



HELLO WESTGATE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

We are excited for Cyclathon! Our 49th Cyclathon fundraiser and community connector will take place on Saturday, September 28. This is a great chance for students, parents, siblings, grandparents, alumni, pastors, and friends to join us in a variety of ways: cycle laps on a bike, take a walk, bring a picnic blanket and lawn chairs, eat a hot dog, play a game, and more. We want to encourage you and your family to come out and make this a wonderful celebration of our Westgate community.

It is also a fundraising event for our school. We want to be a part of your lives and also want to invite the wider community to become supporters in education.

Please consider these facts as we prepare for this fundraiser:

- 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 Westgate.
- We have two student fundraisers a year, Cyclathon and Community Service Day, where we invite students to help ask the community (family, friends, Westgate teachers, church members, etc.) 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 your school!

This year we have a special fundraising goal: we want new bleachers in the gym!

Event Details:

Our hope is for all students to participate. Some students come with the goal of walking 1 lap with a quick lunch. Others, aim to cycle 100km and raise \$200 to be a part of the 100/100s Club! Most have a personal goal somewhere in the middle. If your goal is 100 km please let Mr. Lyndon Baerg know. Come all day or for a few hours. We are excited to see you there!

DATE: **Saturday, September 28th**

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

TIME: **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Checkpoints and laps are open**

To help families and friends find each other, we will also have a few group laps:

- 10:00 a.m. Grade 6 and 7 Group walk and ride
- 10:30 a.m. Grade 8 and 9 Group walk and ride
- 11:00 a.m. Grade 10 - 12 Group walk and ride
- 11:30 a.m. Alumni Group walk and ride

If Saturday morning surprises us with bleakness, check your email and the website. We will make a call by 7 a.m. at the latest. If there is a postponement, the **Rain Date is October 5th**.

Check-in Table

- Upon arriving at the park, report to the Check-in Table **at the entrance to the loop road**
- Students and siblings will be given a number and 4 food tickets to start. Adults can cycle/walk without a number.
- *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 food tickets, and head back to the field area for food.

Walk or Bike

- Students may choose to walk or cycle the 5 km loop
 - **Cycled** laps will count as **ONE** lap (5 km)
 - **Walked** laps will count as **THREE** lap (15 km)

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

Food

Food is available from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 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 is meant to be consumed at Cyclathon.***
 - ***Please use up tickets by 2:30 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, jackets, ear warmers and gloves 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 2024 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 (e.g. 7A, 9B, 10C)
- 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 (e.g. 7A, 9B, 10C)
- 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 Thursday, Oct 3, 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! Let's get those bleachers and more!

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
- Junior Students (Grades 6 - 9): If the class raises an average of \$200 per student, the homeroom can plan a party.
- Senior Students (Grades 10 - 12): If an individual raises \$200 or more, they can join the Sr. High Cyclathon Pizza Party.
- Cycle 100km and raise \$200 and join the 100/100s club!



The red dot marks the spot:)

