



# Westmount Secondary School

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Dear Wildcats and Wildcat Families,

We hope that you are doing well.

As you know, we will be transitioning our students and staff back to on-site/in-person learning on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

We wanted to highlight a few keys pieces to ensure the safety of all as we head back into classrooms.

## **Public Health Protocols/Daily Screening**

Please remember to follow all Public Health protocols including:

- Hand hygiene (washing, sanitizing)
- Masking
- Physical/Social Distancing
- Adhering to colour zone building entry/exits
- Adhering to assigned seating at lunch time if staying in the building

Students will be expected to complete their daily screening before entering the building in the morning as well as in the afternoon for their period 2 class. Teachers will be asking for verification. The daily screening tool link is below.

[COVID-19 school screening \(ontario.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/covid-19-school-screening)

Students who experience covid symptoms at school will be sent home and asked to self-isolate as outlined the Decision Guides. Please see guides posted on our website.

## **Continuity of Learning**

If students are required to self-isolate or will be absent due to other circumstances parents and caregivers are reminded to contact the school. The office will code the absence appropriately to prevent calls home at the end of the day. As well, students will be able to continue their learning by accessing the HUB for daily work and can access teacher support asynchronously (via HUB or email).

## **Long-term and Short-Term Remote Learning**

For a variety of reasons and circumstances students and families may be exploring long-term virtual remote learning opportunities for semester two (February-June). This is available for students in the form of elearning courses. Please contact your guidance counsellor as soon as possible as class spaces will be limited.



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For families exploring short-term virtual learning opportunities for the remainder of this semester, please contact your guidance counsellor for more information. Depending on the length of time away from school, a temporary excusal form may need to be completed. Please see the following link:

<https://bit.ly/3qY458D>

## **In-Person Extra-curriculars/Clubs**

Due to high transmission rates of the Omicron virus, all in-person sports and clubs have been paused. This decision will be reviewed by the Board and Public Health in the coming weeks. Virtual clubs may continue.

## **Semester 1 Ending Processes**

As we head into the final days of semester 1, additional information will be shared about EQAO, Student Success Days and the Carry-Over process once details have been confirmed.

## **Semester 2 Model**

We continue to wait for direction from the Ministry/Public Health/Board on our semester 2 model. We will keep our community updated as we learn more.

Thank you for your ongoing support, patience and understanding as we continue to adapt to the ongoing changes. We look forward to seeing our students in classes on Monday.

Sincerely,

Ms. Geeta Malhotra  
Principal