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Parent Newsletter: November 27th to December 11th, 2020

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A Message from your Administrators

Dear WCI Families and Community Partners,

It is hard to believe that we are headed towards the final month of 2020; A year we won't soon forget. The month of December tends to bring with it feelings of hope, joy, and excitement as we head into the winter holiday season. This year, perhaps more than ever, we are looking forward to saying goodbye to 2020 and welcoming a new year with open arms and anticipation.

November has been busy at WCI. We have distributed over 300 graduation packages to the Class of 2020 graduates. It was really nice to see them earlier this month and to hear about what they have been up to. In addition, we held a Virtual Graduation last night to officially honour this milestone and to formally celebrate their accomplishments.

Despite the continued restrictions, we have been able to start over 20 clubs and committees, with a wide range of interests stemming from areas such as mental health, well being, fitness, social justice, business, law, the arts, and the environment. These clubs and committees would not be possible without the hard work and commitment of student leaders and teacher advisors. We are very appreciative of the enthusiasm, time, effort, and energy involved in bringing these groups together for the entire school community to enjoy during these times. We encourage all of our students to join a club and engage with peers who have similar interests to enhance this year's school experience and make some new friends.

By now, you should have received your child's midterm report card for Semester One. These reports were distributed electronically by the Board through student GAPPs accounts, with instructions for families on how to access them. We encourage discussions with your child(ren) about their progress and invite you to reach out to their teacher(s) with any questions or concerns.

To help plan ahead, the current rotation schedule runs from November 27 until December 14, and the new rotation schedule will begin prior to the Winter Break and continue in January. As a reminder, the semester will end on January 29 and there are no exams. Please refer to the entire bulletin for additional information about culminating activities and semester turn-around.

As we prepare for winter-like temperatures and begin to think about what our holidays are going to look like this year, we want to thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our school community safe and focused on teaching and learning.

Ms. Barb Caravella
Vice-Principal
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InspireLearning!

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATON



Inclement Weather Days during a Pandemic:

This year, when an Inclement Weather Day is announced, the school will be **closed** to students and all classes will be taught synchronously online for the day, including the morning face-to-face block. The schedule for the day will not change. Students will learn remotely by accessing Google classrooms set up by their teachers.

Information about an Inclement Weather Day is communicated through local media outlets, the Student Transportation Services website, the Board's website and Twitter account, and on the Board's and school's voicemail recording. Be sure to check out one of these outlets in order to know for certain whether your child may come to school.



WESTMOUNT WOLFPACK

Throw Me To The Wolves And I Will Return Leading The Pack



Hey Parents/Guardians!

Our teachers really miss the students!

Can you please help to encourage your children to turn their cameras on during the afternoon synchronous lessons. It would help to build community, rapport and let everyone get to know each other.



Students often report that on the “TeachAssist” app, their marks are outdated or incorrect. Please note: There is **NO** “TeachAssist” app, or TeachAssist approved app. There are numerous apps which bill themselves as TeachAssist apps (including YRDSB Student Tools and teachassist) which the board has investigated shutting down.

Students, when they share their login data with these apps are really just sharing the information with a third unknown party.

While the Board continues to work with the various app stores, to have these apps removed, students should be encouraged to not sure them at all. Instead, students can access TeachAssist directly, from any web browser, by visiting <https://ta.yrdsb.ca>

A Message from the Student Success Department



Attention Grades 9, 10, and 11 students! The peer tutoring club is hosting virtual tutoring sessions on Google Meet every Wednesday at 3:20 pm. If you need help understanding course material, studying for a test, or doing homework, feel free to join us in our Meet! Follow our Instagram [@wci_peertutors](https://www.instagram.com/wci_peertutors) and add our Google Classroom (code: dndk4e5)



We still have not finalized what second semester is going to look like yet and as a result, Semester 2 timetables have not been settled. We understand that you may have questions or concerns about your child’s semester 2 timetable. We plan to address these questions and concerns as soon as we are able to. We will notify you through [Twitter](#), the [school/guidance website](#) and this bulletin when that process begins. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

News From Guidance

@WCIGuidance

Nov. 30 to Dec. 11

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

Guidance is OPEN but doing things differently

Please reach out to your ALPHA Counsellor by email. Your Counsellor will respond in the appropriate method: email, phone or on-line meeting. In order to minimize personal contact, please do not walk into Guidance. Please e-mail us first and we will take it from there.

We are now equipped and meeting with students using Zoom. If a student sets up a Zoom meeting we would prefer the student's camera to be on. Otherwise, a phone call may suffice.

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

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Apply to an Ontario college or university

Application Process for both NOW OPEN

Ontario College: <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/college>

Application Due: February 1, 2021

Ontario University: <https://sites.google.com/site/wciguideance/university>

Application DUE: January 15, 2021 #wcigrad

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grade 11 Check-in Class Visits – December 7 to 10, 2020

The Guidance Team will visit all grade 11 classes and go over what student need to begin thinking about and to prepare for their grade 12 year. #wcigr11

Grade 11 ZOOM Assembly “Preparing for Gr. 12” – Friday, December 11, 2020

Students with a period 2 spare and our virtual school student need to register in advance for this zoom assembly. Send an email from you GAPPs account to cindy.pearlstein@yrdsb.ca. We will email you a link to the assembly the morning of the event. #wcigr11

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News From Guidance



WESTMOUNT WOLFPACK

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A Message From Your
Westmount Wolf Pack
Teacher Advisors

Pack Leaders are connecting with our Gr. 9 pups.

