

Westmount School Mission

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Westmount School's September 2021 Newsletter



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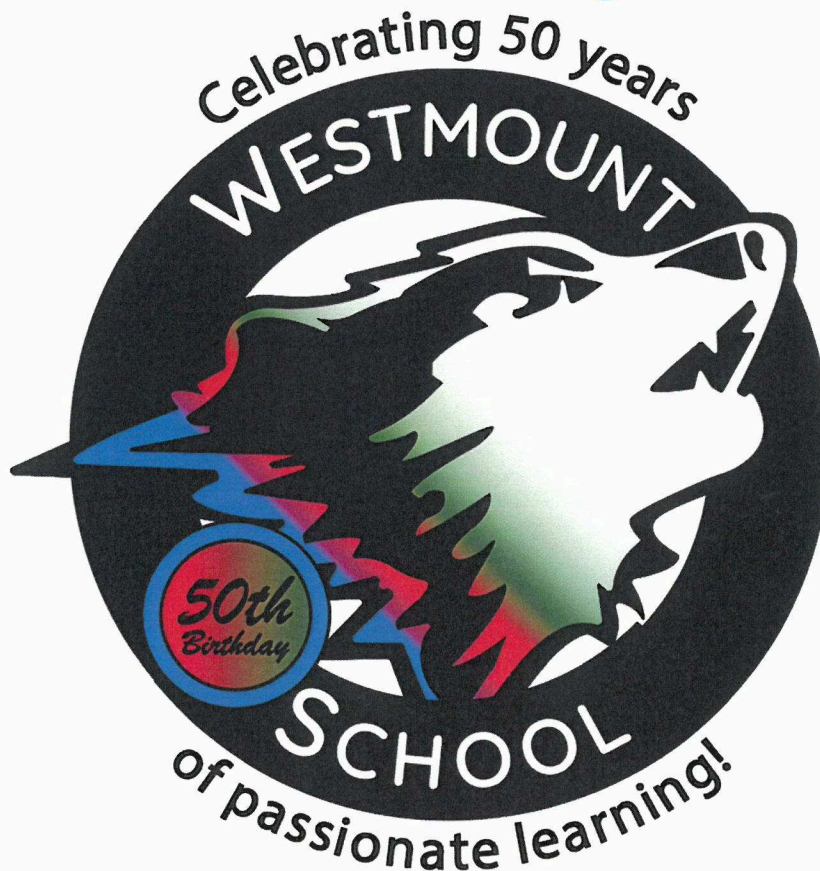


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**“An exemplary powerful learning community
committed to ensuring an inclusive,
collaborative thinking culture.”**



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Westmount School Motto

Effort Today, Excellence Tomorrow (ET²)

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Dear Westmount Families,

September 2021

We are looking forward to 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. Almost **400** students will call Westmount School home this year. This makes for a busy building full of diverse opportunities.

We take the safety of our students and staff very seriously and, as such, will continue to follow the advice of our Chief Medical Officer of Health. We will encourage proper hand hygiene, provide hand sanitizer for those who would like to use it and support those who wish to wear masks. More information can be found on our website in the [GHSD Respiratory Illness Prevention and Management in Schools](#) guide. How can families help? Please keep your children at home when they are unwell. Together, we will do our best to keep everyone healthy this year.

Next week, you can expect to receive a package of forms. Please take a few moments to complete them and return them to your child's teacher. During the year, if your contact information changes, please call the office (403-934-3041) to make the appropriate updates.

Thank you for allowing the staff at Westmount to be a part of your children's lives.

I look forward to seeing you around the school!

Yours in learning,

Cori Hampson, Principal



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Messages for Students

If you need to get a message to your child, please call the office (403-934-3041) **before 2:45** pm. This way we can ensure that your child receives the message before the end of day.



Bussing

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.)



Visiting the School

When entering the school, please complete the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#). You will find it on the front door of the school. Once in the school, please sign in at the office.

Bell Times

First Bell: 8:21 am
Second Bell: 8:26 am
Recess: 10:17-10:32
Lunch: 12:23 – 1:13 pm
End Bell: 3:04 pm

Federal Election

As has been the case in the past, Westmount School has been designated as a voting station for the federal election. Although community members will be coming to our school, they will not interact with our students. Voting will only take place in our gym and voters will enter the gym through an outside door. That day our students will either have gym outside or in another area of the school. Additional cleaning will take place after voting has ended. As always, the safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance to us.

Meet the Teacher

When: Sept. 9, 2021

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Families are welcome to come meet their child's teacher(s) and check out the school!

Don't Forget!

Complete the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) each morning and stay home if you are feeling unwell!

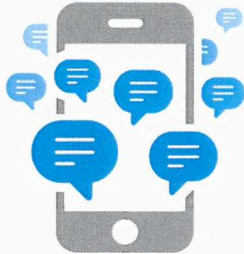


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Devices at School

While students are in the classroom the focus is on learning, collaborating, thinking and exploring. We ask that students leave their phones, smart watches and other communication devices at home or in their lockers or backpacks to reduce distractions. If a student needs to contact their family, they can speak to their teacher about calling home. This also reduces the risk of devices being lost or damaged.

On occasion, teachers may encourage students to bring their devices which will be communicated separately.



Westmount Elementary School Council (WESC)

Westmount Elementary School Council's AGM is COMING SOON!

When: Wednesday, September 15th @ 6:30 pm

Where: TBD

WESC is an invaluable part of our school. We are extremely appreciative of their support throughout the school year. For more information about WESC, check out the brochure attached to this newsletter.

