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Summer Edition

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Teacher Feature: Mr. Potvin and Ms. Papalia

By Julian Jordan

Mr. Potvin and Ms. Papalia, wonderful teachers from Westmount have both retired from teaching as of February 1st. We congratulate both of them in this large next chapter of their lives. As a commemoration, they are our first teacher feature. Ms. Papalia has worked at Westmount for 15.5 years, starting in September of 2010 and Mr. Potvin for 16 years in January 2010. Both worked in the Learning commons, Mrs. Papalia being the head of learning resource, and both supporting the library part of the LC, and supporting students with IEPS. Mrs. Papalia and Mr. Potvin are planning to go to Mexico and travel the world. They both are looking forward to the extra time they'll have, being able to

do things they enjoy such as "spending time with family and friends, travelling, spending more time at the family cottage in Parry Sound" – Mr. Potvin "Actually retirement will be very much like summer vacation." – Mrs. Papalia As two long term members of the Westmount community, this is what they had to say about it. "Unique and special are what they described Westmount as. A place which promotes students' achievements in a safe, inclusive and caring environment," said Mr. Potvin.

For those of you worried about the future, here is what Mr. Potvin and Ms. Papalia had to say. "Grade 9 & 10 – get involved in the school community and meet new people. Grade 11 & 12 – work hard but take the time to enjoy yourself, life is all about balance" (Mr. Potvin) "My advice is for all grades: Have fun, but do your work. I think most Westmount students follow this already. When I look at students'

achievement, most students are achieving level 3 and level 4 marks, and have balanced their academics with activities that bring them happiness." (Ms. Papalia) Ms. Papalia expressed she wants to be remembered as someone who helped, and given her history at Westmount, she surely will be remembered as such. Mr. Potvin would like you all to remember "you matter."

We all congratulate Mr. Potvin and Ms. Papalia's retirement and wish them all luck in the future, alongside our best wishes. When asked what the world needed more of, their responses were love, and acceptance.

"What sets Westmount apart is definitely the students. Westmount students are amazing!! If you look in the Westmount agenda, on page 24, you will see the character traits of a Westmount Wildcat. The students at Westmount definitely promote The Westmount Way." -Mrs Papalia



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A review of Slime Rancher 2

By Ben Ireland

Slime rancher 2, a delightful sequel, was fully released this past September after being in early access for three years. Slime rancher 2 is an amazing game where you explore a stunning landscape and take care of cute slimes to sell their plorts, while navigating an epic mystery. Monomi park released slime rancher 2 on the Xbox series X | S, Playstation 5, and PC(Steam, Microsoft store, Epic). I found the early access about 1 and a half years into the development process, and the final version has surpassed my expectations in every way.

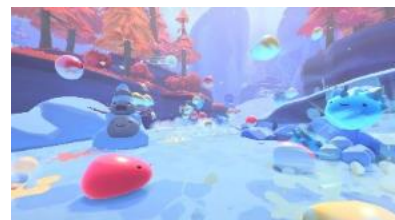
Gameplay: The mechanics of slime rancher 2 are relatively simple to grasp, move, jump, fly, vac in, shoot out, but the large number of upgrades continue to keep the gameplay riveting. The map is an explosion of colours with secrets around every corner, and a system of exploration locked by upgrades (such as the jet pack to let you fly) help to maintain a balance between game exploration and upgrades. The use of the in-game currency, newbucks, to obtain upgrades further

helps to ensure that gamers try a little bit of everything the game has to offer, since they need newbucks to buy upgrades to explore farther and faster. The mix of open-world exploration with the feeling of raking in thousands of newbucks ranching slimes is insanely addictive, and even after beating the game, I still find myself coming back to explore rainbow island and rake in those sweet, sweet newbucks.

Story (Mild spoilers): Slime rancher 2 continues the adventures of Beatrix LeBeau as she comes to rainbow island by a ship sent to her by a mysterious stranger. The island is washed in prismaticly vibrant colours, and you (as Beatrix) eventually find teleporters to new islands, Starlight Strand, Ember valley, and Powderfall bluffs. By reading drone entries, and from what Victor tells you about the "AI" he has been communicating with, you eventually piece together that rainbow island is not a natural thing, it is the result of a disaster. To fix it, you need to use blueprints that the "AI" sent to Victor to gain access to the Grey Labyrinth, where you meet Gigi, the one who sent the boat for you. She needs your help to stabilise the

Prismacore at the heart of the labyrinth, before the property altering Prismacore infects the rest of the world. You then need to find 5 stabilizers dotted around the Grey Labyrinth, before fighting the terrifying tarr slime Prismacore monster to buy Gigi enough time to stabilize the Prismacore. Assuming you are good enough, you beat it, and the entire world is saved.

Graphics: The art style of slime rancher 2 is leaps and bounds better than the first, and Monomi park really managed to nail the so-cute-you-want-to-cuddle-them-forever vibe of the slimes. I mean, just look at these adorable little cutesies, how can you not love them? You can even get into a SNOWBALL fight with them! It literally took the cuteness of the first game and dialed it up to 100.





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All in all, if you are looking for a low stress game with amazing exploration, lore, graphics, freedom, and profit that you can always pick back up for a quick gaming session, give Slime Rancher 2 a go, its only 30 bucks on the Xbox, and it is worth every single cent.

