



School Council Meeting

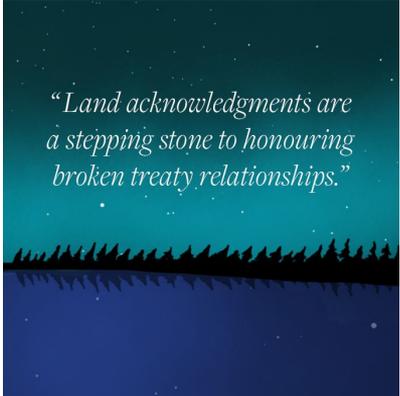
Wednesday, February 21, 2024



We are on Indigenous Land

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.



“Land acknowledgments are a stepping stone to honouring broken treaty relationships.”

AGENDA

Student Report - Student Leadership Council

Staff Report - S. Rosenberg

Report from Administration

School Council Updates & Events - Talking Tuesdays

Planning for Spring 2024 Events

2023-2024 WCI School Council

Nicolle Kopping-Pavars

Richa Prasher

CO-CHAIRS



Heidi Amernic

Fabiana Schvartz

Zvi Vaxman

OFFICERS

Report from WCI Students

Student Leadership Council

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WCI Student Leadership Council Update - February 21st

Presented by: Summer Cohen



WCI Student Leadership Council Update - February 21st

Presented by: Marc Dorais

1. Spirit/Events - Valentine's Day Fundraiser

- (Jan 29th - Feb 8th) → Students purchased Valentine's day Cookies for classmates.
- Valentine's Day → Student Leadership Council handed out cookies to P1 classes.
- Student Leadership Council raised more than \$400!
- Introduced the student council to WCI students
- Spread school spirit and student participation



2. Equity - Black History Month

- SLC created posters that showcase Black Excellence in Canada → featuring prominent Black and African Canadians.
- Daily announcements → Highlighting Black pioneers across various industries and backgrounds.



3. WCI Spring Dance

- Dates → April/May *TBD
- Location → Most Likely at WCI Gym or Cafeteria
- Grade Representatives sent out surveys to WCI students to suggest themes, prices and venue preference.
- Valentine's Day fundraiser will help offset Dance costs - Ticket prices have yet to be finalized



4. Future Goals - Charity Work

- WCI wants to create a positive impact on our community.
- SLC is looking to creating a donation/charity area in the school.
- Partnering with food banks or clothe drives.
- Advertise in the school and online to donate.
- Time Frame - March *TBD



Thank you for your time!

Report from WCI Staff

S. Rosenberg

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Course Selection for 2024-25 School Year

- MyBlueprint opened on Feb. 15
- **Closes on Feb. 23 @ 3 pm**
- Communication went out to all grades (email), Instagram, school Blog, Inform email (parents)
- Lunchtime workshops, visited classrooms x2
- Drop-in to Guidance this week
- Parents to approve after courses submitted

DECA Results

"Westmount DECA participated at the provincial competitions, recently held in downtown Toronto, over a three day period. Several candidates placed admirably in their categories of competition.

Benjamin Simanovsky and Zachary Kates: 91% in their Business Merchandising team event.

Riley Ashfield: 92% in his Business Management event.

Jaime Segal and Aimee Woolf: 86% in Business Merchandising.

Corrine Lewinger: 82% in Apparel and Accessories Marketing.

Andrea Tolentino: 86% in Marketing Communications.

Grace Barter and Avery Grierson: 84% in their Travel Tourism event.

Tori Daniel and Ava Kotzen: 81% in the Travel Tourism team event.

Brandon Ng received Top 10 in Sports and Entertainment.

David Rakmilovitch qualified for the internationals in his category of Automotive Services Marketing.

Emilie Kard also qualified for the international competitions in her sports and entertainment marketing category.

Emilie Kard will be competing in Anaheim California, at the end of April against other global competitors. We wish Emilie great success in bringing home the glass trophy in sports and entertainment marketing! Congratulations to all our participants, for what Mr. Coates would call a profitable outcome."

Report from WCI Admin Team

S. Maharaj, L. Fisher

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WCI Administration



Susan Maharaj

PRINCIPAL

Rory Gangbar

VICE-PRINCIPAL (A TO L)

Lana Fisher

VICE-PRINCIPAL (M TO Z)

Club Fair

- Thursday February 22 @ lunch

HALL PASSES - SEMESTER 2 ROLLOUT

*Protecting
the Value of
Instructional
Time*

Updates to Hall Pass structures

- One student out a time. Each teacher has two passes, one for the washroom and one for Guidance/Office/Spec. Ed.
- Ensure Supply Teachers are aware of this structure
- Teachers will contact home for students taking frequent breaks

Caring & Safe Schools Sem. 2

FOCUS:

- RESPECT
- RESPONSIBILITY
- RELATIONSHIPS

**Healthy
Relationships and
Behavior**

VAPING IS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY OF OUR SCHOOLS!

An anti-vaping poster with a black background. On the left, there is a red prohibition sign (a circle with a diagonal slash) over a white silhouette of a person's head and shoulders. The person appears to be exhaling a large plume of white vapor. To the right of the silhouette, the word "VAPING" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the words "TOXIC.", "ADDICTIVE.", and "UNSAFE." are stacked vertically in smaller, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom of the poster, the phrase "DON'T BE FOOLED." is written in large, bold, yellow, sans-serif capital letters. In the bottom left corner, there is a small, empty, light-colored rectangular box.

VAPING
TOXIC.
ADDICTIVE.
UNSAFE.
DON'T BE FOOLED.

