

Report to Council

Mid High Principal - Feb. 2025

Admissions at the Mid High



Applications for the Mid-High closed on January 31, 2024.

The Mid High's Admissions committee is currently going through all the applications and families will be notified by Mid March.

APPLICATION NUMBERS FOR 2025-26

GRADE 5 - 91

GRADE 6 - 82

GRADE 7 - 52

GRADE 8 - 30

GRADE 9 - 41

GRADE 10 - 23

GRADE 11 - 4

GRADE 12 - 0

The number of available spots at the each grade is dependent upon our re-registration numbers and does vary each year.

Poet Laureate at Westmount

Westmount Mid High was thrilled to welcome Wakefield Brewster to our campus at the beginning of January. As Calgary's 6th Poet Laureate and widely celebrated as "The People's Poet," Wakefield brought his unique blend of passion and insight to inspire our students.

During his week-long residency, he primarily worked with our Grade 8 classes, although a few additional groups were fortunate to participate in his sessions. The experience culminated in an inspiring Poetry Café held in our Learning Commons, where students proudly shared their creative works.

Wakefield's dynamic presence and thoughtful engagement left a lasting impression on our budding student-poets, making the week a highlight of their year.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the School Council for their generous donation, which made this impactful event possible.



Speech

Please join us in congratulating all 21 Westmount students who competed at Webber Academy for the Provincial Speech Tournament on February 1st. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication.

A special shout-out to our medalists:

- Vanessa W.: Gold, Persuasive
- Sania G.: Gold, Impromptu
- Eirena W.: Gold, Solo Acting
- Sarah G.: Gold, Poetry
- Shanzay J: Gold, Persuasive
- Thorin T.: Silver, Impromptu

Also congratulations to Mrs. Roulston who received the 'Adult with the Most Outstanding Contribution to Speech Activities' Award.

We are thrilled to share that two senior students, Sania G. and Aishani S., will represent Westmount at the Canadian Speech Championships in Winnipeg next weekend.

Additionally, junior students Sarah G. and Thorin T. will head to Vancouver in May for the Junior Canadian Speech Championships.



Robotics

Did you know that Westmount has a Robotics Team?

Thanks to the generosity of our amazing donors, this student-led group launched this year. As a rookie team competing against over 50 well-established groups, our intrepid robotics crew has faced tough challenges but continues to learn and improve with every competition.

We're proud of their dedication and growth—stay tuned for more updates!



Curling



Congratulations to our Open curling team who recently won first place in the Calgary High School Curling Bonspiel.



Debate

Results from the recent Junior Debate Competition at Master's Academy:

Top beginner team (1st place): Ethan W. & Hanson W.

3rd Place Open Speaker: Thorin T.

Top open team (1st Place): Thorin T. & Eirana W.



Results from the recent Senior Debate Competition at Rundle College:

3rd place open team: Evan W. & Khalid K.

3rd place beginner teams: Victoria B. & Dexter B.

2nd place beginner speaker: Victoria B.



About Black History Month

During Black History Month, we honour and amplify the voices of Black Canadians while celebrating their many achievements and contributions. The efforts of Black Canadians and their communities throughout history have greatly enriched Canada's cultural diversity, compassion and prosperity.



Black history Month



Grade 8's Visit Kindergarten

Students from Mr. McCafferty paid a special trip to one of the EC's kindergarten Classes.

Students enjoyed interacting and reading to their younger Westmount colleagues.





the World Scholar's Cup®

World Scholars Cup - Montreal

This event saw many of Canada's TOP Independent schools compete and yet in Junior High the Westmount Charter Team place first overall and in all these individual events they also excelled individually and as a team.

Trophy Winner:

1. Team 517 - Westmount Charter School Mid-High - Thorin T., Hanson W., Ethan W.

Debate Champions: (Top three sports to Westmount)

- 3 Hanson W. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High
- 2 Ethan W. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High
- 1 Thorin T. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High

Bowl Winner:

- Team 517 - Westmount Mid-High - Thorin T., Hanson W., Ethan W.

Writing Champions:

- 5 Hanson W. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High
- 2 Ethan W. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High
- 1 Thorin T. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High

Challenge Subjects:

1. Art & Music Thorin T. - Westmount Charter School MidHigh
1. Social Studies Thorin T. - Westmount Charter School MidHigh
1. History Thorin T. - Westmount Charter School MidHigh
1. Lit & Media Hanson W. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High Science
1. Tech Thorin T. - Westmount Charter School MidHigh

Jak Khor Award:

1. Westmount Charter School MidHigh Thorin T.

Challenge Medals:

- ART SOC HIS LIT SCI SPC | Hanson W. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High
ART SOC HIS LIT SCI SPC | Thorin t. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High
ART SOC HIS LIT SCI SPC | Ethan w. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High

Team Debate:

- 1 Team 517 - Westmount Charter School Mid-High - Thorin T., Hanson W., Ethan W.

Team Writing:

1. Team 517 - Westmount Charter School Mid-High - Thorin T., Hanson W., Ethan W.

Top School Scholars:

1. Westmount Charter School

Top Individual Scholars:

3. Hanson W. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High
- 2 Ethan W. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High
- 1 Thorin T. - Westmount Charter School Mid-High

Next is off to Global Tournament

Professional Development

With the switch to term 2, staff took advantage of having a couple of days with no students to engage in some Professional Development.

On Thursday, January 30th, Mid High staff welcomed Judy Riege for the second half of her workshop series on building school culture. The session focused on self-awareness as a crucial component for fostering effective collaboration and understanding in the workplace.



