

Monday, August 31, 2026

Dear Westmount Charter School Community,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope your family enjoyed a wonderful summer with opportunities to rest, recharge, and spend time together. Excitement is building across Westmount as we prepare to welcome our students back.

A special welcome to our new families joining Westmount Charter School (WCS) this year. We are delighted to have you as part of our community and hope you quickly experience the sense of connection and belonging that makes WCS such a special place to learn and grow.

On August 26, we began our year by bringing together WCS staff, Charter Board members, and special guests for our annual Welcome Back gathering. Grade 11 student Quinn opened the morning by sharing our Land Acknowledgement, presented alongside Quinn's beautiful original artwork created for the acknowledgement. We were also pleased to welcome Deputy Mayor Councillor Raj Dhaliwal, who brought our mayor's greetings to our staff and community.

Our morning continued with an inspiring keynote from [Dr. Brad Johnson](#), internationally recognized for his work in relational leadership. His message focused on the importance of relationships, trust, connection, and creating cultures where people feel valued. It was a meaningful way to begin our year together and a timely reminder that the relationships we build with one another create the foundation for learning, well-being, and flourishing.



At WCS, our priority remains providing an exceptional educational experience that responds to the unique strengths, needs, and potential of gifted learners. Our vision of fostering gifted education from the inside out recognizes that academic achievement is strengthened when students feel known, valued, connected, and supported. By attending to each child's social, emotional, and intellectual development, we create the conditions for students to engage, take meaningful risks, grow, and flourish.

Across Alberta, education continues to evolve, with an emphasis on student achievement, safe and caring environments that foster respectful and responsible behaviours, foundational skills, and meaningful partnerships with families. These priorities complement our commitment to high-quality teaching and learning, student well-being, belonging, and developing engaged and responsible learners.

At WCS, we believe educating children is a shared responsibility. Strong partnerships among students, families, and staff are essential to student success, and we value your voice, involvement, and the trust you place in us.

As Superintendent, I continue to ground my leadership in three values: Connection, Collaboration, and Communication. These values reflect the community we strive to build: one where relationships matter, where we work together in students' best interests, and where open, thoughtful communication strengthens our shared work.

As students return to school on Tuesday, September 1, there will undoubtedly be excitement, anticipation, and perhaps a few nerves. WCS staff is ready and excited to welcome students through our doors and begin another year of learning, discovery, challenge, growth, and flourishing.

Thank you for choosing WCS and for being an important part of our community. On behalf of our Charter Board and all WCS staff, I wish every student and family a wonderful start to the 2026-2027 school year. I look forward to all that we will accomplish as we connect, collaborate, communicate, and flourish together.



Warm regards,

Dr. Adriana Klassen
Superintendent
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