

Report to School Council

Mid High Principal - Jan. 2026

Provincial Results

Westmount Mid High continued to outperform the provincial average on all Provincial Achievement Tests (Grades 6 and 9), as well as on the Grade 12 Diploma Exams. In the other assurance domains—Student Growth and Achievement, Teaching and Learning, Learning Supports, and Governance—Westmount Mid High consistently met the standards for Very High Achievement and Overall Excellence.

PAT's

Course	Measure	Westmount Mid/High School			Alberta	
		Achievement	Improvement	Overall	2025 %	2025 %
Social Studies 6	Acceptable Standard	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	96.3	64.1
	Standard of Excellence	Very High	Improved	Excellent	74.8	18.5
English Language Arts 9	Acceptable Standard	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	96.1	69.8
	Standard of Excellence	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	51.2	11.1
Mathematics 9	Acceptable Standard	Very High	Improved	Excellent	96.1	51.7
	Standard of Excellence	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	70.9	14.0
Science 9	Acceptable Standard	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	99.2	68.6
	Standard of Excellence	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	85.0	21.1
Social Studies 9	Acceptable Standard	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	96.9	60.5
	Standard of Excellence	Very High	Improved Significantly	Excellent	78.7	17.1

Diplomas

Course	Measure	Westmount Mid/High School			Alberta	
		Achievement	Improvement	Overall	2025 %	2025 %
English Language Arts 30-1	Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard	Very High	Improved	Excellent	100.0	85.3
	Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence	Very High	Improved Significantly	Excellent	52.6	10.9
Mathematics 30-1	Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard	n/a	Maintained	n/a	95.1	77.8
	Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence	n/a	Improved	n/a	78.0	37.1
Social Studies 30-1	Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard	High	Maintained	Good	93.8	84.6
	Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence	Very High	Improved Significantly	Excellent	47.9	16.8
Biology 30	Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	100.0	82.7
	Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	83.6	34.8
Chemistry 30	Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	92.9	83.8
	Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	66.7	40.6
Physics 30	Diploma Examination Acceptable Standard	Very High	Improved	Excellent	100.0	85.6
	Diploma Examination Standard of Excellence	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	80.4	43.6

Assurance Domain	Measure	Westmount Mid/High School	Alberta	Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Current Result	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	87.6	83.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Citizenship	89.4	79.8	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	3-year High School Completion	100.0	81.4	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	5-year High School Completion	99.4	87.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Teaching & Leading	Education Quality	92.0	87.7	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	92.0	84.4	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Access to Supports and Services	88.3	80.1	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Governance	Parental Involvement	84.3	80.0	Very High	Maintained	Excellent

ROCK PAPER SCISSORS

School Happenings

Westmount Student Council organized a second annual Rock Paper Scissors day at the Mid High. Every student had the opportunity to challenge each other to RPS games, with the winner claiming beads as their spoil of victory. A grand champion was crowned at the end of the day!



Math Enrichment

Math 31 students paired with a Grade 6 class to explore the rate of change in the volume of a balloon as it inflates. This activity provided our Math 31 students with an opportunity to solidify their understanding of core calculus principles by teaching them to an engaged and curious Grade 6 audience.



[Click here for a sample presentation](#)

World Scholar's Cup

[Click here for the audio from the CBC interview](#)

School Happenings

Three students from our Mid High – Thorin, Ethan, and Hanson – competed in the [World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions](#). Not only did each student earn individual accolades, but together they took home the top prize as the overall team champions. Click the link on the left to listen to their interview on CBC's The Homestretch, where they share insights about their preparation and the important role that gratitude played in their success.