Lunch Ladies Deserve More

By Adam Celic

I'm sure everyone has their favorite members of staff within this school. Some people say Mr. Bell is one of the best French teachers. I've heard Mr. Modelski plays music in his Woodworking classes, so you know he's cool. But 2 people that contribute greatly to the school who I haven't seen anyone talk about are the lunch ladies in our very own Westmount Cafeteria. I'm serious! These people pour their hearts out into the food they make for us students, and we show more money to them than we do kindness! I have tried many of the foods that these kind lunch ladies have prepared for us: their pizza, their chicken drumsticks, and their cookies. And guess what? The food is actually good! The cookies have a perfect mix of crunchy and soft, and they have a sweet flavor that's hard to resist! The chicken wings have just the perfect amount of crispiness! The pizza has a really comfortable texture, and the pepperoni they serve with it is halal, too! It's a shame that no one pays as much attention to

them as they do with the teachers of this establishment. I mean, they feed you, people! Food is important for survival! They spend lots of time preparing these delicious food items just for us to eat, not just because it is their job, but because they want us to be fed as well. Which is why I suggest we should thank them for their efforts! How do we thank them, you ask! Simple! By purchasing the food they make! This lunch period, unless you're too busy working on assignments, you should head on down to the cafeteria with whatever money you have and buy something you're craving! Whether it is as cheap as a hash brown, or as expensive as 2 slices of pizza, I'm sure they would appreciate your generous donation! So what are you waiting for?

Winter Concert

By Julian Jordan

On December 11th of 2025, Westmount held its annual winter concert. In this concert we had a morning show for elementary schools held in the auditorium and an evening show for everybody which was also held in the auditorium. Both performances were filled with wonderful music from the



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following groups: Wind Orchestra, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Choir, Jazz II and Jazz I. All students who participated in the Winter Concert preformed wonderfully making it yet again, another successful Winter Concert. A large thank you to everyone who preformed, everyone who watched, and Mr. Benning and Ms. Grant for organizing the event. If you missed it, be assured that there will be one next year. We hope to see you all there!

An interview with James Zheng on Video Games

By Ben Ireland

Hey Westmount! For this edition's student feature, we are going to interview James Zheng, a grade 12 student, about his experiences with video games (because we all need a break from thinking about school).

Q: What was the first video game that you really got immersed in, and actually put effort into?

A: Asphalt 8 was the first game I ever really got immersed in and put actual effort into. I played other casual games before that like angry birds,

but Asphalt 8 was the first one I put actual effort into.

Q: What game do you always go back to? Why?

A: A game I always come back to is Clash of Clans. I take breaks sometimes, but I come back because every time I come back there is more content and stuff to do.

Q: What matters most when you play a game: The story and lore, gameplay mechanics, graphic and sound design, or difficulty?

A: Gameplay mechanics are the most important. You can miss one of the others, but every game must have fun mechanics to be a good game.

Q: Favorite Genre(s)? Why?

A: I really like strategy, racing, story, and platforming games, but if I had to pick a favourite, it would be racing because I am a bit obsessed with cars.

Q: What is your opinion on the best platform for gaming?

A: It depends on your budget and investment. PC is better if you are really invested in gaming, but if you are more going for casual fun hanout games with your family, a console of any kind is probably a better choice.

Q: Have you ever played a game so hard you had to rage quit? Which one? Why?

A: I had to rage quit the path of pain in Hollow Knight for a bit.

I eventually came back to beat it, but it was incredibly difficult, although Hollow Knight is a great platformer game.

Q: Most impressive gaming achievement?

A: I haven't achieved anything crazy like top 100, but back in 2022 I got super close to getting champion in rocket league, and my town hall is level 16 in clash of clans.

Q: What do you think are the worst problems facing the game industry right now?

A: Games are getting too expensive for people to afford. RAM prices have gone absolutely crazy. AI has caused a massive chip shortage as well, and we can only hope that the bubble pops and prices go back down. PC building and consoles have become crazy expensive compared to pre-pandemic levels. AAA games have gone past the established 80\$ approximate limit because of Nintendo. Nintendo in particular, but a lot of game companies are no longer selling their game, but licensing it to you, so they can stop you from using it if you don't follow the terms and conditions. Like Nintendo bricking your console if you try to run homebrew.

Q: Your solution?



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A: It is a problem with the corporations, so as individuals, the best we could try to do is gather support online against these unjust policies.

