



# Westdale Secondary Community Newsletter

June 2026

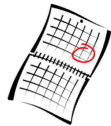
## Greetings

It is so hard to believe that the 2025-2026 school year is coming to a close. There have been many exciting accomplishments by students throughout the school year. Success looks different for every student but as we reflect on the year we see joy in our classrooms, hallways, auditorium, gallery's and athletic venues. May each student and staff member at Westdale take pride in their achievements this year and may it motivate you to be the best Westdale Warrior possible.

Sincerely,

Leanne Schaap, Acting-Principal

## Important Calendar Dates



<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event(s):</b>	<b>Audience:</b>
<i>Tuesday June 9th</i>	Athletic Banquet—Leander Boat Club	Student Athletes & Coaches
<i>Wednesday June 10th</i>	Quiet Week Begins—No additional extra curricular activities	All students
<i>Tuesday June 16th</i>	Last Instructional Day	All students
<i>Wednesday June 17th– Monday June 22nd</i>	Final Evaluation Period—See schedule below	All students
<i>Wednesday June 24th</i>	PA Day	No school for students
<i>Thursday June 25th</i>	Future Preparedness Day—see below Grade 12 Commencement—3pm First Ontario Concert Hall	All students Grade 12 students

## Administrative Changes:

Last week administrative changes were announced for the 2026-2027 school year. We would like to wish our Vice-Principal Sarah Beauchamp-Wyatt well as she heads to Westmount SS for the fall. Sarah has been with Westdale for 7 years and has been instrumental in supporting staff and students. Westmount is lucky to have her. We want to welcome Vice-Principal Jonathon Schinkel to Westdale. He comes to us from Sherwood SS and brings a wealth of expertise to our school community.

## Shout Outs / Good News



### Warrior Fest:

On Thursday May 14th Westdale's Parent Council and Athletic Committee hosted Warrior Fest. An amazing night of information booths, games, live music, food trucks and a Junior Football win. A great evening that brought our Westdale community together. Looking forward to more events like this in the future.



### Spring Music Night:

On Thursday May 21st, the Jr. & Sr. Jazz Bands, Jr. & Sr. Bands and Warriors Band played their final performances for the year to family and friends. A special mention goes out to the graduating grade 12's who put on a special performance. A big Thank You to Mr. Abell and Mr. James for the work they have done with these talented musicians!



### **Boccia Tournament:**

In May, a number of our students in the Comprehensive classes took part in HWDSB's first ever Boccia Tournament. Not only did they bring back the tournament win, but it is clear from the pictures below that the students had a fantastic time! What a great opportunity!



### **HWDSB Speaks:**

Farangis Farhan, is a talented student from Westdale who recently competed in the HWDSB Speaks "Golden Mic Competition", where students showcased their speech writing and delivery skills. Competing against other MLL Speakers from across the board, Farangis stood out and ultimately emerged as the winner, proudly representing Westdale. In her powerful speech, Farangis shared her personal story of resilience and adversity, reflecting on her educational journey in Afghanistan, where the Taliban banned school for young girls. Her courage, voice and determination left a lasting impression on both judges and peers, making her achievement especially meaningful.



### **Ultimate Frisbee HWDSB Champions:**

Congratulations to Westdale's Ultimate Frisbee Team on their City Championship win! Always lots of fun on this team!



**Relay for Life:**

Westdale had an amazing Relay for Life event in early May after school on the field. Approximately 60 students were found playing games, doing crafts and listening to a meaningful address from a cancer survivor. The school was able to raise well over \$10 000 for this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated!

**Grade 12 Celebration:**

Last week our grade 12 students started their celebrations with an Ice Cream Social. A first time event for Westdale and it was a huge success! A huge thank you to the Commencement Committee and Dickson Wynperie & Associates Law Firm for the ice cream donation.

On the same day, the Class of 2026 exercised their vote and landed on the following for the commencement ceremony:

Valedictorian     Carter Lee  
Mace Bearers     Noah Francis & Ainsley Wall

Congratulations!!



**Future Preparedness Day:**

On Thursday June 25th Westdale will host their 2nd Future Preparedness Day. This will be a student driven event that focuses on bringing semester 2 classes to a close and preparing students for the summer, September and future job/volunteer opportunities for students. More details to come.

