

WESTMOUNT CI INFORMATION: Nov 2 – Nov 20

EMAIL PROBLEMS

Please be advised that we continue to experience some difficulties with sending email to Hotmail. Email from YRDSB to Hotmail is either being returned to our mail systems queues for later transmission or delivered to Hotmail, but then deleted by Hotmail. These issues are related to the volume of email that YRDSB sends to Hotmail users and are constraints that Hotmail / Microsoft have chosen to place on their systems. We are continuing to work with Hotmail and Microsoft in order to have them adjust their systems to allow for higher volumes of email from YRDSB. Please note, that these issues are not related to any of our systems or technologies here at YRDSB and are solely a Hotmail / Microsoft issue. This issue affects subscribers of Hotmail, Live.ca and possibly some users of Sympatico.ca due to the shared use of Hotmail mail processing systems. We continue to post our emails on our website so you can read them even if they are delivered directly to your account. See <http://www.westmount.ci.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/parents.html> for the emails.

H1N1

A letter was sent home with students on Wednesday. It can be obtained from the board's website <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=CHSF00001>. Current H1N1 information is posted at this address.

STUDENT ABSENCES

When parents phone in absences for their child we have been asked that they report if their child is absent because s/he has a fever, and/or is experiencing stomach and intestinal symptoms (such as vomiting or diarrhea); and/or is showing mostly breathing symptoms (such as persistent coughing, sneezing, and congestion). All student absences for all of our schools are reported to York Region Health Services daily.

Children can return to school when they no longer have a fever and are feeling well enough to participate in school activities.

Students who are well should attend school.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 2 – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

Grad Photos – Students need to sign up in main office beginning Wednesday, October 21st. There is a \$30 sitting fee (cheques made payable to Edge Imaging). Once an appointment is made - it must be kept. Missed appointments will cost \$30. An additional \$30 will be charged for a rescheduled sitting. See www.edgeimaging.ca for more information. Student MUST have grad pictures completed if they want their picture in the yearbook and on the grad composite photo.

Holocaust Education Week

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4

Take our Kids to Work is an annual national program in which grade 9 students are hosted by parents, relatives and volunteers at a workplaces across the country. The program supports career development by helping students connect school, the world of work and their own futures. Wednesday November 4th is Take our Kids to Work Day where all grade 9's will be participating. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Armstrong (x286). We welcome our grade 8 students to the school this morning. Students will be visiting to examine all of the option courses that will be offered next year.

Jewish Studies Field Trip: The Good German at City Playhouse for Holocaust Week, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

School Council at 7 pm in the library. All parents are welcome.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9

PA Day – no school for students

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

Deadline for students applying to be a part of the Ministry of Education's *SpeakUp* initiative. Online applications and more information is available at www.ontario.ca/SpeakUp

Post-Secondary Destination Evening at Alexander Mackenzie HS (300 Major Mackenzie Dr. W. Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3S3). Meet with reps from Universities, Colleges, Apprenticeships and the world of work.

7:00 pm – 9:00 p.m.

Music retreat at Jackson's Point.

Last day for grade 10 civics or careers classes. Students will start in the other half of the course starting on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

Remembrance day assemblies in the morning for all grades in the theatre. Students will be called down from classes.

Arts Westmount Information Evening for grade 8 students interested in applying for grade nine in Sept 2010 in the areas of drama, dance, instrumental music (band), vocal music and visual arts. See http://web.me.com/artswestmount/Site/Information_Night_2010.html for more information.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

Grade 9 Geography Field Trip to Downtown

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

Midterm Report Cards will be distributed in homerooms.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20

SHAVE to SAVE in the Atrium. More details to follow.

OLD CELL PHONES

Did you know that you can donate your old cell phones to the Toronto Zoo –

<http://www.torontozoo.com/Conservation/ecocell.asp> . All funds generated by the return of old phones are donated by the zoo to the gorilla conservation programs in Africa. You can hand in your old cell phone to room 333 and our staff will deliver them to the zoo on your behalf.

HOST FAMILIES WANTED



Last year over 500 international students from three different countries attended York Region District School Board secondary schools and the numbers will increase this year. Many students request the opportunity to live with Canadian families while studying here. If your family can provide a caring, comfortable and secure home for an international student, please contact YRLC Homestay Services at 905-883-0047 or email jennifer.recine@yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Homestay applicants will be interviewed and homes will be visited. A Police Check will be required. Remuneration is \$800 per month.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit our school website for great information – go to

<http://www.westmount.ci.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/tech-info.html> and check out the suggestions for technology that supports group work from different locations.

