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March 12 -23, 2018

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Inspire Learning!

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Vice-Principal: Todd Taylor

IT'S TIME FOR
**MARCH
BREAK**

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Message from the Admin Team

Dear Families and Community Members,

The second semester is now well underway! Shortly, you will be receiving the Semester 2 Interim Report card. It will be distributed on March 22nd. This report will give you an indication of your son/daughter's initial achievement with their current courses. Should you have any other inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's teachers directly.

Before we begin building next year's timetable, we provide students one more chance to make any changes. After March Break, we will be sending home a Course Verification sheet, which students can make changes on and return to us by March 23rd.

We will use these course selections to create our timetable for the 2018 - 2019 school year, so it is very important that the students choose the courses, and alternate courses, that they would like to see on their timetables for next year.

We are very proud to announce that during the recent provincial DECA competition six of our students won their category and qualified for the international DECA competition which takes place in April in Atlanta, Georgia. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing about their accomplishments.

We are also very proud to let you know that our "Spoken Word" team won the Area West finals and will be moving on to the next round of competition on March 21st. We wish them Good Luck!

Our Semester 1 Awards Ceremony took place on March 8th. It was a wonderful event and students and parents enjoyed the ceremony and the cookies! Thank you to all the parents who attended our celebration. It is wonderful to have so much support for our students and our school.

Our second semester Parents Night is going to take place on Tuesday March 27th. Our evening will begin with in the Atrium from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm. This will give all parents an opportunity to meet all teachers informally and have a quick conversation on how things are going in the classroom. Light refreshments will be provided. At 7:15 pm, we move into the formal portion of the evening. Appointments will be required at this time. This year you will be able to make appointments on-line through EDSBY. More information on how to do this can be found later in this bulletin. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Other dates worth notes in the coming weeks are:

- March 21st – School Council Meeting – the Ontario Literacy Test – Everything you need to know!
- March 26th – Grade 12 Grad Group Picture – Atrium – Period 2
- March 27th – mandatory Grade 12 assembly – Topic: Prom and Graduation
- March 28th – Spirit Day – Go Jays Go! – Wear your favourite Blue Jays shirt to school
- April 3rd – International Trip 2019 Information Evening – 7:00 pm in the Library
- April 10th - Grade 10 OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test)

With warmest regards,

Sheri Epstein

Wednesday, March 21

- Spoken Word Team - Wendatt Village PS - Wagman

Thursday, March 22

- University of Guelph - Soon Shiong, Phone, Wodlinger



Parent Teacher Interview Appointments now available.

As mentioned in previous bulletins, the Board's new parental engagement platform, Edsby, is now open for you to book appointments with your child's teachers on March 27th. All parents should have received an email last week, inviting you to create an account at <https://yrdsb.edsby.com>. Detailed instructions about how to book appointments with your child's teachers can be found by visiting <https://vimeo.com/219920121>.

Should you have any questions, didn't receive the invitation to Edsby or need more help, please feel free to contact the Main Office.

Co-operative Education Applications

Co-op Student Applications and Interview Times have been distributed in homeroom classes. Students who have chosen Co-op for next year need to return their Appointment slips to Mrs. Seitz or Mrs. Rosenberg and bring their completed Application forms to their scheduled interview. Students must also ask two teachers for Teacher References.

Please help your son/daughter to complete the form and sign on the back of the package.

Thank you!

BUSINESS ADS FOR YEARBOOK

Parents that would like to place an ad for their business in our school yearbook this year, please contact our Yearbook Business Manager at wciyearbook.business@gmail.com for more information by Wednesday, March 21st and you will be sent an ad kit.

Advertising Price list

Advertisement Type	Price	Savings
		Savings are compared against the \$70 base price
1/8 Page Advertisement	\$70.00	
1/4 Page Advertisement	\$125.00	\$15.00
1/2 Page Advertisement	\$175.00	\$105.00
Full Page Advertisement	\$325.00	\$235.00
Text Advertisement	\$25.00	NA

Mindfulness Workshop for Students

Guidance will be running a 5 week free mindfulness workshop for students during period 3 starting March 29th. It will be in the dance studio and be a combination of gentle yoga and meditation. It is for students who need help with de-stressing and learning strategies to help them focus. Students can sign up in guidance period 3. See Mrs. Burgis for details.

Varsity Girls and Boys soccer

On Thursday March 8th, our Varsity Girls' and Boys' soccer teams participated in the Tommy Douglas Indoor Tourna-



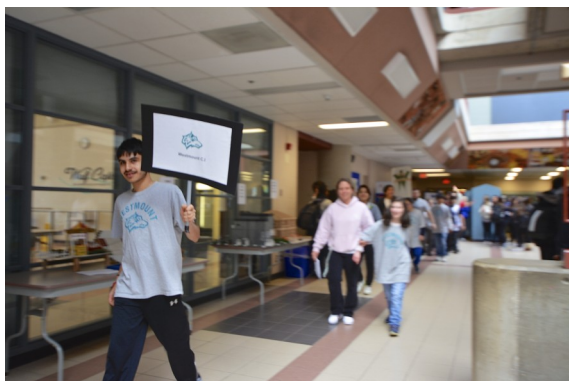
Drama Class

Our Drama in the Community class visited the daycare this week to read stories with the kids. Our grade 9/10 students did a great job and are starting to appreciate this class as a way to connect with the community outside of our classrooms. Hooray.



