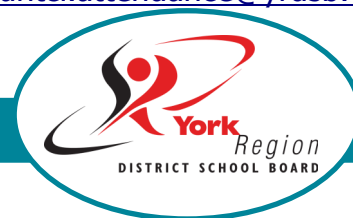




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Parent Newsletter: March 19- April 1, 2021

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Instagram



**Please check our
website regularly
for updates**

NEWS & EVENTS

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Dear Westmount Families and Community Members,

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a wonderful March Break and are looking forward to returning to school on Monday! HA HA HA – no Spring Break yet. Even though we could all use a break, we will keep plugging along doing our thing until we have our new Spring Break in mid-April.

In all seriousness though, I continue to be amazed by our Westmount community. The students come through the doors each morning, Covid screening proof in their hands, masks on their faces, and smiles in their eyes. They are happy to be at school, feel good about having routine again, and are trying their best with all they have to do. Our staff are the same. Shielded up, excited to see the students and ready for the challenges of the day. We may not have the hustle and bustle that we used to have (and will have again soon) but we are still busy teaching and learning and that is a wonderful thing.

Our Spirit Committee has been working hard to make our non-March break a wonderful week. We enjoyed two days of “Beach Wear” on Monday and Tuesday of this week and then two days of “St. Patrick’s Day”. We hope you are following WCI on both Twitter and Instagram to check out our photos. We really appreciate all the work the Spirit Committee is doing to keep the fun in school and remind us all that school is more than what goes on in classrooms. School is also about being part of community, having fun, being silly sometimes, and participating in activities that put smiles on faces. I cannot wait to see what the Spirit Committee has planned for us next.

This week we had our first School Council meeting of 2021. It was so nice to meet with our parent community once again; it had been too long since we had been together. For our first meeting back together we just held an open forum for parents and guardians to ask administration anything they wanted. We received many great questions, all the parents were very appreciative of the format, and the information shared. We are planning to have a few more School Council meetings before the end of the school year and we want to hear from as to what you would like to see and/learn about when we meet. So please let us know what you would like. Do you prefer to have open forum meetings to just ask questions or would you like to have a guest speaker or would something else altogether. Please send us an email or give us a call and let us know how we can best serve your School Council needs.

Some important dates to remember:

March 22	Course Verification Forms are due
March 24	Feedback Day and end of this current rotation
March 24	Parent-Teacher Interviews

May the warmer weather and increase in sunshine give us all hope that we are moving in the right direction.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. S. Epstein
Principal

InspireLearning!








Semester 2 Cohort Calendar

M A R C H

M	T	W	T	F
A ²²	B ²³	AM – A&B Online PM – Extra Help ²⁴	A ²⁵ P5 Rotation	B ²⁶ P5 Rotation
A ²⁹	B ³⁰	A ³¹		

A P R I L

M	T	W	T	F
			B ¹	GOOD FRIDAY ²
EASTER MONDAY ⁵	A ⁶	B ⁷	A ⁸ P1 Rotation	B ⁹ P1 Rotation
¹²	¹³	¹⁴ SPRING BREAK	¹⁵	¹⁶
A ¹⁹	B ²⁰ ◆ RIDVAN	A ²¹	B ²²	A ²³
B ²⁶	A ²⁷ REPORT CARDS	B ²⁸	A ²⁹	B ³⁰ ◆ HOLY FRIDAY

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|  COHORT A- Face to Face |  SPRING BREAK |  STATUTORY HOLIDAY |
|  COHORT B – Face to Face |  EXTRA HELP AVAILABLE |  PA DAY |
|  A & B ONLINE ONLY CREDIT CONFERENCING & CREDIT RESCUE | | |








Semester 2 Cohort Calendar

M A Y

M	T	W	T	F
A P2 Rotation 3	B P2 Rotation 4	A 5	B 6	PA DAY 7
A 10	B 11	A 12	B 13 ◆ EID-UL-FITR	A 14
B 17	A 18	B 19	AM – A&B Online PM – Extra Help 20	A P4 Rotation 21
VICTORIA DAY 24	B P4 Rotation 25	A 26	B 27	A 28

J U N E

M	T	W	T	F
MAY 31 B	A 1	B 2	A 3 Full Disclosure	B 4
A 7	B 8	A P5 Rotation 9	B P5 Rotation 10	A 11
B 14	A 15	B 16	A 17	A & B Online All Day 18
B 21	A 22	B 23	A 24	B 25
A & B Online All Day 28	PA DAY 29			

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Graduation Memento Book



Graduation is approaching and so is the Grad Memento Book!
 You can make a purchase on [School Cash Online](#).

