

Westmount School Mission
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Westmount School's September 2020 Newsletter



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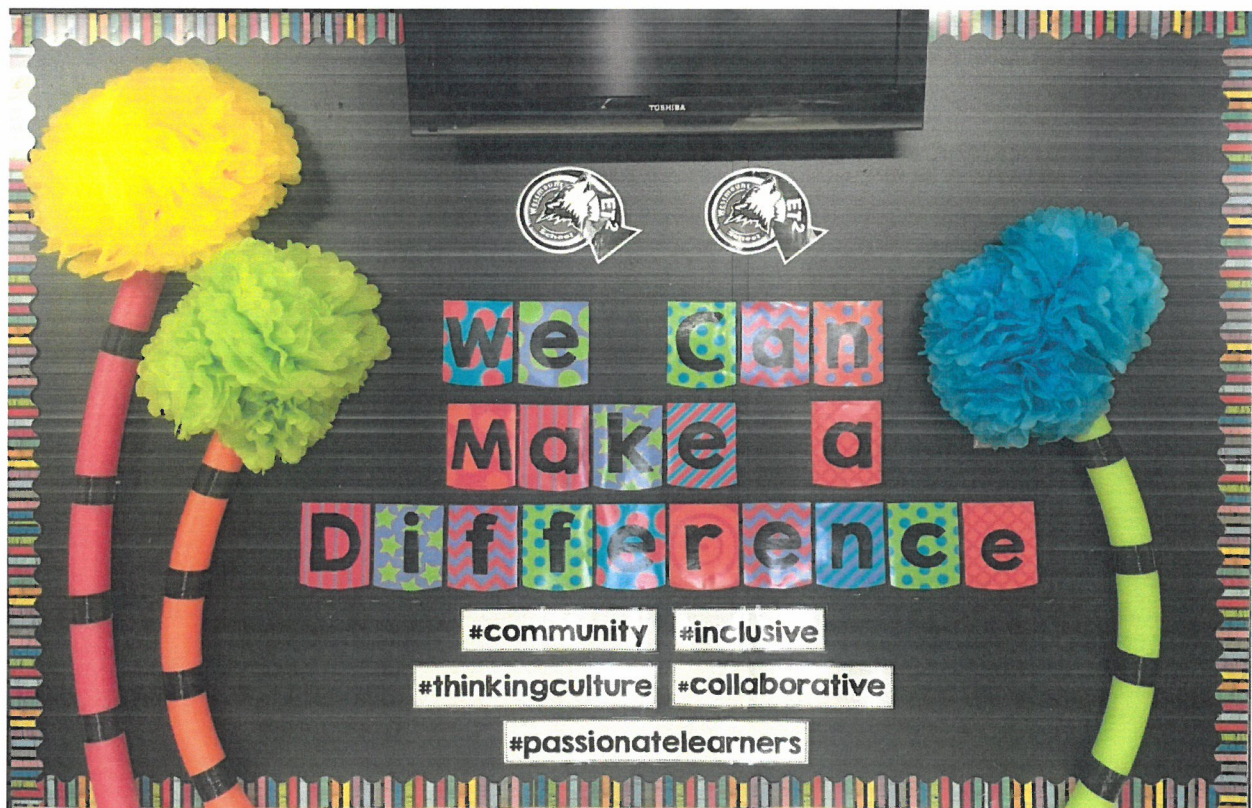
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**“An exemplary powerful learning community
committed to ensuring an inclusive,
collaborative thinking culture.”**

“Effort Today ... Excellence Tomorrow”



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Westmount School Motto

Effort Today, Excellence Tomorrow (ET²)

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Westmount School Vision

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Dear Families,

September/October 2020

We are very excited for the new school year! We want to extend a huge **welcome back** to our returning students and a very **warm welcome** to families who are new to us. We have a lot to look forward to this year! It will be filled with amazing learning opportunities as we help your children grow as collaborative, passionate learners within our school, local and global communities. As a staff, we are committed to providing our students with an education that is meaningful, engaging and extends beyond the walls of our school.

About 400 students will call Westmount School home this year – some will be 'at school' while others will be 'learning at home'. The start of this school year looks a little different because of COVID. Staggered entry gives us the opportunity to learn new routines and protocols with fewer students in the building.