Q: And finally, just to mess with you, what is the derivative of $5x^3 + 3x^2 - 256 + \ln(x)$

A: $15x^2 + 6x + \log(x)$ (So close but $\ln(x)$ has a derivative of $1/x$)

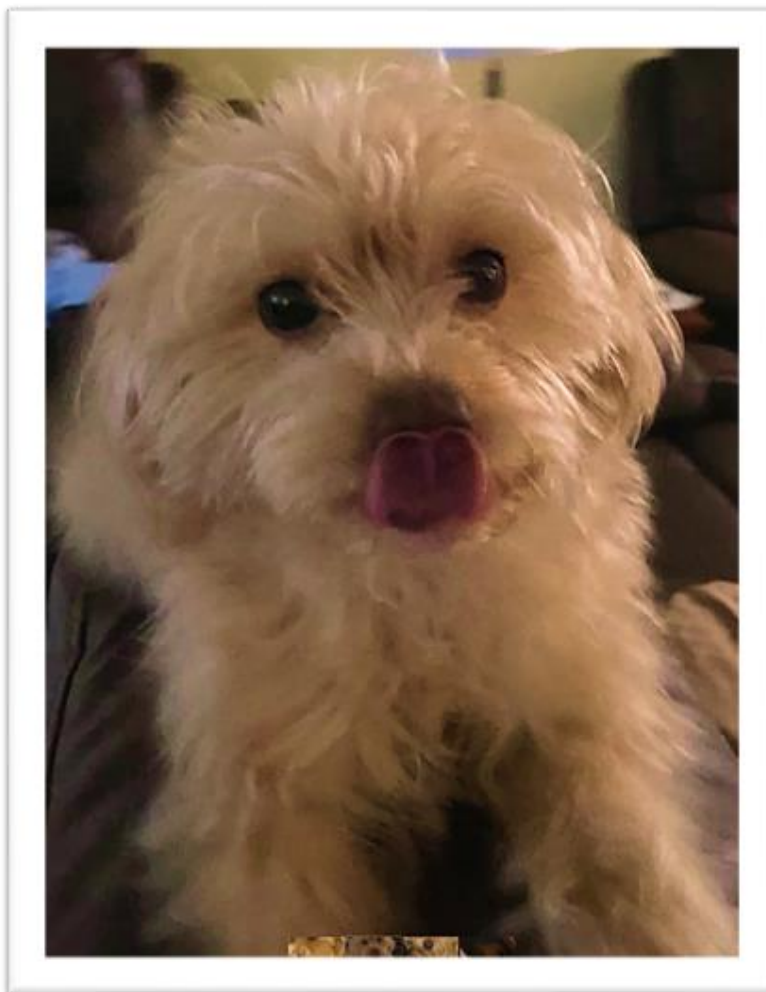
(Layout note: For more detail see end of newspaper)

Pet Feature

By Julian Jordan

This is Cleo! She is the dog of Julian Jordan. She is a Maltese and Shih Tzu mix. She is four years old.

If you want your pet featured in the next newspaper, let us know by emailing photos and descriptions at: jjordan6276@hwdsb.on.ca



Winter Variety Show

By Julian Jordan

On the last day before winter break, Westmount held its annual Winter Variety Show. This is something which makes Westmount unique as it is a sendoff into the winter break. Organised by Mrs.

Charters, the Winter Variety Show is a time where Westmount Students showcase a wide variety of talents, skits, messages, and much more. Amazing job to all students who participated! If there is one thing the Westmount Variety Show is known for, is its annual Tech Video. This year for the tech video, we had staff members from all departments

perform in Band Aid ending with a large performance of Jingle Bell Rock involving the entire school. Make sure you join us for next year!

The History and Trends of the Westmount Newspaper



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By Ben Ireland and Keegan Massie

Hey Westmount, it's Ben and Keegan back again with another edition of Westmount history. This time we are going to talk about trends that were set all the way back at the founding of Westmount, and well as what has fallen out of favour over the years based upon the first edition of the Westmount Highlander newspaper.

Even before there was a student council, there was a social committee responsible for organizing school dances. In fact, the Highlander covers the dance and offers opinions from both teachers and students about "The Twilight Twist". It also shares another trend that has not gone away, the astronomical costs associated with the school dance. The highlander even goes so far as to say that the social committee is "finding bigger and better ways to squander Westmount's loose cash."

Another thing that has not gone away is the political literacy of Westmount's student body. Even back in 1961, the newspaper was engaged in world politics, asking difficult questions about the effectiveness of the UN, and the necessary steps

peace.

The first edition of the Westmount Highlander also set in motion many ideas and customs that are still in place today. One such idea was the possibility of a student council, proposed by many students who believed the school needed a centralized student representation in organizing events and delegating social committees to events. There was also the idea that the bell to change periods be replaced with music, but the writers of the paper seemed sceptical that it could happen. Little did they know that decades later, students would be listening to music in the halls between every class.

However, not everything talked about in the old papers has stuck around until today, like the popular hair styles at the time described by teachers as looking "like a lion's mane." Another old newspaper custom is that the principal had a page to write to the students. This may have just been for the first paper, but the principal provided the introduction of the Westmount newspaper, stating that Westmount was a year old at the time but feels like it has been around much longer, and that those creating the first

newspaper are building "traditions long to be remembered after this student body has graduated." This principal's passage introduced Westmount, at which thousands of students would eventually build great memories, providing the basis for "a great and noble school."

Along with the principal's remarks, we hear the thoughts of many students and teachers, such as students joking that the ceilings of the school were slowly sinking and were going to crush everyone due to the design they had at the time (read Westmount History from June 2025 for more).

There is one last thing that we mourn the loss of. The Westmount Paw Prints will never be able to match the absolute sass and confidence of The Highlander. They had the chutzpah to call out the editors of the Mountain Echo (A school newspaper in another school) for dissing Westmount, going far enough to say that they wouldn't even want to publish The Highlander in their school. It is a magnificent diss column. (In fact, it is so powerful that a copy of the majestic diss column has been attached to the next page)

But for now, we thank you



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for reading about the trends of ancient Westmount. We are graduating, but we hope that some more curious Wildcats will take some time to investigate the history of this incredibly interesting school.

