

Message from the Admin Team

Speeding towards June

It's been a busy couple of weeks here at WCI, with the holidays, Parents Night and preparing for the OSSLT. Additionally, planning is already well underway for the next school year. We'd like to update you on some of these items, and give you a heads up of what is to come.

Our Parents' Night last Tuesday evening was a success. In addition to strong participation from the parent community, we also welcomed York Regional Police to the evening, to touch base and explain the extremely important relationship we have with our police partners. Our current School Resource Officer, Kathy Armstrong, provides workshops to our physical education and law classes and frequents the school to build relationships with both our students and our teaching staff. We are lucky to have such a strong relationship. Should you have a question that you'd like to ask Sergeant Armstrong, either involving your child or the community in general, please contact the Main Office, and we can provide her contact information.

If you didn't get a chance to attend our Parents' Night, please feel free to connect directly with your child's teacher directly. Most teachers prefer email for contact. The Board's naming convention for emails is firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca. Again, if you require your child's teacher's email address or voicemail address, please contact the Main Office.

Traditional end-of-year school event planning is well underway. Prom Ticket sales finished on Wednesday and we are looking forward to a wonderful evening on May 17th. Students in Grade 12 participated in their final Graduation assembly last week, and expectations for Prom were shared. It is important for all graduating students to remember that university offers of admission are **conditional** and require successful completion of any remaining courses.

A thank you to Ms. Tarver and Mr. Draxler for being this year's Staff Advisors to the Relay for Life, which happens on May 24th. Last year, the school raised over \$20,000 in one day for the Canadian Cancer Society and we look forward to smashing that record this year. An in-school committee, comprised of student volunteers, student clubs and various Grade 12 classes are busily organizing all the events to have a great event! Stay tuned for more information.

On April 11th, we will be having a modified school day, to facilitate students writing the **Ontario Secondary Schools Literacy Test**. Please note: Only students writing the test are to attend school on that day. Students need to be at school, in their writing room, by 9:00 a.m. that day. Students will have two-and-a-half hours to complete Booklet 1. Lunch will be between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and Booklet 2 will begin promptly at 12:30. We expect that some students may not use the entire block to complete each booklet, though they must stay in the writing room for 75 minutes. At the end of 75 minutes, students may choose to participate in one of a variety of activities that WCI staff will be running, or leave the building. However, students **MUST** be back at WCI for the beginning of Booklet 2 at 12:30. Students are to be dismissed when they finish Booklet 2, but no earlier than 1:45 p.m. Should you have any specific questions, please contact Ms. Caravella in the Main Office, or Mr. Pressman, our school's Literacy Teacher.

In order to support our SHSM students achieve their necessary certifications, we are trying something new at WCI this year. On Saturday May 5th, students are invited to participate in [Certification Saturday](#), an opportunity for them to complete three of their required certifications, including Taping and Wrapping, Fund-raising, Networking and Concussion Awareness. For more information on how to register, please click on the link above.

Finally, an update about next school year. Thank you to everyone who completed their Course Verification forms. We now have an accurate count of how many sections of each class we will be running next year. Over the next month, we will build a school timetable, based on student selections, which provides the largest number of students with the greatest number of requested courses. Once the timetable has been built, by mid-June, we provide an update to teaching staff, in terms of which departments they will be teaching in next year. Finally, in mid-August, a copy of your child's timetable will be emailed to you. Thank you for your on-going support as we work to accommodate over 1,400 students requests for next year.

Hoping you have a great April. See you in a couple of weeks.

Todd Taylor,
Vice Principal,

Wednesday, April 11

- Baycrest Health Science Centre - Gr.9 Visual Arts - Clarfield
- Badminton - Gorewicz, Jarvis
- CAMH - Malatesta, Suganthan

Thursday, April 12

- Badminton - Gorewicz, Jarvis
- Mistery Room - Gorewicz, Hopkins, Dor

Friday, April 13

- Ontario Science Centre

Tuesday, April 17

- Badminton - Gorewicz, Jarvis

Thursday, April 19

- Badminton - Gorewicz, Jarvis

Friday, April 20

- Music Alive Festival - Nixon



Westmount Spoken Word Team Report

Westmount's Spoken Word Team has advanced to the York Region finals, one of only four schools to reach the Championship Slam. The team is made up of Ellie Mota, Esther Loiszli, Juliana Sarychev, Arielle Panovka, and Ashley Hermalin as well as coaches Ryan Litvac and Melanie Bercovitch. Everyone is welcome to the York Region Final, held this year at Richmond Hill High School on Monday, April 23rd from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Come out and support your team!

