

WESTMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL

73 Ann Street, Thorold, Ontario

October 4, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct. 5th 2nd Cross Country race
- Oct. 5th Cookie Dough Fund Raiser information sent home
- Oct. 6th Professional Activity Day
- Thanksgiving Day Oct. 9th
- October 16th Spirit-wear orders start
- October 25th Cookie orders due
- Oct. 27th Celebration Assembly at 11:00 am
- Oct. 27th Western Day Spirit Day
- Halloween Parade - Oct. 31 JK/SK in the morning, Gr 1 to Grade 6/7 at 1:20 pm
- Halloween Dance Gr. 6-8 Oct. 31

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B. Butler - Principal

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 2017 / 2018 school year! Our school population has grown and we now sit at 194 students.

Extra-curricular activities and sports teams have started here at Westmount. I am truly amazed at all the activities and athletics that are offered here at Westmount. The cross country team has had their first race. Intermediate and Junior soccer are complete with the Intermediates finishing second and the Juniors finishing as champions. Student Council has been elected and is now planning school events and activities. Thank you to all the staff who coach and run these activities. Your time and dedication to Westmount's students is greatly appreciated.

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.

Mr. B. Butler

Professional Activity Day

A reminder that there is no school for students on **Friday October 6th**.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

There will be no school on **Monday October 9th**, 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 events! In the morning of **Monday, October 31st**, Kindergarten students will come dressed in their costumes and parade through the school in the morning. At 1:20 pm, students in Grades 1 to 6/7 will parade through the school and around the neighbourhood (weather permitting) and then back to homeroom classes. Grades 6 /7 and 7/8 will participate in a school dance coordinated by the Student Council in the afternoon.





SCHOOL COUNCIL

FUND RAISING UPDATE

This year to date, School Council will be holding the following fund raisers:

- * Cookie Dough—Oct 5 —Oct 25
- * Holiday Bake Sale - Dec
- * Dance-a-thon in March
- * Funscrip-to buy your gift cards-all year
- * Fun Fair in June

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

Class	Students	Athletes
Perseverance		
JK/SK	Ronan Brady, Sullivan Harding	N/A
Grade 1	Sophie-Lynn Doucette, Anthony Montag	Niiwaaban Bowering
Grade 2	Madison Baker, Tina Nguyen	Nick Chanady
Grade 3	Lizzie Joy, Sophia Patterson	Johnathan Peach
Grade 4/5	Logan Baker, Kora Radsma, Logan Sargeant	Rasaam Hooshmand
Grade 6/7	Kaiden Jane, Aidan Martin, Carter Wilkinson	Reilly McNeil
Grade 7/8	ShyAnne Laundry	Natalie Yarnell
Fundamental Skills	Austin Mitchell	Paige Redman
French Classes	Spencer Fluellon, Julianna Marchan, Jessica Manning, Devon Ryckman, Carter Wilkinson, Jordyn Abram, Madsion Cartmell, Max Steele	

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. You'll be able to pay for school items, such as fieldtrips, milk, pizza and yearbooks, online.

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 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.



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 after October 16th. 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!



YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR 2017-18

Elections for positions on School Council were held at our September Meeting. Congratulations and thanks to Mrs. Callie Russell for agreeing to be our Chair person and to Mrs. Lindsay Redmond for agreeing to be our Vice-chair, to Mrs. Erin Yarnell for remaining our Secretary, and to Mrs. Cathy Smith for remaining Treasurer. This year Mrs. Jennifer Akrigg and Ms. Ali Labatt will both be our staff representatives. Information will be sent home soon about events we have planned for this year. We truly need the support of the Westmount Parent Community to run events such as school fund raisers and the spring Fun Fair. Please consider being involved in School Council this year! Many hands make light(er) work!

Please note that our School Council will next meet on November 16th at 6:00 pm! Please consider coming out. We encourage any and all interested parents to attend. Thank you!



YMCA Youth Action is Here

YMCA Youth Action is coming to Westmount on **Monday nights!** Youth Action is a free program for ages 9-14, where youth can join the YMCA staff team from **6:00pm to 8:00pm** for gym games, sports, special activities and more! The YMCA staff will be here beginning October 2nd and the best part is that Youth Action is totally free! For more information check it out on Facebook or Instagram, or e-mail youthaction@niagara.ymca.ca. See you there!

Flu season is here!

Washing your hands prevents the spread of 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 15 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 your school nurse.

Grade 8 Students and Parents: Mark Your Calendars!

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend **High School Open Houses from November 27 – 30.**

Details about the open houses will be shared with parents / guardians in mid-October

High School Open House Dates

Monday, November 27

E.L. Crossley Secondary

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary 6:30 pm



Tuesday, November 28

Greater Fort Erie Secondary

Grimsby Secondary School

Port Colborne High School - TBD

St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary

Stamford Collegiate Secondary

Thorold Secondary School at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 29

Beamsville District Secondary

Governor Simcoe Secondary

Laura Secord Secondary

Westlane Secondary 8:30 pm



Thursday, November 30

AN Myer Secondary

Eden High School

Eastdale Secondary

South Lincoln High School

Welland Centennial Secondary