To the editors of the M.E.

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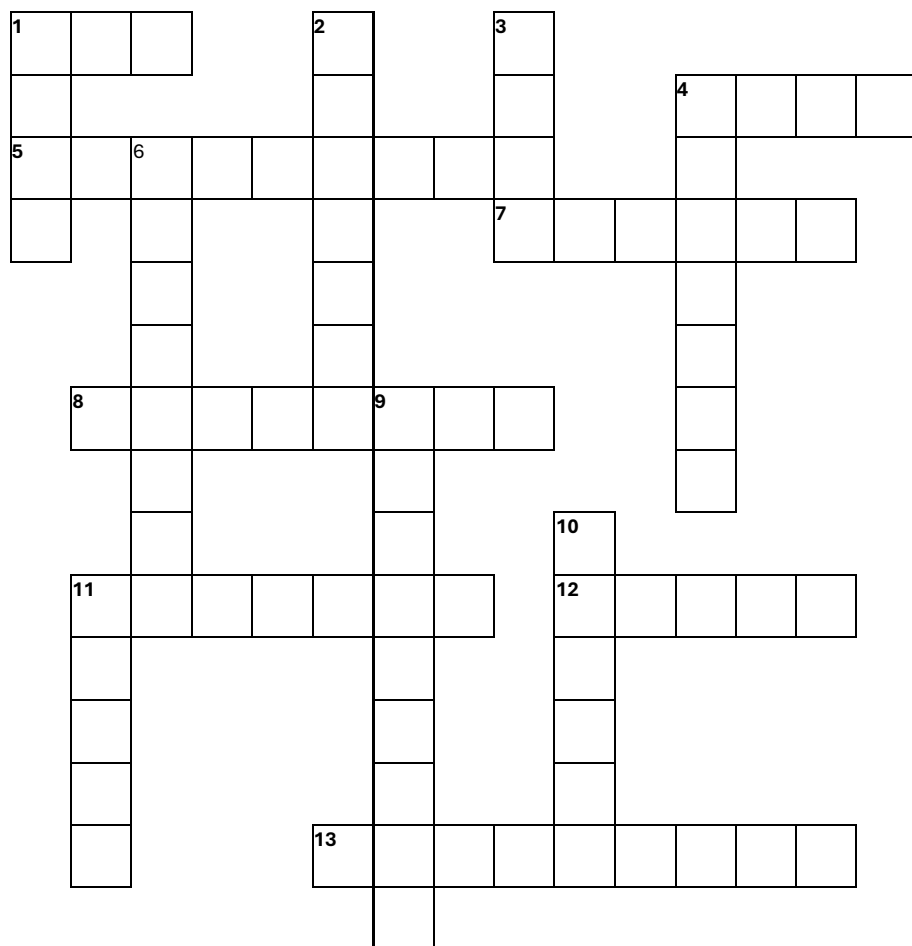
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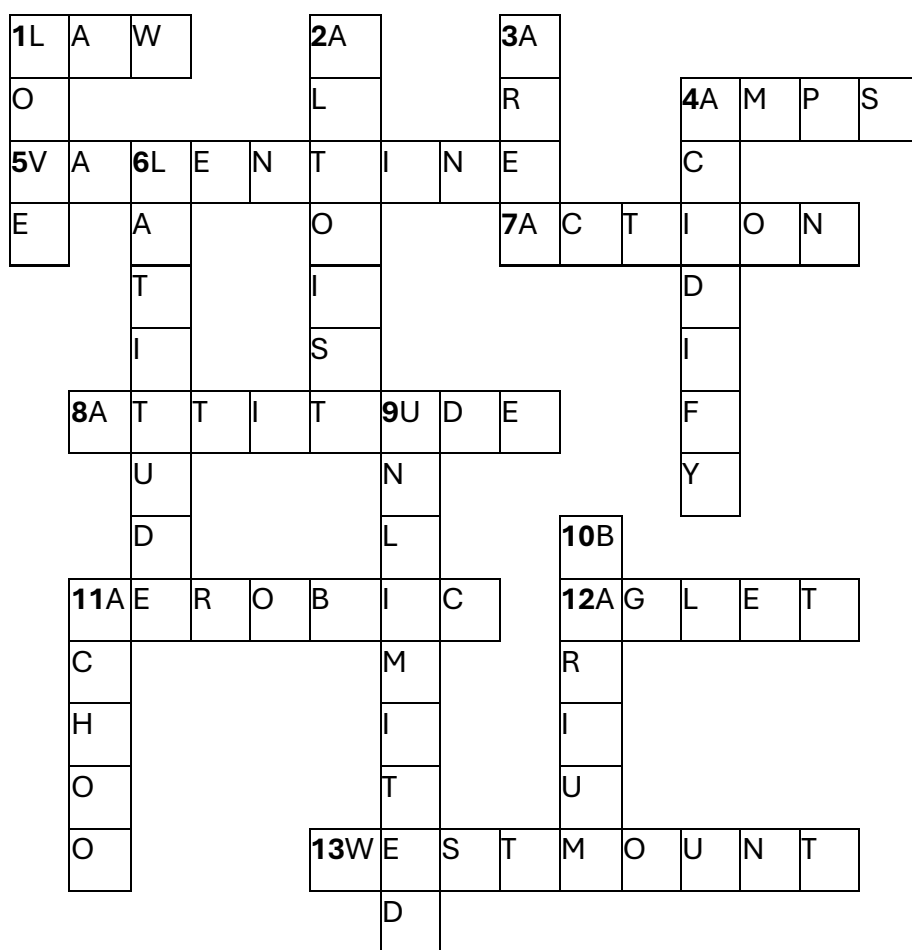