Library news

For the newest **materials added this past March**, please see our evolving updates on our [New Books to the WCI Library Collection](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/westmount.ci/library/Pages/newbooks.aspx) page (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/westmount.ci/library/Pages/newbooks.aspx>). All new **fiction** titles, organized by author surname, have also been added to our alphabetically arranged [Critically Acclaimed Authors / Literary Fiction](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/westmount.ci/library/Pages/authors-literary.aspx) pages (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/westmount.ci/library/Pages/authors-literary.aspx>). As always, by clicking on the:

- **Author name**, all titles in our Library catalogue by that author, are be retrieved
- **Title**, all online reviews for that specific title are retrieved
- **Call #**, the number of copies we own and what remains available for current signout, are retrieved

GSA Club

The GSA club aims to provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ members and allies of Westmount CI. We hold weekly meeting where LGBTQ+ related discussions, debates, history lessons, and organizing events dedicated to GSA all take place. We also love to express ourselves in various creative art forms such as poetry, painting, and crafts as a way to spread our message of inclusiveness and acceptance. All sexual orientations are welcome in our club, and we'd love to see you at our next meeting!

ArtsWest - Vocal

What a phenomenal day at the University of Toronto Choral Festival for the ArtsWest voice department. Our competition/festival season has ended with a huge bang and great success! In addition to the voice department being chosen as the recipient of the 2018 ***Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber Award***, this was Arts Westmount's first experience performing in a mass choir with over 300 students, working with composer Matthew Emery and performing in front of six of the top choral groups in our city. Special thanks to Dr. Apfelstadt & the music team at the University of Toronto for hosting the event & also to our clinicians; Tracy Wong, Mark Ramsay and Elaine Choi. Our collaborative pianist, Trevor Chartrand was amazing and set the tone for the entire performance.

We also want to acknowledge our amazing and supportive parents - Giann, Harris, Rutman, Snitman, Yakobovitch, Yeremian, and Ziskind families who took the time out of their busy schedules to make our performances top priority. I know that our students feel valued and appreciated with every parent seen in the seat. Our hearts are very full today - please "follow" and "like" our music at <https://soundcloud.com/artswestmountvocaldepartment> and don't forget to join us for ***Spring-Fest***, held at Vaughan City Playhouse on June 7th 2018 @7pm!



Baseball

There will be an baseball information meeting at 8AM - 8:15 on April 11th in Cafeteria for any student interested in playing on a baseball team



Westmount Apparel

Please see attached flyer for details on styles, sizes and prices.

Please come to **Bare Necessities** between 8:15 and 8:35 and 12:30-12:45 Monday-Friday to load your student / staff card with cash (with Mr. Coates). Then return to the store, at your convenience, to process your order with a student employee. Our first orders will be placed April 16th.

@WCI Guidance Team UPDATES

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** @WCI Guidance on Twitter. Get real-time notifications regarding news, events and more. You can even tweet or direct message your question to us.

GRADUATION CLASS NEWS

The Graduating Class NEWS page of the Guidance website has been updated. Please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/graduation> Follow @WCI Guidance on Twitter for real-time #wcigrad updates.

Graduation Preparation Assembly #2

The assembly took place on Tuesday, March 27th. The assembly presentation and the Grad Package has been uploaded to the Guidance website <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/graduation> #wcigrad

Senior Prom/GRAD Ticket Distribution

Wednesday, April 11

3:30 to 4:30

Cafeteria

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

HOW TO DROP A CLASS – GRADE 11 and 12

The process is easy! Here's how <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/dropping-a-course> #wcidropacourse

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>



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.



[@WCI Guidance](#)

Grade 6 and 7 Students and Family!



Invites you to join us for an information evening about...

HIGH SCHOOL

Date

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Time

7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

Location

Westmount C.I. Cafeteria

1000 New Westminister Drive
Thornhill, Ontario



- How many courses will I have to take?
- Is high school hard?
- What's a SHSM or AP?
- How many classes will I have in one year?
- What happens after high school?
- What are the teachers like?
- Can we use cell phones?

Meet members of Administration, Special Education, Guidance, and Teaching staff.

The Westmount Experience awaits you! See you there!



