

Westview Centennial Secondary School

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GRADE RANGE: 9 to 12

Interesting Feature

2010-2011 Features

Specialized programs and community partnerships enhance the quality of learning in and computer engineering and graphic design. Courses in dance, dramatic arts, music, visual arts, photography and production publishing provide artistic and creative opportunities for self expression. The York University/Seneca College/Westview Partnership fosters increased attendance at colleges and universities. The Promoting Excellence Program is a unique program in partnership with the Caring Village Community Organization to help support student achievement.

NOS OMNIA TENTEMUS ~ "Let Us Attempt All Things"

At Westview, our primary goal is to enable each student to maximize his or her potential and to be successful in meeting the challenges of post-secondary education and the world of work. In order to meet this goal, we offer a dynamic and varied academic program that includes a strong focus on mathematics, literacy and science; comprehensive career planning; and a diverse co-op program. Students at Westview have the opportunity to expand their learning through programs such as Positive Peer Culture, Leadership Training, Skills Development, Dual credit, STEPS and the ACE (Advanced Credit Experience) Program. At Westview we believe that all students are capable of achieving great success, and we strive to meet the needs of all students.

Health Science Program

If you enjoy helping others, consider one of the many careers in the health science field, from a nurse's aid to a doctor. Explore your options through our new partnerships with Humber River Regional Hospital, as well as local colleges and universities. Earn a college credit by attending class in the newly designed Alwyn Barry Centre for Healthcare studies. Consider a half or full day co-operative education placement to gain valuable experience. Attend special lectures; listen to guest speakers or participate in our "reach ahead" activities. If you dream it, we can help you experience it right here at Westview!





Advanced Credit Experience (Seneca/York)

Picture yourself at university or college. The unique Advanced Credit Experience (ACE) program offered in partnership with York University and Seneca College will bring the picture into reality! Earn a university or college credit while you attend high school, and participate in a valuable Co-op placement on campus, learning new skills and experiencing the world of work.



Positive Peer Culture Training

All Grade 9 students enroll in our positive peer culture (PPC) training. This social science course teaches you valuable life skills, including effective problem solving, peer mentoring and mediation. Learn key skills to help you deal with personal and social issues that will benefit you for the rest of your life.



Dual Credit Program

Students have the opportunity to earn a college credit while in high school. Through the Co-op program students combine hands-on learning with post-secondary education. Students are registered with a college, are granted a student card and may use the campus facilities (computer labs, gyms, fitness centres, libraries, etc.).



Coordinated Student Supports

Westview believes in supporting students in all areas of personal growth and development. Our supports include (but are not limited to): Homework Help and Mentoring, Safety Monitors, Social Workers, Child & Youth Workers, an Attendance Counsellor, Math Club, Science Tutorials, Reading Club/Literacy Classes and the Youth Host Program/Newcomer Services.



Additional Features



Student Life - Where You Belong

Come in, get involved, start making memories! Pick from a large selection of clubs, teams and programs that fit your interests. Join one of our sports teams, including basketball, track and field, co-ed ultimate Frisbee, wrestling, badminton, baseball, cricket, soccer, swimming, volleyball and co-ed volleyball. Or join one of our clubs, including dance, outdoor adventure, fitness and running, breakfast and lunch, athletic council, boys and girls reading, drama, library, math, newspaper, photography, prom, radio Westview, robotics, Westview drumming circle and yearbook. We invite you to develop your leadership skills with our innovative groups, including, our environmental club, students in action (SIA) and student council. Or join our empowered student partnership (ESP) program where you collaborate with our local Toronto Police Service to create solutions to battle bullying and violence.



What Sets Us Apart

The Westview Centennial Difference

We invite Grade 7 and 8 students to our 'building bridges' and 'Grade 9 for a day' events. We design individual timetables for you. Once you start Grade 9, you attend our Head Start day orientation and join us for welcome barbecues and assemblies. And when you are ready to graduate, we help you with college and university applications, as well as the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) student loans and grant process.

Awards and Recognition

Our students compete academically in national competitions. In the University of Waterloo's National Sir Isaac Newton competition in physics, 13 of our students ranked in the top 10%. We recognize our students' many academic accomplishments with exclusive Westview scholarships.

We celebrate more than academic success. Each Friday, our student success awards recognize human kindness, honesty and commitment - large and small. Each semester, we host 'recognizing student success' events where we celebrate personal and group accomplishments.





Parent and Community Engagement

The York University/Seneca College/Westview Partnership has helped our students increase attendance rates at post-secondary destinations

We will continue to strengthen partnerships with Caring Village and represented agencies, YMCA/Job Connects Program, and 31 Division (School Resource Officer on site)

We are the recipient of awards from: Royal Bank of Canada, TDCanada Trust, SHAD Valley, Yorkgate Mall, Black Business and Professional Association and Toronto Police Services 31 Division, Toronto Community Awards, The Rotary Club, The Jane and Finch Community and Family Centre.



School Council advises the school principal regarding procedures and policies

Newsletter (*Westview News*) and *Principal's Reports* provide ongoing news updates to parents

A website that engages parents and community!



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

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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