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Trivia and Jokes

Trivia:

1. Which tech entrepreneur named his son X Æ A-12?
2. Which famous band is the only artist to perform on every continent, including Antarctica?
3. Who is considered the king of pop?

Jokes

What kind of questions should you not ask while fishing in the winter?

Icebreakers.

Why did the frog take the bus?

His car got toad.

Why can you never trust trees?

They are Shady.

Where does ground beef go to dance?

The meat ball.

Answers

3. Micheal Jackson

2. Metallica

1. Elon Musk



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Horoscopes presented by resident Astrologer, B. Will-I-am W. Ireland

ARIES - ♈

You may get into a long argument about something that doesn't matter at all, but the argument will lead you to greater understanding if you can accept your mistake.

TAURUS - ♉

You likely already have a stable system. Stick to it and you will be in a good spot for the next month.

GEMINI - ♊

Just as curiosity killed the cat, make sure to read the warning label and follow all safety rules. Now is not the time to take a risk.

CANCER - ♋

I often sympathise with the difficulties of crabs. I would recommend the tactic of not being boiled alive unless it is in butter.

LEO - ♌

Now is the time to take chances, and make mistakes. Your natural shimmer will carry you through far enough for you to actually understand what you need to.

VIRGO - ♍

It is written that the you will succeed where it matters, even if it is not where you expect.

LIBRA - ♎

Weigh your options carefully. Both will lead to success, but one will take a lot of pain with no fun, but the other will bring you success along with an enjoyable path to get there.

SCORPIO - ♏

Yes, yes darling. We understand that you "need" your persona, but we can assure you that everyone around you will accept you no matter what.



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SAGITTARIUS - ♐

Continue your quest for knowledge, but do not forget to find some wisdom along the way.

CAPRICORN - ♑

You often make tasks more difficult for yourself by subdividing infinitely. Sometimes you just need to do it.

AQUARIUS - ♒

After dealing with that large rat from last time, I regret to inform you that an unnervingly small rat is on its way to you right now.

PISCES - ♓

You might think you must use your innate magic, but the stars have aligned today so you will have amazing luck today, no need for magic.

Full interview



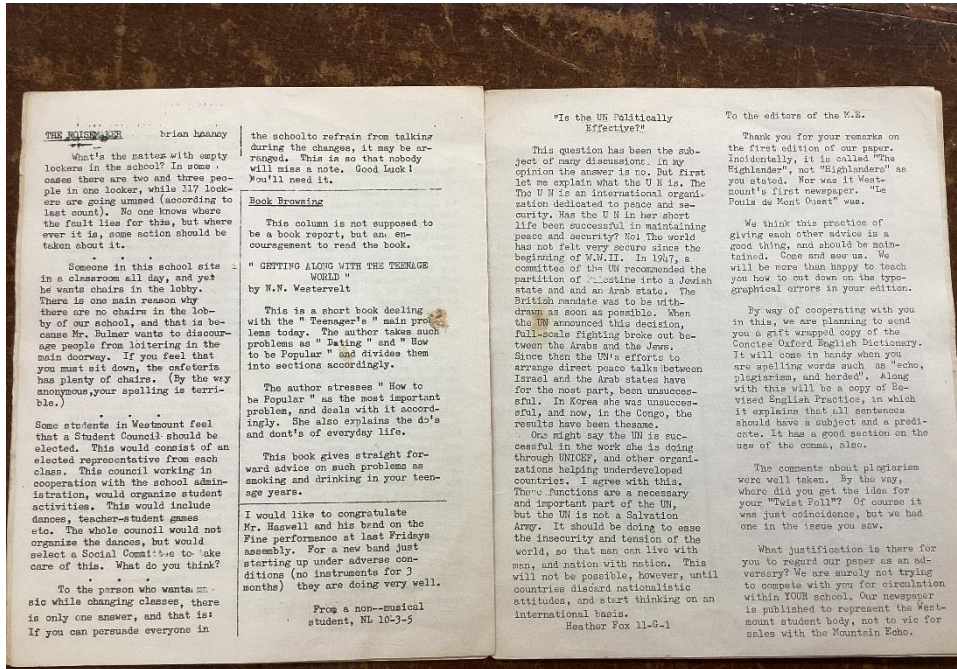
Interview With James.m4a



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Life at Westmount



THE JOURNAL

What's the matter with empty lockers in the school? In some cases there are two and three people in one locker, while 177 lockers are going unused (according to last count). No one knows where the fault lies for this, but where ever it is, some action should be taken about it.

