

Westside Secondary School



Parent News

Westside School Council

Please join us for School Council Meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:15pm in the library.

Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. I am very excited to work with you this year. Anytime you have questions, please don't hesitate to call or email.

Important Dates

Oct 19	Parent-student-Teacher Interviews
Oct 24	School Council
Oct 27	Commencement
Oct 31	Halloween haunt
Nov 1	Take your kids to work day
Nov 2	Rock climbing
Nov 3	Pink Day
Nov 7	Remembrance Day assembly
Nov 9	Term 2 starts
Nov 9	PIC event 7pm
Nov 23	Midterm reports
Nov 24	PD day

We are very happy to welcome permanently to our staff this year, Chad Burford (auto), Jean Chen (social work), Mandy Clements (reception), Sarah Le (English), and Jessica Shortt (English). With a large staff, it means we have teachers off for various reasons such as maternity leaves, educational leaves, etc. This semester we are very pleased to welcome several occasional teachers including, Francesa Castiglione (careers & social science), Laura Di Lulio (math), Joel Graham (math), Stephanie Leduc-Mitchell (French), Adam Lucko (hospitality), John Mann (science), Eric Mills (English), Dan Mosurinjohn (geography), Emma Norris (phys ed), Sara Prosser (C&W and social science), Laura Rees (French), Keith Steele (science), and Pearl Van Geest (art).

We have had a great start to the year beginning with our grade 9 orientation assembly in August and the week of welcome activities, the first week of school. We also started with a new cross walk out front, thanks to the town. Our grade 9's have already met for follow-up with their Link leaders twice during the day so far, and for a night of dancing. The Terry Fox run was a huge hit this year, raising over \$1700, the best showing yet. This past month, we saw a very successful awards assembly, honoring students for the 2016-2017 school year. Looking forward, we are excited to welcome our grads back for commencement, coming up on October 27.

You should have received progress reports for each of your student's classes today as well as instructions for booking interviews on-line for the evening of Oct 19th. If you are having any difficulty booking on-line, be sure to call the main office so we can assist you. We hope to see everyone at the first semester interview night.

As the semester moves forward, be sure stay up to date by following us on twitter @WestsideThunder, or on the web at www.udgsb.on.ca/westside or by joining our texting service, by texting 705-242-0492 the message @d6391. Here is to a great year, Westside families!

Deidre Wilson

How to Get Your Child Cooperating without Yelling, Threats or Punishment

Tired of battling with your child? Wish you knew how to get your child cooperating without yelling and threats?

Dr. Laura Markham, founding editor of AhaParenting.com to the rescue, with practical everyday strategies to help you raise a self-disciplined child who WANTS to cooperate!



Location & Event Details:

Thursday November 9, 2017 at Westside S.S., 300 Alder St. Orangeville

6:15pm: Information booths and light refreshments

6:45pm – 8:45pm: Presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions

This is a FREE event, sponsored by ugdsb Parent Involvement Committee, registration required.

Contact information...

phone
519-938-9355



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Guidance News

Planning for College or University?

University Information Day at Westside is Tuesday October 17 from 1:00-2:15 in the Theatre.

College Information Day is also Tuesday October 17 at Conestoga College. A free bus leaves Westside at 9:30.

Grade 9 **'Take Your Kids to Work Day'** is November 1. Information and consent forms were distributed to all grade 9. More info at: www.thelearningpartnership.ca

It is coming back!
Westside's biggest spirit event

Pink Day

Friday November 3rd

Get
your
pink
on
and



Join us for a pancake breakfast to kick off the day, 7:15-8:15am Donations of \$2 or more

ONLINE ATTENDANCE

Currently the Aizan system is calling home for student absences, but you can monitor your child's attendance each day by following these instructions: Website address: <https://students.ugdsb.on.ca/WSS/Students> or follow the link on the Westside Website: www.ugdsb.on.ca/Westside

Username

- First 5 letters of the student's last name, followed by the first 3 letters of the student's first name.

Password

- The student's 9 digit OEN. This number can be found on a report card or on a student card. If unsure, please contact Student Services.

Co-curricular news

Co-curriculars have begun very quickly as always, and we have done really well so far. In Golf, one of our Junior Girls, Emily Harlond, came first in Districts and then did well at CWOSSA and is now competing at OF-SAA. Our soccer teams are just about ready for season play offs. This will end the season for the Juniors, but should the seniors do well enough, they could go to CWOSSA, which isn't until the spring. Boys Volleyball and Girls basketball are almost at the end of their seasons as well. XC is still going strong and our team has been competing. We have several strong runners, and lots of OFSAA potential. Girls Hockey is also up and going. What a first season!

Next season's tryouts will start up in the next few weeks. Students need to listen for announcements as to when that will happen. Mr Marchildon and Mr Steele will be coaching Boys basketball, and Mr Pinizzotto and Ms Montgomery will coach Senior girls Volleyball, and Ms Mitchell and Ms Di Lulio will coach the junior girls team. Swimming will also start up again. Mr Pinkney and Ms Mills are the coaches for that team, which has a lot to live up to after their great season last year.

Student Union News

Westside **Thunderwear** will soon go on sale. We will be selling hoodies, as well as long and short sleeve t-shirts. Get your gear and support our Thunder! Student Union will be fundraising by selling **Poinsettias**. Support Student Union in their endeavours to increase school spirit with different activities and events. The holidays will soon be here, and nothing says Christmas like a beautiful Poinsettia.

Community Involvement Hours

All Westside students are to log their completed community involvement hours in the online program Hour Republic. Access to this program has moved from myBlueprint to the Brightspace (d2l) icon in UGCloud. Questions and concerns regarding community hours or accessing Hour Republic, should be directed to Guidance. Every secondary school student in Ontario must complete 40 hours of community involvement in order to graduate. See Student Services if you are looking for volunteer opportunities.

Outdoor Activities Fall Canoe Trip

In September, the Outdoor Activities class travelled to Algonquin Park for their Fall canoe trip. The group was blessed with great weather and beautiful scenery. In addition to learning much about travelling through Canadian wilderness by canoe, we were fortunate enough to see some interesting wildlife and participate in fun campfire activities. One of the highlights was seeing a bald eagle eating a rather large fish along the shore...the first sighting of this magnificent bird in the wild by all in the group. We are all eagerly awaiting our next trip when we plan and participate in the winter camping in January.