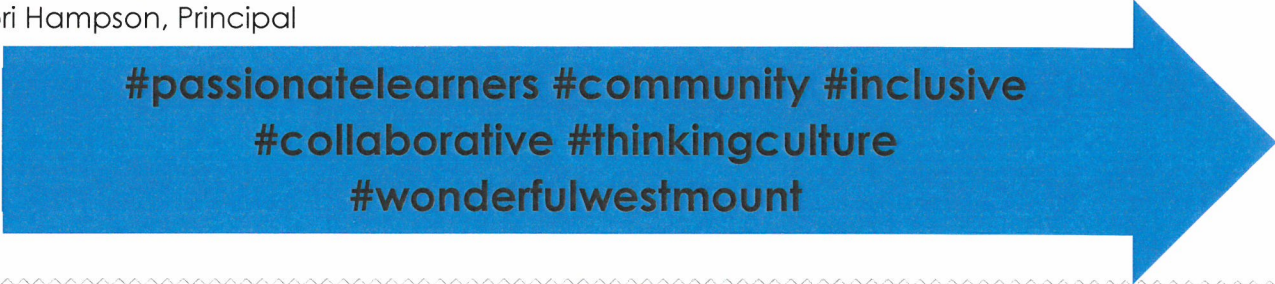
Staggered Entry:

- o In order to ease our students back into school and give us the opportunity to teach new routines, we will have about half of our students at school for each of the first six days. The schedule is below:
 1. Last Names A - K: Sept. 1, 3 and 8
 2. Last Names L - Z: Sept. 2, 4 and 9
 3. All students attend together on Sept. 10.

Next week, you can expect to receive a package of forms. Please take a few moments to complete them. Demographic forms, detailing your personal contact information, will be completed electronically this year. You can expect to hear more about this soon. It is very important that we have your current information so that we can contact you quickly in case of an emergency. If your contact information changes during the year, please let us know.

Thank you for allowing the staff at Westmount to be a part of your children's lives. We look forward to a wonderful year!

Yours truly,
Cori Hampson, Principal



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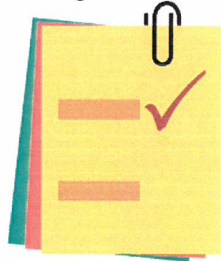
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Entering the School

Although we are trying to reduce the number of people in our building, we understand there may be the odd time when you will need to pop in. When entering, please complete the AHS Questionnaire. You will find it on the front door of the school. Once in the school, please use the hand sanitizer provided and check in at the office where you will be asked to enter your information into our log book. We require a record of everyone who enters our building in order to support 'contact tracing' if needed.

Messages for Students

If you need to get a message to your child, please call the office (403-934-3041) **before 2:30** pm. This way we can ensure that your child receives the message before the end of day.



Bell Times

First Bell: 8:21 am
Second Bell: 8:26 am
End Bell: 3:04 pm



Dismissal Times

Students Being Picked Up or Walking Home:
2:58 pm

First Bus Wave: 3:00 pm

Second Bus Wave ~ 3:02 pm

This way we can reduce the number of people leaving at the same time.

Westmount Elementary School Council (WESC)

Westmount Elementary School Council's AGM is COMING SOON!

When: Wednesday, September 30th @ 6:30 pm

Where: Online ~ from the comfort of your own home (Link to be shared at a later date.)

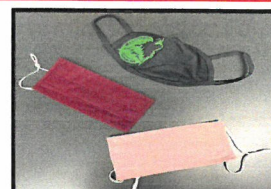
WESC is an important part of our school. We are very appreciative of their support throughout the school year! For more information about WESC, check out the brochure attached to this newsletter. Each time you attend a WESC meeting throughout the year, your name is entered into a draw to have your school fees refunded. This draw will take place at the final meeting of the year.

Invite a friend! We would love to see you there!

Transportation

If your child requires bussing please ensure that you have registered your student by:

1. Call transportation directly (403-361-2214)
2. Email: transportation@ghsd75.ca
3. Register on line: <http://www.ghsd75.ca> (Click on the 'Transportation' button.)



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When? September 10 @ 6:00 ~ 6:30 pm

Where? Westmount Bus Run (Enter from the south end and exit out the north end.)

No stopping please.

MEET THE TEACHER 2020-21

Come and wave to your teacher for the 2020 - 21 school year. We hope to see you there!



Don't Forget!

Complete the AHS Screening Questionnaire each morning with your child!