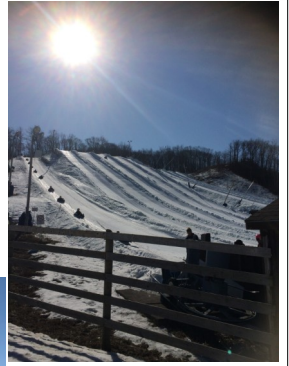
Snap Floor Hockey Tournament

Westmount hosted a snap floor hockey tournament Wednesday March 7th for students in the developmentally delayed class. Schools from all around the board came to participate, including: Emily Carr, Woodbridge Collegiate, Steven Lewis, Vaughan Secondary and Father Bressani High School. The afternoon was filled with competitive fun and amazing memories. The tournament had everything from a mini dance party to awards given at the end for each player. The whole afternoon and tournament was a great success that was not only fun for everyone involved, but immensely heart warming for the student volunteers of Westmount to witness and help with.



Snow Valley Trip

On Tuesday February 27th, students from Grade 9 Physical Education classes travelled to Snow Valley where they participated in a fun filled day of snow tubing! We couldn't have asked for better weather; students certainly got their daily dose of physical activity and vitamin D! As teachers, it was a pleasure to see our students interacting with their peers and enjoying themselves outside the typical classroom.



ARTS Westmount Vocal Department

Congratulations to the ARTS Westmount Vocal Department, as they competed last week during the busy Festival season. Friday, March 1st held thrilling performances from our Women's and Chamber Choirs at the Kiwanis Music Festival. Both groups poured their souls into these performances and received Gold standings. On Tuesday, Feb. 27th our Concert Choir's performance at the OVF Festival recommended us to Nationals - MusicFest.



ARTS Westmount would also like to send out a special thank you to Westmount parents - Chadah, Glazas, Silverman, Yeremian who took the time out of their busy schedules to make our performances their priority. Knowing that our parents supported us in the audience held a comforting & reassuring feeling for all of our groups.

Our last and final performance will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd at the University of Toronto Choral Festival. The vocal students will participate in a full day workshop with Dr. Apfelstadt (Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Conducting), collaborations with 5 of the top high school choirs in the city and then a massed choir performance of 500+ choristers at the end of the day.

ARTS Westmount Vocal Department has also set up a Sound Cloud account - where all of the recorded music from our 5 choirs will be streamed in one space. Please "follow" the page & "like" our music! <https://soundcloud.com/artswestmountvocaldepartment>

Thanks again for supporting ARTS Westmount and our students!

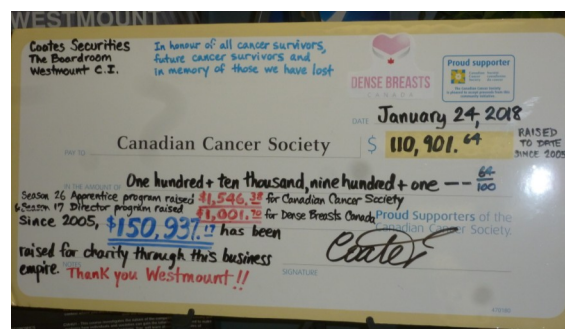


Coates Securities Season Finale - New Apprentice, Director & Broker Hired

On January 24th, the Season Finale was held in the boardroom, where the final candidates went head-to-head in a 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 charity.



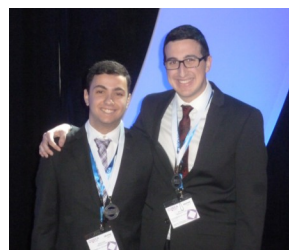
The Entrepreneurs, collectively raised \$1,790 for The Canadian Cancer Society, through their ventures and Bare Necessities. The Marketers raised \$1,100 for Dense Breasts Canada. During the Season Finale, the Executives asked the candidates a series of questions, weighed their responses with their respective book smarts and street smarts demonstrated throughout the twenty-sixth season of The Apprentice and the seventeenth season of The Director. After the votes were cast, Mr. Coates added his vote, tallied the results and then announced the final winners - Mr. Jamie Benudiz secured the title as The Apprentice - Season 26; Mr. Jory Clements secured the title as The Director - Season 17 and Mr. Brandon Freedman became The Coates Securities Agent - Season 2. Congratulations to all for an outstanding season! Collectively, over the fourteen years in operation at Westmount, Coates Securities has raised \$150,937 for charity, \$110,900 of which has been raised for The Canadian Cancer Society.



DECA PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS FOR INTERNATIONALS

DECA Provincial competitions were a terrific success for Westmount - moving several on to International competitions in Atlanta, Georgia, in April!

