



School Council

Meeting



September 26,

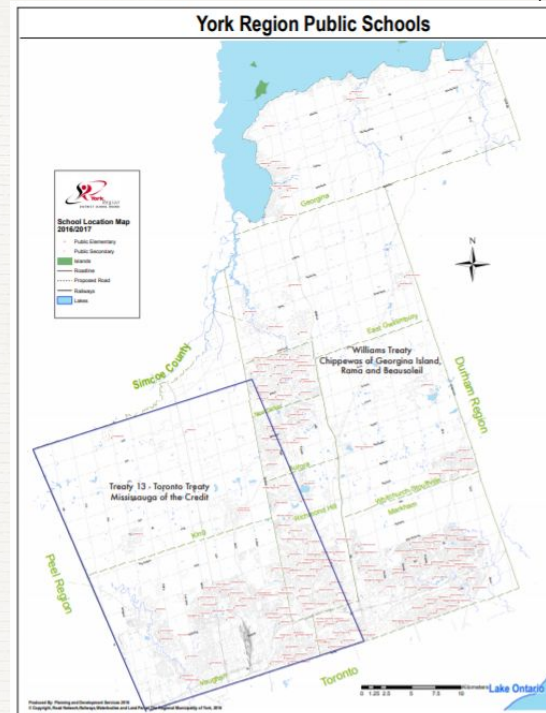
2024



Land Acknowledgement

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.



Agenda

- Introductions
- School Council Report
- Presentation: Post Secondary Opportunities
- Introduction to the 2024-2025 School Year
- School Council Roles & Election

WCI Administration

Ms. Susan Maharaj

PRINCIPAL

Ms. Paula Borges

VICE-PRINCIPAL (A TO L)

Ms. Lana Fisher

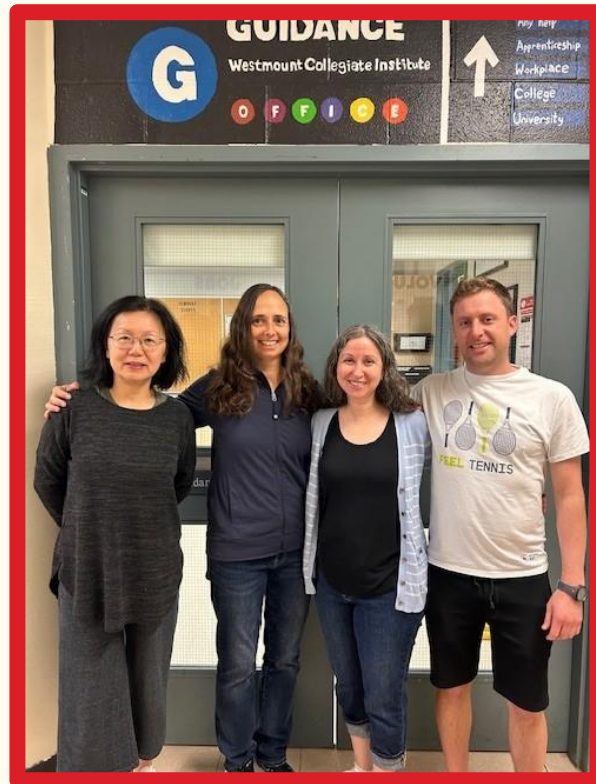
VICE-PRINCIPAL (M TO Z)



Guidance Department



- Mr. Gorewicz (A to D)
- Ms. Rosenberg (E to M)
- Ms. Popiel (N to Z)
- Guidance Secretary: Ms. Han



