



WESTMOUNT COLLEGIATE

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Welcome

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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Final Best Wishes to the Students, Parents and or Guardians of Westmount. As I began to sit down and compose this final Newsletter for the Academic year, I asked myself this question: Where did this year go? I remember just arriving September 06 and being welcomed as the new Principal of Westmount Collegiate Institute and now here it is June 2009 three years later and I am amazed as to how many accomplishments have occurred. Westmount is alive and well from its Academics, Art's and Athleticism. Westmount has been active in many events and performances. There was the France/Italy trip, Prom, New York, Westock as well as the continual contribution to the **Canadian Cancer Society** by Mr. Coates and his Apprentices. To date over **\$43,000.00** has been raised. Then there was the unbelievable production of **The Boyfriend**, directed by Mr. Dolha. Congratulations to all the organisers and staff members who volunteered coached and provided support and supervision.

I have had the opportunity to have experienced many Secondary Schools as a Teacher and Administrator throughout my career, but this year's Yearbook stands out as being one of the best I have ever seen including a new DVD. Congratulations to the Yearbook staff and advisors.

I would be negligent if I did not recognise and extend special Congratulations to the Music Department for Springfest. I would like to take this opportunity to also acknowledge the many successes of our students and staff Especially **Mr. Nick Maiese** and his award winning newspaper staff. To our graduates, we wish you all the best as you embark on the next stage of your life. You have the knowledge and skills to meet the demands of a constantly changing world. Many thanks to the professional teaching and caring support staff whose dedication encourages our students to realize their full potential.

Change in our teaching profession is inevitable.

I would like to acknowledge the following moves **Mr. Michael Stephen** new Head of Business at Richmond Green H.S., **Ms. Erica Mark** New Assistant Head of Special Education, Dr. Denison H. School. **Mr. Mark Raffoul** new Assistant Head of Mathematics at Markham District H. School and **Ms. Heather Burt** who is moving to Bill Crothers High School.

I would like to welcome the following new teachers to Westmount CI: **Ms. Melissa Quinn** Science, **Ms Courtney Jarvis** English/French, **Ms. Karen Stanton** Business, **Ms. Erin Keyzers** Science, **Ms. Velta West** Special Ed/History, **Ms. Paola Catalano** Dance Specialist, **Mr. Vito Vaccarelli** Interim Head History, **Ms. Neli Grigorova** Spec. Ed/Business and **Ms. Cheryl Cline** new Vocal Specialist and congratulations to **Mr. James McInroy**, New Assistant Head of Mathematics.

Many Thanks to **Ms. Vivian Berish** and **Ms. Laura Wodlinger** for all their work in supporting our students .

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Teachers who are going on leave are as follows:
Marta Srulovicz, Stephanie Rosenberg will be acting Interim Head of Special Education. Congratulations Stephanie. **Ilan Danjoux** will also be taking a leave. **Jeremy Soon Shiong** and **Maria Ramadori** have had their leave approved for a second year.

Returning from leaves are **Andrea Santos** and **Gerald McLoughlin**

Starting September, Mr. **Rod Armstrong** will be joining the Administrative Team as Vice Principal. Rod is an experienced Vice Principal who has

both Secondary and Elementary experience. I had the pleasure of working with Rod during my stay at Thornlea Secondary School.

In closing I would like to express my deep thanks to **Mr. David Coates, Mr. Rod Conte** and **Ms. Laurie Paulin** who had provided excellent support to Vice Principal **Ms. Sue Milne** and myself. Thanks to **Ms. Hela Risbridger** and **Mario Marcone** and their teams for keeping Westmount running smoothly. Last, but not least, I want to thank Co-Chairs **Sharon Haniford** and **Mark Johnson** of School Council and

School Trustee **Joel Hertz** for their support and advice throughout the year. I would also like to thank **Anna DeBartolo** and **Susan Gellar** who have supported Arts Westmount.

For staff, students and parents, we hope the summer will be a time to relax, rejuvenate, and re-connect with your family and friends.

Please have a safe and healthy summer

Simon Schreiber
Principal.

ART DEPARTMENT

As the end of the 2008/2009 school year rapidly approaches, the Art Department is busy with our exams including final projects and presentations. At this time these culminating activities demonstrate the tremendous achievements of our students. A combination of talent and dedication has resulted in amazing work of which our students should be very proud.

Also exciting is the fact that with the commitment and tenaciousness of our student teacher, Josh Bonder, the Drama mural is finally completed and looks fantastic. Thanks to the Art Club and Mr. Bonder for all their hard work.