Someone in this school sits in a classroom all day, and yet he wants chairs in the lobby. There is one main reason why there are no chairs in the lobby of our school, and that is because Mr. Bulmer wants to discourage people from loitering in the main doorway. If you feel that you must sit down, the cafeteria has plenty of chairs. (By the way anonymous, your spelling is terrible.)

Some students in Westmount feel that a Student Council should be elected. This would consist of an elected representative from each class. This council working in cooperation with the school administration, would organize student activities. This would include dances, teacher-student games etc. The whole council would not organize the dances, but would select a Social Committee to take care of this. What do you think?

To the person who wants music while changing classes, there is only one answer, and that is: If you can persuade everyone in

the school to refrain from talking during the changes, it may be arranged. This is so that nobody will miss a note. Good luck! You'll need it.

Book Reviewing

This column is not supposed to be a book report, but an encouragement to read the book.

"GETTING ALONG WITH THE TEENAGE WORLD"

by W.W. Westervelt
This is a short book dealing with the "Teenager's" main problems today. The author takes such problems as "Dating" and "How to be Popular" and divides them into sections accordingly.

The author stresses "How to be Popular" as the most important problem, and deals with it accordingly. She also explains the do's and don't's of everyday life.

This book gives straight forward advice on such problems as smoking and drinking in your teenage years.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Havell and his band on the Fine performance at last Friday's assembly. For a new band just starting up under adverse conditions (no instruments for 3 months) they are doing very well.

From a non-musical student, NL 10-3-5

"Is the UN Politically Effective?"

This question has been the subject of many discussions. In my opinion the answer is no. But first let me explain what the U.N. is. The U.N. is an international organization dedicated to peace and security. Has the U.N. in her short life been successful in maintaining peace and security? No! The world has not felt very secure since the beginning of W.W.II. In 1947, a committee of the U.N. recommended the partition of Palestine into a Jewish state and an Arab state. The British mandate was to be withdrawn as soon as possible. When the U.N. announced this decision, full-scale fighting broke out between the Arabs and the Jews. Since then the U.N.'s efforts to arrange direct peace talks between Israel and the Arab states have for the most part, been unsuccessful. In Korea she was unsuccessful, and now, in the Congo, the results have been the same.

One might say the U.N. is successful in the work she is doing through UNICEF, and other organizations helping underdeveloped countries. I agree with this. These functions are a necessary and important part of the U.N., but the U.N. is not a Salvation Army. It should be doing to ease the insecurity and tension of the world, so that man can live with man, and nation with nation. This will not be possible, however, until countries discard nationalistic attitudes, and start thinking on an international basis.
Heather Fox 11-9-1

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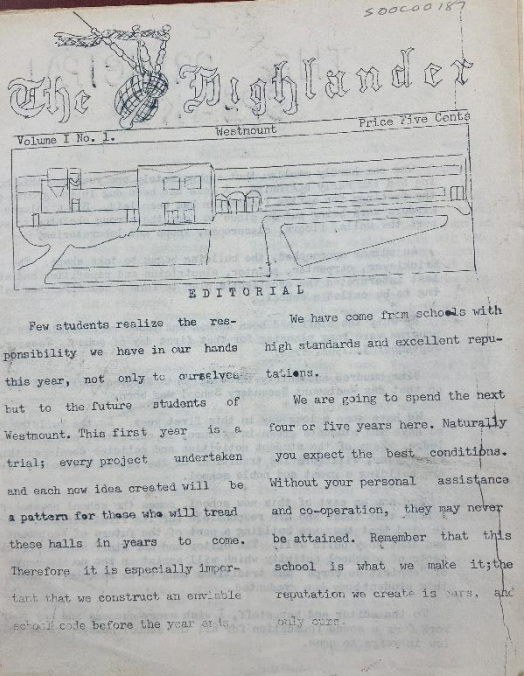
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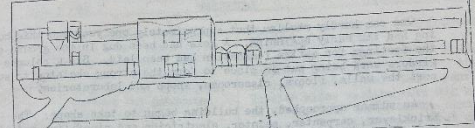
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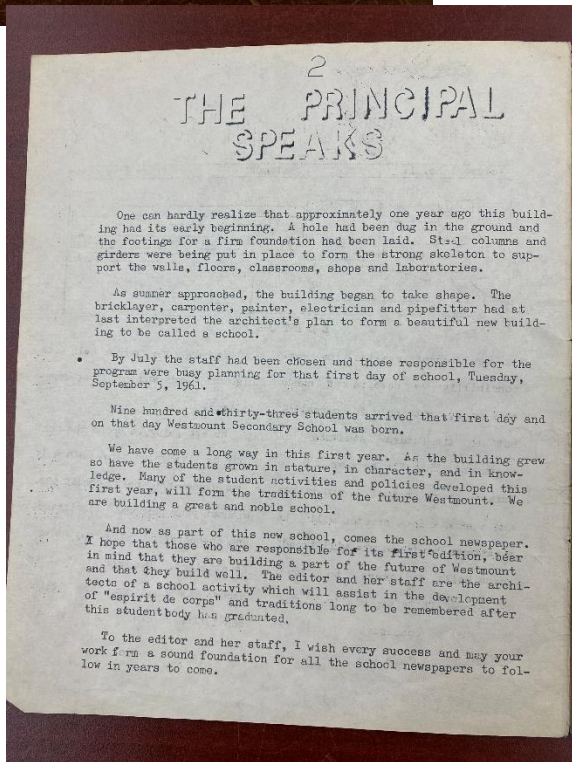
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EDITORIAL

Few students realize the responsibility we have in our hands this year, not only to ourselves but to the future students of Westmount. This first year is a trial; every project undertaken and each new idea created will be a pattern for those who will tread these halls in years to come. Therefore it is especially important that we construct an enviable school code before the year starts.

