

Westmount CII



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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

Wow! The 2019-2020 school year has now come to an end. What a strange and interesting school year we have had. When I wrote the first e-bulletin message on September 6th who would have thought that this would be a year of job actions, strike days and a pandemic. What this school year did show was that the Westmount community is made up of smart, strong and resilient students, teachers, office staff, educational assistants, and caretakers. Although we were thrown many curveballs, we came out on top! Our community demonstrated that we can and we will learn through all the ups and downs. I am so proud of everyone!

As we head into the summer, we would like to thank all of you for your help and support, and flexibility, with our students this year. We strongly believe that when parents are involved in their children's education students and schools benefit in a positive way. We look forward to working with you again in September. We are so proud of both our staff and students for all that they have accomplished this year. It has been quite a journey! Before we had to all remain within our small isolation bubbles, we were able to do many great things at school.

We have:

- played hockey, volleyball, baseball, ultimate Frisbee, basketball, soccer, tennis, golf and badminton
- performed, sculpted, danced, acted, sketched, photoshopped, sang, played many instruments, and painted
- learned at our Remembrance Day Assembly and Holocaust Education Assembly
- had Halloween and Valentine's Day Fun, created businesses, and raised money for the Canadian Cancer Society
- we wore Orange to remember Residential Schools, Pink for diversity and anti-bullying, and we wore Purple for Epilepsy just to name a few
- we celebrated our students' academic achievement at our awards ceremonies
- participated in math contests and Science Olympics
- studied hard, completed summatives, culminating activities, written exams (first semester only!) and accumulated thousands of credits!

It has truly been a memorable year! Congratulations to all of our graduates, we wish them all the best on their future endeavors – and we look forward to seeing all graduates on October 8th when we will be having a formal graduation ceremony. Our graduates are very deserving of all the “pomp and circumstance” that we have planned for them. Details will be shared in the fall directly with all graduating students.

At this time, we do not know what September will look like but we are very hopeful that we will be able to be in school, in our beautiful building, to learn together once again. As soon as a formal plan for the fall has been approved by, the Ministry of Education and we are given the “green light” to share with our students and families we will get that information to you!

Some important reminders:

- All report cards are being emailed this year. Instructions for obtaining student report cards are enclosed in this e-bulletin.
- All yearbooks will be handed out to students in the fall.
- All graduates will receive their yearbooks, caps and gowns, composite photos, official transcripts, and diplomas at our graduation ceremony on October 8, 2020.
- For returning students all timetables will be emailed one week before the beginning of the 2020/2021 school year.

We wish everyone a safe, restful, and very healthy summer!

Sheri Epstein
Principal

Message from Our Trustee

Dear families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping well and healthy. The past few months have been full of change and uncertainty as we respond to the global pandemic and try to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As your Trustee, I know that the pandemic and school closures are challenging for everyone. We are all in this together.

Since the beginning of this crisis, I have continually advocated for the rapid introduction of distance education to support student well-being and provide continuation of learning for more than 127,000 students. A program that would meet each family's unique needs and maintain a caring, safe and inclusive learning environment. To date over 20,000 pieces of technology were distributed to ensure that all of our students could access the learning opportunities available to them, and I will continue to advocate that our resources and plans support all of our learners, including students with special education needs and English language learners.

More information about YRDSB's [Learning and Caring Plan](#) as well as tips, resources and supports for students and families to support well-being and online learning can be found at www.yrdsb.ca/covid19.

We are all part of a larger community and I am inspired to see the many different ways schools, families and students maintained their connections with one another. It was also moving to see the many inspiring ways our school board, students, staff and families acknowledged our frontline workers and made contributions to the fight against COVID-19. As a school board, for example, we [donated over 145,000 pieces of personal protective equipment](#), including gloves, masks and more.

Each and every one of us has made a difference - in staying home as much as possible and following [public health guidelines](#). I know that this has meant making sacrifices.

To our graduating class of 2020, I know this is not the graduating year you had hoped for. I appreciate that the school closures will not affect your ability to graduate, however this unique situation and the need to postpone graduations has been disappointing. I remain tremendously proud of all of our graduates and look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you as soon as we are able to reschedule the graduation ceremonies.

In addition, I know that you have missed out on field trips, awards events, athletic banquets, spirit days, assemblies, our annual [Celebrating Student Success awards](#) and the many other ways we extend learning, connect as a community and celebrate the achievements of our students.

