

# Report to Council

Mid High Principal - Feb. 2026

## Admissions at the Mid High



## CSA @ WCS!!

Westmount Mid High was delighted to host Dr. Bill Archer at the start of January. Although Dr. Archer is a proud parent of two students at Westmount, he visited our campus in his official role as a member of the Canadian Space Agency.

He shared some of his work with our Grade 9 students, who had just completed their unit on space in Science.

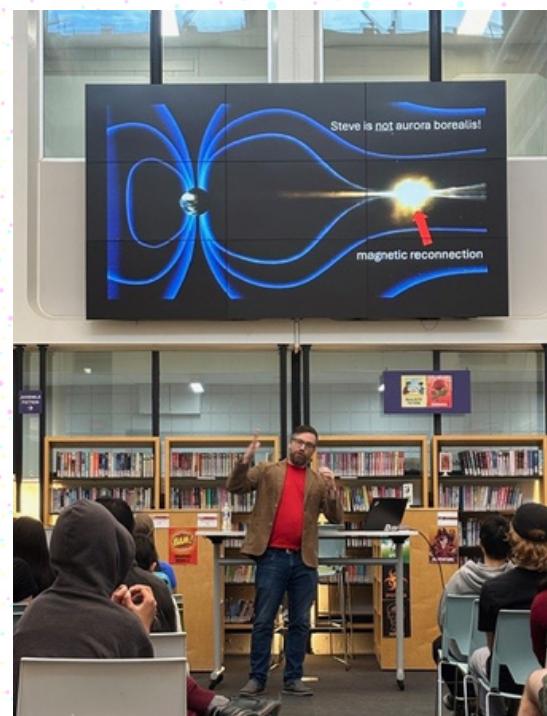
Thank you, Dr. Archer, for your inspiring presentation!

Applications for the Mid-High closed on January 31, 2025. Our total number of applications is over 100 more compared to last year. The Mid-High's Admissions Committee is currently reviewing all applications, and families will be notified by mid-March.

### APPLICATION NUMBERS FOR 2026-27

GRADE 5 - 150  
GRADE 6 - 66  
GRADE 7 - 107  
GRADE 8 - 25  
GRADE 9 - 31  
GRADE 10 - 51  
GRADE 11 - 6  
GRADE 12 - 1

The number of available spots at each grade is dependent upon our registration numbers and does vary each year.



## Speech Provincials

Please join us in celebrating the Westmount students who participated in the Provincial Speech Tournament. The tournament was a tremendous success for our students, with four individuals earning gold in their respective categories.

Congratulations to all competitors for representing yourselves and our Westmount community with pride and integrity. A special thank you to our coach, Mrs. Roulston, who dedicated countless lunch hours and after-school time to work individually with each competitor, helping them refine their skills.



## Curling

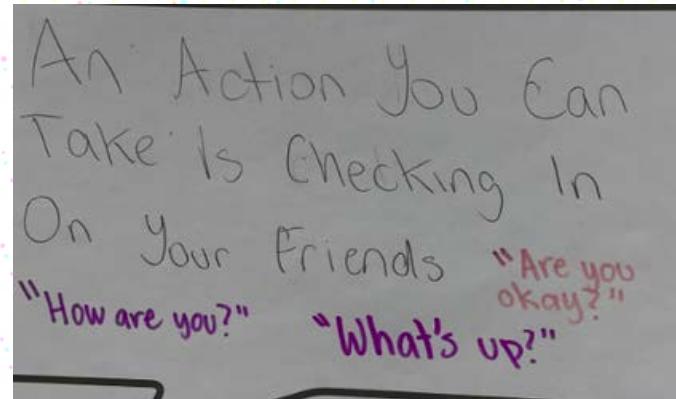
Congratulations to all our Westmount Curlers for their outstanding performances this season. Your effort and positive attitude have truly shone through this year!



## Bell Let's Talk



Our Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) highlighted the importance of mental health and removing stigma surrounding mental health during the national Bell Let's talk day.



## Robotics

Students from Westmount who are participating in the FIRST Robotics Challenge hosted a FIRST LEGO League competition on Sunday, January 11. Different teams competed in a series of timed challenges using their LEGO robots. It was a great day of fun, innovation, and problem-solving.





## Black history Month

During Black History Month, the MidHigh Student Diversity Council helps us honour and amplify the voices of Black Canadians while celebrating their many achievements and contributions. The efforts of Black Canadians and their communities throughout history have greatly enriched Canada's cultural diversity, compassion and prosperity.