Top 10 across the province in their categories: Romy Levy - Principles of Hospitality, Jessica Rotstein - Principles of Marketing, Jacob Levy - Sports & Entertainment Promotion Plan, Jory Clements and Imaad Remtula - Automotive Services Marketing, Jordi Kofsky and Jamie Schlosser - Buying & Merchandising, Raviv Talkar - Business Services Marketing, Sydney Perez - Hotel & Lodging Management, Brandon Freedman, Daniel Frank & Eric Mogilner - International Business Plan and Matthew Paulin & Benji Saltz - Entrepreneurship Independent Business Plan.



@WCI Guidance Team UPDATES

2018-19 COURSE SELECTION

A verification form of course selection will be distributed to all students in their homeroom on Wednesday March 21. Changes can be made on this form. This form must be signed by a parent/guardian and return to school by Friday, March 23. <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/course-selection> #wcicourseselection



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.

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. Nominations are due to Guidance by Wednesday, March 28th.

The final Gr. 12 Graduation Preparation Assembly will take place Tuesday, March 27th, period 2 in the cafeteria. All grade 12 students need to attend.

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>



[@WCI Guidance](#)

School Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 21st, 2018

7:00 pm—8:30 pm— in the Library

Please join us on Wednesday to learn more about the

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

What exactly is the OSSLT?

What do the students need to know?

How is the test scored? What is need to pass?

What is the schedule for the day?

What happens if my child is not successful on the OSSLT?

Our Guest Speakers will be Mr. David Pressman, Literacy Teacher, Mr. Todd Taylor, Vice-Principal, and Ms. Barb Caravella



We hope you able to join us!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - 2019 - ITALY AND GREECE

Update on the 2019 Japan Trip

We have been informed by the YRDSB that they are unable to approve our trip to Japan due to the distance we would have to travel.

But since Westmount still loves to travel....

We would like to introduce our alternate trip to.....



ITALY & GREECE 2019

TRIP DATES

May 2nd – May 12th, 2019

INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018
7:00pm Library

This trip is for students who will be in Grades 10-12 during the 2018-2019 school year.
We encourage all interested parents/guardians to attend the meeting.

Questions? Contact Natasha.Popiel@yrdsb.ca

Teacher Chaperones: Mr. Orlowsky, Ms. Polimeni and Ms. Popiel
Principal attending: Ms. Epstein



Stressed out?

Join me for a free 5 week

Mindfulness Workshop

When: Thursday March 29, April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26
11:30-12:20

Where: WCI Dance Studio

What to Wear: comfortable layers you can move in



RSVP to Mrs. Burgis
Period 3 in GUIDANCE



*Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) &
York Region District School Board (YRDSB) presents a:*

Scholarship Application Workshop

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Vaughan Secondary School

1401 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill, L4J 7R4
(Dufferin & Steeles Avenue)



*An interactive workshop to show students and parents how
to search, apply and win scholarships and bursaries.
**We especially encourage students of African Caribbean
descent to attend.***

If you are in high school this workshop is for YOU!

Register via Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/2spMZY7> by Monday, February 26, 2018

For further information contact Charlotte Reid at 905-884-2046 x264 or

Cheryl Yarde at 416-566-2731 or info@inbfcn.ca

FREE EVENT

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
EVERYONE WELCOME**

Summer Co-operative Education 2018

Information and Application: bit.ly/SummerCoop2018

NEW!

1 Credit Summer Co-op

SHSM and Non-SHSM students

Program Dates: July 3 - July 27

Application Deadline: **June 1, 2018**

Interview Dates: June 4 - 15



SHSM Mackenzie Health 2 Credit Summer Co-op

SHSM H&W and Business Students

Program Dates: May 9 - Aug 3

Application Deadline: **March 23, 2018**

Interviews Dates: April 5 -6

Required Volunteer Week:
August 6th-10th



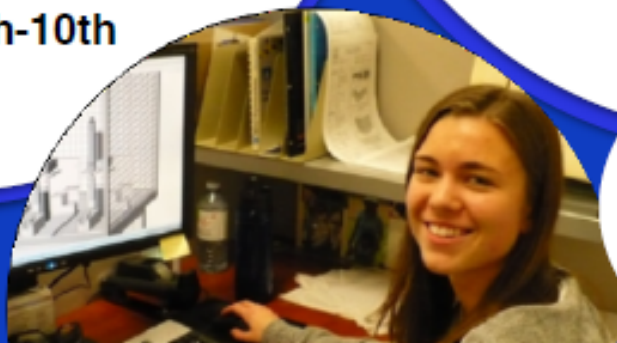
2 Credit Summer Co-op

SHSM and Non-SHSM students

Program Dates: May 9th-Aug 3rd

Application Deadline: **March 23, 2018**

Interview Dates: April 9th-20th



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

MARCH 2018

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.

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
7:00pm to 9:00pm
4600 Bathurst St
Lipa Green Centre

EFFECTIVE PARENTING

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

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
7:00pm to 9:00pm
9600 Bathurst St
Lebovic Community Campus



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MARCH 2018

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4	5	6	7	8 * Award's Assembly	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
March Break						
18	19	20	21 * School Council	22 * Interim distributes	23	24
25	26	27 * Parents Night	28	29 * Spirit Day - Blue Jays Day - Dress up: Blue Jays Clothing	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31

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.