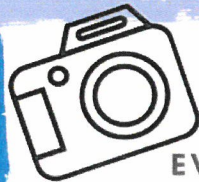
Let's help to keep each other safe!



Supply Packages

As in the past, Westmount has purchased basic school supplies for each of our students. This year the total cost per student is \$30.00. An invoice will go home with students in the first couple of weeks of school and can be paid via cheque or online at:

<https://goldenhills.schoolcashonline.com/>



EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW IT'S

PICTURE DAY!

September 22, 2020

LIFETOUCH HAS PUT IN SAFETY
PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY
OF EVERYONE.



Upcoming Events

Please check out our website for all upcoming events:

<http://westmountelementary.com/Calendar.php>



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September 2020

today < >

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 First Assembly ~ Virtua First Day of School	2 First Day of School - La	3 Staggered Entry Contin	4 Day 1 Staggered Entry Contin	5
6 No School	7 Staggered Entry Contin	8 Staggered Entry Contin	9 First Day With All Stud 6p Meet the Teacher - I	10 Day 2	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Day 1	18	19
20	21 Picture Day	22	23 Terry Fox Run	24 No School for Students	25	26
27	28 2:15p Responsibility A	29 Orange Shirt Day	30	1 Day 3	2	3

October 2020

today < >

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29 2:15p Responsibility A	30 Orange Shirt Day	1 Day 3	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 No School	9	10
11 Thanksgiving ~ No Sch	12	13	14	15 Day 1	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Day 4	23	24
25	26	27	28 Picture Retakes 12p Respect Assembly	29 No School for Students	30	31

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Golden Hills School Division No. 75
2020 – 2021 SCHOOL YEAR

AUGUST 2020

SEPTEMBER 2020

OCTOBER 2020

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MARCH 2021

APRIL 2021

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MAY 2021

JUNE 2021

JULY 2021

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2020 – 21 School Year

Total Days = 177

**We would love to
have you join us!
Make a difference
in your child's
school!**

WESTMOUNT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL (WESC)

Working with Westmount School to
provide opportunities for students.

WESC MEETS BI-MONTHLY

Babysitting is Provided

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What Does WESC Do?

- **Organizes one fundraiser/year**
- **Organizes Teacher Appreciation Week**
- **Organizes Hot Lunch**
- **Provides Teachers with supper during Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- **Provides funds for: Grade 6 Grad, Western Day, Technology, Cultural Events, Busing for Field Trips, In-Line, Playground, Grade 6 Edmonton Trip, etc.**

Why Come to WESC Meetings?

- **Have a voice in our school**
- **Find out what's going on at school**
- **Learn about the school budget**
- **Find out ways to support our school**
- **Help make decisions about how to support the school**
- **Meet other parents**