We have come from schools with high standards and excellent reputations. We are going to spend the next four or five years here. Naturally you expect the best conditions. Without your personal assistance and co-operation, they may never be attained. Remember that this school is what we make it; the reputation we create is ours, and only ours.



2 THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS

One can hardly realize that approximately one year ago this building had its early beginning. A hole had been dug in the ground and the footings for a firm foundation had been laid. Steel columns and girders were being put in place to form the strong skeleton to support the walls, floors, classrooms, shops and laboratories.

As summer approached, the building began to take shape. The bricklayer, carpenter, painter, electrician and pipefitter had at last interpreted the architect's plan to form a beautiful new building to be called a school.

By July the staff had been chosen and those responsible for the program were busy planning for that first day of school, Tuesday, September 5, 1961.

Nine hundred and thirty-three students arrived that first day and on that day Westmount Secondary School was born.

We have come a long way in this first year. As the building grew so have the students grown in stature, in character, and in knowledge. Many of the student activities and policies developed this first year, will form the traditions of the future Westmount. We are building a great and noble school.

And now as part of this new school, comes the school newspaper. I hope that those who are responsible for its first edition, bear in mind that they are building a part of the future of Westmount and that they build well. The editor and her staff are the architects of a school activity which will assist in the development of "esprit de corps" and traditions long to be remembered after this student body has graduated.

To the editor and her staff, I wish every success and may your work form a sound foundation for all the school newspapers to follow in years to come.



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Student Poll--The Twist

The Social Committee is busy finding bigger and better ways to expand Westmount's loose cash. Their latest effort is the Twilight Twist. In the face of this coming event, we made an extensive survey to discover what Westmount really thinks of the Twist.

Results? "Terrific". Opinions range to the unprintable. One student thought it's the greatest thing since the minut, while another replied, it's wonderful. I've lost ten pounds since I started "twisting." A local beauty expressed this opinion, "like I mean the gyrating is the farthest, even. Like, like you dig or you don't." Another character in Westmount's halls asked, "where did the Bristol Stomp go?"

The various music groups about the school refused to swan on the grounds that the Twist fans might stab them. Come a swell



SUGGESTION BOX

A suggestion box will be placed in the lobby of the school for complaints, suggestions and the "Dear Girtie" column.
Brian Heaney

LOCHINVAR

O young Lochinvar is come out of the west,
Through all the wide province, his bomb was the best;
Save for his guitar, he music had none,
Cut off from his hand, he rode all alone.
So faithful in love, and so dauntless in verse,
A hood there was never, who had such a curse.

He stopped not for a fag, he stoped not for a light,
And wherever he went, he was ready to fight,
When Lochinvar landed at Netherby Gate,
The bride had consented, her lover came late.
For a leggard in love, who could not even dance,
Was to wed the fair Ellen, while he had the chance.


He busted right into the Netherby Hall,
And swaggered around amongst cats, boys and all,
Then spoke her old man, with his hands on his hips,
From the square of a groove, not a word passed his lips,
"Are you come to sing here, or play us a bar,
Or to live with bridesmaids, young Lord Lochinvar."

"I long aded your chick, and my suit you denied,
And so in my song, I was showing my pride,
And now I am coming to make one thing clear,
To jive with the chick, and to guzzle beer,
There are honies all over who are cuter by far,
That would dig this cool cat, the young Lord Lochinvar. I"

Larry Stabrook 9.3.2
NEXT EPISODE IN THE SECOND EDITION

Westmount goes literary

Come and browse about our school library, it is now open. Mrs. Hasberlin is happy to report that the student body every night at 4:00 P. M. There are more books coming in all the time.



MAN CREATES BEAUTY

COMMENTS ON HAIR DO-S AND THE TWIST

MR. BRYANE

MR. BRYANE'S first words were "Oh, Oh". He said that the hair-do looked like a lion's mane. "It reminds me of a girl I see every second morning on my way to work. She looks as if she just got out of bed."

MR. CARRUTH

Mr. Carruth said he thinks these hair-do-s are terrible. "It's bad for the hair because it splits the ends. These hair-do-s have to be well groomed to look their best."

MR. LEWIS

Mr. Lewis said he thinks most girls are sensible about these hair-do-s.


ANONYMOUS

Anonymous said, "These hair-do-s don't make them look like girls, they look like creatures from outer space."

ON THE TWIST

MR GARON

"Its good if you can stand it."



TOLD YOU THAT THERE WERE NO 17th FLOOR !!

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Recently, every student in the school prepared a speech for English. From each class, a boy and a girl was chosen for the finals. The winners, a boy and a girl from each grade gave their speeches in the auditorium.