Also exciting is the fabulous graffiti work for the entrance to the Drama department done by our pilot Arts Westmount student, Arrun Selvaratnam. Please make sure you check out these "installations", as well as the artwork in the display cases and the amazing "totems" in the Library all done by our talented students enriching our lives at Westmount. Further evidence of the talent in our department is the winner of the Agenda 2009/2010 Cover Contest. This was won by grade 11 student, Lani Pearlstein. *Congratulations Lani.*

We are also excited about the official Arts Westmount program which commences in September. This specialized course promises to nurture the artistic and creative development of our students.

Wishing you a healthy, safe, and creative summer.

We look forward to seeing you in September.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEASON 8 FINALE

COATES SECURITIES SELECTS

THE APPRENTICE WINNERS



Another successful season for Coates Securities concluded on June 16, 2009, raising an additional **\$3,000 in profits** for The Canadian Cancer Society.

Over the semester, the 25 students enrolled in the entrepreneurship course, each vying for the coveted title as The Apprentice, were divided into five teams and assigned a series of business tasks. Included in the assignments was the operation of Bare Necessities (the school store). Over the ten weeks of the assignment, the store generated \$1,600 in profits. The final evaluation challenged apprentice teams to create a business that sold an innovated product which targeted the student population at Westmount Collegiate. *Adventure Inc.* created “*The Band Stand*”, under the direction of Alon Valdman, *Midas Corp.* fashioned “*Shades World*”, under the leadership of Sam Povzikov, *Zeus Corp.* formed “*Bare Accessories*”, led by Sabina Burdo, *Alphamale Corp.* developed “*Sanction on Campus*”, under the leadership of Daniel Vilner, and *Hawkeye Corp.* produced “*The Henna Haven*”, led by Seth Miller.

Combining this season’s proceeds of the school store and the business ventures, to date, The Apprentice program, led by Mr. Coates, has raised **\$42,050** which has been donated towards cancer research, diagnosis and treatment. Mr. Coates and The Canadian Cancer Society would like, once again, to applaud the entrepreneurial spirit of these young business men and women and to thank them along with our new and returning customers for helping make this a continued reality.

The final candidates consisted of Mr. Eric Belahov, Mr. Daniel Linton, Mr. Daniel Vilner, Ms. Robyn Shapiro, Ms. Nancy Liu, Mr. Jeremy Hurwitz, Ms. Nahal Shad, Mr. Alon Valdman, Mr. Sam Povzikov and Ms. Sabina Burdo. Each of these individuals proved to be of outstanding character and to have a solid balance between book smarts and street smarts. Unfortunately, only one candidate could be selected to be The Final Apprentice. “It all came down to someone that was consistent across all categories of evaluation, in addition to possessing a balanced combination of all entrepreneurial character traits”. This person is Ms. Robyn Shapiro.

With the retirement of the majority of Coates Securities Executive this year, Mr. Coates also decided to do some additional hiring and tap into some additional outstanding talent. Mr. Jeremy Hurwitz raised the most amount of money ever as an employee at Bare Necessities (\$833.20), and was hired as Director of Sales and Public Relations, Mr. Eric Belahov, showed incredible perseverance and aptitude and was hired as Director of Finance, while Ms. Nahal Shad demonstrated exceptional creative talent and passion and was hired as Director of Creative Design.

Mr. Coates would like to wish his departing executive well in their “retirement”. Ms. Ariel Shneer, Mr. Gabe Patlashenko, Mr. Sean Lindover and Mr. Jordan Lazarus will be pursuing further business studies, while Ms. Hailey Einhorn will be pursuing her interest in fashion. Thank you for your dedicated service and jobs well done!

Mr. Coates and Mr. Jonathan Segal (Apprentice, Season 8), together with their Assistant Management team (Ms. Jessica Gerlock, Ms. Jamie Seidel, Mr. Ryan Kohli, Mr. Tyler Biback, and Ms. Rebecca Valentini) welcome the new executive to their positions and eagerly anticipate Season 10 in September!

Congratulations and many thanks are also extended to all participants in the program, final candidates, and the executive team. Special recognition goes to Ms. Majnarich (our budget administrator), for all her assistance and work with the flow of daily deposits and payments over the semester. Mr. Coates now looks forward to Season 10 and the new business talent entering the program.



Midas Corp



Hawkeye Corp.



Zeus Corp.



Season 9 & 10 Executive



Season 10 Executive



Adventure Inc.



Season 9 Final Candidates



Alphamale Corp.



Ms. Shapiro



Season 10 Apprentice

A NOTE FROM GUIDANCE

Summer School:

Acceleration courses are offered in many York Region Schools (Public and Catholic Boards) for many courses. Acceleration courses run for four weeks. Students may take a Reinforcement course, for two weeks, if their final mark is between 35-49.

Please pick up information at the Guidance office for more details. Completed application forms are due to Guidance. Please see your guidance counsellor for more information.

Students must register at the summer school site on June 30 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon and need to bring a current credit counselling summary, available in Guidance.

