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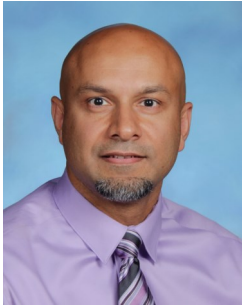
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Congratulations to you and to your children on the completion of another excellent school year. The year was filled with tremendous success stories and accomplishments. West Humber's Student Leadership Council put on many positive, fun-filled events for our student body including several Leadership Boot Camps designed to build character and good habits. Our student athletes displayed great talent and effort in their respective sports and were victorious more often than not during competitions. More importantly, our students developed lifelong friendships and memories and represented our school as great ambassadors.

Our Arts department provided great entertainment for our school community throughout the year including an amazing display of talent at Arts Nights: Artitude 2019. Special recognition and appreciation is also extended towards our Yearbook Team for producing a wonderful yearbook that captures many memories for our students to cherish for years to come. Please take a moment to see your child's yearbook to fully appreciate some of the great things happening at our school.

On the academic front, our students continue to demonstrate excellence in the classroom. Approximately 200 students graduated this year at our Commencement Celebration on June 27th with many students earning placements and full scholarships at prestigious Universities and Colleges across the province. The graduation ceremony was lots of fun and celebrated the successes of students and staff at our school. The event was capped off by a wonderful speech from our Valedictorian Brandon Diedrick.

This has been an amazing school year and it has been an honour serving this school community as Principal at West Humber Collegiate. I look forward to many exciting things to come in the Fall including what I hope is the completion of our new artificial turf soccer field and asphalt track. This exciting project will be a great asset for the entire community to use and enjoy.

Please take some time during the summer to visit the McCarthy's Showroom at 360 Evans Avenue to purchase your child's school uniform. The uniform consists of a McCarthy issued top and any **black** pants, skirts or long shorts. Students may buy their **black** pants from wherever they wish.

At West Humber, our motto is "Achievement Through Effort" and our mission statement is "We Care". Our goal is to equip every student with the academic and social skills needed to be successful in today's rapidly changing world. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support and commitment to our school.

Have a safe and restful summer.

Sincerely,

D. Alvi

GUIDANCE, CAREERS AND CO-OP

Congratulations to all of our senior graduating students who accepted offers of admission at various colleges and universities. Over 200 grade 12 students will be headed for college or university in the fall. Many students attended the OSAP workshop to learn about various ways to fund their education.

Congratulations also to our Merit Award winners including Avi Patel, Harman Sandhu, Jasreen Randhawa, Tabassum Hawlader and Varun Garg.

In May, WHCI computer science students attended the George Brown Technology Student challenge. They were exposed to various workshops including networking, programming and gaming. Career Studies students also took part in the Humber College Experience Day where they were able to visit programs including Design, Culinary Arts and Engineering.

Our coop students demonstrated their knowledge gained through their work experience at the Coop Fair. Coop can be a very valuable opportunity for students to engage in the world of work. Some of our senior coop students also completed the Dual Credit program. This is a great opportunity for high school students to attend college courses. Course fees, books and transportation are covered by the TDSB. Students attend regular college classes once a week and have access to all college facilities including the library, tutoring and the athletic buildings. Successful completion of a course gives them both a credit on the college transcript and the high school transcript!

Grade 11 students can get a head start on postsecondary choices by accessing the websites at www.ontariocolleges.ca or www.electronicinfo.ca. Find out about college and university admission requirements (specific courses, minimum average and supplementary applications). Read about coop options or take a campus tour. Do your research now and be prepared for your application in November 2019.

Summer is the optimum time to complete 40 hours of community volunteer service. Volunteering at a senior centre, food bank or helping to organize charitable events are a great way to complete this OSSD requirement. It is also a great way to make community connections, learn valuable skills for the job market and make improvement responsible members of society.