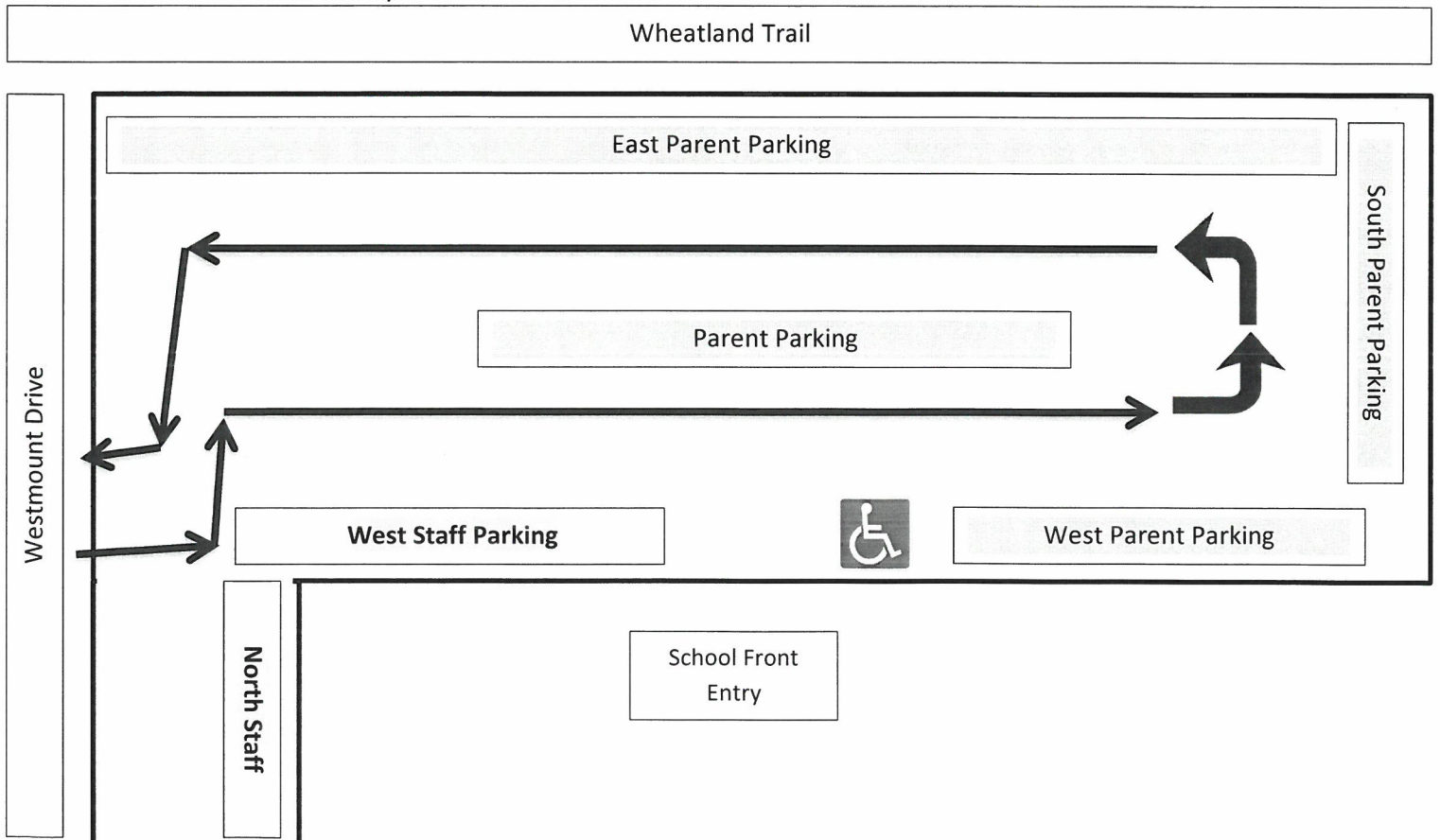
Westmount School Parking Lot Guidelines

In order to create a safe parking lot for our students, we are requesting that parents abide by the following guidelines:

- Please park your vehicle in a perimeter stall or directly in the center of the parking lot when picking up or dropping of your child or children.
- Exit your vehicle to ensure your children safely get to your vehicle or to the school.
- Do not park or stop behind vehicles or in the traffic flow area of the parking lot.
- Drive to the end of the vehicles parked in the middle of the parking lot (south end) before you circle around and begin to exit. Please do not cut through parked vehicles in the center.
- Enter the parking area on the west side of the lot and exit down the east side of the lot. Please see the parking lot map below for proper traffic flow.
- Always ensure the handicapped stalls and service vehicle stall are left empty for those vehicles that were intended for their use.
- If your child is waiting for you to pick him or her up, have your child wait at the front of the school.

Westchester Road Parking and Student Drop off and Pick Up:

- Parents may also drop off and pick up students on Westchester Road (west of the school). Please do not park in designated crosswalks.
- Parents from Trinity Christian Academy will also be parking on Westchester Road to pick up and drop off students.
- Do not use the bus run to walk your child or children to the school. There is a sidewalk on the north side of the playschool and a field entry just south of the bus run entry.





Screening Questionnaire

Parent/Guardian/Students must use this questionnaire to decide if their student should attend school.

Screening Questions

1.	Do you or your child that is attending the school have any of the following symptoms?	Circle One	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	Runny nose/nasal congestion	YES	NO
	Feeling unwell/fatigued	YES	NO
	Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea	YES	NO
	Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	Muscle/joint aches	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the attendee travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Has the attendee had close contact* with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
4.	Has the attendee had close contact with an ill/symptomatic** person who has had close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO

**unprotected* means close contact without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

** *'ill/symptomatic'* means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above

If you have answered YES to **ANY** of the above questions, please DO NOT enter the school at this time. You should stay home and use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool](#) to determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

If you have answered NO to **ALL** the above questions, you may attend school.