Vaping on school property can lead to:

- Very serious consequences such as suspensions!
- Fines for selling or supplying vape products to minors that start at \$400.00
- Fines for vaping in prohibited places that start at \$250.00

It is illegal for anyone regardless of age to use any cannabis products on school property!

Know the Health Risks of Cannabis



Mental Health

Daily or near-daily use of cannabis can contribute to dependence and mental health problems over time.



Driving

Cannabis can impair your motor coordination, judgment and other skills required for safe driving.



Respiratory Effects

Toxic and carcinogenic chemicals found in tobacco smoke are also found in cannabis smoke, and can affect the lungs and airways.

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis including edibles. Suspension will be considered.

Literacy Test (OSSLT)

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



The test has two parts over two days

Day 1 – Section A: (65 min.)

- **Reading**
 - Three Reading Selections (Selected-Response, One 100 Word Open-Response)
- **Writing**
 - Language Conventions (Selected-Response)

Day 2 – Section B (75 min)

- **Reading**
 - Two Reading Selections (Selected-Response)
- **Writing**
 - Essay Expressing an Opinion (500 words)
 - Language Conventions (Selected-Response)

Literacy Test (OSSLT)

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Fall OSSLT has been written

Results have been released to our Gr. 10 students tomorrow

Unsuccessful candidates will have a chance to write again

OSSLT Spring date - late March

Or

Summer school - OLC in July (summer school sign up April)

After School Literacy Program is running

Literacy course

*Geared towards Gr. 9
& Gr. 10 (who were not
successful)*

- 2 sections
Tuesday &
Thursday

School Council Planning

WCI School Council Executive



Financing your Child's Post Secondary Education - March 20

Presenter: Kelly Winger

- *The basic need-to-knows of applying for OSAP*
- *Types of awards available and how they differ (scholarships vs bursaries, entrance awards, internal versus external, etc)*
- *Where to find scholarship opportunities*
- *How to actually win scholarships*

School Council Update

February 21, 2024

Talking Tuesdays

A monthly interactive forum designed to facilitate open conversation between parents in a safe and nonjudgmental space

- Community Connection
- Interactive Discussions & Workshops
- Monthly Themes
- Fun and Inclusive Atmosphere
- Sharing information /insights and strategies.
- First session Feb. 4, 2024
 - “Parenting Teens and Effective Parenting Strategies”

Talking Tuesdays at Westmount Collegiate Institute – because parenting is a journey best shared!

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- Next Session:
 - March 5, 2024: “Crazy Stuff that Teens Use To Get High and Safety Strategies”.
 - April 2, 2024: “Online Safety and Privacy”

Upcoming Spring 2024 Events

- **Talking Tuesdays** - first Tuesday of the month (Feb., March, April)
- **Wellness Convention** - April 16 ,2024
- **The WestFest** - May 22,2024.

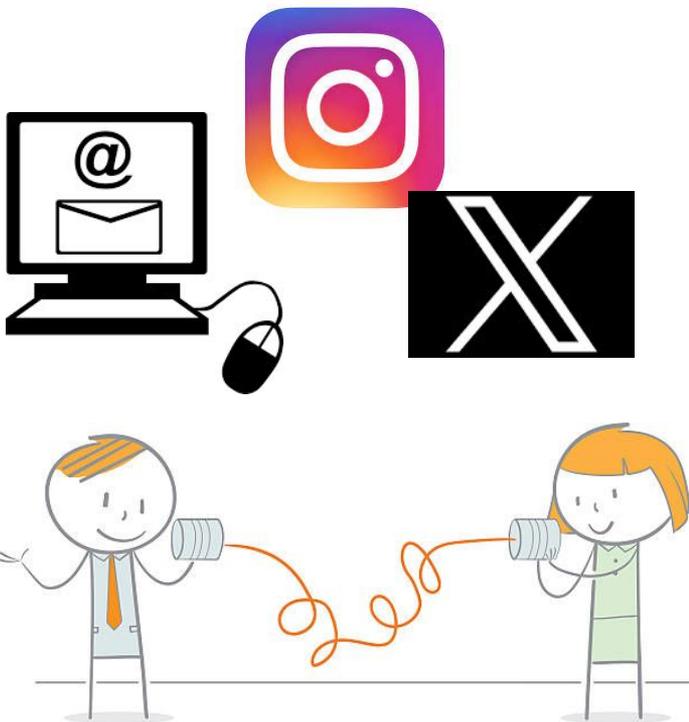
The Wellness Convention (Apr. 16, 2024): A Focus on Stress, Mental Health & Student Well-Being

- Save the date: April 16 (6.30pm-9pm)
- Identified as important within our school community; Many unknown resources in York region to support students/families
- Proposed agenda: Keynote address (TBC); Resource introduction & open house

The West Fest

- **Save the date: May 22 (time -tbd)**
- Special event packed with fun activities, student recognition awards and more.
- Planning in collaboration with the students leadership council.
- Grand end of year celebration.
- Stay tuned for more updates.....

WCI Communication



- **WCI Blog**
 - <https://westmountci.blogspot.com/>
- **WCI X (Formerly Twitter)**
 - [@WCI_YRDSB](#)
- **WCI Instagram**
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 - 905-882-0277

Talking Tuesdays for 2023-2024*

- Tuesday, February 6
- Tuesday, March 5
- Tuesday, April 2



Thank you
FOR COMING!

Meetings Ahead for 2023-2024*

Wednesday, March 20

Funding Post-Secondary Education

Tuesday, April 16

Wellness Convention

Wednesday, May 22

West Fest



Thank you
FOR COMING!