If you are the family of a grade 9 student, please encourage your child to participate and engage with their Wolf Pack and Pack Leader. There is nothing to lose and so much to gain from this important connection and mentor.

If your child did not get a Hello / Welcome message, please email [Mr. Conte](#) with your first period class and teacher so we can let your Pack Leader know.

You need to know that over 100 senior students applied for one of 27 Pack Leader positions.

Why? Because they were a grade 9 student once and a Pack Leader made a difference in their lives. Now, they are paying it forward.

[Mr. Conte](#), [Ms. Jackson](#), [Ms. Popiel](#)



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 [@WCI Guidance](#), [@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.



70/30 Assessment Update:

The York Region District School Board believes that assessment, evaluation, and communication of student learning and achievement are integral components of the teaching and learning process and form the basis of an effective educational program. In a regular school year, in addition to the learning tasks completed throughout the semester, students engage in one or more final tasks to consolidate their learning towards the end of the course. These final evaluations which account for 30% of the overall course mark, may include evidence from one or more of the following: an examination, a performance, an essay, portfolio, and/or another method of evaluation suitable to the course content. Earlier this school year, the YRDSB cancelled the exam period in all secondary schools in order to prioritize instruction and allow more time for learning.

Recently, the Ministry of Education recognized the exceptional circumstances of reopening and indicated that teachers/departments/schools have the ability to restructure a course outline in order to do what is best for the students. Using this information and the data we collected from our Mid-Semester Wellness Check-Ins to students, parents and staff, many of our courses have decided to change the mark breakdown to adjust the pacing of courses and allow more time for term work. We believe that all the changes are what is in the best interests of our students.

A summary of the changes can be found below (organized by department):

Business Studies	For All Courses: Final semester marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned
Co-op	For All Courses: Final semester marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned
Dance	For All Courses: Final semester marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned
Drama	For All Courses: Final semester marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned
English	Grades 9 - 11 English Courses: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned Grade 12 University English: Term Work will count for 85% of the Final Grade; Final Summative Task (Portfolio) will count for 15% of Final Grade
Family Studies	Grade 9 Intro to Family Studies: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned Grade 10 Food & Nutrition: Term Work will count for 80% of the Final Grade; Final Grade 11 Soc/Psych/Anthro: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned Grade 12 Families in Canada: Term Work will count for 80% of the Final Grade; Final Summative Task will count for 20% of Final Grade Grade 12 Food & Nutrition: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned
Geography	Grade 9 Geography: Term Work will count for 90% of the Final Grade; Final Summative Task will count for 10% of Final Grade
Guidance	Grade 10 Careers: Final semester marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned

History	<p>Grade 10 History: Term Work will count for 90% of the Final Grade; Final Summative Task will count for 10% of Final Grade</p> <p>Grade 10 Civics: Term Work will count for 80% of the Final Grade; Final Summative Task will count for 20% of Final Grade</p> <p>Grade 11 Philosophy: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned</p> <p>Grade 11 Law: Term Work will count for 90% of the Final Grade; Final Summative Task will count for 10% of Final Grade</p> <p>Grade 11 Ancient Civilizations: Term Work will count for 90% of the Final Grade; Final Summative Task will count for 10% of Final Grade</p> <p>Grade 12 Philosophy: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned</p> <p>Grade 12 Law: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned</p> <p>Grade 12 Jewish History: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned</p> <p>Grade 12 World History: Term Work will count for 90% of the Final Grade; Final Summative Task will count for 10% of Final Grade</p>
Mathematics	<p>For All Courses: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work;</p>
Modern Language (including ESL)	<p>For All Courses: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work;</p>
Physical Education	<p>For All Courses (except 1 - see below): Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned</p> <p>For Grade 12 Kinesiology: Term Work will count for 75% of the Final Grade; Final Summative Task will count for 25% of the Final Grade</p>
Science	<p>For All Courses: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work</p>
Special Education	<p>Grades 9 - 11 Learning Strategies: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned</p> <p>Grade 12 Learning Strategies: Term work will count for 90% of the Final Grade; Final Summative Task will count for 10% of the Final Grade</p>
Visual Arts	<p>For All Courses: Final Summative marks will be 100% of Term Work; No Final Summative Tasks will be assigned</p>

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua and Members of Council
invite you to participate in the

CITY OF VAUGHAN

TOY DRIVE 2020

in support of CP24 CHUM Christmas Wish



In the spirit of giving, donations of new unwrapped toys for children, newborn to 18 years of age can be dropped off at any of the following **Vaughan locations** between:

November 13 – December 11
10am – 5pm

All Community Centres

All Fire Stations

Vaughan Public Libraries:

Bathurst Clark Resource Library

Civic Centre Resource Library

Pierre Berton Resource Library

Gift cards and cheques

(made payable to "CP24 CHUM Christmas Wish")
can be mailed to:

Vaughan City Hall
c/o Events Division, Level 300
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

For more information, please contact
Toydrive@vaughan.ca



Online Donations



New this year, visit vaughtoydrive.ca
to learn how you can donate toys online!

