



WESTMOUNT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

April 2025

VALUES MISSION VISION



**OUR VISION AT WMS IS TO INSPIRE A LOVE OF LEARNING, CURIOSITY
AND CREATION IN A VIBRANT AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY**



**ENGAGING
OTHERS**



**ENGAGING
IN
ACTION**



**ENGAGING
THINKING**

CONNECT CONTRIBUTE TAKE OWNERSHIP BE RESPONSIBLE



Engagement

- Gr 9 High School Registration
- Dental Presentation (K/1)
- School Council Sub-Committee Fundraising meeting
- Principal transition planning underway
- Gr 6 Camp Meeting
- FOWSS – Chromebooks and Carts plus bookshelves are now in and in use!! Thank you!
- Otis the Owl Visit from Medicine River Wildlife (K-4)
- Positive Patrol Assessment (*students did a superb job in most every area)



Success

- Local PD Day: focus on assessment & reporting
- Student Led Conferences (*Thank you to all the parents that supported the potluck dinners*)
- U of C Minds in Motion (Gr 3-6 and JH STEAM) – Intro to Robotics, Magnet Mania, Intro to 3D Printing, programming with Sphero, Coding with Microbits
- AB ED Assessment results have been shared with teachers to analyze and set next step goals
- SAIT Practicum Student in Learning Commons!



Support

- Practice Lockdown Drill
- File Review Process underway
- Bus Driver Appreciation (May 5)
- Young Author's Conference
- Excellence in Supporting Student Success Awards open
- Junior High Wellness Day – Keynote, Wellness Walk & Movie
- Therapy Dog Visit (St. John's Ambulance)
- Gr 6 Bullying Presentation by Ryan Edwards (RCMP)
- JH Wellness Sessions (RCMP) – topics on consent, sharing intimate images, personal boundaries and protecting self/peers in digital environments



Extra-Curricular

- Badminton
- Track & Field
- Matilda Musical Theatre Performance (May 8 & 9)
- JH Track & Field Day (May 12)
- OE – Rock Climbing, upcoming hikes to Mesa Butte, Grass Pass and Point Backcountry campground
- Woods – Local Resident visit
- Kindy – Leighton Arts Center (May 6)

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



TRANSITIONS

- Grade 9
 - Open House
 - Recommends
 - Course Selection
 - PATs

- Grade 6 to 7
 - Students create questions for Leadership students to come and answer

- Class to Class
 - Email sent to parents inviting any specific information regarding child's social emotional learning needs that might be helpful in creating class lists.



Option Selection

Subject: Jr High Option Course Selection

Date: June 2023

Dear Westmount families;

Selections for Junior High option courses are now underway for the 2023/24 school year. Instructions to choose options in Edsembli will be sent to your child's student FSD Gmail account. If your child does not have an account, a form will be sent to the email address you submitted upon registration. ***Please have them submit their choices by Thursday June 15th at noon.***

While we try to put students in some of their top choices, please understand that this may not always be possible as class sizes are limited. We are using the Edsembli program for Options whereby students are randomly placed into classes based on their choices to ensure a fair process. A wide selection of choices allows students to explore a variety of occupational areas and the fine arts. Students will be choosing options for the full year. Please note there are quarter, semester and full year options.

Full Year Option			
Semester 1 Option		Semester 2 Option	
Quarter 1 Option	Quarter 2 Option	Quarter 3 Option	Quarter 4 Option

Please be aware that some option courses have fees associated with them as they require consumable or personal use materials. Please note the fees indicated below are approximate and listed to help you and your child with selection. These will be adjusted based on student numbers and actual costs in the fall. A short description of each course is included as an attachment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Lana Gwilliam (gwilliaml@fsd38.ab.ca).

