WPS NEWSLETTER September 2024

WPS Important Information:

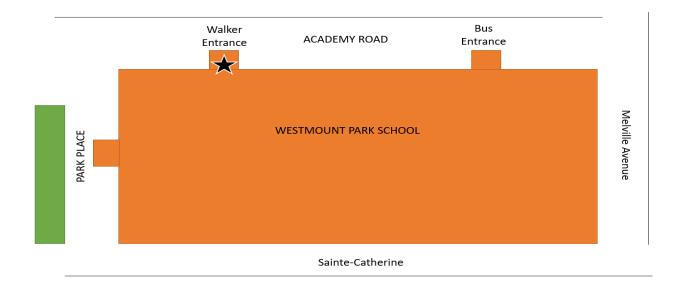


Welcome Back!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our families back for another exciting year of learning and exploration at Westmount Park School. We wish all of our students and families a phenomenal school year.

New Entry Protocol - Walkers

For increased security, we kindly ask that our walkers enter from the entrance on Academy Road (near Park Place), instead of the main entrance on Park Place. Students who are late, arriving after 8:05am, should report to the main office. Please see the diagram below for clarification. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Mozaik Portal

The Mozaïk Parent Portal is a tool for collaboration and communication between teacher, school administration and parents. This tool allows parents to track their child's school results, school bus transportation in real time. You can access your child's report card online, anywhere, anytime with the EMSB "Mozaïk Parent Portal". Please visit the following website for instructions on how to register: <u>https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/community/parents/mozaik</u>

Safety

We kindly ask that all parents visiting the school please go directly to the office. We are happy to assist you any way we can. For safety reasons, we ask that no one circulate in the building. We thank you for your cooperation.

Meet the Teacher-Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night for Cycles 1, 2 & 3 will be held on September, 12th between 4pm and 6pm. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom. There will be three blocks available for visits. We look forward to meeting all our families. BLOCK 1: 4:00pm to 4:30pm BLOCK 2: 4:45pm to 5:15pm BLOCK 3: 5:30pm to 6:00pm

Governing Board: Annual General Assembly

We will hold our Annual General Assembly right after Meet the Parents Night in the Gym on September 12th, 2024 at 6pm. All parents are invited to learn more about our Governing Board and Parent Participation Organization (PPO). This will be an opportunity to elect our parent members for the Governing Board and to establish our amazing PPO.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club will start on September 13th, 2024. We are very happy to offer our students healthy snacks daily at no cost, including yogurt and applesauce.

Breakfast programs ensure that all students have reliable access to nutritious food in a safe and supportive environment, in order to positively impact health and learning.

For more information, please visit <u>https://www.breakfastclubcanada.org/school-breakfast</u>.

Hot Lunches - Le Mini Bistro

Le Mini Bistro is delighted and ready to serve nutritious and appetizing meals to your school again this year! Our service will start the week of September 9, 2024. See all information by clicking here: <u>Mini Bistro Brochure (2024-2025) - final.pdf</u>

Please click here for information on the management of food allergies: <u>Food Allergies Memo for</u> <u>Parents (FR-EN).pdf</u>

Meals are served with a vegetable and a dessert of the day. In an effort to reduce waste, beverages will no longer be included. Don't forget to pack up your child's favorite drink or water in a reusable bottle. Payments can be made through Visa – Master Card – American Express or Pre-paid Credit Cards. Please note that Moneris, the Payment Processing Company, no longer accepts Debit cards.

Transportation

All transportation is organized through the EMSB. We were advised that all requests are on hold until September 9th. We will provide more information once we get more information from the EMSB. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

LEARN QUEBEC - Free Online Tutoring

LEARN Quebec provides online tutoring sessions at no charge with qualified teachers. Subjects include math, French, English, history, science and more.

- Help for elementary and secondary students with homework, study and review
- Easy to use
- One-on-One sessions online
- Feedback provided after each session

Registration begins October 2, 2023. Please visit <u>https://students.learnquebec.ca/learn-tutoring/</u> for more information.

School Fees

All school fees are due by September 13th, 2024. We accept only cash to be paid at the WPS office. We thank you for your cooperation. For more information on school fees, please visit <u>https://westmountpark.emsb.qc.ca/westmountpark/parents/back-to-school</u>

Go Green - Bring your own utensils!

WPS is very excited to no longer be using single use plastics at the school. We no longer supply utensils for students, including those on hot lunches. It would be greatly appreciated if your child always had a set of utensils in their lunch bags.

WPS Upcoming Events:



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Orange Shirt Day is a day to honour and uphold Survivors and intergenerational Survivors of the Indian residential school system, and to commemorate those who didn't return home.

We will celebrate on Monday, **September 30th**, as Truth and Reconciliation Day falls on

a Saturday this year.

We encourage all our students to wear an orange shirt on Monday September 30th as an act of reconciliation and remembrance of all those affected by residential schools.

Carnival / Attendance Attestation Day

WPS will be hosting a "Back-to-School Carnival" on **September 30th, 2024**. There will be fun games and inflatables for all students to enjoy.

Monday, September 30th, 2024, is also the official **Attendance Attestation Day** for the Ministry of Education of Quebec (MEES). Therefore, we are asking for the collaboration of all parents in ensuring that all students attend school on that day during the first period.

WPS Important Dates:

September 2 LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL

September 12 Curriculum Night / Annual General Assembly

- September 20 Pedagogical Day NO SCHOOL
- September 30 Carnival, Attendance Attestation Day & Orange Shirt Day

October 11 PICTURE DAY