Representing grade IX were Julie O'Brien of 9.3.8, and Jim Child of 9.3.1. Julie spoke on Education, and Jim on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The grade X winners, John Plenson and Leslie Singer were both from 10.3.3. Leslie spoke on Manhattan, and John on the subject of Helicopters.

Lawrence Skinner and Carrol Iyn Becky were the Grade XI winners. They are both in 11.G.2. Lawrence spoke on the United Nations, and Carrol Iyn on "Our Wondrous World".
Rita Shaw 10.3.3.

S P O R T S

Screams and cheers fill the gymnasium as our beloved basketball team scores yet another 2 points. After a rugged season so far, our Juniors are currently holding down 4th place with a record of 4 losses and 4 wins. The boys would like to improve their standing in the league-- so let's get out to the games and give 'em the support they deserve. Of the total points collected so far by Westmount-Robertson is leading with 76 points, followed by Fraser with 37, and Bullock and Wynn with 36, and 22 respectively.

At this time, it would be fitting to give credit to the tremendous support given to our team, by the Westmount cheerleaders. Their work at all of the basketball games so far, has been a definite asset in maintaining the high morale of the team and the spectators.

Intramural Hockey

To all Pinture Rocket Richards and Gordie Howes!

Just a little reminder to the boys, if you are interested in playing intramural hockey, then get in touch with Mr. Garon or Mr. Chambers.

WANTED:

One years supply of dimes for the do-mut machine.

NOTICE:

Will the person or persons who took the door from one of the science rooms please return it immediately.....there's an awful draft.....Thanks from long-suffering students.

FOR SALE:

Book reports on all subjects \$1.50 each. This rate also includes a free protection service if the transaction is discovered. Apply.....Room 301

TO A CURRENT RUMOUR:

No, the hall ceilings are not slowly sinking. According to authorities, we are in no danger of meeting our deaths beneath a sheet of rubble. They're supposed to look that way.

LOST:

If you find an English assignment, due Feb.5, please return it to Mr. Day's room anytime before midnight Feb.4.

IN MEMORIAM:


Exactly one year ago today there was nothing but an empty field where Westmount now stands. "Oh!", for the good old days!



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CURIOSITY LIVES IN THE WILDCAT

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**COMING
EVENTS**

The Twist will take over where basketball left off. On Saturday January 27, the students of Westmount can dance the latest craze at our "Twilight Twist."

The Social Committee has invited the fabulous "Johnny and the Plainmen" to send the girls into squealing head spins.

Of course there will be an ambulance attendant waiting at the entrance of the gym for all cases involving dislocated hips and twisted sacroiliacs. So plan to get in on some "rip roarin'" fun. See you there!

Carol Hutchinson
10.3.1

WITH THANKS To the Social Committee from the Highlander staff! We would like to express our appreciation for the kind offer of free press passes to the Twilight Twist. If we had been invited as guests instead of clean-up crew, we might even have accepted!

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One to The City Dump

What secret beauty doth uncovered lie,
"Nest towers of flaming splendour hid!"

What fragrance fills the smog sneared sky!
My heart with rapture overflows.
How could such lustrous beauty stay
Untouched, unsought by mortal soul.

Resplendant hues are seen by day;
But, blazing torches shatter night.

Such elegance beyond compare,
Bless isolated, out of sight,
Concealed and shunned without a care,
Place of disgust to fellow man.

John Milkernitis
11.6.1

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The Sea
By Carol Hutchinson

Endless, rolling, unpredictable body of emotions, this is the sea. She attracts all who travel on or within her depths. In the stillness of the night many a brave sailor serving a lonely watch, has confided in her bountiful wisdom an understanding. They seem to sense a strong human heart beating beneath the darkest depths to her boundless shores. At night with the pale moonlight glistening on the silver grey, she rolls and caresses the sitting shores.

This flowing, gentle sea is not always calm and peaceful like a woman at rest, but like all fiery females, rages, roars and crashes at the shores, flooding in tons of fury, forming, wind tossed waves, destroying all that thoughtlessly stray in her treacherous path.

Then, in the stillness that follows, she returns to her peaceful home filled, like poison, gathering in a tortured soul which is suddenly released, leaving only peace and serenity behind.

So when you gaze across the far reaching sands, with the gentle ripple and the greenish haze over the water, remember the numerous faces that she shows to the many peoples that travel her mysterious ways.

The Noisemaker
Brian Heeney

Many of the students come to this school from other high schools, where they spent a year or two. They acquired an undying loyalty to their former schools. However when we change schools we must also change our support. Students show their support by taking part in school sporting activities, supporting school teams, and taking part in school projects. This the students of Westmount have not been doing. This is apparent from the small crowds at basketball games, and the participation in intramural hockey. When the hockey league was first announced too many boys came out, as some thought. But now the hockey players are struggling to make a team.

Let's see more support for your school projects, after all, your former school isn't giving you anything now! ***

What is the matter with the Grade VI students of Westmount? When the french newspaper began to deal of support by the senior students. Exactly 7 students are on the french newspaper staff and they should be congratulated for this. But why are there only three senior students on the English newspaper staff. Not everyone speaks French but everyone speaks English (I hope). There are surely circumstances which would excuse some people but where are the rest of you? Come on you Senior Students set a good example for the younger students instead of letting them show you. Give us some support.



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