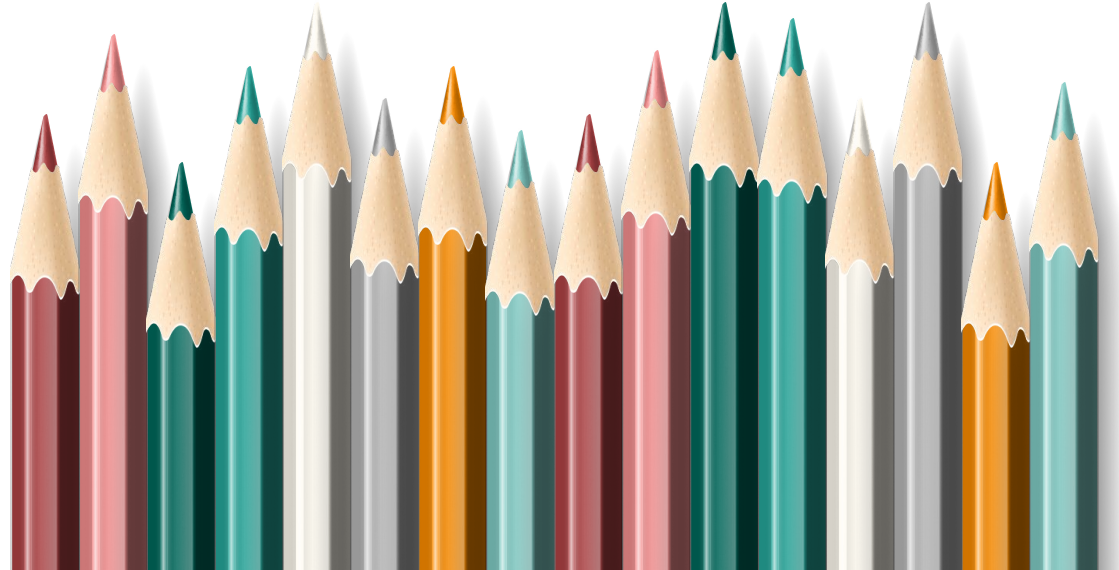


Other Supports

- **TEAM SPECIAL EDUCATION:**
 - Mr. Salsberg (Department Head)
 - Mr. Millones (Assistant Head)
- **WOLF'S DEN (STUDENT SUCCESS):**
 - Ms. Tran (Child/Youth Worker)
 - Mr. Kandrack

WCI 2023-2024 School Council Report

- **Talking Tuesdays**
 - Parent Group
- **Wellness Event**
 - Resource Fair
- **West Fest**
 - Student Acknowledgements



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POST SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

YOUR
Future
IS WAITING

IMPORTANT EVENTS

OUF - ONTARIO UNIVERSITY FAIR

October 5-6, 2024, from 9:30 am to 5 pm, daily
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building

GRADE 12 ASSEMBLY

October 9
Period 1 - Cafeteria
*Grade 12 students with a spare should make arrangements to attend

IVEY BUSINESS PROGRAM - WESTERN UNIVERSITY

A representative will be visiting Westmount.
October 8.
Period 2 or 3. Westmount Library.
*Only for Grade 11 and 12 students.
Sign up required. A google form will be sent to student's gapps accounts.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION WORKSHOP

October 16
Period 4
Westmount Library

ONTARIO COLLEGE FAIR

October 16 (5:00pm - 9:00pm) and October 17 (9:00am - 2:00pm)
Enercare Centre

COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

October 23
Period 4
Westmount Library

OCAD - NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY

November 2 (12:00pm - 4:00pm)



Westmount Collegiate Institute





School Rules and Policies

Topics Covered

- YRDSB & School Code of Conduct
- Healthy Relationships & Behaviours
 - Addressing Hate & Discrimination
 - Bullying & Cyberbullying
 - Consent
 - Unwanted Behaviours
 - Supports Available (e.g., 360 Kids, Kids Help Phone)
- Vaping
- Trespassing (visiting other schools)
- Asking for Help – Staff Supports, Report It Tool





School Rules and Policies

Topics Covered

- What not to bring to school (e.g., nut products, weapons, prohibited substances)
- YRDSB Expectations for Personal Mobile Devices
- Sports – Spectator Code of Conduct
- Lunch – Caf or Plazas
 - Being a good plaza neighbor and using crosswalks
- Appropriate Attire
- Lockers