Reminder to all students that a final mark between 35% to 45% in a core subject like math, science, English, History, Geography, Civic or Careers can be upgraded at summer school during the month of July 2019. West Humber C.I. has remedial upgrading for grade 9 and 10 core subjects. For other subjects TDSB has summer school registration available at www.creditprograms.ca. Any students who take a summer course outside of the TDSB must bring the final report card to Guidance in September so that the credit can be added to the transcript.

Have a safe, fun and relaxing summer holiday!



2019-2020 GUIDANCE

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Ms. Zuccarelli	A - HO
Mr. Hemsley	HU- N
Mrs. Faraj	O-Z
Ms. Nartey	Child & Youth Worker
Mr. Colquhoun	Social Worker
Ms. Osei	Public Health Nurse
Ms. Ahmed	Settlement Worker

YOUR CALLS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

*We value your questions, comments and
suggestions!*

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Etobicoke Walk to End ALS

On April 27, 2019, the second annual Etobicoke Walk to End ALS was held at West Humber to raise awareness and funds for ALS. ALS is a neurodegenerative disease that results in a gradual paralysis and eventual loss of motor functions such as walking, talking, eating, swallowing, and eventually breathing. This terminal disease takes the life of 80% of patients within 2-5 years and 2-3 new individuals are diagnosed each day in Canada. The Walk was first started last year by now Grade 10 student, Mahek Kaur in memory of her mother who passed away from ALS in 2017. With the overwhelming support from West Humber's staff and students, ALS Canada, Sponsors, Ward 1 Trustee Harpreet Gill and community members, the Walk was able to raise upwards of \$21,000, bringing the combined total from 2018 and 2019 to \$52,000. From the funds collected, 100% was donated with 60% towards research towards a cure, and the remaining 40% towards patient needs. More information is available at walktoendals.ca/etobicoke.



Social Justice



The Social Justice Club has been busy this year. We raised over \$500 for WE Schools through a WE Are Silent Campaign designed to raise awareness for young people around the world with no voice.

In December, our group joined with millions of people around the world in a letter writing event called Write for Rights, in cooperation with Amnesty International. We wrote over 120 letters that were sent to many governments around the world to express our concerns on specific human rights violations.

We also partnered with Global Medic twice this year. In February we packed over 25,000 meals that have been sent to families affected by the Syrian conflict. In May, along with other West Humber clubs, we packed water purification and family hygiene kits that have been sent to Somalia. It is always a great opportunity for our students to engage in hands on activities that increase our sense of global citizenship.

Thank you to all of our students who took part in the Social Justice Club this year, and we wish our graduating students all the best in their future studies.





COACHES' CORNER

Four West Humber Graduates Achieve USA Soccer Scholarships

Our leading scorer Stephen Afrifa has signed with Florida International University in Miami Florida. FIU is an NCAA Division One School. His brother Simon Afrifa, our second leading scorer, has signed with a JUCO school Broward College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Brandon Diedrick, our star Central Defender has signed with the Aquinas Saints in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our captain and stellar Center Midfielder, Jai Tahlan, has also signed with the Aquinas Saints. Aquinas College competes in the NAIA First Division.

These students are excellent ambassadors for West Humber! All four have a very bright future ahead of them. Congratulations boys and best wishes for continued success!



TDSSAA CITY OF TORONTO INDOOR SOCCER CHAMPIONS

The Senior Boys Indoor Soccer Team had its best season ever. The team finished the season with a record of 22 WINS, 0 LOSSES and 0 TIES playing against some of the best teams in the GTA. Along the way West Humber won the Westview Centennial Tournament, the University of Toronto Tournament, the West Toronto Championship and the TDSSAA City of Toronto Championship.

Members of this very special squad included, Jai Tahlan, Brandon Diedrick, Stephen Afrifa, Simon Afrifa, Dane Smith, Tayshaun Crawford, Dion Horsford, Gurshawn Sadhara, Nana Owusu-Waife, Joban Narwal, Gurjot Randhawa, Mustafa Rashid- Hatibu, Elmi Ali, Gurkirat Kang, Jaivir Ewan, Mujarb Adelani, Abdirahman Tokaleh, Hassan Ali, Prabhsimran Brar, Zaheer Kazi, and Perry Kim.