### Black History Month in Canada

- The role of Black Canadians and their communities have been largely ignored as a part of Canada's history
  - Many of the loyalists who came here after the American Revolution and settled in the Maritimes were people of African descent
- There is also ignorance to the fact that people of African descent were also enslaved in Canada
- In 1995, the House of Commons recognized February as Black History Month in Canada

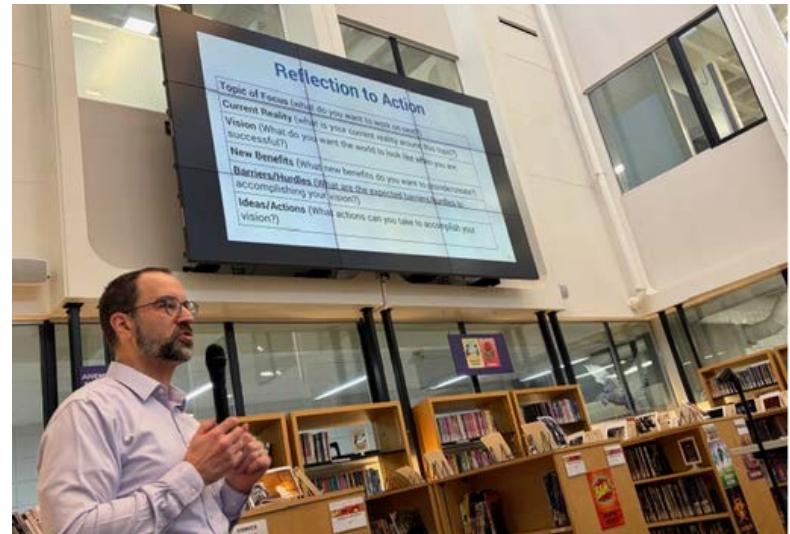
### Middle School Photography

Photography is an option we offer at the grade 7 & 8 level. Students learned the basics of picture taking, camera functions, and editing. For example, they learned about photo composition, as well as how to use the settings on digital SLR cameras—such as ISO, shutter speed, and aperture—to create various effects. Students created a series of individual digital portfolios showcasing their work.



## Professional Development

On Friday, January 30th, the WCS staff had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Matt Makel, Professor and Research Chair in High Abilities from the University of Calgary from the University of Calgary as the keynote speaker for our Ed Camp. He emphasized the significance of research in gifted education, the impact of personal narratives, and the necessity of clearly defining what success means for our program.

