



# Westdale Secondary Community Newsletter

May 2026

## Greetings

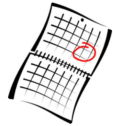
Recently our community tragically lost a Westdale Warrior. During this difficult time, the staff, students and community has come together to grieve but to also show all the great qualities that Westdale Warriors are known for. We ask that everyone be kind and patient as the healing process looks very different for everyone. As a reminder, there are supports available for students and their families.

As we head into the two busiest months of the school year, let's remember to be kind to ourselves and each other.

Sincerely,

Leanne Schaap, Acting-Principal

## Important Calendar Dates



<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event(s):</b>	<b>Audience:</b>
<i>Monday May 4th – Friday May 8th</i>	Mental Health Week Activities	Grades 9-12
<i>Wednesday May 6th</i>	Relay For Life 3pm-7pm	All are welcome
<i>Thursday May 14th</i>	Warrior Fest Junior Football game & Student/Family Games	All are welcome
<i>Monday May 18th</i>	Victoria Day—No School	Grades 9-12
<i>Wednesday May 27th</i>	Prom	Grade 12 students & invited guests

## Shout Outs / Good News



### **So much to celebrate!**

The month of April has brought many great moments and memories for our Westdale Warriors! Athletes, musicians and public speakers are just a few that we celebrate. Westdale's diverse population brings celebrations of all kinds!

## **Westdale Music Brings Home Silver at National Music Festival**

Congratulations to Westdale's combined concert band who competed against 30+ bands from across Canada over the weekend in Halifax Nova Scotia. The Westdale ensemble scored a silver for their performance but a gold for how they represented our community as stressed by everyone the staff and students met throughout the province. A huge thanks to Mr. Abel, Mr. Dodgson and Ms. Lu who were amazing supports for this wonderful weekend!



## **ESL Speech Competition:**

On April 30th 8 students in the ESL classes competed for the opportunity to represent Westdale at HWDSB Speaks on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The competition was tough and the judges had a tough time arriving at the winner. Special mention goes to Ann Wang. The student representing Westdale is Farangis Fahang. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done and a big thank you to Mr. Mullaley and Ms. Morrison for providing this great opportunity.



## **Athletics @ Westdale**

The month of April has been busy for our athletes. So much to celebrate from the courts to the pool Our student athletes were up to the challenge and were met with success. Some of our celebrations include:



## Junior Girls Water Polo City Champions



## Senior Girls Water Polo Bronze Medalists

## Novice Girls Basketball Silver Medalists



## Novice Boys Basketball City Champions



## Badminton:

Congratulations to Hudson Francis & Connor Piper Merrett and Alex Harvey & Andre Lozano-Marques as they move on to Junior and Novice SOSSA. Congratulations to Claire Shi & Aidan Wang for moving onto OFSSA. Westdale is excited for their success on the court!





**Warrior Fest—May 14th**

Please join us on Thursday May 14th from 5:30-8:30 for Warrior Fest. **Games, Live Music, Food Trucks & the Junior Boys Football Game Vs. Waterdown!!** Fun for all ages!

**THURSDAY MAY 14**  
**5:30 - 8:30**

# WARRIOR FEST

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**VS**

**Come out to support our Junior football team as they take on the Waterdown Warriors at 6pm and see what Westdale is all about!**

**Information for caregivers and students**

- Public Health
- Westdale guidance department
- YMCA Newcomer services
- School Clubs
- School Teams

**Live Music! - The Wilson Brothers**

- Raffle Prizes
- Carnival Games
- Food Trucks

Presented by the Westdale Parent Council

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## Cereal Box Drive

Students in Mr. Francis's Grade 12 leadership class are giving back to our school community through the Cereal Box Drive. Please see below.



**CEREAL BOX DONATION DRIVE!**

Starting May 11<sup>th</sup>, you can donate cereal boxes and granola bars to your homeroom classes to win a pizza party!

The poster features images of various cereal and granola products: Kellogg's Raisin Bran Crunch Original, Kellogg's Rice Krispies Family Size (18 oz), Cheerios, Post Honey Bunches of Oats with Almonds, Nature Valley Sweet & Salty Nut Chewy Granola Bars, Quaker Chewy Dark Chocolate Cookies, and Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bars.

