1)	8	9
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<h1>March Break</h1>						
17	18 * Interim Reports Distributed * Parents Night Appointments Open	19	20 * School Council * Course verification Distributed	21 * OSSLT Assembly	22 * Course verification due	23
24	25	26	27 * OSSLT	28 * Parents Night	29	30
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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

