Report to Council

Mid High Principal - March 2025

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Course Selections for 2025-26

Early in the month of March, all students received a presentation regarding course selection for next year.

Students need to enter their course selection via PowerSchool during the window of March 9th - March 20th.

Information regarding what courses are available, course planning tools, and information regarding high school requirements can all be found on our website.

https://www.westmountcharter.com/students/5-12-programming/

Parent- Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for:

📅 Thursday, March 20th | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (In-Person)

📅 Friday, March 21st | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Google Meets)

Grade 5 & 6 families do not need to sign up—parents can drop in anytime with their child for student-led interviews on Thursday Evening.

Friday is still scheduled appointments only.

📅 Sign-Up Opens: Friday, March 13th at 4:00 PM

✉️ Sign-Up Links: Parents will receive emails on March 13th and again on March 16th with links to book appointments.

We look forward to connecting with you!

Pink Shirt Day

The last week of February, Westmount Mid High promoted anti-bullying awareness and Pink Shirt Day along with schools across the province of Alberta. A special shout-out to our own Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) for their organization and button-making around this important topic.

Model UN

At the end of February, Westmount proudly hosted its annual Model United Nations conference, welcoming delegates from more than ten other schools. Over the course of two days, our students planned, organized, and led the entire event. Committees engaged in thoughtful debate on resolutions addressing global inequity and the modernization of the G20, while also showcasing creativity and enthusiasm through themed sessions inspired by Avatar: The Last Airbender and Gravity Falls. The conference was a testament not only to our students' deep understanding of global issues but also to their leadership, collaboration, and ability to create an engaging and intellectually vibrant experience for all participants.

Band Festivals

We are happy and proud to announce that we had a very successful two weeks at the Alberta International Band Festival.

We had three young musicians selected to the Junior Honour Band who performed on February 14. We celebrate and congratulate Mason G., Weller C., and Karina F. for their extraordinary achievement. We also had three Senior High musicians, Alex H., Victoria B., and Sydney B., selected for the Senior Honour Band. and they performed successfully on February 24 at the closing concert of the festival. We celebrate and congratulate them fulheartedly.

Here is a summary of the awards our bands brought back home this week;

Grade 6 Beginner Band - the Gold Award
Grade 7 Concert Band - the Gold Award
Grade 8 Cencert Band - the Gold Award
Grade 9 Concert Band - the Gold Award
Symphonic Band - the Most Outstanding Senior High Percussion Award

Debate

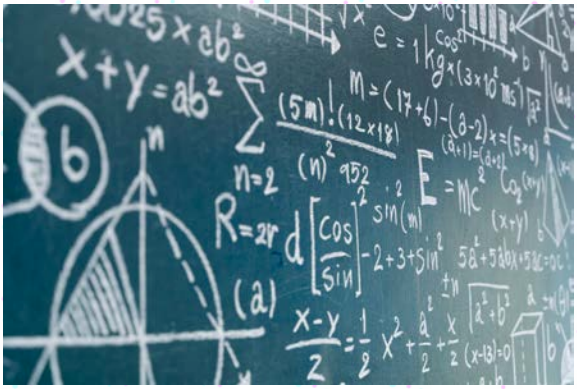
The debate season is nearing its conclusion. Our Junior Debate team put in tremendous effort and gained valuable insights over the past year, guided by our esteemed alumna, Laiba N.

Meanwhile, our Senior Debate team has excelled at the regional level, and we are thrilled to announce that Thorin and Dipto have qualified for the Provincials.

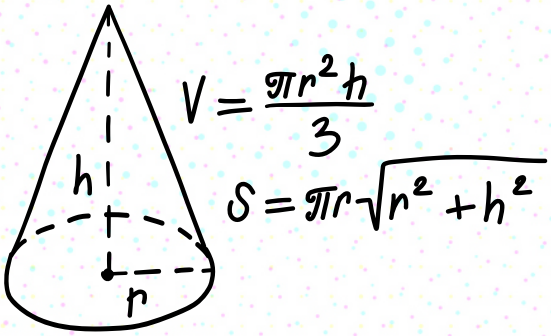
Career Day

WCS proudly hosted its annual Career Day. The evening featured an outstanding lineup of panels, whose members generously shared their industry knowledge and professional journeys. Students had the opportunity to explore pathways in Arts & Humanities, Medicine, Business, and Engineering by attending engaging and informative presentations.
The event was a tremendous success. Students not only had their questions answered, but also gained meaningful insight from the lived experiences of the panellists. Hearing firsthand about challenges, successes, and career pathways allowed students to deepen their understanding, broaden their perspectives, and leave feeling inspired and better informed about their future possibilities.