We have also been unable to gather together as we normally would in our schools and communities to celebrate or recognize important dates, including Sikh Heritage Month, Pesach, Good Friday, Easter (Western), Vaisakhi, Holy Friday, Orthodox Easter (Eastern), Ridvan, Jewish Heritage Month, Asian/South Asian Heritage Month, Ramadan, Pride, National Indigenous History Month, Italian Heritage Month and Portuguese Heritage Month. As a Board, these dates of significance are important for us to acknowledge and we will continue to celebrate and value the wealth of diversity in our community.

As the school year comes to a close, I want to wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy summer. I look forward to a time when we can welcome your children back into our schools again. We know that families have questions about what the return to school will look like. We will continue to share information with you as it becomes available. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue following public health guidelines and to stay connected.

A [message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees](#) is also available on the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca.

David Sherman,
Trustee, Markham Ward 1/Vaughan Ward 5

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know York Region District School Board will once again be offering acceleration and credit recovery/reinforcement courses during the summer.

- Acceleration courses start Monday, July 6 and ends Wednesday, July 29.
- Session 1 for credit recovery/reinforcement courses start Monday, July 6 and ends Thursday, July 16.
- Session 2 for credit recovery/reinforcement courses start Friday, July 17 and ends Thursday, July 29

Each day starts at the 8:45 am and ends at 3:33 pm. School buildings remain closed and the program will be delivered virtually from home. In some cases, course registrations have been moved to another summer school location to accommodate our learners. Students will be contacted if the course they registered in is cancelled. As an alternative, students can check the [course offerings](#) the day before the first class.

Before the start of the program, students will receive an introductory email from the site administrators sharing important information about summer school remote learning. The classroom teacher will also email with instructions on how to join the class on the first day. YRDSB students will login with their gapps accounts and Non-YRDSB students will be provided with different instructions that will be sent to the email address provided on their registration form.

Students are responsible for attending regularly scheduled classes and submitting work on a daily basis. There are two 15 minute breaks and a 40 minute lunch. Attendance will be taken.

International and Indigenous Languages Fall Registration

Secondary School Credit Programs

The Credit International and Indigenous Languages program, offering 15 different languages, is available to students from Grades 9 to 12. Registration is now open for the [upcoming 2020-2021 school course offerings](#), and closes on September 9, 2020.

Did you know there are many benefits to taking credit language courses?

Students can take one International Languages Course as a Group 1- Compulsory or as an Elective Credit towards their Ontario Secondary Diploma. Students can also earn up to three credits towards graduation. If students successfully complete the Level D - University course, it can be used as one of their top six (6) marks for post-secondary entry.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information about our courses, program delivery and registration information.

Math Resources

The Math Department would like to share with you a web page that might be useful to look at before your child takes their next math course. It contains some key ideas, sample questions and links to topics that they may want to review. They should explore the web page at some point over the summer or at the beginning of the semester that they are taking math. Select the course that they are going to take next because it contains key ideas and support for the math content from the math course they took this year.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/Self-Assessment.aspx>

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WCI Grad 2020 Video

 <https://youtu.be/25AjpYRHSi8> 

You did it!

We are proud of you!



Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can.
- Arthur Ashe -





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 Services is CLOSED for the summer

Your counsellors will be on summer vacation as of Friday, June 26th at 3:30 p.m. We will return to school on Wednesday, September 2nd. Although you can e-mail us over the summer, we will not be responding until after September 2nd. It's been an unprecedented year but we made it through. On behalf of the Guidance Team, keep well, stay safe and have a restful summer!

Summer School 2020

For YRDSB Summer School and E-Learning please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Secondary-School-Summer.aspx> for all the information you need and instructions on how to register. #wciconed

Stay in the Loop

The [Guidance Department's 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, @WCI_YRDSB and @LibraryWCI for real time notifications. *During this time, Twitter has become the most effective way of updating information and making announcements.* Please spread the word. Remind friends and family of the Westmount community to follow us on Twitter.

How to Sign in to Your Student YRDSB Google Account and Access Gmail

1. On a computer, via a web browser, go to the following web address: <https://google.yrdsb.ca>.

NOTE: These steps may not be successful using a smart phone or tablet.

2. Select **EDU (Students and Teachers)** in the *Domain* drop-down.
3. Enter your 9-digit student number in the *User name* field.
4. Enter your student YRDSB password in the *Password* field.

