



School Council Meeting

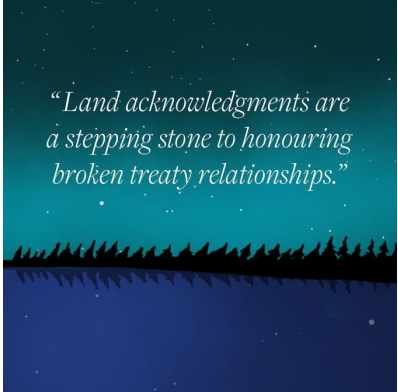
Wednesday, March 20, 2024



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

Review of Upcoming School Council Events
Student Report - Student Leadership Council
Staff Report - S. Rosenberg

**Presentation - Financing your Child's Post Secondary
Education**

2023-2024 WCI School Council

Nicolle Kopping-Pavars

Richa Prasher

CO-CHAIRS



Heidi Amernic

Fabiana Schvartz

Zvi Vaxman

OFFICERS

The Wellness Event (April 16, 2024)

A Focus on overall Wellness and Youth support

- Save the date: **April 16 (6.30pm-9pm)**
- Identified as important within our school community; Many resources in York region to support students/families
- Agenda:
 - Doors Open at 6.30pm
 - Presentation at 7.00pm
 - Keynote address by *Hon. Jean Augustine*
 - Educating short video on impact of stress on wellbeing
 - York Region empowering Resources open house
 - Door prizes
 - Light refreshments
 - Booths with a variety of community organizations in the field
 - Satisfaction survey - as what you take back matters to us .

Wellness is much more than merely Physical health , Nutrition and exercise!It is the full integration of physical, mental and emotional well being!

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

Report from WCI Students

Student Leadership Council

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WCI Student Leadership Council Update - March 20th

Presented by: Marc Dorais and Summer Cohen

Women's History Month

- Partnering with Women's Centre of York Region
- We will be taking donations of items and money towards them
- Box will be located in the atrium with teacher supervision
- Students will be able to donate until the end of March



Carnival

- Clubs to have their own stands
- Tickets can be purchased
- Tickets are used to purchase snacks
- End of May or early June
- Most likely after school



Carnival Suggestions and Questions?


Thank you for your time!

Report from WCI Staff

S. Rosenberg

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Course Selection 2024-2025

- Course Selection is complete for the next school year
 - At this point in time, we will be entering the next phase to prepare the school for next year and will not be able to take requests to change courses that we submitted in February
 - If you have a specific concern about a compulsory course that was selected, please email your student's Guidance Counsellor
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Swim Team Update



- Just finished their season
 - Two boys went to OFSAA; one of them is 17th in the province in his event
 - We have some amazing new personal bests
- Practice at the Dufferin Clark pool once a week from October to December
- The more people we have the more we can afford - like bussing, hoodies, etc.

Mini-Workshops led by Senior Students:

- **Stress Management**
- **Test Writing**
- **Time Management & Organization**
- **Exam Prep.**

In the library @ 11 - 11:15 am

Registration form in students' email



By
students,
for
students!

French in-school Field Trip (all grades)



Njacko Backo - March 25th (Period 2)

- Students will be participating in an interactive workshop and participation with Njacko Backo, a musician from Cameroon on March 25th in the library
- In this interactive performance, students will learn the important role that music, dance, and storytelling play in everyday life in Cameroon, Central Africa
- Students will enhance their understanding of community in Central Africa, will experience traditional dance and drumming, and will listen to a traditional story
- Students will have the opportunity to experience this workshop in french as well as english

Report from WCI Admin Team

S. Maharaj, L. Fisher, R. Gangbar

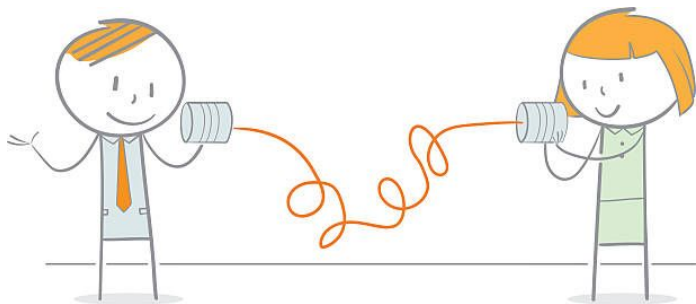
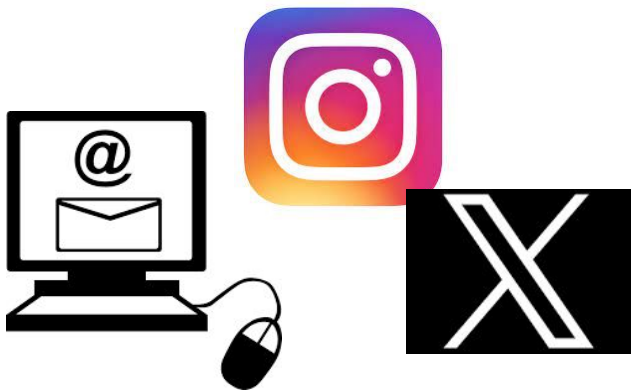
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Financing your Child's Post Secondary Education -

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*

WCI Communication



- **WCI Blog**
 - <https://westmountci.blogspot.com/>
- **WCI X (Formerly Twitter)**
 - [@WCI_YRDSB](#)
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Talking Tuesdays for 2023-2024*

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



Thank you
FOR COMING!

Meetings Ahead for 2023-2024*

Tuesday, April 16
Wellness Convention

Wednesday, May 22
West Fest



Thank you
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