Cyber Parenting



- **Questions to ask your child(ren) to help set boundaries:**
 - **What social media are you on and what will I learn about you if I go there?**
 - Social media is all about WHO and WHAT you follow
 - **How much screen time is too much?**
 - Focusing attention versus multi-tasking – commit to or track screen time and when to disconnect
 - Importance of timers, role modeling
 - Parental involvement versus restriction
 - **CALM:** Connect (attention), Affect (match emotional reaction), Listen (paraphrase), Mirroring (validate, think aloud)



OSSLT


The Ontario
Secondary School
Literacy Test

- All Grade 10 students will write in the fall
- Parents of Gr. 10 students will receive communication – early October
 - Dates are: Nov. 5–Nov.16
 - During period 1 – Gr. 10 classes
 - In the library – each class will write for two days
- Based on the Gr. 9 English curriculum expectations
- A pass is a score of 300 – 75%
- More information – <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/>
- A second attempt – Spring 2025
- If unsuccessful – OLC course

School Council Items




School Council Meetings

- 
- Organization
 - Time Management
 - Active Participation
 - Listen
 - Respect
 - School Wide Perspective



The Role of YRDSB School Councils



The role of School Council is to improve student learning and to develop a shared sense of accountability for the public education system among both parents and educators.

“The Board believes that school councils play an important role in building school, family and community partnerships by providing input into relevant Board and school-level decisions and by encouraging the involvement of all members of the school community in support of student learning.”

(YRDSB Policy 262.0)



Selection of 2024-2025 School Council Executive

*Thank you to Nicolle & Richa for being our 23-24 Co-Chairs
Thank you Heidi, Faby and Zvi for being members of the 23-24
Executive*

Who is interested in these roles for this year?

Chair (or Co-Chairs)

Treasurer

Secretary

We will vote if we have multiple candidates
who are interested





RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIRS/CO-CHAIRS

- Call school council meetings, prepare the agenda and chair the meetings;
- Communicate with the school principal, senior Board staff and trustees, as required;
- Ensure that minutes are recorded, parents are consulted, fundraising meets Board policies, and the bylaws are reviewed annually;
- Strong oral and written communication skills.

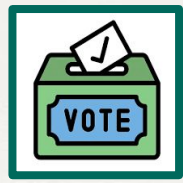
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER

- Provide Council with updates on balance of available funds;
- Strong oral and written communication skills.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY

- Take minutes at each meeting;
- Review and edit minutes and forward to one of the chairs;
- Strong oral and written communication skills.





Selection of WCI School Council Executive



Our 2024-2025 School Council Executive:

Co-Chairs: Richa Prasher, Nicolle Kopping-Pavars

Treasurer: Svetlana Tsiunel

Secretary: Rotating

Planning Team: Heidi Amernic, Zvi Vaxman



WCI Communication

- **WCI Blog**

- <https://westmountci.blogspot.com/>

- **WCI X**

- [@WCI_YRDSB](#)

- **WCI Instagram**

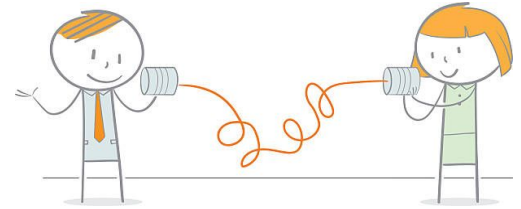
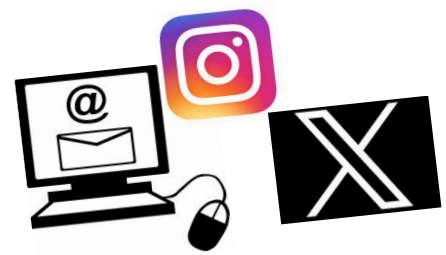
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2024-2025 Meetings

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- Thursday, November 7th
- Thursday, January 16th
 - Course Selection Information
- Thursday, February 20th
- Thursday, April 24th
- Thursday, May 15th

- **Talking Tuesdays**

- Tuesday, October 1st
- Tuesday, December 3rd
- Tuesday, March 3rd
- Tuesday, April 8th

Thank you

FOR COMING!