The Yearbook Committee would like to ask all parent/guardian to submit baby photos of their children and a message of what they were like growing up/when they were born. These photos and messages will be featured in the Grad Memento Book, so please add a clear photo and a message of maximum 50 words.

Please sign into the Grads 2020-2021 Google Classroom using your child's GAPPS account and fill out the form under "BABY PICTURES OF GRADS & PARENT MEMOS". The classroom code was emailed directly to your child's GAPPS account. The deadline for baby photos and messages is **APRIL 9th**, so please make sure you submit as soon as possible!



It's time to send in your quotes and photos to be featured in the Grad Memento Book! For your quote to be accepted, you need to join the Grads 2020-2021 Google Classroom using your GAPPS account and fill out the Google form that is posted under "GRAD PHOTOS & QUOTES".

The classroom code was emailed directly to your child's GAPPS account.

The deadline for quotes is **APRIL 9th**, so make sure you submit as soon as possible Wolves!

The time has come to vote for this years MOST LIKELY'S!

Submit the names of your peers who you think fits the description the best!

To submit, you need to join the Grads 2020-2021 Google Classroom using your GAPPS account and fill out the google form that is posted under "MOST LIKELY TO".

The classroom code was emailed directly to your child's GAPPS account.

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If you're curious as to how your child is progressing this semester, please visit <https://ta.yrdsb.ca>

From there, click on the "Parent Portal" button. You can then sign in, by resetting your password, with the registered email address on file here at the school. You will be able to see marks that have been shared by teachers. However, it is important to note that all marks may not be available. Additionally, at the end of the semester teachers generally limit access to mark set.

If you ever have questions, you can always reach out to your child's teachers.

Please visit our school directory for email addresses.

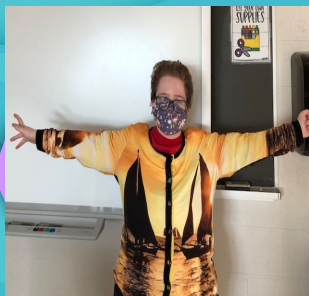
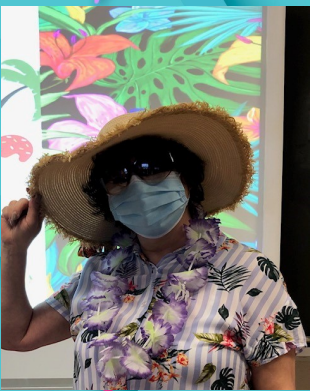
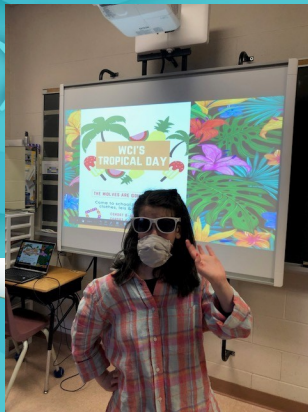
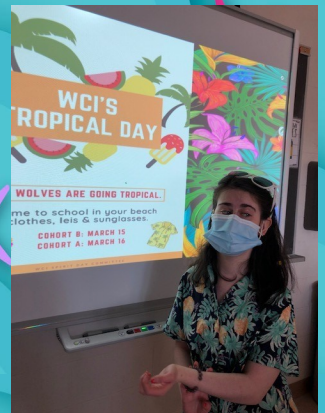
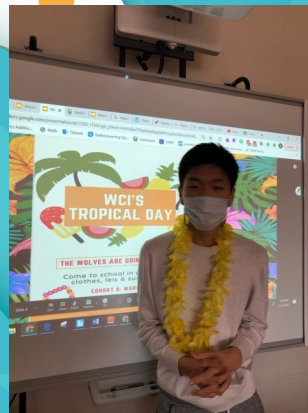


At Westmount CI, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of different clubs year round. For a complete list of our **virtual** clubs that are available during the 2020-2021 school year, please visit our [website](#).



Spirit Week at Westmount

Tropical Day at Westmount



News From Guidance

@WCIGuidance

March 22 to April 1, 2021

WELCOME
TO
GUIDANCE



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

ACCESSING YOUR GUIDANCE TEAM

Please reach out to your ALPHA Counsellor by email. ***Due to the high volume of emails, please allow for 1 to 2 schools days for a reply.***

Your Counsellor will respond in the appropriate method: email, phone or on-line meeting.