Sincerely,

Sherry Opas
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Choices/Options:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Hunting/Fishing Ed.	11.1% (11)	5.1% (5)	5.1% (5)	4% (4)	6.3% (6)	11.5% (11)	2.1% (2)
Outdoor Leadership	12.1% (12)	8.2% (8)	4% (4)	4.2% (4)	5.3% (5)	2.1% (2)	10.3% (10)
Sports Leadership	9.1% (9)	10.2% (10)	13.1% (13)	7.3% (7)	4.2% (4)	7.3% (7)	2.1% (2)
Fitness	0	2% (2)	5.1% (5)	7.3% (7)	7.4% (7)	7.3% (7)	3.1% (3)
LOGs	5.1% (5)	8.2% (8)	11.1% (11)	6.2% (6)	8.4% (8)	7.3% (7)	5.2% (5)
Pilates	1% (1)	2% (2)	4% (4)	2.1% (2)	1.1% (1)	1% (1)	4.1% (4)
Art	3% (3)	2% (2)	2% (2)	8.3% (8)	4.2% (4)	5.2% (5)	4.1% (4)
Band	5% (5)	0	0	1% (1)	0	1% (1)	0
Electronic Music	5.1% (5)	4.1% (4)	1% (1)	1% (1)	3.2% (3)	4.2% (4)	6.2% (6)
Choral	0	5.1% (5)	1% (1)	2.1% (2)	1.1% (1)	0	0
Guitar and Percussion	0	2% (2)	2% (2)	0	0	1% (1)	3.1% (3)
Drama	2% (2)	7.1% (7)	3% (3)	4.2% (4)	5.3% (5)	0	4.1% (4)
Musical Theatre	18.2% (18)	0	3% (3)	0	3.2% (3)	1% (1)	3.1% (3)
Construction/Woods	2 (2%)	15.3% (15)	3% (3)	7.3% (7)	7.4% (7)	9.4% (9)	7.2% (7)
Design	0	3.1% (3)	1% (1)	5.2% (5)	5.3% (5)	5.2% (5)	1% (1)
Creative Textiles	0	1% (1)	2% (2)	0	1.1% (1)	1% (1)	3.1% (3)
Comm Tech	3% (3)	1% (1)	0	2.1% (2)	1.1% (1)	2.1% (2)	4.1% (4)
STEAM	1% (1)	1% (1)	0	3.1% (3)	2.1% (2)	0	2.1% (2)
Programming & Robotics	1% (1)	3.1% (3)	3% (3)	0	2.1% (2)	2.1% (2)	2.1% (2)
Foods	12.1% (12)	16.3% (16)	18.2% (18)	17.7% (17)	7.4% (7)	4.2% (4)	7.2% (7)
Classroom Leadership	4% (4)	2% (2)	9.1% (9)	8.3% (8)	5.3% (5)	5.2% (5)	3.1% (3)
Wolfpack Leadership	0	0	3% (3)	4.2% (4)	9.5% (9)	7.3% (7)	5.2% (5)
Marketing	0	1% (1)	4% (4)	2.1% (2)	7.4% (7)	4.2% (4)	3.1% (3)
French	1% (1)	1% (1)	2% (2)	1% (1)	0	1% (1)	0
Health & Wellness	0	0	0	0	2.1% (2)	7.3% (7)	12.4% (12)
CTF	0	0	0	0	0	2.1% (2)	2.1% (2)
Den							

SCHOOL OPTIONS & FEES

2024-2025

Full Year	Semester 1	Semester 2
Band Fee – Consumables, clinicians \$75.00 Band Instrument Rental (if rental needed) \$150.00 Jazz Band \$20.00	Low Organized Games No Fee	Hunter's Ed \$80.00
Musical Theatre \$35.00	Drama \$10.00	Drama \$10.00
	Outdoor Education \$300.00	Outdoor Education \$300.00
	Inspire Studio \$45.00	Activate \$35.00
	Classroom Leaders No Fee	Fabrication \$25.00
	Foods \$40.00	Foods \$40.00
	Woods \$40.00	Woods \$40.00
	Sports Leadership No Fee	Sports Leadership No Fee
	Design & Marketing \$20.00	Art \$35.00
	Den No Fee	Den No Fee
	Wolfpack Leadership No Fee	Wolfpack Leadership No Fee
	Broadcasting Technologies \$15.00	STEAM \$25.00



JUNIOR HIGH OPTIONS

- Letter to WMS families to discuss Options with their child
- Westmount School Junior High CTF and Fine Arts Course Interest
- Course Selection through Edsembli (Preferred and Alternate)
- Fees set for consumables
- Categories include:
 - Active Living - Hunter's Ed; Outdoor Ed; Sport Leadership; Activate; Low Organized Games
 - Fine Arts – Art; Inspire Studio; Band; Drama; Musical Theatre
 - Design & Technology – Construction/Woods; Design & Marketing; Broadcasting Technologies; STEAM; Fabrication; Foods
 - Leadership – Classroom Leaders; Wolfpack Leadership
 - Den
 - French as a Second Language
- Health & Wellness
- CTF



LEARNING SUPPORTS

- Includes Inclusive Ed Admin, Learning Coach(es), Family School Liaison Counselor, Educational Assistants
- File Review meetings occur April each year
- Information is shared regarding students with complex needs and a severe diagnosis (significant safety, medical, behavior)
- Support persons or dollars are allocated to schools
- Inclusive Ed team arranges supports for the school with the resources provided





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