

October 12, 2022

## Mid-High Report to School Council

### WESTMOUNT ADMISSIONS 22-23

Applications for the Mid-High opened on the beginning of October and will close on February 15, 2022.

We will be having an in person intake information night (for prospective students new to Westmount) For more information, please refer to our [Admissions](#) page on our Website.

### SPEECH CLUB

Westmount's Speech Club is sending out massive congratulations to all students that competed in the Diefenbaker Speech tournament on Thursday September 29; extra special congrats go to Ramih (*grade 11*) and Charlotte (*grade 9*) for winning gold, and Sania (*grade 9*) for winning silver. We are so proud of all of you!

Westmount is excited to be hosting our own city-wide Speech tournament on Friday October 21; please contact Jaclyn Roulston ([Jaclyn.roulston@westmountcharter.com](mailto:Jaclyn.roulston@westmountcharter.com)) if you are interested in helping out.



### CHESS CLUB

Our chess club hosted our first chess tournament of the year (just an internal fun tournament for Westmount students only).



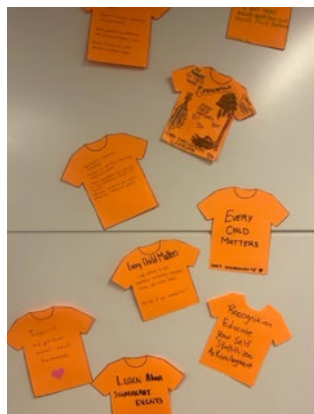
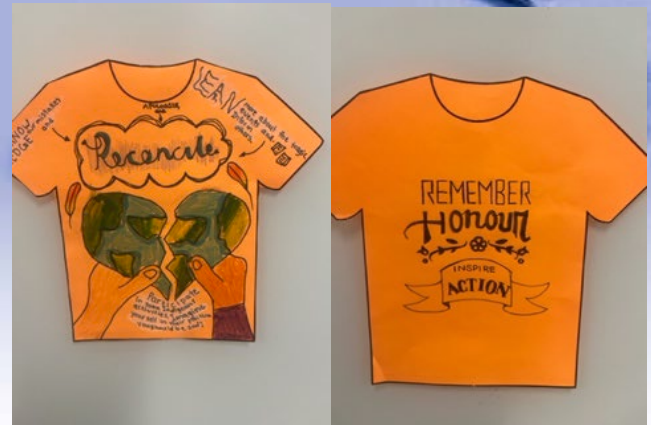
### CLUB FAIR

Check out our [Club Fair Slideshow](#) for all the clubs being offered this fall!

# School Happenings

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30<sup>th</sup> marked **The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. In the spirit of reconciliation, many of our classes incorporated discussions regarding the truth of our shared history with the First Nations of Canada. Building upon our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work from last year, we know the importance of seeking understanding of different experiences, in addition to understanding the different perspectives. The last week of September, our staff and students engaged in activities exploring 'the history of Orange Shirt Day' and 'why is it important for staff and students to acknowledge and recognize The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation?' We chose to mark Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> as our **Orange Shirt Day** at Westmount. Each community member helped create orange shirts with commitments to reconciliation.



# School Happenings

## TERRY FOX DAY

On Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Westmount continued their tradition of a school wide Terry Fox Run. This year, students had the opportunity to listen to one their peers, Sameer M. discuss his own battle with cancer. His speech was very motivational in recognizing how everyone has a part to play in our battle against cancer and not to focus on how big or small one's part might be. When we work together it makes a large difference.



# Athletics

## VOLLEYBALL

After a delayed start (with the passing of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II) our volleyball teams have gotten off to a great start. Our senior boys and girls captured gold and silver respectively at a weekend tournament.

Our junior teams have also had a successful start, with our Jr. girls winning a tournament.



## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

The 2022 cross country running season has been a very successful one for Westmount's elementary, mid, and high school teams. We have fielded large teams in the elementary and mid school categories, but have only managed to attract six high school athletes. In total, we had 45 athletes registered in the mid-school, and of the 6 high school runners we did manage to have one qualify for the provincial championships (congratulations to junior girl's runner Nico K) to be held on the Enoch Cree Nation reserve. At the mid school League Championship (hosted by Westmount), there were over 440 athletes competing, and Westmount managed to capture the Elementary Boys Banner! Way to go boys. That nearly puts a wrap on the season, we hope our momentum can carry forward and draw a number of athletes to track and field in the spring.



# Band Head Start Clinics

Our Grade 5 & 6's had their Head Start clinics this past month. At these clinics, our students get the chance to work with professional musicians learning their instruments, to kick off their music journey in Band for the year.



# Outdoor Education

Our Outdoor Education grade 8s and High School Outdoor Education 35s have been able to take advantage of our fine fall weather, on their trip to Kananaskis. This three day / two night excursion was enjoyed by all.

