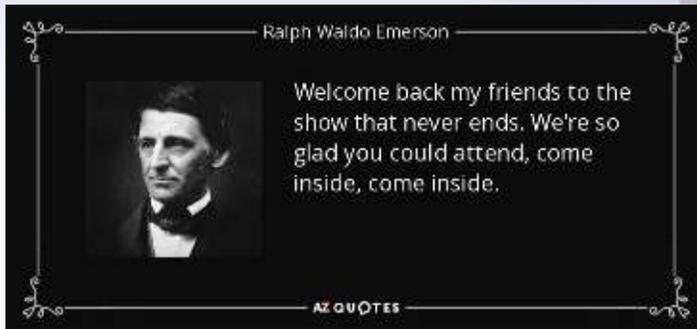


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# Mid-High Report to School Council

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



This September we welcome almost 900 students in our building!

We are excited to welcome the 90 students coming 'up the hill' from the Elementary campus to continue their Westmount journey at the Mid-High Campus. We are equally excited to welcome over 60 students who are brand new to the Westmount family.

## NEW & RETURNING STAFF

### New to Westmount

- Stephanie Archer - Student Services (Counsellor)
- Jane Frei - Grade 7 Math / Science
- Anastassia Martynova - Grade 6 Math / Science
- Nichola Sollid - Grade 5&6 French
- Shauna Soukoreff - TLA
- Kiana Wong - Grade 8 Humanities

### Returning to Westmount

- Heather Campos - Grade 6 Humanities
- Joanne Reynolds - Student Services Assistant

## TIME TABLE CHANGE

This year, we have made a slight change to our Timetable on Wednesdays and Thursday. We have reversed the order of our classes so that students vary which class they have first and which class they have last during the day. The new timetable is as follows:

Time Table (M-Tues)		
Block	Start	Finish
1	8:30	9:50
SOURCE	9:50	10:30
2	10:30	11:50
LUNCH	11:50	12:35
3	12:35	13:55
Break	13:55	14:00
4	14:00	15:20

Time Table (W-Th)		
Block	Start	Finish
4	8:30	9:50
SOURCE	9:50	10:30
3	10:30	11:50
LUNCH	11:50	12:35
2	12:35	13:55
Break	13:55	14:00
1	14:00	15:20

Time Table(Friday)*		
Block	Start	Finish
1	8:30	9:41
Break	9:41	9:44
2	9:44	10:55
Lunch	10:55	11:35
3	11:35	12:46
Break	12:46	12:49
4	12:49	14:00

Fridays are Day 1 or Day 2 according to year at a glance calendars

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LETTER GRADES

Our middle school letter grades have changes this year to better match with their descriptors. For Example, 'E' used to correspond with 'Mastery'. To have better alignment, we have changed our letter descriptors to match.

The criteria for assessment has **not** changed. Only the letter.

### M - Mastery

The student **consistently and independently**:

- demonstrates a **complete understanding and application** of the concept, skill and/or attitude
- makes connections and applies learned concepts to **novel, diverse and unique learning situations**.

### P - Proficient

The student:

- **applies** the concepts, skills and/or attitudes learned to new situations
- recognizes connections between concepts in **both familiar and new** situations.

### U- Understanding

The student:

- demonstrates an **basic** understanding of the concepts, skills and/or attitudes
- experiences success in **familiar** learning situations.

### D- Developing

The student:

- is working towards establishing a basic understanding of the concepts, skills and/or attitudes.
- Demonstrates a **limited and insufficient understanding**.
- can experience success when learning situations are **rehearsed and highly structured**.

### NA - Not Assessed

Insufficient evidence to demonstrate knowledge and/or understanding of the concepts, skills and/or attitudes, at this time.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



The start of school is not just about the wonderful learning opportunities, extracurricular activities (Clubs and Athletics) are starting up too!

Every Fall, in terms of athletics, we start with X-country running, and volleyball.

*Kudos to all our students who came to tryouts and best of luck to our teams as the season begins!*

Our Debate teams are also starting up and have just begun. It is not too late to join! Please see Mr. Benarzi for more information.

Clubs are just starting to begin as we have new club registering each day. We anticipate having a 'Club Fair' the first week of October to help our students know what all is available for them.

## TERRY FOX



Westmount Mid-High Campus is participating in our Annual Terry Fox Run on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

As per Westmount tradition, students and staff will be running through the community and there will be food trucks onsite for after the run.

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Dr. Bruce Shore

This year, we have engaged with Dr. Bruce Shore, Professor Emeritus at McGill University.

Each of our Departments at the Mid-High have engaged in targeted conversations, facilitated by Dr. Shore. Topics regarding differentiation for gifted learners, building reflective practice, and Assessment strategies were address in these small group discussions.

Our teachers were very appreciative of their time with Dr. Shore and enjoyed not only his knowledge and insights into gifted learners, but the way he was able to tailor the conversation to the needs of our different departments (E.g. Building reflective practice in Physical Education vs how to support twice-exceptional learners in group work.)

Our staff, under guidance of their learning leaders and admin will be continuing to work with Dr. Shore throughout the school year.

## OFFICIAL PERIOD OF MOURNING FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II



On the recommendation from the Deputy Minister of Education, during the period of mourning Westmount:

- Flags at Westmount Mid-High will be at half-mast for the mourning period.
- As a sign of respect to withhold non-essential announcements and events, Westmount plans to postpone parent meetings, clubs and athletic practices scheduled to take place during the week of September 9-16th.

### Day of Mourning on Monday September 19th

Westmount Charter School joins others around the world in mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and extends condolences to all members of the Royal Family. Monday, September 19 has been declared a national and provincial day of mourning.

**Westmount Mid-High will remain open as scheduled.**

In honour of Her Late Majesty, Westmount Mid-High will engage in a moment of silence at 9:55 am. The province is holding an outdoor ceremony at the Alberta legislature at 10 am. This event will be [livestreamed](#) in our Learning Commons and some teachers may show this in class.