Congratulations on a season to remember!



Great News From OFSAA Wrestling



This year's wrestling team achieved new heights as we were competitive in every single tournament attended. To start the year, WHCI girls wrestling team won the girl's team title at the Xavier Open held in Mississauga. Another event to note was our 4th annual West Humber Open aptly called Ragnarok. We hosted over 350 wrestlers who travelled from as far as Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Montreal. Our final push for success was OFSAA where WHCI placed 5 athletes, 1 Silver (Arely Torales) , 1 Bronze (Brea Rodgers), 4th place (Carlos Vargas), 5th place (Chad Raye), and 6th place (Mehmet Erkan). West Humber placed 7th overall out of over 200 teams. Go Vikes Go!

SENIOR BOYS OUTDOOR SOCCER

The Senior Boys Soccer Team started the season by winning the Father Henry Carr pre-season tournament. The Vikings defeated FHC 1-0, Holy Cross (York Region) 3-1 and Monseigneur Johnson 3-0 in the championship match. Simon Afrifa scored 4 goals in three games and was named tournament MVP. West Humber went on to win 6 out of 8 games in TDSSAA action including a 2-0 victory over defending OFSAA champions Silverthorn Collegiate and a 3-0 victory over Weston Collegiate. Unfortunately the team did not advance past the West Toronto Championship match. Our goalkeeper Tayshaun Crawford earned 6 shut outs during the outdoor season and was named the team's most improved player. Brandon Diedrick, our central defender, had an excellent season and was a true leader for the team earning the MVP award. Congratulations to all players and best wishes for continued success next year.





Special Olympics International Youth Games

This year our Special Olympics Athletic team participated in the first ever Special Olympics International Youth Games. We played against teams from across Canada, the United States, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands in bocce and track and field. Six of our athletes travelled to the University of Toronto for four days of competition, staying overnight in residence and using the fabulous facilities at U of T for competition. Aiden who was one of our athletes, got to read the Athlete's Oath live on TSN as part of the Opening Ceremonies, and he did a great job! Our head coach Ms. Culver also carried in the Special Olympics flag as one of the flag bearers.

Our athletes played hard, demonstrated great sportsmanship, and made lots of friends! We came home with some medals too: our bocce team made up of Aiden, Tyler and Khalid won 4th place. In track and field Tyrese won a gold and bronze medal in track, and Mohammad and Gurbir won silver and bronze medals in long jump. Congratulations to the whole team on all their accomplishments!





Special Olympics Continued.....



Girls' Cricket win CITY CHAMPIONSHIP



The Girls Cricket Team at West Humber had another successful season this year. Starting off with the TDSSAA indoor regional games, the team worked hard and competed against YMCI and brought home Gold. The girls then went on to the TDSSAA to compete in outdoor regional games. Beginning with their first game against Emery Collegiate, the girls made an easy win. Their second game was played against YMCI. WHCI made another win, largely due to the amazing balling performance of Sehar, Komal, and Ishmeet. They played against YMCI in the finals and after a tough competition, West Humber returned home winning Silver.

In the Mayor's CIMA Outdoor Cricket Tournament, West Humber played against Emery CI where the girls bowled first. To win the game, the team did amazing bowling and batings, defeating the other team by several runs. The girls had their next game against David and Mary Thomson Collegiate, where they did outstanding fielding and batting, leading our team to another win. After winning the Regionals, the team was all set to play in the GTA finals for the mayor's trophy. Their final game, on Saturday, June 1st, was at Sunnybrook Cricket Grounds against Castlebrooke Secondary School. Our girls did an awesome job at bowling as well as batting. All in all, we were runners up in the finals and brought home a Silver. The determination of the Girls Cricket Team, along with the guidance of their coach, Ms. Akhtar, resulted in them bringing home several wins this year.

