

WESTMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL



73 Ann Street, Thorold, ON, L2V 2J8

January 7, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan 9th French Immersion Parent Information Night at Jeanne Sauve School—6:00-7:00 p.m.
- School Council Meeting Jan 15th at 6:00 pm
- Grades 1-8 SKATING Jan 16th
- PA Day - Jan. 17th –No school for students
- Mad Science Club after school Jan 21st & 28th
- Sports Jersey Spirit Day -Jan 31st
- Celebration Assembly Jan. 31st 11:00 a.m.
- Kindergarten Open House Thursday Jan. 30th - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

JANUARY

NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I sincerely hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday over the Winter Break. I know that our staff enjoyed the opportunity to be with family and friends and have come back well rested and eager to work with our students.

Your input is very important to the success your child achieves throughout his/her educational experience. If you have an idea or concern that you would like to discuss with a staff member or me, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will happily book an appointment to speak with you. If you are in the school please stop by my office and say, "Hello."

I would also like to thank the Westmount School community for their generosity. Over the last month of December, Westmount was able to donate hats and mittens from our "Mitten Tree." We bought \$235 worth of toys from our Canadian Tire money drive. The toys and mittens were donated to Community Care! At our Christmas concert we raised almost \$550 from our raffle and our bake sale. I am amazed that such a small school was able to be so generous and so giving. Happy New Year!

**Kindergarten Open House Thursday Jan. 30th,
10:00 am to 6:00 pm - See page 4 for details!**

Contact us at:



Phone: 905-227-3827

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E-mail: wmt@dshn.org

B. Butler - Principal

Check out our Website at: <http://www.dshn.edu.on.ca/Schools/Westmount/>

December Winners 2019		
Kindergarten	Brooklyn D-C, Bailey Y, Novah B.	Alora S, Charlie H
Grade 1/2 Labatt	Elliot L, Michael S, Liam U	Lucas M
Grade 1/2 Jasek	Owen B, Avery M	Noah R-P
Grade 2/3	Noah S, Tessa B, Connor H	Paxton C
Grade 3/4	Sienna C, Audrey S, Chloe T	Jackson L
Fundamental Skills	Paige R, Hayden H,	NA
Grade 5	Alexandria S, Johnathan P, Jason S,	NA
Grade 6	Jenna S, Logan M	Gavin W
Grade 7/8	Alex C, Maryam K,	Leland M, Hagen F
French	Emma J, Riley Jemison, Paityn D, Alex C	CARING



Mad Science Dates

These are the following dates for the Mad Science club at Westmount.
All classes will be at 3:05 pm until 4:00 pm: Tues. Jan. 21st, Tues. Jan. 28, Tues Feb. 4th, Tues Feb. 11th, Tues Feb. 18th, and Tues. Feb. 25th, Tues. March 3th.

School Advisory Council

Our next School Advisory Council meeting is **Wednesday, January 15th at 6:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome and there is an open invitation for all parents/guardians even if you have not been to one of the school's earlier meetings.

NEWSLETTER DRAW

YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER.
PLEASE ENTER OUR NAME(S) IN THE NEWSLETTER DRAW.

Student's Name / Family Name

Parent Signature

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COLD WEATHER AT WESTMOUNT

Winter is a time of wonder for many children; many enjoy the crisp air, the freshly fallen snow and participating in a whole host of exciting winter sports and activities.

Although we feel it is important for students to spend some time outside each day exercising and socializing with their peers, there are times when bitterly cold temperatures and other inclement weather conditions require that we keep children inside.

Because Niagara is such a large geographical area, and weather conditions may vary from one municipality to the next, the decision whether or not to hold recess outdoors is made by the individual school principal. When making this decision, principals will often consult with neighbouring schools, talk with parents and staff as they arrive in the morning. One option is to shorten fitness / recess breaks outside. This way students will still have the opportunity to be outside but for a shorter time period.

The health and well-being of our students is a top priority at the District School Board of Niagara, and if it is determined that the weather conditions pose a risk to their safety, students will be kept indoors.

Even when temperatures are not low enough to necessitate an indoor recess, it still may be quite cold outside. Here are a few tips to help ensure that your child stays warm during the cold winter months.

- Try to send children to school with plenty of layers, such as long underwear, sweatshirts, sweaters and pullovers. Layering their clothing will allow them to add or remove items depending on the weather.
- Students should have a warm winter coat that repels the snow, sleet and rain, while blocking the wind.
- Warm socks and boots will keep their feet warm and dry in the snow and slush.
- Hats are one of the most important parts of dressing warmly in the winter. A thick winter hat will keep students from losing too much of that essential body heat.
- Put on a good pair of gloves or mittens that are water-resistant as well. Gloves will keep kids' hands toasty warm and protect their skin from becoming damaged by the wind and chill.

If you have any questions about our inclement weather procedures, please visit our website dsbn.org, or contact the principal.

An important message about Inclement Weather Procedures...

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

Information about transportation changes and school closures will be available on the websites, radio and television stations listed below as soon as it is available. Please do not phone the school for transportation or school closure information.

Websites:

www.dsbn.org
www.nsts.ca

Television Stations:

COGECO Cable 10
CHCH Television
City TV

Radio Stations:

CKTB 610 am
CHML 900 am
KLite - 102.9 fm
EZRock 105.7 fm
Y-108 - 107.9 fm
Wave 94.7 fm
Htz 97.7 fm
The River - 105.1 fm

If early dismissal becomes necessary, we will use the emergency numbers you provided on the confidential form which was sent home in September. If your contact numbers have changed, please call the office with your updated information.

PLEASE NOTE: The school may be open even though student transportation has been cancelled. The decision to send children to school is always at the parent's discretion.



French Immersion Registration

The French Immersion program at Jeanne Sauve Public School is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

FEATURES OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- ◆ Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;
- ◆ Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is **NOT** French;
- ◆ Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;
- ◆ Providing additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- ◆ An increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

Registration will open January 6th, 2020 at noon and closes Tuesday, February 18 at 9:00 am.

For more information about the French Immersion program in the District School Board of Niagara, please visit www.dsbn.org/fi or speak to your school principal.

St. Catharines (Central & South) and Thorold French Immersion site:

Jeanne Sauve French Immersion Public School (Grade 1 entry only)

Parent Information Night: Jeanne Sauve French Immersion Public School on:

Thursday, January 9, 2019

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.