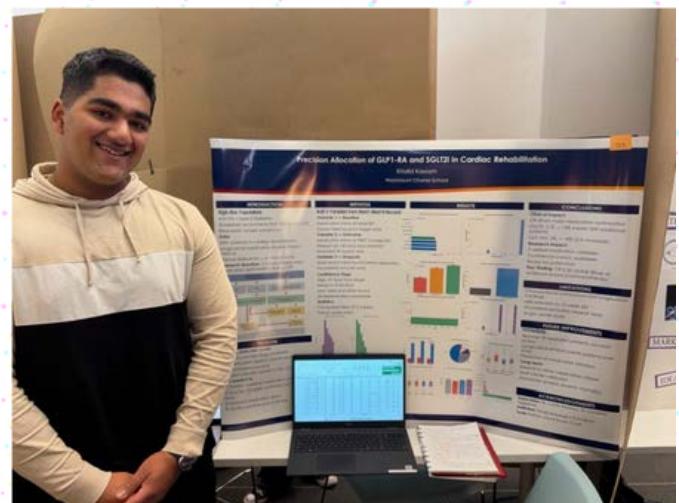
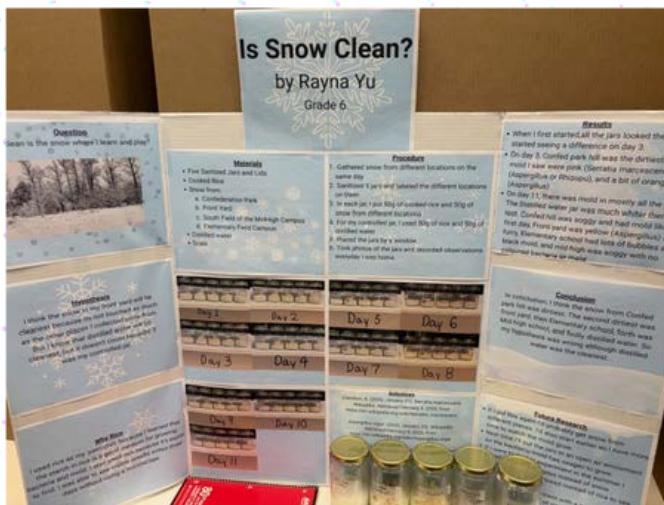
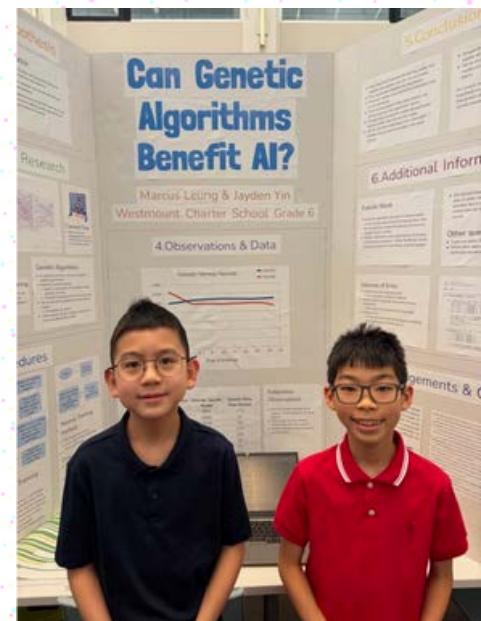
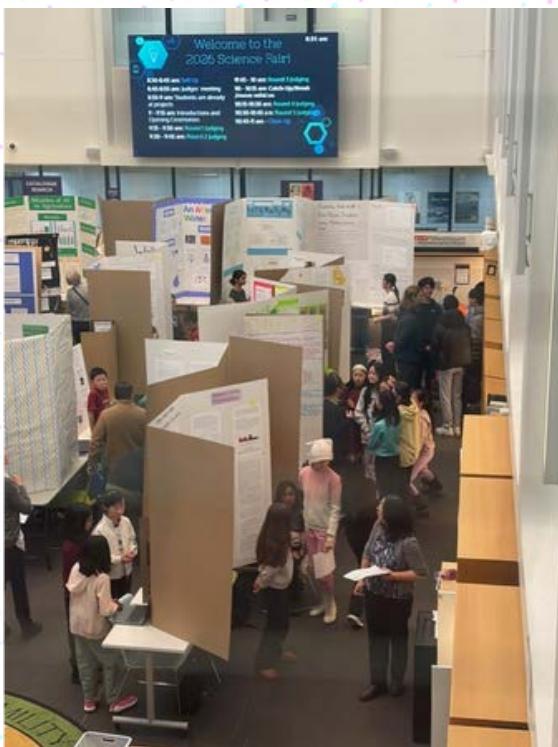


Sessions	A	B	C	D
Session 1 10:00-10:45 a.m.	Providing appropriate challenge/enrichment	AI and Assessment - Round Table Discussion	Understanding Gifted Assessment	Classroom Complexities through the Lens of Overexcitabilities (Elementary)
Session 2 11:00-11:45 a.m.				Classroom Complexities through the lens of Overexcitabilities (Mid-High)
Sessions	E	F	G	H
Session 1 10:00-10:45 a.m.	How I use AI for Teaching	Creativity in Gifted Education	Differentiation in Math	Programming for Resiliency
Session 2 11:00-11:45 a.m.	How I use AI for Teaching	AI and Gameplay	Differentiation in Science	Technology Tools

After the keynote presentation, staff were able to attend sessions led by their colleagues on a range of topics, including the use of artificial intelligence and other technology tools, the impacts of overexcitabilities, resiliency, differentiation and enrichment, and more. We are so fortunate to have such a wealth of knowledge and ideas among our staff teams.

# Science Fair

Westmount's Science Fair was a wonderful celebration of student curiosity, creativity, and hard work. Congratulations to all of our students for the impressive projects they presented—the depth and breadth of knowledge, critical thinking, and learning on display were truly outstanding. From innovative experiments to thoughtful research questions, the quality of work reflected a strong commitment to scientific inquiry. We are also deeply grateful to our volunteer judges for generously giving their time to support our students and help make this event such a success.



## Basketball

Basketball season is in full swing at the Mid High! With four teams—Junior Boys and Girls (Grades 6-9) and Senior Boys and Girls (Grades 10-12)—the gym is buzzing each week with the sounds of dribbling, cheering, and SWISH! 🏀 We are proud of the hard work, dedication, and teamwork demonstrated by our players and coaches each night.



## Outdoor Education

January is an exciting milestone for our Outdoor Education classes, as students have the opportunity to apply the skills they've developed throughout the semester during overnight outdoor excursions. While snow conditions have been unpredictable, classes still embraced the challenge, completing cross-country ski overnight trips that highlighted resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving in the outdoors.