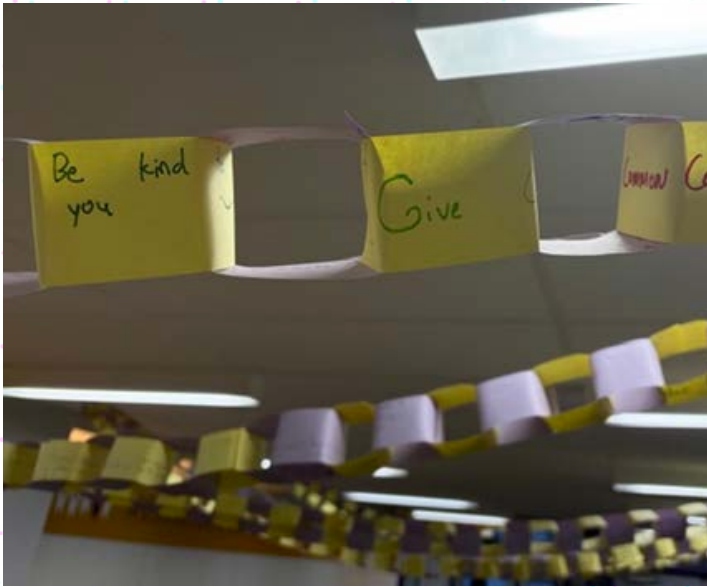
Volleyball

Volleyball season has come to a close, with all our teams representing Westmount well. Our Junior Boys and Junior Girls earned silver and gold respectively, and our Senior Boys narrowly missed out on the zone championship. The Senior Girls also fought hard throughout the season and showed tremendous perseverance.

As is tradition at Westmount, we held a Senior Night to thank our Grade 12 volleyball athletes for their dedication and their contributions to WCS.



Shaping School Culture



Be the Change Chain

Students from the Mid High S.W.A.T. (Student Wellness Action Team) took on the challenge of addressing bullying through education and meaningful discussions. The initiative was particularly impactful as high school students facilitated discussions with younger grades, while middle schoolers, including many Grade 5 students, engaged with high schoolers.

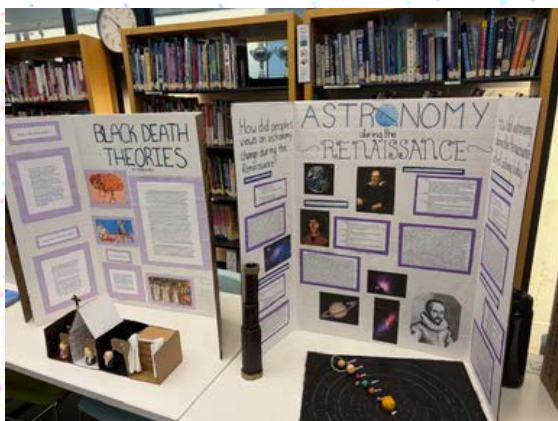
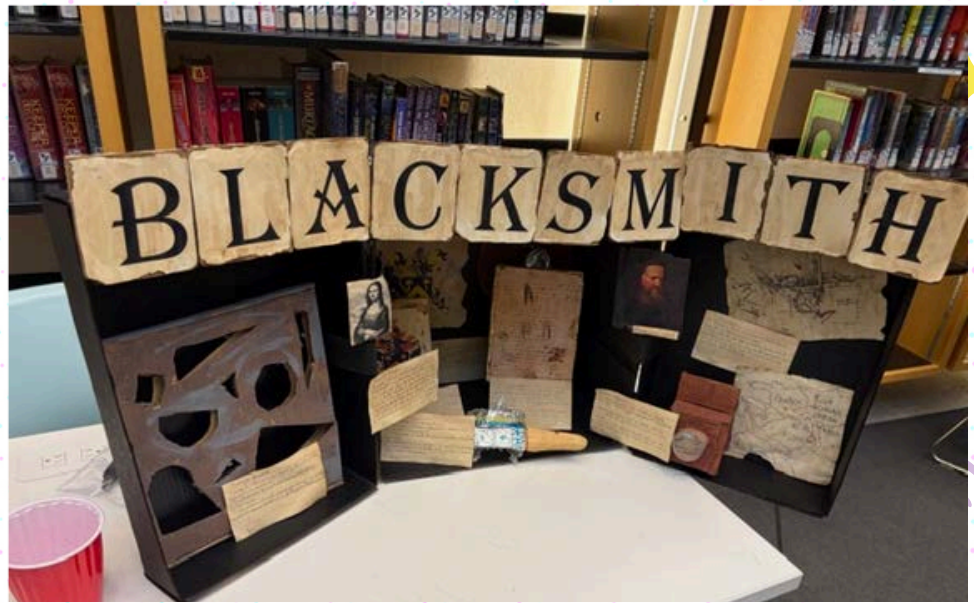
This year's theme was 'Be the Change Chain', where each student and staff member wrote a commitment on a piece of paper which then formed a link to create a change