@WCIguidance
#wcievent





EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EIAC) ISLAMOPHOBIA SUB-COMMITTEE

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

Islamophobia at YRDSB schools

We are seeking youth, families and community members to provide input related to islamophobia and experiences of Muslims in York Region public schools. EIAC will be providing recommendations to the board based on these consultations.

There are four community consultations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee. Please join us.

April 20	3:30pm – 5pm	Maple High School, 50 Springside Road, Maple, ON L6A 2W5
April 23	6:30pm – 8pm	Dr John M Denison SS, 135 Bristol Road, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8J7
April 26	6pm – 7:30pm	H G Bernard PS, 245 Bernard Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1E1
May 12	12:30pm – 2pm	Middlefield CI, 525 Highglen Avenue, Markham, ON L3S 3L5

[Registration online is preferred however not mandatory.](#)

For more information, accessibility, childminding, transportation or translation requirements, please contact:

Freyja Phillips by email at: freya.phillips@yrdsb.ca

Light refreshments will be provided.



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EIAC) ANTISEMITISM SUB-COMMITTEE

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

Antisemitism at YRDSB schools

We are seeking youth, families and community members to provide input related to antisemitism in York Region public schools. EIAC will be providing recommendations to the board based on these consultations.

There are three community consultations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee. Please join us.

April 29	9:45 – 11:45am	Thornhill Woods PS, 341 Thornhill Woods Drive, Thornhill, ON L4J 8V6
May 10	7pm – 9pm	Richmond Green SS, 1 William Bell Parkway, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9
May 16	7pm – 9pm	Dr John M Denison SS, 135 Bristol Road, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8J7

[Registration online is preferred however not mandatory.](#)

For more information, accessibility, childminding, transportation or translation requirements, please contact:

Freyja Phillips by email at: freya.phillips@yrdsb.ca

Light kosher refreshments will be provided.

Are you looking for an
inclusive, accepting,
and educational club?

Join GSA!

Gender Sexuality Alliance

MEETINGS EVERY FRIDAY

AT 3:20 IN ROOM 112

Questions? Email gsawci@gmail.com

Why Join GSA?

Learn more about the LGBTQ+ community.

Be apart of a supportive, non judgemental group!

Be apart of interesting and relevant discussions.

LGBTQ+ trivia Kahoots!

All sexual identities are welcome.

Join us in fun events such as **PRIDE** and mural painting.

Get a chance to share your story and learn from others

Questions? Email gsawci@gmail.com

WESTMOUNT APPAREL



Hype Pull-On Hoodie



Black Fitted Mid Profile Cap



Long Sleeve Shirt



Short Sleeve T-Shirts



Black Knit Skull Cap



Hooded Sweatshirt

Please load student card with Mr. Coates for total purchase amount at Bare Necessities, Monday-Friday 8:15-8:35 am and 12:30-12:45 pm - then submit order form and make final purchase (with student card) at Bare Necessities with student employee. Please choose sizes carefully. All orders are made to order.

Sizing samples are available at Bare Necessities.



Westmount Collegiate Institute - Apparel 2018

Student Name: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Period 2 Teacher: _____



Hype Pull-Over Hoodie

100% Performance Polyester Fleece With Full Front Decoration

100% Premium Fully Embroidered Logo

	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Black Marle					
Black					
White					

x \$65.00

Personalization

x \$7.00

to appear on lower back (First Name or Last Name)

TOTAL: _____



Hooded Sweatshirt

50/50 Cotton/Polyester
2 Colour Imprint Front Logo

	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Dark Heather					
Black					
White					

x \$35.00

Personalization

x \$7.00

to appear on lower back (First Name or Last Name)

TOTAL: _____



Long Sleeve Shirt

100% Cotton
2 Colour Imprint Front Logo

	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Dark Heather					
Black					
White					

x \$20.00

Personalization

x \$7.00

to appear on lower back (First Name or Last Name)

TOTAL: _____



Short Sleeve T-Shirt

100% Cotton
2 Colour Imprint Front Logo

	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Dark Heather					
Black					
White					

x \$15.00

Personalization

x \$7.00

to appear on lower back (First Name or Last Name)

TOTAL: _____



Black Knit Skull Cap

100% Cotton
Embroidered Front Logo

QTY: _____ x \$18.00

TOTAL: _____



Black Fitted Mid Profile Cap

97/3 Washed Cotton/Spandex Twill
Embroidered Front Logo

QTY: _____ x \$20.00

TOTAL: _____

GRAND TOTAL _____

Prices include all applicable taxes

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2018-2019

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 15 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	Level 2 (Grade 11)	Level 3 (Grade 12)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
				MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
		Prerequisite: Level 1	Prerequisite: Level 2				
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYF CU	LYF DU			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD	LWG CU	LWG DU		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED ADVANCED PLACEMENT			LKB DUE	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Saturday			

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 1st, 2018.

- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered in class will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class

OUR COACHES

Our tennis coaches are certified by Tennis Canada and the Ontario Tennis Association and are members of the Professional Tennis Association.

Our professional coaching staff are dedicated to providing you with the foundational skills needed to quickly get you playing and enjoying the game of tennis. The benefits of learning proper technique will greatly enhance your skills and put you on a path to enjoy the exciting sport of tennis for a lifetime.

RICHMOND HILL LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club is a community-based, non-profit organization offering affordable tennis programs to the Richmond Hill community.

Our mission is to make organized tennis available to residents of all ages and skill levels. We are committed to enriching the lives of our community through the game of tennis.

www.RHLTC.ca

161 Newkirk Rd, Richmond Hill
Tel: 905-252-2277
Email: lessons@rhltc.ca

RICHMOND HILL LAWN TENNIS CLUB

TENNIS LESSONS

Registration
Now Open!
RHLTC.ca/Lessons

\$141.60
plus HST

**KIDS & YOUTH
AGES 5-17**

ADULT LESSONS

**SMALL
CLASS SIZES**





Flaviu Dinca,
President

TENNIS LESSONS

First classes: **Week of April 30**

Number of Classes: **8**

For complete lesson schedules and descriptions, visit our website www.RHLTC.ca

Assessment Date: April 21 & 28 2:00-4:00 pm



WELCOME

to the Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club. We are extremely proud to offer you the opportunity to learn the game of tennis while you enjoy healthy exercise, social interaction and fun competition. Our programs are designed for all ages and skill levels and we encourage you to bring your whole family out to discover the exciting world of tennis.

**Be active.
Play Tennis.
Have fun.**

JUNIOR PROGRAMS

We are running a Junior House League on Saturday mornings! Participants in our lesson program can join the league at no cost.

Learn to love tennis! We are offering free one-hour lessons on Saturday evenings to introduce kids to the game of tennis. Sign-up required.

Become a member of RHLTC! Kids' memberships are only \$35 this season.

RHLTC.ca/JuniorPrograms

KIDS AGES 5-8

BEGINNER Wednesday 5 pm Thursday 6 pm Saturday 1 pm	INTERMEDIATE Tuesday 4 pm Friday 6 pm Saturday 3 pm
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KIDS AGES 8-12

BEGINNER Tuesday 6 pm Thursday 5 pm Saturday 2 pm	INTERMEDIATE Tuesday 4 pm Friday 6 pm Saturday 3 pm	ADVANCED Saturday 3 pm Sunday 5 pm
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YOUTH AGES 12-16

BEGINNER Tuesday 5 pm Friday 6 pm Sunday 3 pm	INTERMEDIATE Monday 4 pm Saturday 4 pm Sunday 3pm	ADVANCED Tuesday 4 pm Sunday 5pm
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ADULTS 17+

BEGINNER Wednesday 4 pm Thursday 6 pm Saturday 1 pm	INTERMEDIATE Monday 5 pm Tuesday 6 pm Saturday 1 pm	ADVANCED Monday 6pm
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Book Now!

141.60
plus HST

***Please register by
April 23th, 2018**

Rates apply to all
Kids, Youth, and Adult
lessons

Spaces are limited. Register today!

www.RHLTC.ca/Lessons

We also offer
Private Lessons and
a Junior Tennis League.

We believe that learning is enhanced when limited class sizes are combined with the opportunity for active matchplay.

Please visit our website for complete lesson schedules and descriptions.

For More Information

Email us at lessons@rhltc.ca

Call us at **905-252-2277**

More times online!
RHLTC.ca/Lessons

APRIL 2018

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
1	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 * OSSLT	11 * Prom / Grad ticket distribution	12	13	14
15	16	17 * Last day of Term 1 * One Match - Swab Drive	18 * First day of Term 2 * Gr 6 & 7 Open House * Part-Time status request OPENS	19 * Relay for Life Assembly	20 * DECA Internationals	21
22	23 * DECA Internationals	24 * DECA Internationals	25 * DECA Internationals * Spirit Day - Snakes & Lattes * Full Disclosure	26 * DECA Internationals	27	28
29	30 * Valeditorian Nomination OPEN					

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.

