



Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Dear Westmount Charter School Community,

As we conclude the 2025-2026 school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate the many accomplishments, milestones, and moments of connection that made it so memorable.

This year was especially meaningful as we celebrated Westmount Charter School's 30th Anniversary, honouring three decades of learning, growth, and community while reaffirming our commitment to gifted education from the inside out. Throughout the year, our students, staff, and families demonstrated what makes Westmount such a special place: curiosity, compassion, excellence, and belonging.

There was much to celebrate across both campuses. Below are some key highlights.

Elementary Campus (EC) Highlights

- Grade 3 and 4 students brought *Cinderella* to life, which included a Fine Arts evening showcasing drama, art, and choir.
- EC and MH students collaborated on *A Westmount Carol*.
- Recognized among the Top 50 Terry Fox Fundraisers in Alberta, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut, placing 21st in the Elementary Division and raising \$6,438.50, while Jump Rope for Heart raised \$4,200.
- Clubs and enrichment opportunities included Run Club, Math Club, Chess Club, Trivia Club, Outdoor Reading Club, Intramurals, and Junior Spelling Bee.
- The LEAD Program (Learn, Explore, Acquire, Discover) continued to inspire Grades 1-4 students through self-selected, passion-based learning opportunities.
- The 4th Annual Health Summit focused on wellness topics including fire safety, financial literacy, mindful eating, online safety, and resilience.
- Students engaged in meaningful activities through UR Strong workshops, Black History Month, Asian Heritage Month, and National Indigenous History Month learning, as well as drumming workshops, plant walk residencies, and field trips.
- Strong community engagement through Deck the Halls, assemblies, the Stampede Pancake Breakfast, the Buddy Program, and a successful Book Fair, generating over \$8,000 in sales to support our school community.
- School Council's Read-A-Thon raised an impressive \$9,500.
- EC students earned bronze, silver, and gold medals at the 5th Annual Speed Turn Elementary Math Contest (STEMC).
- Theresa Eldridge, a retired teacher, was honoured with the MENSA Canada Distinguished Educator Award.

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Mid-High Campus (MH) Highlights

- We proudly celebrated our graduating class of 102 students, who will pursue diverse post-secondary pathways across Canada, the United States, and Europe. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



- Westmount students continued to excel nationally and provincially:
 - Two current students and six former students were recognized in [Avenue Magazine's Top 20 Under 20 Class of 2026](#).
 - Dhiya (Gr. 6), Twishaa (Gr. 7), and Viana (Gr. 9) received the [2026 Young Writers Award](#).
 - Khalid (Gr. 11) represented Westmount at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Edmonton.
 - Students earned bronze, silver, and gold medals in mathematics competitions, including the STEMC and the Calgary Elementary School Mathematics Contest (CESMC), where Westmount placed 2nd overall in both Level 1 and Level 2 categories.
 - At the Canadian National Speech and Debate Championships, Westmount students achieved exceptional success. Deepshika (Grade 9) earned 1st Place in Persuasive Speaking and was an Interpretive Reading Finalist, placing 8th overall nationally, while Sarah earned 1st Place in Debate and placed 2nd overall nationally. Westmount proudly holds both the Junior and Senior Canadian Debate Championship titles, and Thorin (Grade 10) was selected to represent Team Canada in Debate.
- Students participated in over 60 clubs, 25 athletic teams, and more than 100 field trips, enriching learning both inside and outside the classroom.
- Strong spirit of service was evident, with MH students supporting the EC through classroom visits, art projects, drama productions, and events.
- Students showcased their talents through Fall and Spring Drama productions, Band concerts and festivals, a TEDx event, and numerous academic competitions.
- Staff engaged in professional learning with leading experts, including Dr. Michael Ungar (youth resiliency) and Tanya Keto (supporting twice-exceptional learners).
- Teacher Dr. Ley-Anne Folks successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, "The Pivot Point: Psychological Safety as a Mediator of Identity Development and Academic Self-Efficacy in Twice-Exceptional

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Adolescents”, contributing meaningful scholarship to the field of twice-exceptional education and cognitive diversity.

Looking Back with Gratitude

This year also reflected our commitment to continuous learning, with staff engaging in professional learning in gifted education with Dr. Matthew Makel, Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) with Dr. Soroush Sabbaghan, and areas including resiliency, leadership, curriculum, and student success.

To our students, staff, families, School Council, Charter Board, and the many parent/guardian and community volunteers who generously shared their time and talents throughout the year, thank you for making our 30th anniversary year one filled with joy, achievement, and connection. Your partnership, care, and commitment helped enrich our students' experiences and strengthen our school community. We are proud of all we accomplished together and grateful for the spirit that makes Westmount such a special place.



Wishing you and your family a safe, restful, and joyful summer. We look forward to welcoming many of you back in the fall for another exciting year at Westmount Charter School. To our students and families beginning new adventures beyond Westmount, including our graduating Class of 2026, thank you for being part of our community. We wish you every success and happiness in the journey ahead. You will always be part of the Westmount family.

With gratitude,



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