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# West Humber Collegiate Institute

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**GRADE RANGE:** 9 to 12

## Interesting Feature

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our students are empowered to take initiative and be leaders in our community. We offer a three-level Leadership Certificate Program that gives students the opportunity to develop their leadership and organizational skills. Collaborating together, students plan and organize many events throughout the year that are designed to cultivate school spirit, and promote student involvement in the community. The school also offers Grade 9 Albion Hills and Grade 10 Camp Manitou Leadership Programs where senior students have an opportunity to facilitate and mentor younger students.

### ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH EFFORT

West Humber is a dynamic secondary school that fosters 21st Century learning through interaction and involvement. Students and staff are most proud of the school culture. The focus is on treating each other with respect and dignity. Equity & anti-oppression, achievement and well-being are priorities for the staff and students. The school has a well-established, positive and active partnership with the community. Our mission statement is: "**WE CARE**". Our goal is to equip every student with the academic and social skills needed to be successful, to understand the value of lifelong learning, to develop healthy interpersonal relationships and to be prepared for a rapidly changing workplace.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Our regular and Enriched Math, Science, Technology (MST) programs allow for the development of academic skills that lead to student success in university, college, apprenticeship or employment. Our comprehensive curricula prepares students for a changing world by developing skills in problem solving, leadership, critical and creative thinking, and new technologies, while adapting to social change and promoting a healthy lifestyle. High level academic programming has led our graduates to success at university and college in math, science, business, technology, world studies, humanities, the arts and international languages.



# More Information about West Humber Collegiate Institute

## MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE

We offer all the courses in the math and science curricula and use SMART boards for enhanced learning. There are opportunities for students to demonstrate their skills beyond the classroom by participating in engineering, science and math competitions. Students in our enriched MST program cover the curriculum at a faster pace leaving time for enriched deeper learning.



## ENGLISH, SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

Our courses offer exciting and relevant reading materials which provoke insightful discussions to help our students understand factors that contribute to social change and encourage them to become active citizens. Students will learn to develop strong writing, critical thinking and research skills through a variety of media.



## BUSINESS, COMPUTER STUDIES & TECHNOLOGY

Our courses in these disciplines allow students to develop strong leadership, problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Classrooms are equipped with computers where students have an opportunity to work with current software programs and use new technologies. Ethical business practices and social activism are incorporated into the curriculum.



## THE ARTS

We offer dynamic visual and media arts, photography, drama, dance and music programs. Students can participate in professional workshops and field trips. The Steel Band is often invited to perform at professional caliber shows and we have one of the few Drumline programs in the TDSB. Our Motown-Jazz band combine an exciting blend of pop, funk, jazz and steel drums.



## Additional Features

- Active Literacy Program
- Award-winning Steel Band Program
- SHSM/Co-op & Experiential Learning
- On site Child and Youth Worker
- Great Athletic Program
- Outstanding Guidance Department
- Tutoring & Mentoring programs
- Various community partnerships

For a list of all programs that are also offered visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/Schools.aspx?schno=2814&schoolid=1091>

## Student Life - Where You Belong

Student life is vibrant throughout the halls at West Humber. Our athletic and co-curricular programs offer students many opportunities to pursue personal interests and develop their leadership and interpersonal skills. The Physical and Health Education department organize an extensive intramural sports program for all interested students. Our **ATHLETIC PROGRAM** has had many teams compete at City and Ontario Championships, demonstrating their goal for excellence and success. Staff and students are actively involved in organizations such as: Student Leadership Council, Multicultural Show, Music, Robotics, Drama, Science Club, and many more.



## What Sets Us Apart

It is the positive, collaborative and caring environment that sets us apart. The staff and students have a strong sense of community and tradition. The school uniform identifies students as members of the school community and sets a professional tone within the school. Because we are a composite school, we are able to offer our students a variety of academic, athletic and co-curricular programs where they can develop the necessary skills to be a positive and active citizen in their community.

The West Humber Community extends itself to include a variety of local organizations which work together to offer our students additional resources and support as they pursue post-secondary education, apprenticeship or employment. Partnerships with Pathways to Education and L2L offer a wide variety of tutoring and mentoring programs. As well, First Generation Project with Humber College and Newcomer Services for Youth assist our newly immigrated students to become a part of our community.



## Parent and Community Engagement

Our parents and community leaders are dedicated to helping students succeed. The chair of our School Council is a parent and member of the community who speaks on behalf of our students' families. School Councils are an excellent way for parents to get involved in their child's education. All parents are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Some of the topics discussed include: student achievement, curriculum priorities, school safety, co-curricular programs, fundraising and the school budget.



Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.

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