

## WESTMOUNT CI INFORMATION: Oct 26 – Nov 13

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

Ontario College Fair: [www.collegefair.ca/](http://www.collegefair.ca/) (Guidance offered a field-trip to the college fair but it has been cancelled due to low numbers.)

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

Student Council will be hosting a Halloween Extravaganza on Friday Oct. 30th. Students and staff will be encouraged to dress up for the day. Students have been reminded to wear appropriate costumes (no guns, knives, full face masks etc). Students with costumes will be rewarded with a treat. Treats will be handed out during first period. Also, Ms Catalono's dance troupe will be hosting a "Thiller" Dance Celebration in the atrium with a performance during periods 3 and 4.

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 2 – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

Grad Photos – Students need to sign up in main office beginning Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://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.

### 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.

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](http://www.ontario.ca/SpeakUp)

Post-Secondary Destination Evening at Alexander Mackenzie HS. Meet with reps from Universities, colleges and the world of work. Contact guidance for more information.

Music retreat

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

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](http://web.me.com/artswestmount/Site/Information_Night_2010.html) for more information

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## IEP'S

IEP's were mailed home this week. Parents need to review them, sign them and return one copy to the special ed department before Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Parents should contact the SERT if there are problems. Thank you

## EMAILING THE SCHOOL

The issue with emailing the school from hotmail accounts has been rectified. People with Sympatico email accounts may still be experiencing difficulties in sending emails to staff at @yrdsb.edu.on.ca accounts. Our board's IT department is working on this issue.

## 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.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS PAGE PROGRAM

Graduating students who will be attending university in Ottawa are eligible to be page in the House of Commons. See Mrs. Berman in guidance for more information.

## PREMIER'S AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Go to [www.ontario.ca/teachingawards](http://www.ontario.ca/teachingawards) to find out how to nominate a teacher for this prestigious award. There are several categories – all information is available on-line.

## YRDSB TRUSTEES

Go to <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=T00000005> to find out about your school trustees.

## 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](mailto: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/> and choose Library, scroll down and on the right is a section for Citing References. Click on Easybib.com for a great resource for a way for students to create bibliographies and to get help correctly citing a reference.

## H1N1

Updated information about H1N1 can be obtained from the board's website at <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>