Renaissance Faire

School Happenings

What has quickly become an annual tradition, our Grade 8 students proudly showcased their hard work at the Renaissance Faire, highlighting their studies on worldviews during the Renaissance. Students presented their learnings with extravagant displays of curios and wares. Thank you to all the classes and parents who were able to drop in to check out the Faire. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who were able to visit their Faire!



School Happenings

Model UN



Congratulations to everyone who attended SOUTHMUN 2025. This was the first ModelUN event of the year. Special congratulations to Thorin and Ustat for being recognized by their respective committees for their outstanding contributions. We look forward to the growth of all our delegates in future conferences.

Speech

Massive congratulations to all students who competed at Speech Regionals today. Many qualified for provincials, and Aishani S and Sania G not only won gold but are also heading to nationals! We are so proud of all of you



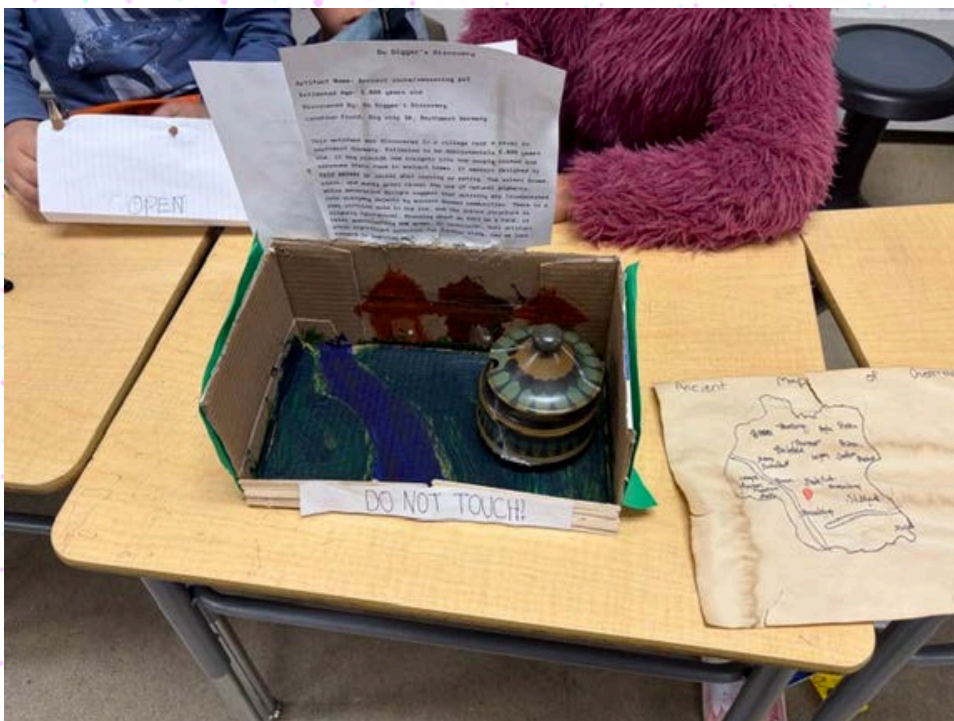
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Seniors Visit

One of our Grade 5 classes had the opportunity to visit with seniors in Optima Living at Sage Hill before the winter break. Thank you to the Shivji family for organizing this amazing cross-generational opportunity.



Archoeological digs



Grade 5 students had the opportunity to participate in an “archaeological dig,” where they uncovered artifact pieces from different regions of the world. After carefully assembling their “treasures,” students researched and shared the cultural significance of their discoveries by creating museum-style displays.