Important Dates:

Last day to request timetable change	Monday, September 14
International Fair @ Delta Toronto East Hotel (pre-register @ www.pennybisset.org)	Sunday, October 4
Grade 9 Open House – evening and Scholarship Presentation	Tuesday, September 22
Grade 12 presentation to students, Period 2	Wednesday, September 23
Ontario University Fair @ Metro Convention Centre (www.ouf.ca)	September 25-27
Ontario College Fair @ Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place (www.collegefair.ca)	Tuesday, October 27
Post-Destination Fair for Westmount C.I., Stephen Lewis S.S., and Alexander Mackenzie H.S. @ Alexander Mackenzie H.S. (evening)	Tuesday, November 10
Graduation	Tuesday, June 29

Costi Employment Services:

Costi offers career and employment preparation for students and adults. This may be useful for seeking summer employment. Please contact Costi at 905-669-5627 or log onto their website: www.costi.org

Summer Study Tips for Students:

We encourage students to develop positive study strategies over the summer. This proactive approach will enable a smooth transition back to school in September:

1. Continue to read regularly (fiction or non-fiction)
2. Keep a journal
3. Review your school work from this year, especially for the courses that you found particularly challenging.
4. Take the time to organize your room and personal belongings. Try to keep a consistent place for everything.
5. Continue to keep an agenda to note your daily and weekly summary plans.
6. Create a study space that is quiet and comfortable.
7. Keep track of current events with the daily newspaper.

Community Service Hours:

This summer is a great time to get some of your community service hours. Most organizations are low on staff in the summer and are looking for extra help. Drop by the guidance office for some ideas on what type of volunteer work you may be able to do.

Have a safe & wonderful summer!



Beyond Our Borders – A Year in the Geography Department

Grade 9 Geography of Canada

The grade nine field study took an innovative turn this semester when over a hundred Westmount students converged on Kensington Market, Chinatown, and the Grange to comprehend first handedly patterns of population distribution, and how distinct ethnic groups become segregated as cities undergo urbanization. Using a scavenger hunt format and having students use the many map making skills they learned throughout the course, students had a wonderful, educational day in the sun. Outcomes exceeded our expectations as students left biases of different culture behind, while many wandered in and out of small Chinese herb shops and various ethnic butchers/shops. With our school located within a reasonable proximity to the downtown core, our students welcomed the opportunity to put into practice the tools they have learned within our courses.

Grade 12 Canadian and World Issues

It has been an exciting year for the Social Science Department as projects from previous years were taken to the next level. Students in the Grade Twelve Canadian and World Issues course made a name for themselves by acting locally to change globally. Here is a synopsis of only some of the projects students undertook:

1. Working with UNICEF and World Vision, and partnered with local elementary schools, students produced a series of children's books dealing with issues prevalent in our society, such as racism and discrimination. Allowing the elementary students to help write and draw all the pictures, Ira Nightingale, Mike Green, Jared Goldberg and Jessi Birenbaum gained a true understanding of how to deliver a sound educational message. In early June, World Vision has offered to publish some of these books, making them available to all schools across the country.
2. Working with the NGO – *To Write Love On Her Arms*, Maytal Michalov single handedly raised awareness for teenagers around the world suffering from depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide. Raising over \$400 towards the cause, creating an extremely successful Facebook page visited by teenagers the country over, and bringing her message to the May 28th Edition of Shalom Toronto – Ms. Michalov has been named a local Thornhill and Richmond Hill Hero.
3. Working with the Canadian Landmine Foundation, Jeffrey Fleisher (with the help of an extremely supportive school body) worked towards the raising awareness of the destructive power of landmine use and the millions of innocent children still falling victim to their use. Working towards raising one million pennies (one million being the current number of unaccounted landmines in Cambodia); Mr. Fleisher was able to raise \$350.00 to put towards a landmine sniffing dog. This money will help disarm 350 landmines currently accounted for, yet remain a present danger. A corresponding article about his achievements is found in the May 14th Edition of the Liberial.
4. Working to shift society's understanding on what a sweatshop is, the group Sweat Shop Beautiful worked to explain the intricacies of this "necessary evil". Designing a full line of sweatshop free clothing depicting sweatshop awareness slogans, these shirts and their corresponding information pamphlets examined the cost breakdown and corporate rationale for shifting production to "sweatshop friendly" countries.
5. Building on the previous years collection of school kits, Galor Perez and Matthew Schmorgan successfully collected and constructed over fifty school kits, and delivered an additional three hundred more, to the Mennonite Community Council. These school kits, which will be distributed directly to students in various schools around Africa, include all the academic utensils for student to be successful for one school year. Recognition for their achievements has been made by the office of M.P. Peter Kent Minister of Foreign Affairs (Americas) and MP Thornhill.
6. Taking a different approach to their education, students decided to document how difficult it is for students to engage other students in activism. Titled "From Apathy to Activism" this twenty minute documentary looks at how the World Issues course and various other clubs around our school have been pivotal in opening the students' eyes to the world outside our country's borders. This documentary has recently been submitted to the Journalists for Human Rights Student Documentary Film Festival and UNICEF for consideration of students helping students – our fingers remain crossed for a successful showing.
7. As technology begins to monopolize more time out of the students' days, Students Based Curriculum was designed as a means to deliver student friendly, attention grabbing lessons on topics ranging from child soldiers to recycling. Each "teacher resource" binder comes packed with lesson plans; students generated DVD's, worksheets, lecture notes and answers, in a manner that speaks to the youth today. Having brought this binder before the whole of York Region District School Boards Geography Department Heads, schools have offered to buy just such a resource. Fortunately it has found its permanent home in our course. A feature article on this group can be found in January 30th Edition of Vaughan Today.

