

WESTMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL

73 Ann Street, Thorold, Ontario

October 1, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 12th
- October 16th Spirit-wear orders due
- Oct. 28th Respect Awards presented in class
- Oct. 30th Dress Fancy Spirit day
- Halloween Activities - Oct. 30 - no parade, no baked goods this year. Students in K to 3 can come dressed in their costumes. Gr 4 to 8 can get dressed in their costumes after their second break.

October NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Westmount Public School students, parents and staff for a great start to the 2020/ 2021 school year! It was a very different month of September.

Extra-curricular activities and sports teams have usually started at Westmount by now. This year all extra-curricular activities and school sports have been put on hold. We are hoping to get things going again as soon as the DSBN and The Niagara Public Health Department allow us to.

Our Character Education Focus for the month of October is Respect. We focus on Respect in October so we can practice this important character trait all year long.

I would like to thank the entire Westmount Community for raising \$350 for the Terry Fox Foundation during our Toonies Terry Fox campaign. Awesome job students for crushing our school goal of \$200.
B. Butler

Safety Reinders for Parents

To keep Westmount students / staff as safe as possible **parents** are reminded:

1. that they are not allowed on back field/tarmac area before school. This has been mandated by the DSBN and is outlined in the DSBN Parents' Guide online.
2. that they are not permitted in the school. If you need to speak to a staff member please call and arrange a telephone call.

3. to supply your child(ren) with a lunch when they come to school in the morning so you, the parent, don't have to come to the school and drop one off later in the day.

4. to keep your child(ren) at home when they are not feeling well especially if they are suffering from a cough, temperature, runny nose and/or sore throat etc.

Thank you!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

There will be no school on **Monday October 12th**, as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving from the Westmount staff. We hope you enjoy your time with your families and friends.



HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Students are invited to dress up for our Halloween day events! In the morning of **Friday, October 30th**. Kindergarten to Gr. 3 students can come dressed in their costumes.

After 12:20 pm during their second break, students in Grades 4 to 7/8 can dress in their costumes. **Parents will not be permitted to come to the school to help with costumes. There will not be a Halloween parade this year.** All Halloween activities will take place in their homeroom with the students in their own class. No baked goods from home will be permitted in the school.

Turning Around in Driveways



Please do not use our neighbours' driveways to turn around on Munro St. or St. Charles Dr. One of our students was almost hit in their own driveway by a car turning around.

Contact us at:
Phone: 905-227-3827
Fax: 905-227-9728
Email: wmt@dsbn.org



B. Butler - Principal

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

Class	Students	French
Perseverance		
JK/SK	Kove M, Yezzen S-Y	NA
Grade 1/2 Labatt	Amaka M, Adela P	NA
Grade 1/2 Jasek	Fletcher F, Isla M	NA
Grade 2/3	Hami J, Nathan T	NA
Grade 4	Jackson L, Anthony M, Paxton C	Michael B, Leah M-B
Grade 5/6	Austin A,	Logan D, Mohammed J
Grade 6/7	Logan S, Jason S,	Logan S
Grade 7/8	Cameron A,	Cameron A, Ella S
FSP	Hayden H,	NA

School Cash Online Please Register

We know you have many different priorities competing for your attention each day. To respect those demands, we'd like to help you save both time and effort. Please sign up for School Cash Online. In the future you'll be able to pay for school items, such as field trips, milk, and pizza (when we do these things again) online. **Westmount spirit wear can only be ordered and paid for using School Cash Online for 2020/ 2021!**

It takes just five minutes to register for this service. You will be able access the service by visiting our school website and clicking on "School Cash Online." There, you'll find more information about the system, links to registration and online support. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal.

Using School Cash Online, you may never have to search for spare change again! Thank you for your support. Please register!



NEWSLETTER DRAW

YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE ENTER OUR NAME(S) IN THE NEWSLETTER DRAW.

Student's Name / Family Name

Parent Signature

WESTMOUNT SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS

Westmount Spirit Wear will be on sale starting on October 9th. This includes all Grad hoodies. All new students to Westmount will be getting a free black Westmount t-shirt courtesy of the Westmount School Council. A sizing kit is located at the school's office. Go Wildcats!



All orders must be placed and paid for on School Cash

Online. See page 2 of this newsletter for instructions on how to register for School Cash Online. Please go to our website to register for School Cash Online. Thank you!



YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR 2020-2021



Thank you to Mrs. Callie Russell for volunteering to be our Chair person, to Mrs. Lindsay Redmond for agreeing to be our Vice-chair, to Mrs. Sarah Fluellon for staying as our Secretary, and to Mrs. Sarah Win-skill for being our Treasurer. This year Mrs. Melissa Philip and Ms. Ali Labatt will both be our staff representatives.



All meetings will be online in "Zoom" like calls so we can follow all Niagara Region Public Health guidelines.

Please note that our School Council online Zoom meeting will be on Wednesday October 14th. Thank you!

Have Questions

About COVID-19?

Please contact the Niagara Region Public Health Information Line:

Monday to Friday:
9:15 am—8:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday:
9:15 am—4:15 pm

Call: 905-688-8248 press 7, then 2

Toll-free: 1-888-505-6074 press 7, then 2

COVID-19 and Flu season

Washing your hands prevents the spread of the virus and other germs and reduces your risk of getting sick.

Wash your hands after:

- coughing or sneezing
- blowing your nose
- using the washroom
- playing with pets
- playing outdoors
- and before preparing
- meals and eating



Use warm water and soap, lather and scrub for at least 20 seconds. Have children sing the ABC song, so they scrub for long enough. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are safe for children and can be used when you don't see any dirt. For more information, talk to Niagara Public Health or your family doctor.