NOTE: If you require assistance with a student password, please contact your school directly. OR for other technical support, fill out the Google Apps form located at: <https://forms.gle/g25FtPmdkgPXUCMF8>

5. Once everything is entered, click **Log Me in to Google**.

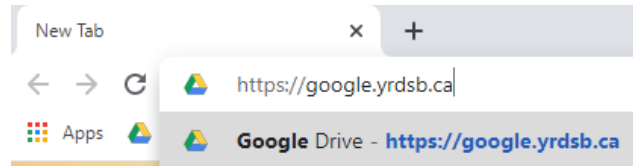
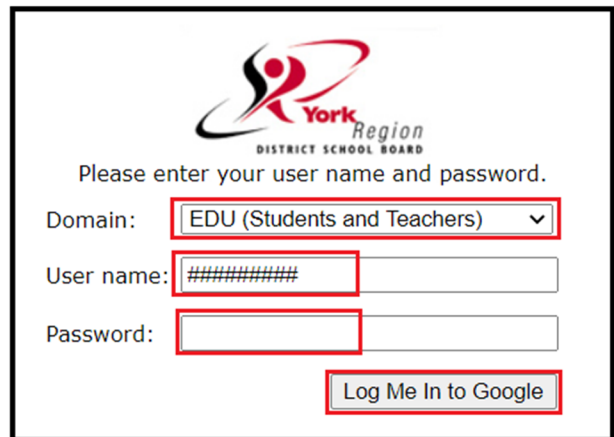
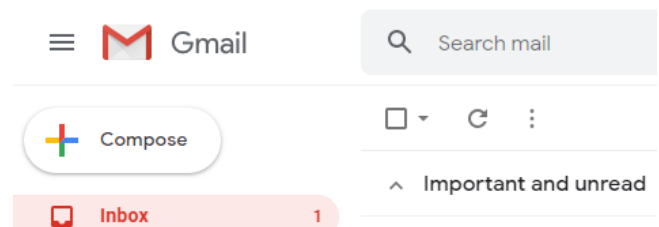
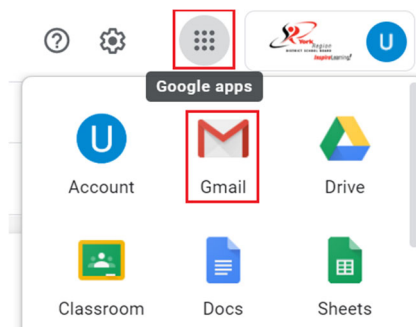
NOTE: If it is the first time logging into your Student Google account, you will be prompted to accept the Usage Agreement.

6. Click the **Google apps** launcher icon in the upper right corner and select **Gmail**.

NOTE: Click **Next** and then click **OK** on the Tour Screen if this is the first time launching Gmail on the student's account.

7. Locate the email message with the subject **YRDSB Electronic Report Card** to access the link to your Report Card.

Further instructions on use of the link is included in the email itself.



TO: All Students and Families
FROM: Community and Partnership Developer Team
DATE: Wednesday June 24, 2020
RE: Online Summer Program Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families

With the cancellation of many in-person programs and camps this summer, we are happy to provide you with a list of on-line opportunities for your children and youth. These are being provided by several of our YRDSB community partner organizations. Please right click on the link below to find a list of summer programs organized by category and age group.

[Summer 2020 Online Program Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families](#)

For information that you might require throughout the summer months, about community resources, financial benefits, food programs and mental health supports, please take the [Novel Coronavirus Update](#) link on the YRDSB website to access additional and up to date information.

Please check these links regularly as we will be making weekly updates to available programs and resources. For more information, you can also reach our department by emailing iscs@yrdsb.ca

We wish all of you a safe and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

Our Inclusive School and Community Services, Community and Partnership Developer Team.



During the summer break of July and August, your school community is still here to provide supports.

If you are facing difficulties or challenges (i.e. access to food, shelter, services or locating community resources) contact:

Inclusive School & Community Services York Region
District School Board

Email: iscs@yrdsb.ca

Phone: 905-884-2046 Ext. 284

You will be contacted by one of our Community and Partnership Developers:

Oksana Majaski
Yvonne Kelly
Shani Blake
Yasmin Mawani



To meet the immediate needs of individuals who require social work intervention to assist them in dealing with issues that have arisen due to the pandemic. Issues might be related to anxiety, parenting, frustration and anger, and/or a need to increase coping skills.

Clients will be offered a 45-55 minute session with a trained MSW clinician, at no cost.

Please call **416-638-7800 x 6234
to be referred to a single session social worker.**

*Please note that appropriate clients will be contacted remotely,
either by phone or zoom, within 5 business days of their initial call.*

DETAILS:

Clients will be provided with strategies for coping, referrals to appropriate services and an email document outlining the recommendations discussed during the session. This is not an emergency service and cannot replace the needs of some callers for immediate intervention from a medical professional.