On Friday, January 31st, staff at the Mid High revisited their work on relationship mapping. The session focused on analyzing student survey results and developing strategies to better support students who did not identify meaningful connections either within Westmount or outside of school.

Do you have a positive connection/relationship with an adult at Westmount?

Do you have a positive connection/relationship with an adult outside of Westmount?

Do you have a positive connection/relationship with a student/friend at Westmount?

Do you have a positive connection/relationship with a student/friend outside of Westmount?

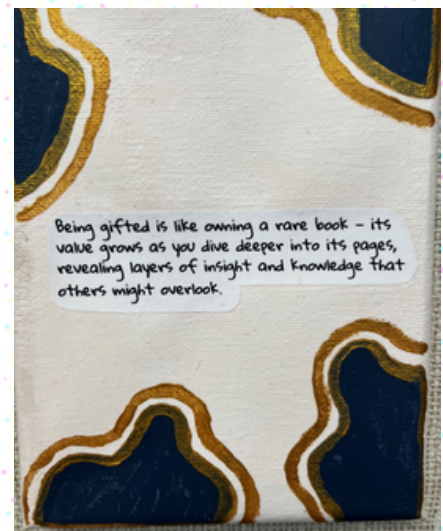
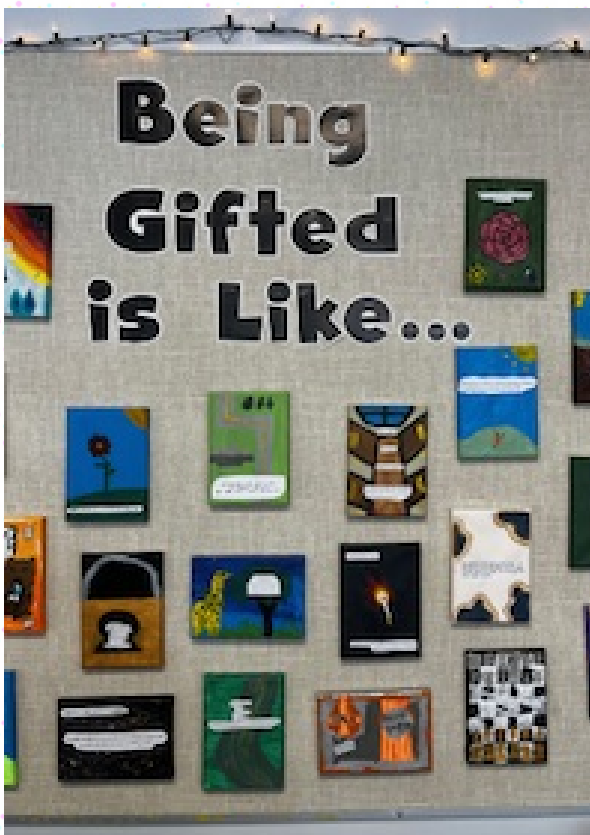
Grade 6's celebrating learning, our community, and themselves

The Grade 6s had a very eventful January!

They hosted an engaging Agora Market, where students showcased and sold various goods, earning themselves some Drachmas.

The celebrations continued as the students honored one of their TLAs, Ms. Nancy, who recently received her Canadian citizenship—an inspiring milestone for the community.

Additionally, students continued their exploration of what it means to be gifted, creatively expressing their insights through art and similes.



Westmount in the media

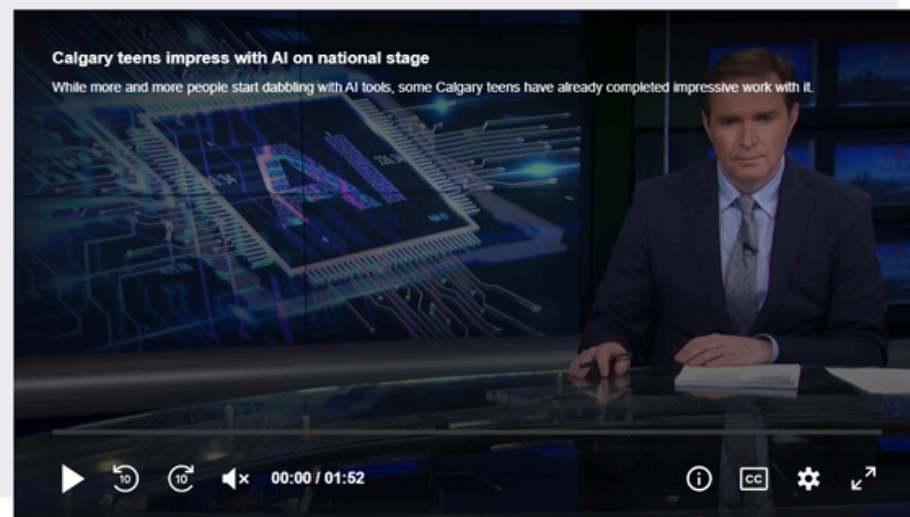
We are proud to share that a group of Westmount students was recently showcased in the media. Competing in a National AI Challenge, four out of the ten finalist teams were composed of Westmount students.

Click on the image below to read the full news article.

Calgary high school students compete in finals of national AI challenge

By Alesia Fieldberg

Published: January 31, 2025 at 7:40PM EST



While more and more people start dabbling with AI tools, some Calgary teens have already completed impressive work with it.

Published Article



Ley-Anne Folks, a learning strategist at the Mid High campus, is currently pursuing an Ed.D. in Cognitive Diversity at Bridges Graduate School. She recently had an insightful article published on the SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) website. Click the title below to read the full article.

Forging the School-Home Team: Lessons in Collaboration for Educators of Twice-Exceptional Students