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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that just after 1:30 p.m. today we discovered a small fire in our second-floor boys' bathroom in the science wing. No students or staff were harmed.

Staff immediately pulled the fire alarm. We are pleased that students and staff followed our fire safety routine and left the building calmly.

Students remained outside as we waited for responding Hamilton firefighters to give us permission to re-enter our school.

The fire was contained and put out. Students were allowed into the gym just after 2 p.m. to warm up.

By 2:25 p.m., fire officials gave us permission to re-occupy the entire school. Air quality testing showed the school is safe to use. The fire remains under active investigation. Further cleaning and airing of the affected areas will continue after dismissal.

You may have heard that we had a medical call to the school around the time of the fire. One of our students did have a seizure unrelated to the fire and was taken to hospital by ambulance.

Student safety is of the utmost importance at Westmount. If you have any questions about this incident, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your understanding.

Angela Ferguson
Principal