



HELLO WESTGATE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

CYCLATHON has returned! We are happy to return to our annually held Westgate Cyclathon on Saturday, September 23. It will be our 48th Cyclathon fundraiser and community connector. Our fundraising time is short but we are confident that with your help, we will have another successful Cyclathon.

The purpose of this letter is to give you information concerning this event and to encourage you and your family to come out and make this a wonderful celebration in our Westgate community.

Please consider these facts about Cyclathon as you begin your fundraising:

- Westgate receives a little less than 50% of the funding per student from the provincial government that a public school receives. The difference is covered by student Tuition and Donations from supporters of our school.
- We have two fundraisers a year, Cyclathon and Community Service Day, where we invite students to help ask the community to support the mission and work of the school.
- **Donations** from these two fundraisers **help reduce your annual Tuition** by an estimated \$300 per student. As such **your fundraising efforts are important and appreciated. Thank you for supporting our school!**

Cyclathon is a Westgate Community event. Please invite and welcome extended Family members, Alumni, Pastors & Friends of Westgate to join us.

Important details to remember:

DATE: **Saturday, September 23th**

If the forecast on Friday, September 22th is very doubtful - 90% all day rain - an email with an announcement to postpone will be given by the end of the school day. If Saturday morning surprises us with bleakness, check your email. We will make a call by 7 a.m. at the latest. If there is a postponement, the ***Rain Date is October 7th***.

TIME: **8:00AM to 4:00PM**

PLACE: **Bird's Hill Park – Group Use Area 1 loop road, North Drive**
(Map attached).

Check-in Table

- Upon arriving at the park, report to the Check-in Table at the **Baseball Diamond at the entrance to the loop road**
- You will be given a number and 4 food tickets to start.
- *Walk* your bike to the cycle path from the registration area. Turn to your right and begin cycling *counter*-clockwise on the loop road.

Checkpoint

- When you pass the checkpoint, slow down, bike single file, call out your full name and number.
- When taking a break for food, confirm your number of laps at the checkpoint, gather your tickets, and head back to the Baseball Diamond area for food.

Walk or Bike

- Students may choose to walk or cycle the 5 km loop
- **Cycled** laps will count as **ONE** lap
- **Walked** laps will count as **THREE** lap

***ALL CYCLISTS MUST WEAR A HELMET, INCLUDING ADULTS

Food

Food is available from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- **Two** food tickets required for: Donuts, Danish, Baked Goods, Pop, Hot Dogs.
- **One** food ticket required for: Granola Bars, Chips, Juice.
- **Free** – all Fruit
 - ***Food earned by Cyclists is meant to be consumed at Cyclathon.***
 - ***Please Use Up Tickets by 3 PM.***

Additional Information

- All participants should bring a **FULL water bottle**.
[Water will be available for refills.] Juices, Hot Chocolate, Gatorade, Chocolate Milk, Tea & Coffee will be available. Limited amounts of Soft Drinks will be served with lunch.
- We are hoping for a warm, sunny day to help us out. **Cyclists should come appropriately dressed.** Pants and jackets are suggested for the early morning, layering down to shorts and T shirts as the day heats up. **Sunscreen is highly recommended.**
- Dog Owners Advisory: If you bring your pet to the Cyclathon, please be sure to keep it on a leash and away from the food services area. Also, please be mindful that not everyone desires to, nor can (think allergies), be in close contact with your loving pet.

FUNDRAISING for Westgate's 2023 CYCLATHON

Students can collect donations in support of their fundraising in the following ways:

1) Cash

- Put money in envelope
- Record donation on the Student Record Sheet

2) Cheque

- Put cheque in envelope
- Record donation on the Student Record Sheet

3) e-Transfer

- Give donor a fundraising card, which includes the following information
 - send donations to accounting@westgatemennonite.org
 - Include in the memo line
 - (1) Donor's mailing address (for tax receipts)
 - (2) Student's Name
 - (3) Student's Homeroom
- Ask supporters to let you know their donation amount after the donation has been made, so that you can track your fundraising efforts.
- Record donation on the Student Record Sheet

4) Donating through Canada Helps

- Give donor a fundraising card, which includes the following information
 - Go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/92628>
 - Include in the comment
 - (1) Student's Name
 - (2) Student's Homeroom
- Ask supporters to let you know their donation amount after the donation has been made, so that you can track your fundraising efforts.
- Record the donation on the Student Record Sheet

5) Remind Me

- In some cases, supporters donate to Westgate Mennonite Collegiate many times a year. They may pledge an amount to a student, but wish to receive an invoice from the school.
- Record the donation on the Student Record Sheet

On Monday, October 2, students will be **submitting** their Cyclathon Student Record Sheets, along with any cash or cheques received, to their homeroom teachers. After counting their class totals, all of the Record Sheets and monies will be passed on to the Accounting office.

Please note:

- Westgate Mennonite Collegiate collects the names and addresses of supporters (Donors) in order to issue tax receipts
- Please only offer the "Remind Me" option if it is specifically requested.

Our school goal is \$60,000!

Fundraising Prizes

If you raise \$200 or more, then:

- you will be awarded 5% of money you raised, based on \$100 increments. Max. take-home: \$100 e.g. \$200 pledges = \$10 cash \$250 pledges = \$10 cash \$299.99 pledges = \$10 cash
- your name will be put into a draw for \$200, one time for every \$100 raised e.g. \$200 = name in draw twice \$300 = name in draw 3 times etc.



The red dot marks the spot:)