Spirit of Hope Benefit 2009

On May 31, 2009, forty-six students accompanied by Social Science teachers Mr. Neil Orlowsky, Mr. Ian Danjoux, and Ms. Drea Latford joined almost two-thousand other Torontians at the Roy Thomson Hall to unite, and strengthen their resolve against anti-Semitism, racism and intolerance.

Joined by a guest panel of former Homeland Secretary Michael Chertoff, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton, and former Australian Prime Minister John Howard, students had the opportunity to understand some of the most difficult international issues to arise in decades. The two hour discussion examined and debated both Canada's and the global role in the financial crisis; how President Barack Obama will 'change' the world and his proposal to dialogue with rogue states; an Iran bent on acquiring nuclear weapons; instability in Pakistan; the possibilities of peace in the Middle East; deeply strained relations with a Russia 'on the move'; China's rise to power; and a decline in international standing of western democracies as terrorism threatens their fragility.

The opportunity was topped off by an appearance and speech by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper. For the second time in two years, Westmount was invited to attend this amazing evening and our students had a chance to put into practice,

Co-op Department

Our co-op students from Semester 2 have just completed a very successful term working around the city in various placements including: architecture offices, criminal law office, event planning facility, elementary schools, paediatrician office, talent agency, magic company, restaurant, bakery, sports facility, cosmetic company, weight loss clinic, advertising, fabrication house, dental office, photography studio, day care centre, and music store.

These students worked from 3 – 6.5 hours per day earning credits in fields they hope to one day pursue. What a great way to spend your day!!

Do you have a placement in mind???

If any student or parent knows of a place that would like to mentor a co-op student for next year, please contact the Co-op office, ext. 104, and speak to Mrs. Seitz. We are always seeking new opportunities for our students, and who better to turn to than our community itself.

STUDENT RECORDS /E-MAIL ADDRESSES

In an on-going effort to keep our records up to date, please let us know if there are any changes to your address, contact numbers, emergency contact info or email by forwarding this info to: **westmount.ci@yrdsb.edu.on.ca**

If we do not have your email address on file please forward it along with the student's name.



IMPORTANT DATES

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September 1	Registration Day Gr.10-12
September 8	Gr. 9 First Day of School
September 9	Gr.10-Gr.12 First Day of School
September 10	Grade 10-12 Photo Day
September 14	Last Day to <u>Request</u> a Timetable Change
September 15	School Council Meeting
September 21 - 24	SAFETY WEEK
September 22	Grade 9 Open House Evening
September 22	Scholarship Information Evening
September 23	University / College Presentation Period 2
September 24	Photo Retake Day
September 25	P.A. Day (No school)
September 28	Yom Kippur
October 5 – October 2	Interim Reports
October 7	Holocaust Education Event
October 8	Awards Assembly
October 12	Thanksgiving (No school)
October 13 – 19	Sukkot
October 22	Parents' Night
October 22	Student Leadership Conference Starts
October 27	Diwali
November 2 – 6	Graduation Photo Week
November 4	Take Our Kids to Work
November 4	School Council Meeting
November 9	P.A. Day (No school)
November 10	Civics/Careers Last Day
November 11	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11	ARTSWestmount Information Evening
November 12	Post-Secondary Destination Fair
November 17	Report Cards
November 24	Full Disclosure Date
November 25	Math Contest
November 27	Eid-ul-Adha
December 4	P.A. Day (No school)
December 10	<i>WinterFest 2009</i>
December 21 – 28	Hanukkah
December 21 – January 1	Christmas Break (No school)
January 4 - 8	Entrepreneurship Week
January 6 - 8	Drama Production
January 7	Christmas (Eastern)
January 12	School Council Meeting
January 12 – 14	Grade 9 EQAO Math
January 13	OUAC Deadline
January 14	Graduation Photo Retakes
January 19	Grade 8 Information Evening
January 22 - 28	Exams
January 29	Exam Feedback Day
February 1	P.A. Day (No school)