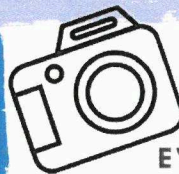
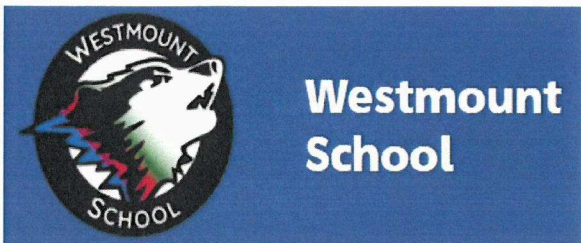
Each time you attend a WESC meeting throughout the year, your name is entered into a draw to have your school fees refunded. This draw will take place at the final meeting of the year.

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

Upcoming Events

Please head to our website for all upcoming events. We have a lot to look forward to this year!

[School Calendar](#)



EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW IT'S

PICTURE DAY!

September 21, 2021

RETAKES ARE ON OCTOBER 28, 2021

Golden Hills School Division No. 75
2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

AUGUST 2021

SEPTEMBER 2021

OCTOBER 2021

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JULY 2022

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2021-21 School Year

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- Day 2 – 45
- Day 3 – 44
- Day 4 – 44

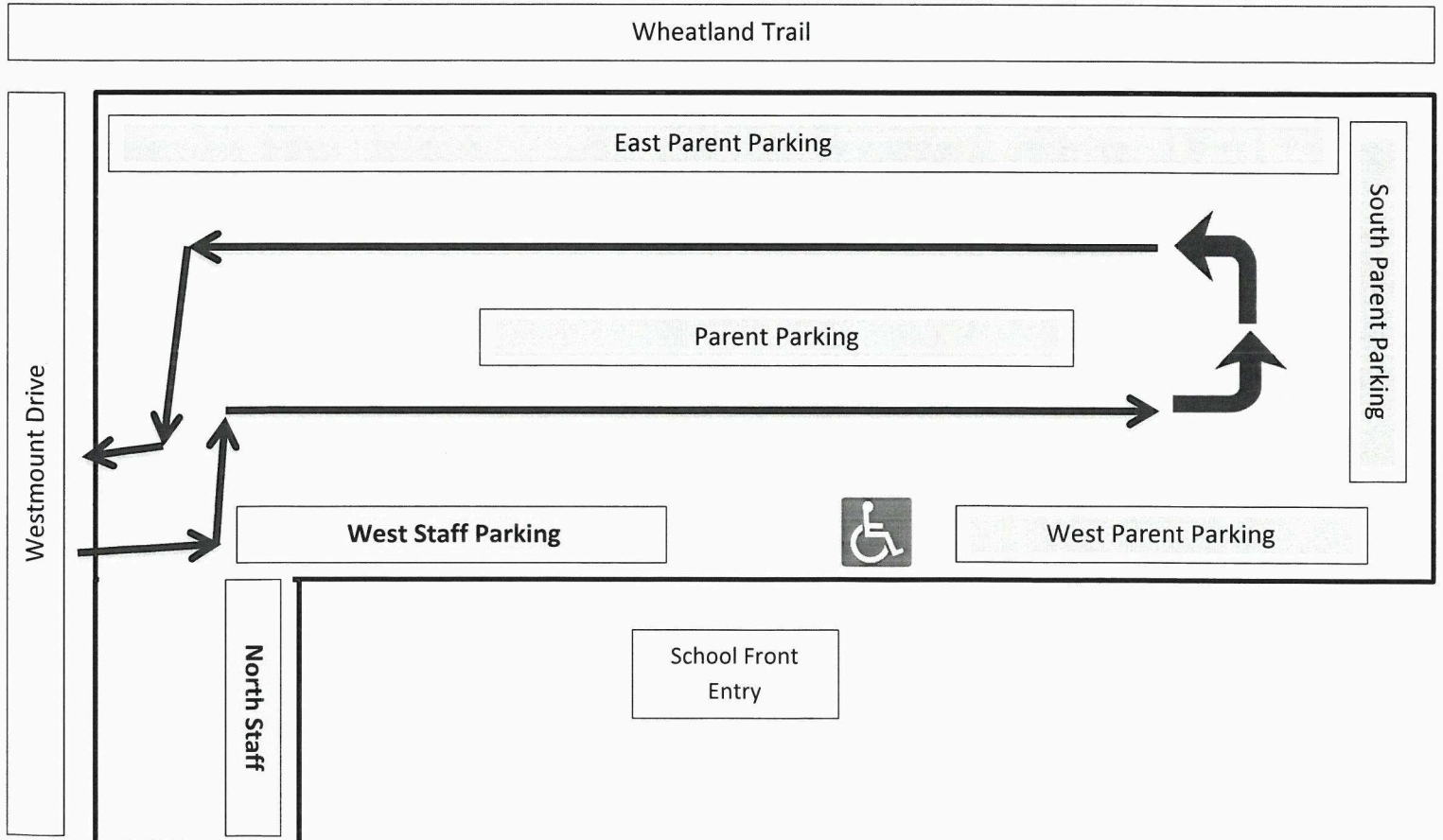
Westmount School Parking Lot Guidelines

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.



**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**



COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

If your child has traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days, follow the [Government of Canada Travel, Testing, Quarantine and Borders](#) instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high-risk environments.

Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:		
	Fever Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	YES	NO
	Cough Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered “YES” to any symptom in question 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is required to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms as per CMOH Order 39-2021 OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation. <p>If the child answered “NO” to all of the symptoms in question 1, proceed to question 2.</p>			

2.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:		
	Chills Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
	Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO
	Runny nose/congestion Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
	Feeling unwell/fatigued Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury	YES	NO
	Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO
	Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO
	Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO
	Headache Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered “YES” to ONE symptom in question 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours. If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary. If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended. <p>If the child answered “YES” to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child home. Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended. Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started. <p>If the child answered “NO” to all questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities. 			

Please note: If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.