

Westmount CII



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Hello Westmount Families and Community Members!

We hope that you and your families are doing well and feeling healthy. What are you doing to keep busy during all this home time? Are you learning any new skills? Are you spending time baking, or painting, or doing puzzles? We would love to hear what you are doing to keep busy!

Our on-line learning will continue until school finishes on June 26. At this time you will begin to see more and more synchronous learning from our teaching staff. The York Region District School Board defines synchronous learning as any learning that takes place in “real time”. Real time learning can take on many forms. Some examples are talking to a teacher during “office hours” either through email or a google meet, or an on-line class discussion, maybe a live lesson or a game that the whole class is playing at the same time. We are asking our teachers to continue doing the wonderful work they have been doing and we have challenged them to try new ways of providing “real time” learning over this last month of school. We are all learning together and this whole experience is demonstrating how much flexibility and resilience our students and staff possess. I am so very proud of everyone!

Many of you have been asking about when students will have access to the school to retrieve items that have been left in lockers. Well, the good news is that this is going to happen! We don't have all the details yet but the Board is working closely with York Region Public Health to develop a plan that would allow students to come to the school and pick up personal items. When we have the final plan we will share it with you; stay tuned!

Remember that we are here for you! If you need anything please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Be well and stay healthy.

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Vaughan Public Libraries Virtual Science Fair

On June 1st, Vaughan Public Libraries will be launching a *Virtual Science Fair* which is open for any participants in Grade 2 to Grade 12. Create a website, a video presentation, an animated cartoon, or a video game to showcase your research centered around a theme which will be announced when the event launches on June 1st. The Science Fair will accept entries throughout the month of June, with final submissions due on June 30th.

The event will launch with several categories for participants, Junior (for grades 2-5), Intermediate (for grades 6 – 8), and Senior (for grades 9-12). You are welcome to join as a solo participant or as a group, working collaboratively online. We cannot wait to see what the eager young minds of Vaughan can come up with when they rise to the challenge.

Event rules, registration information, and submission guidelines, and Judging Rubric will be available online at event launch, on June 1st, 2020.

For any inquiries on this upcoming event, please contact the Virtual Science Fair communications officer Rosa Covertini, at rosa.covertini@vaughan.ca or the Virtual Science Fair lead, Tommy Sunthorn, at tommy.sunthorn@vaughan.ca.

Dual Credit Summer School Program

On-line Dual Credit Summer courses are currently being offered by some of our College partners for students to take in July.

Priority for the summer program will be given to students currently in Grade 12 who need one or two credits to graduate. However, any current senior student who faces challenges in graduating or who is in a SHSM or OYAP program can also apply and will be placed on a waitlist before being approved.

See the attached PDF flyer for information on summer courses, dates, FAQs, etc. Students can apply here: <http://bit.ly/yrcsbsummerdc> using their Gapps email.

Westmount DECA Executive Applications Now Open!

Students interested in being part of the Westmount DECA Executive team for the 2020-2021 school year, please join the Westmount DECA google classroom using the code **6ni7ndg**, where you will find an application. Please submit your application for the position you are applying for by Friday, June 5, 2020. You will be then contacted by the current executive to set up a google meet interview with Mr. Coates and the current executive."



**It's hard to beat
someone that never
gives up.**



Grade 9 Family Studies

Over the past three weeks in Grade 9 Family Studies we have been learning about 'Daily Living Skills' including the importance of eating healthy and cooking healthy meals. Following the guidance of the updated Canada's Food Guide the students were busy cooking healthy meals for themselves and their families while at home. Even some special meals were made for Mother's Day! Here are some images of what the students have been cooking. Keep up the great work!!





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

Guidance is OPEN from HOME

Your counsellors are home and available to you by e-mail. Please reach out to your ALPHA Counsellor if you have any questions or concerns.

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Stay in the Loop

The [Guidance Website](#) will be updated with any relevant information you need to know. Bookmark this page on your home device and check in every now and then.

Follow @WCIGuidance and @WCI_YRDSB for real time notifications. During this time, Twitter has become the most effective way of updating information and making announcements. Spread the word. Remind friends and family of the Westmount community to follow us on Twitter.



Graduating Class of 2020

Awards of Excellence

Although our Graduation Ceremony for 2020 has been postponed we are still asking for Awards of Excellence applications and a Class of 2020 Valedictorian.


<https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/graduation> #wcigrad

Awards of Excellence Applications are due Friday, June 5th, 2020

Class of 2020 Valedictorian

On-line VOTING via GAPPS opened on Friday, May 22 and will close at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27. For complete information, application and nomination forms go to <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/graduation> #wcigrad

HERE TO HELP PHONE LINE

 905-503-9561

 Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

 For children and youth (0-18 yrs) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters.

Call us if you have concerns that could benefit from quick access to phone counselling.

If you're a young person, some reasons you may call could be if you're:

- ✓ Feeling sad, worried or angry
- ✓ Having fights with your parents or siblings
- ✓ Being bullied
- ✓ Dealing with a personal issue
- ✓ Feeling like you might hurt yourself
- ✓ Suffering because someone has hurt you
- ✓ Feeling like you are being treated unfairly
- ✓ Are having difficulty managing your stress or anxiety related to COVID-19

If you're a parent or caregiver, some reasons you may call could be if you're:

- ✓ Constantly arguing with your child or young person
- ✓ Concerned around your child's anxiety, stress or depression
- ✓ Looking for support around parenting issues
- ✓ Anxiety, stress and depression
- ✓ Family relationship issues
- ✓ Managing stress and anxiety related to COVID-19
- ✓ Parenting resources and concerns

If you don't see your concern listed above, please still call!

How to access the Here to Help Phone Line:

- 1** Call 905-503-9561 to speak with someone (you may have to leave a message and we will call you back).
- 2** Review some initial questions (10-15 minutes).
- 3** You will be given a time slot and informed of when to expect a call back from one of our Here to Help Phone Line therapists.

The Here to Help Phone Line is not a crisis line. If you are in crisis, please contact: 310-COPE (1-855-310-2673), Kids Help Phone (1-800-668-6868), call 911 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

Visit www.yorkhills.ca for more information.

DESIGN YOUR FUTURE BLACK YOUTH LEGACY CONFERENCE

Register for FREE tickets on Eventbrite at: MACCA's Design Your Future: Black Youth Legacy Conference
Every Wednesday - 7:00pm: May27th- June17th 2020

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THREE \$1000 AWARDS AVAILABLE TO
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of African or Caribbean descent

Do you have what we're looking for? Apply today!

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MAY 31, 2020**

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secondary education in the fall 2020. The awards recognize individuals of African or Caribbean descent on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated leadership and community involvement, and financial need. Payment of the award will be made directly to the student's post-secondary institution.

For more information about the scholarship application such as eligibility and upcoming dates, scroll further down the page.

How to Apply

Complete either the online or PDF version of the application form and submit no later than March 20, 2020.

******Deadline has been extended to May 31, 2020.***

Choose to either:



2020 Scholarship Application Deadline Extended to May 31st

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