Physics fun

Students in Science 10 classes engaged in hands-on physics learning by designing and testing marble roller coasters. They then analyzed their designs by calculating the efficiency of each roller coaster.



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WCS Generosity

The generosity of our community was on full display at the Mid High throughout the month of December. We proudly hosted three different drives—a toy drive, a winter coat drive, and a food drive. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped support those in need.



Band Nights

Westmount Mid High proudly hosted two captivating evening concerts in December, showcasing the incredible talent of our student musicians.

On Tuesday, December 2nd, parents and guests were treated to performances by the Grade 5 Band, Grade 6 Band, and Grade 7 Band. The evening was filled with harmonious melodies and the enthusiasm of our young musicians.

On Tuesday, November 25th, the stage belonged to our more senior ensembles. The Grade 8 Band, Grade 9 Band, Senior Symphonic Band, and Senior Jazz Band filled the gymnasium with powerful and inspiring music, leaving the audience in awe of their skill and dedication.

Both evenings were a celebration of the hard work and passion our students bring to their music.



WESTMOUNT CHARTER BAND



Theatre Performances

"Sure, it's the most wonderful time of the year - but during the holiday season, you have to be ready for anything. You never know when you might be trapped in an increasingly embarrassing family photo shoot, or haunted by ghosts who want to teach you life lessons, or cornered by carolers demanding figgy pudding when they really mean cash. Luckily, the narrators are here to show you how to make it through New Year's in one piece."

Westmount Charter School Advanced Acting and Technical Theatre Students presented 10 Ways to Survive the Holidays, a comedy by Don Zolidis, December 8-10, 2025.

This fast-paced holiday show hilariously captured the chaos of the season—from awkward family photos to carolers who REALLY want their figgy pudding. It was a merry romp through all your favourite holiday pitfalls, packed with laughs for the whole family and perfect for spreading holiday cheer. Audiences were thoroughly entertained and left smiling from start to finish!



TICKETS NOW ON SALE! LIMITED SEATING!

10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE HOLIDAYS

WRITTEN BY DON ZOLDIS
DIRECTED BY SUZANNE MCDOWELL AND ERIN WIEBE

SHOW DATES: DEC 8 - 10, 2025
DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM | PERFORMANCE STARTS AT 6:30PM

DO YOU NEED A GUIDE TO SURVIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

PRESENTED BY WCS ADVANCED ACTING AND TECH THEATRE STUDENTS

Resiliency

On November 28, the Mid High staff continued their learning on resiliency. In the first part of the morning, staff reflected on our current practices and supports at WCS Mid High, exploring what we already do well, what we should begin doing, and what we may need to discontinue.

The remainder of the professional learning time was organized by grade/SOURCE groups, where teachers identified and explored the rugged qualities and resources that will guide their work with students moving forward.



Nine Things All Children Need

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| 1. Structure | 6. A sense of control |
| 2. Consequences | 7. A sense of belonging/spirituality/ life purpose |
| 3. Parent-child connections | 8. Rights and responsibilities |
| 4. Lots and lots of strong relationships | 9. Safety and support |
| 5. A powerful identity | |

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For more information on Dr. Ungar's work on resiliency and his research identifying the rugged qualities and resources that serve as protective factors for students, [click here.](#)

G.R.E.A.T

Led by Assistant Principal Mr. Doyle, Westmount Mid High hosts a staff discussion group titled G.R.E.A.T. (Gifted Research in Education Article Topics). At each meeting, participants read and discuss a scholarly article in the field of gifted education.

For the month of December, the group is exploring "Most Mathematics Classrooms Contain Wide-Ranging Achievement Levels" by Blaine Pedersen, Matthew C. Makel, Karen E. Rambo-Hernandez, Scott J. Peters, and Jonathan Plucker. (Side note: Dr. Makel is currently the Chair of High Ability Studies at the University of Calgary.) The article examines the range of mathematical abilities present in typical classrooms and raises broader questions about how we group students in relation to both curriculum expectations and actual ability levels.