



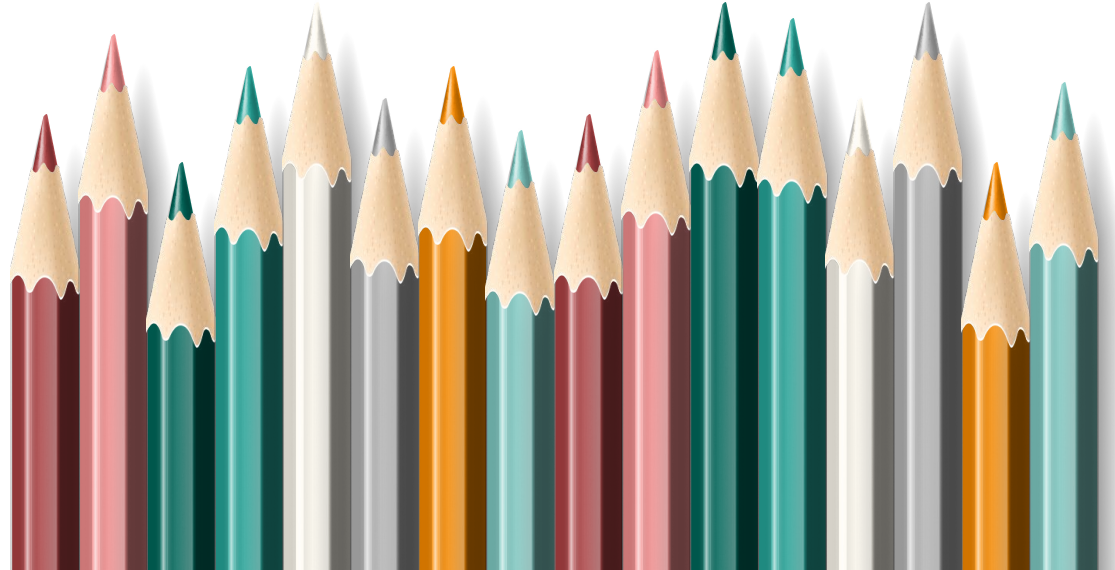
School Council

Meeting



November 7,

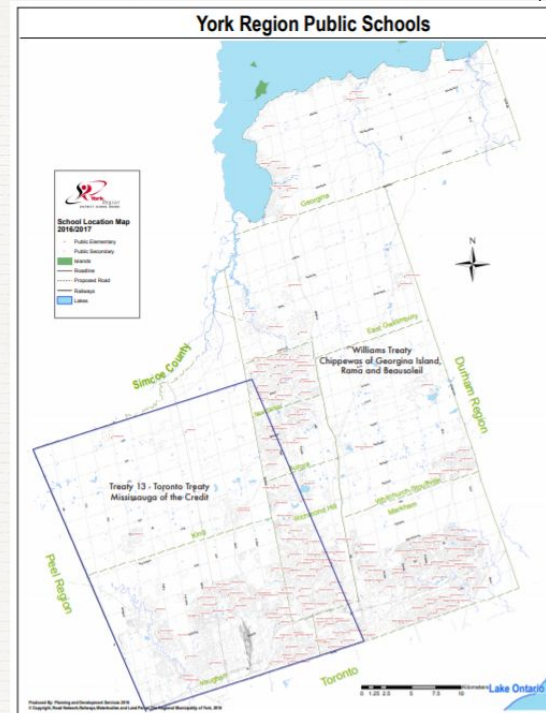
2024



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.





LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Treaties
Education**
YRDSB First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education

Take a trip into the vault where treaties are kept

Source: Brett Forester with CBC Indigenous visits Library and Archives Canada's preservation centre in Gatineau, Que.

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2268270147987>

November 3rd to 9th
Treaties Education/Recognition Week



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

NATIONAL

INDIGENOUS


VETERANS

DAY

A graphic featuring a map of Canada in the background. Overlaid on the map is a dreamcatcher with a red circular web and black feathers hanging from it. The text 'INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY' is centered over the map.

NOVEMBER 8TH

Agenda

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- Introductions
 - Report from Students
 - Report from Staff
 - Community Involvement Hours for Students
 - School Admin Items
 - Wellness Survey
 - School Council Items



Student Report

Lilly
Strebinger

OUTREACH

Student Leadership Council

November 2024 Update

Introduction

- My name is Lilly Strebinger and I am the outreach representative for the Student Leadership Council for the 2024-2025 school year
- In grade 10 and am in the drama program
- My interests are reading and listening to country and rock music
- My role is to share important information from Student Leadership Council (SLC) meetings with all you wonderful people

What's New?