Alberta High School Math



The second part of the 70th Alberta High School Mathematics Competition was written in February by 72 students representing 19 schools from across the province. The competition once again showcased Alberta's exceptional young mathematical talent. Westmount Charter School demonstrated outstanding success at this prestigious event. Aaron H. earned the distinction of Canadian Mathematical Society Fellow (Third Place), an impressive achievement in a field that included many senior high competitors. Kevin N. was awarded the Robert Barrington Leigh Memorial Fellowship, highlighting exceptional performance from a junior high student. In addition, Siddant A. received an Honourable Mention, further underscoring the depth of mathematical talent at Westmount.



Reach for the Top

Congratulations to Westmount's Reach for the Top teams! WCS achieved remarkable success by securing both first and third places in the regional qualifiers, with both teams now qualifying for the provincial competition later this Spring.

More School Happenings

At the beginning of March, Westmount Mid-High welcomed ten international student teachers from Japan. The visiting educators spent the day shadowing a variety of classes, observing instructional practices and learning about differences in teaching approaches between Canada and Japan. Throughout their visit, the student teachers remarked on how frequently Westmount students asked questions during lessons—something they noted was far less common in Japanese classrooms. They were also impressed by the wide range of clubs and course offerings available to students. The visit provided a meaningful opportunity for cross-cultural exchange and professional learning.

During SOURCE classes, Grade 12 students organized and led small-group meetings with Grade 8 students. In these sessions, the senior students shared their high school experiences, offered advice, and answered questions as the Grade 8s began considering their Grade 9 course selections and preparing to enter high school.
The initiative provided a meaningful opportunity for connection across grade levels. As Westmount's graduating students reflected on their own journeys, they were able to pass along valuable insights and practical tips to those just beginning theirs. It was a thoughtful and supportive way to honour the experiences of our soon-to-be graduates while helping younger students feel informed, confident, and excited about starting high school at Westmount.

More School Happenings

WCS SPRING CLOTHING ORDER NOW OPEN!

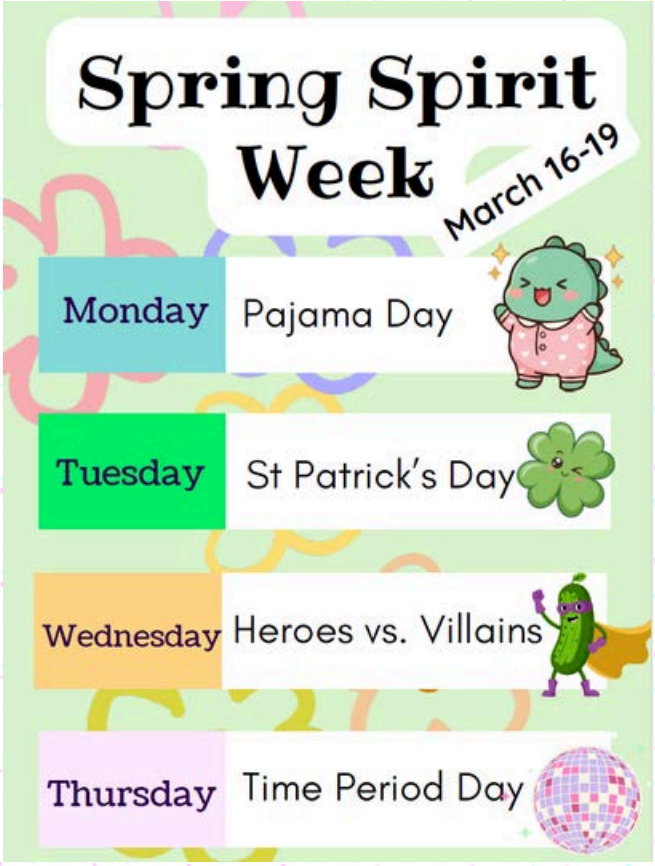
The Westmount Wear Store is OPEN. The link to the store can be found below. Get your Westmount gear TODAY!

Store closes April 12, 2026

ALSO.. Keep an eye out for the new School Logo, which will be available on some of the items.

https://westmountcharterschoolapparelspring2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/

The final week before Spring Break is packed with exciting activities. We will host another Talent Show, giving students the opportunity to showcase their skills in front of their peers. Additionally, we will celebrate SPIRIT Week, featuring the ever-popular Pajama Day!



More School Happenings

The 2026 class of Avenue Calgary's Top 20 Under 20 celebrates an inspiring group of young leaders whose accomplishments span scientific research, entrepreneurship, athletics, community advocacy and creative innovation; a powerful reflection of the talent and drive shaping Calgary's future. Particularly noteworthy this year is the strong Westmount connection: **eight** of the honourees are current students or alumni of Westmount Charter School, including Sania Grewal (current student), Annika Gupta (former student), Noah Karmali (graduate), Khalid Kassam (current student), Laiba Nasir (graduate), Micah Schmidt (former student), Mekal Faris Umair (former student), and Shannon Wong (graduate). Their recognition reflects not only their individual excellence but also the impact of a school dedicated to fostering gifted education, creativity, and leadership among young people in Alberta.

Link to full article

SPRING BREAK

We wish all our families a wonderful Spring Break starting on March 21st and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday April 6th

SPRING CHICKEN