Boys Cricket

The Boys Indoor Cricket Team had a regular season record of 5 wins and 1 loss. The team finished as silver medalists this year - an achievement that marked the furthest that WHCI boys have advanced since the sport's inception at West Humber. This year's Outdoor Cricket season was marred by many cancelled practices and game dates on account of inclement weather. Despite these less-than-ideal conditions, the team finished as the silver medalist in the west end division for the second consecutive year.



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Camp Manitou



Camp Manitou 2019 is quickly approaching and we couldn't be more excited! Campers and Leaders are looking forward to activities like archery, arts and crafts, high ropes, low ropes, sports and music! Many thanks to our program leaders and student leaders for all of their hard work preparing their programs for campers. Our student executive team is also hard at work preparing for our evening team building activities. We look forward to events like the gym riot where groups challenge each other in a series of competitions. We will also have a campfire

where campers, leaders, and staff can showcase their talents. Camp will wrap up our final evening with a dance. We will depart for camp on Sunday, September 22nd at 8:30am and return Wednesday, September 25th at the end of the school day. Parents and caregivers that have questions or concerns about camp, please feel free to contact Ms. Wylie or Ms. Shurr at 416-394-7570. Further information like packing lists and cabin assignments will be provided in September.



Nutrition Program

West Humber's Nutrition Club is happy to be celebrating the end of another successful school year. This year we were able to provide warm breakfasts Monday through Thursday and a hot lunch every Friday. Meals such as chicken and potatoes, cheesy pasta, grilled cheese and wraps have been our most popular this year! Preparing meals for a school community takes a lot of hard work and we do not want the year to end without thanking all of our dedicated volunteers. Huge thanks go out to: Lossonia, Nihal, Amirthini, Princess and Tiana. We also want to acknowledge all of the staff that contribute to preparing and serving meals, and cleaning up on a weekly basis. They include Ms. Obinomen, Ms. Machado, Ms. Ventura, Ms. Culver, Ms. Shurr, Mr. Jakovic and Ms. Wylie. We look forward to starting back up in September.



The Special Education department has had another great year. We have two intensive support programs now, one for students with developmental disabilities and one for students with mild intellectual disabilities. We also have students in our regular stream with special education needs that we are supporting. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for working with us in partnership to assist their child and help them reach their fullest potential. Your ongoing support of our efforts does not go unnoticed. We would also like to thank our team of amazing support staff for their tireless work on a daily basis. They include Ms. DaCosta, Ms. Nartey, Mr. Hemmings, Ms. Tomazincic, Ms. Ming, Ms. Capetola, Mr. Sanchez, and Ms. Daniel. We wish everyone in our school community a safe and relaxing summer and we look forward to beginning the IEP consultation process in September!!

Multicultural Extravaganza



On May 2, 2019, the Social Club presented their “Multicultural Extravaganza.” We recognize that every day we celebrate multiculturalism, as we are lucky to live in a country that is so culturally diverse. Staff and students celebrated some highlights of different cultures on Multicultural Day.

Our henna booth, ping pong challenge and photo booth were total successes! Not to mention the spicy noodle challenge, where students competed to see who could eat the spiciest noodles! Food sales of Vietnamese fried corn, Caribbean style fried rice, Indian samosas, Italian style pasta and various baked goods were also enjoyed.

A lot of staff and students came dressed to impress in their cultural best. We had a lovely fashion show and wonderful music with dancing. “We worked very hard for this fun day,” said Nicolas, a dedicated club member and international VISA student. “This is one of the many highlights students enjoy when at West Humber.” Thank you to all participants who made this event so grand!



Community Cleanup Highlights

On May 15, 2019 students from West Humber Collegiate Institute as well as West Humber Junior Middle School had an opportunity to come together and clean-up their community. During this clean-up, the students walked around their community to collect any litter they saw, and at the end the students brought back all bags which were filled with litter to their schools to be thrown in the appropriate bins. Collectively this was a successful event that took place to empower students to take initiative and become mindful before they litter or even throw garbage into the wrong bins so that their planet can stay clean for themselves and for future generations. In the end, students were treated to delicious pizza and a lesson to take care of their environment.