- Recent elections occurred
- All students are to be voted onto the council by their peers
- There still may be changes to current SLC positions

Leadership Team- Emily Kard

Equity Directory- Miriam Tsipilevich

Equity Committee- Cathay Huang

Event Spirit Directors- Orly Ianco & Halle Shapiro

Events/Spirit Committee- Hannah Ranjipour, Liel Vaxman, Sarah Lockstony, Mikayla Rabin, Michal Ilyayev

Communication Director- Zoe Sesel

Secretary- Michael Krol, Artin Hejazi

Treasurer- Matthew Weinstein

Outreach Coordinator- Lilly Strebinger

Grade 9 Rep- Margarita Dzhaginyan, Nora Neishabouri

Grade 10 Rep- Michelle Bae, Maya Gabay

Grade 11 Rep- Jordan Fortis, Shannon Garbe

Grade 12 Rep- Aiden Kalechstein, Paul Igwe

Upcoming Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

- Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be sold in the upcoming weeks
- Please connect with your children for more information as it will be shared soon
- We greatly appreciate your support of WCI fundraisers and can't thank you all enough for your generosity



See Westmount Perform!

Dates to look forward to:

Music Winterfest- December 4th and 5th

Drama Show- January 8th to 10th

Dance Show- January 13th-15th

Having the support of family and friends makes a stronger Westmount community and the experience of performing so much more memorable, this is coming from an Arts West drama student.

Thank You

- I really appreciate this opportunity and all of you coming tonight
- A special thanks to Mrs. Maharaj for being such a fantastic principal here at WCI
- If you ever have any questions please feel free to ask me at any time as I'd be delighted to answer anything you're curious about
- Thank you all from the bottom of my heart and I hope everyone has a wonderful rest of your evening

Staff Report

Ms. Rosenberg

GUIDANCE



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- Sem. 2 timetables
- Nov. 21 (evening) - Gr. 8 Open House
- Dec. 5 - Gr. 11 Assembly
- Jan. 16 - Guidance presentation re: course selection @ School Council Mtg.

Deadlines for post-secondary applications

University (on OUAC): Jan. 15

College (on OCAS): Feb. 1



Staff Report

Ms. Rosenberg
GUIDANCE

Community Involvement Hours



Graduation requirement:



40 hours of community service

Helpful guideline: 10 hours per year, at a minimum

“What if my student does more than 40 hours of community service?”

Eligible Activities

Examples include:

- Schools (n.b. Opportunities @ WCI)
- Animal care
- Charitable organizations
- Health agencies
- Library
- Political organizations
- Religious organizations
- Sports & recreation (service-focused activities)
- Virtual opportunities in Ontario for charitable purposes



**Not-for-profit organizations

**Doing something someone would not normally get paid for

Ineligible Activities

- “For-profit” organizations
 - Doing something someone would normally get paid for
- Volunteering during regular school day hours
- Requirements of a class (ex. Co-op, Business class @ Bare Necessities school store)



Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Activities

Student Name		Student Number	
Student Telephone	Email Address	Grade	Age

For all community involvement activities, please provide all of the required information indicated below.
 Submit this form to the school Guidance Office when you have completed community involvement activities.
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED PRE-APPROVAL. IF THIS IS AN ACTIVITY YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR THIS IN THE PAST.

ACTIVITY (describe your specific duties)	PRE APPROVAL COUNSELLOR/ SIGNATURE & DATE	COMPLETED NUMBER OF HOURS	DATE OF COMPLETION	ORGANIZATION	SUPERVISOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

TOTAL
HOURS

Secondary School

Principal Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

For office use only

Completion has been noted on SIS Record

Signature of School Official

Date

Opportunities @ WCI

- Interview Night
- Peer Tutoring
- Wolfpack Leaders
- WCI Ambassadors
- Clubs re: service (ex. YouthSPACE)
- Executives of certain clubs (ex. DECA, HOSA)



Keywords for Online Searches

High school

Volunteer

Student volunteer opportunities

Community service

Youth

Vaughan

York Region

***specific organizations, for example:**

Sending Sunshine

Epilepsy Ontario

Richmond Hill Food Bank

→ **look for: “Get involved, volunteer, etc.”**



YRDSB website

[Home >](#)

[Secondary School >](#)

[Experience Secondary School >](#)

[Graduation Requirements >](#)

[Community Involvement – Information for Students](#)



Questions about:

-eligibility of activities?

-how to fill out form?

etc.


Ask Guidance!



School Admin Items



Wellness Survey

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- Why are we doing this?
 - We want to know:

How do parents see stress manifest in their children?

What are the main sources of stress for their children?

Get ideas/suggestions of how they think school can help support their children with their stress

School Council Items



Talking Tuesdays!

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- Parent/Guardian group
 - 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

Our Talking Tuesday 😊
December 3rd at 7pm in the Library!

2024-2025 Meetings

- **Meetings**

- Thursday, January 16th
 - Course Selection Information
- Thursday, February 20th
- Thursday, April 24th
- Thursday, May 15th
 - West Fest

- **Talking Tuesdays**

- Tuesday, December 3rd
 - Online Activity & Privacy
- Tuesday, March 4th
- Tuesday, April 8th

Thank you

FOR COMING!



WCI Communication

- **WCI Blog**

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

- **WCI X**

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