



**October 2025**

***From the Principal's Desk...***

Fall is a time for new beginnings at school. The old year and its challenges have passed and it is time to start afresh. We hope that each student will set goals and strive towards reaching them this year. As adults (staff and parents) our job is to help remove distractions and help our students achieve their full potential. Take time to sit down with your child and plan for success, establish routines for homework completion, test preparation, and agenda sharing.

It was wonderful to see some many parents and guardians out for Meet the Teacher night. We also had a great Terry Fox run last Friday – thank you to Mrs. Dobrowsky and to all those who donated to this worthy cause.

In the classroom, our teachers continue to provide engaging activities for their students and they are dedicated to ensuring the optimal success of each child. Our staff continues to go “above and beyond” every day. Sports teams, Choir and Band, special events, Healthy Action Team, Leadership team, special food days, snack program, breakfast club, field trips, etc. are all extras that our staff volunteer to coordinate and supervise on their own time.

**Absenteeism and tardiness** have a significant impact on student achievement and well being. Please make every effort to ensure students are here every day on time and ready to learn.

**Updates and reminders**

**Parent Council** will meet on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm via TEAMS. Please send an email to [westview@hwsb.on.ca](mailto:westview@hwsb.on.ca) if you would like to attend and you will be sent an invite.

**The Westview Cross Country team** had a great day on the 10<sup>th</sup> – thank you to coaches Mrs. Tapuska and Mrs. Gesse for coaching!

**Dates to Remember**

**October 21<sup>st</sup> – Parent Council via TEAMS online 5:30 pm**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Progression to Secondary School Information Night**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> - PA Day - No School.**

**Highschool Information Nights**

**McNab – November 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 7:30 pm**

**Westmount Information Night – November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**Westmount Application Deadline - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025 by 1:00 PM. ANY APPLICATIONS AFTER 1:00PM WILL BE PLACED ON A WAITLIST, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Glendale Secondary School Program for the ARTS Info Night - Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6pm

**Halloween Activities/Spirit Day:** On **Friday, October 31st**, we'll be celebrating Halloween with a Spirit Day! Students and staff are invited to wear costumes. Those who prefer not to dress up can wear orange and black or their favourite colour. Throughout the day, classrooms may host special activities, and students in Grades 6–8 will have the chance to attend a dance in the gym. For students who do not participate in Halloween celebrations, meaningful alternative learning activities will be available in classrooms.

**Important Costume Guidelines:**

- Students choosing to wear a costume should arrive at school already dressed and remain in costume throughout the day. Please do not send costumes or makeup to be applied at school.
- Costumes must be school-appropriate: no weapons (real or toy), no items that obstruct vision, and no offensive images or language.
- Masks may be worn indoors if visibility is not restricted. Masks are not permitted during outdoor Nutrition Breaks.
- Teachers will share details about any additional classroom celebrations.
- If sending treats, please ensure they are **nut-free**. While Halloween treats don't need to meet ministry nutrition guidelines, healthy options are always welcome. Let your child's teacher know if you prefer your child not to receive shared treats/snacks.

**Costume Reflection Questions:**

- Does my costume make fun of or stereotype a group of people, culture, religion, or belief system?
- Am I altering my appearance to resemble a race, ethnicity, or cultural group that is not my own?
- Am I dressing as a culture or borrowing from a religion that is not part of my background?

Thank you for helping us make Halloween a fun, inclusive, and safe celebration for everyone! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

**Some Reminders**

**Cell Phones** are prohibited during the school days and need to be powered off and kept in lockers unless teachers allow them for academic purposes. If you need to contact your child, please call the school office.

**Hands on behaviour** – students are told daily to keep their hands to themselves – repeat issues will result in suspension.

Thank you for your support of our Westview Wolverines!

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