Guidance Counsellors are using Zoom for virtual meetings. If a student sets up a zoom meeting we would prefer the student's camera to be on. Otherwise, a phone call would suffice.

Contact Information: Please note the change to the ALPHA allocation.

Mrs. C. Pearlstein, Guidance Secretary
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Mrs. C. Jackson
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GRADE 12s! PREPARING FOR GRADUATION IN JUNE

1. SUBMIT YOUR HOURS

Grade 12 students REQUIRE 20 hours of community service to graduate. Many students have not yet submitted their hours for graduation. Please do so asap. New this year! Ten of the 20 hours can be paid hours from a job. If you have questions, please reach out to your Alpha Counsellor.

<https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/community-service-hours> #wcigetinvolved #wcigrad

News From Guidance

2. **FULL DISCLOSURE**

What is Full Disclosure?

The Full Disclosure date is the date by which a grade 11 or 12 student must drop a course that they do not want to appear on their official transcript. This year, there are two full disclosure dates. The first is for grade 12 students who wish to drop a course before their grades are electronically sent to Ontario universities (OUAC) and colleges (OCAS).

Grade 12 Full Disclosure: Wednesday, April 21, 2021

OUAC/OCAS Transmission: Thursday, April 22, 2021

The second is a full disclosure date for grade 11 and 12. This year the Ministry of Education is allowing student to complete at least 75% of a course before deciding to drop it.

Grade 11 and 12 Full Disclosure: Thursday, June 3, 2021

Go to <https://sites.google.com/site/wcguidance/dropping-a-course> for instructions on how and when to drop a course. **#wcidropacourse #wcigrad #wcigr11**

COURSE SELECTION – THE VERIFICATION PROCESS

On Wednesday, March 17th, a student verification email was sent to parents and guardians of all students attending Westmount in September, new and returning. This verification email included a letter with instruction and list of courses selected by the student. Please read the letter and instructions carefully. If the courses listed are correct, there is nothing to be done. If courses are incorrect or need to be changed, complete and submit the Google Form provided by 3 pm on Monday, March 22, 2021.

When reviewing and verifying the course selection, please remember the following:

1. This is NOT your timetable.
2. There is no guarantee that you will receive all the courses you requested
3. If a course you request is cancelled, the school will use one of your alternative courses.
4. Make sure you have selected alternative courses.
5. Check all course codes carefully to make sure you requested the correct course.

Go to <https://sites.google.com/site/wcguidance/course-selection> for detailed information and timelines. Regular updates will be sent through Twitter, **@WCIGuidance #wcicourseselection**

Stay connected and “in the Loop”

Bookmark the [Guidance Department’s website](#) It will be the “go-to” for all relevant information pertaining to school for all grades.

Now more than ever, please follow [@WCIGuidance](#), [@WCI_YRDSB](#) on Twitter for real time notifications. During this time, social media has become the most effective way of communicating information.

Spread the word. Remind friends and family of the Westmount community to follow us on Twitter.

HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR STUDENT SCREENING?

In accordance with Public Health, all students must screen themselves before entering school.

[HTTP://BIT.LY/YRDSBSCREEN](http://bit.ly/YRDSBSCREEN)



**USE THE BITLY LINK OR QR CODE to
complete this form everyday
prior to entering school.**
You will have to show confirmation
before entering the building.





LOSING A LOVED ONE DURING COVID-19

This is a group for individuals who have had a loved one die during and/or because of COVID 19.

The group will:

- Provide participants' with an opportunity to explore their grief and bereavement in a safe and supportive environment.
- Give participants educational material and strategies that normalize their grief and help them to move forward in the grief process.
- Explore the uniqueness of the death experience during COVID 19.
- Help expand participants repertoire of coping skills for mourning.



8 Sessions beginning Thursday, April 8, 2021

12:00 – 1:30 pm | via zoom

Registration Required | Cost: Free

There are only 2 spots left for this session

For more information or to register, please call 416.638.7800 x 6215

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www.jfandcs.com/groups



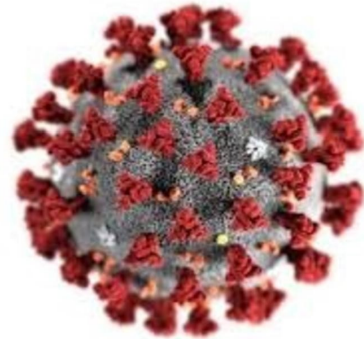


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