Eco Club

This year, West Humber's Eco-Club continued to promote numerous projects and initiatives. The club successfully completed all requirements for the Eco School's audit achieving Gold certification. Students had the opportunity to take a field trip and participate in various leadership exercises while learning about global environmental issues. Our Eco-Club led several initiatives including a community cleanup where Eco-Club members along with middle school students and teachers teamed up to collect litter in the community. Another activity and event included a scavenger hunt to raise awareness on important environmental issues. Eco-Club members also organized a plastic bottle art contest where plastic bottles were collected and reused for art. We also organized several lunch meetings to speak about environmental issues and ways we can work towards solving them. Moreover, Eco-Club has taken a number of actions, such as the GOOS paper initiative for reusing and recycling paper as well as fundraiser bake sales to support environmental organizations. Ms. Stuart, Miss Jhutti and Ms. Akhtar along with Club members have been busy all year trying to do their part in caring for our environment. Currently, we are planning several activities and events such as a clothing drive for the upcoming year, and we look forward to celebrating future eco initiatives with you. Cheers to another green year at WHCI!



History Highlights

Second semester was busy for our history students. This spring, members of the History Club visited Mackenzie House Museum in downtown Toronto. Mackenzie House was the last home of Toronto's first mayor, William Lyon Mackenzie. It is a museum that depicts urban Victorian life in the 1860's. Students learned about the Upper Canada rebellions led by Mackenzie himself and had the opportunity to operate a 19th century printing press.



Students also traveled to Kanata Village, in Brantford Ontario and participated in a guided tour of a 17th century Mohawk longhouse. Students got a glimpse into the everyday life of the Haudenosaunee people and learned about family, social structure and some traditional stories and teachings. In the afternoon students had the privilege of hearing the first hand testimony of a residential school survivor and the impact residential schools had on her and her family.



The fun and learning of the semester culminated in a trip to the Diefenbunker Museum in Ottawa where students got to go back in time again. Students participated in a guided tour of the decommissioned nuclear bunker. Students also participated in a nuclear preparedness workshop which led to many laughs as some of our students forgot to pack water in their nuclear preparedness emergency kits while others fumbled trying to use an old fashioned telephone.

History students stepped back in time during West Humber's first ever speakeasy. Students dressed up as North American historical figures from the 1920's and 1930's and delivered monologues about their contributions to history. While the jazz music played in the background, students mingled with their peers to learn about many significant historical figures of the time period.

The History department has exciting plans for the upcoming school year which includes trips to Ottawa, Montreal, the Maritimes and a joint adventure with Lakeshore C.I. to Italy!





LOOKING AHEAD...

August

- 27—Grade 10 Registration 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- 28—Grade 11-12 Registration 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- 29—Head Start to High School 8:30 am-1:00 pm

September

- 2—Labour Day— No School
- 3—First Day of School 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- 6—Course Change Deadline
- 17—School Photo Day
- 20—Late Start
- 22-25—Camp Manitou
- 26—Parent Council
- 27—Late Start



October

- 4—Late Start
- 11—P.A. Day—No School
- 14—Thanksgiving—No School
- 17—Awards Ceremony
- 18—Late Start
- 22—Photo Re-Take
- 24—Parent-Teacher Interviews
- 24—Parent Council
- 25—Late Start

November

- 1—Late Start
- 6— Take Our Kids to Work Day
- 11—Term 2 Begins
- 13-14— Grade 8 Visits
- 15—P.A. Day—No School
- 18—Grad Photo Day
- 19— MADD Assembly
- 20—Grade 8 Parent Information Night
- 22—Late Start
- 28—Parent Council
- 29—Late Start

To see what other co-curricular opportunities exist at West Humber, please visit our website:

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/whci/Students/ClubsActivities.aspx>