



WIC

WEST ISLAND COLLEGE

VIEWBOOK

BE BOLD. BE BRAVE. BE READY.

SOYEZ AUDACIEUX. SOYEZ COURAGEUX. SOYEZ PRÊTS.

West Island College is a committed community of passionate, creative, caring problem-solvers who recognize each other's strengths and support one another to achieve our individual dreams.

We come together in the pursuit of academic excellence, but we stay together to celebrate our curiosity and compassion, our wonder and joy.

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OUR PURPOSE

We unleash the potential of passionate and creative problem solvers, ready to contribute to a better world.

OUR PROMISE

We challenge, inspire and support one another as we imagine and create our best futures.

OUR COMMITMENTS

CONFIDENCE

WIC students are ready for the challenges and opportunities life presents them. They grow strong, self-assured and motivated by each WIC experience. Through academic rigour and a supportive environment, our students become resilient problem-solvers who believe they can and will achieve what they set out to do.

CREATIVITY

Together, WIC students and faculty build a powerful culture of creativity that is without boundaries. We are critical thinkers who challenge ideas, pave new paths and encourage inventiveness whenever possible.

CONNECTION

As a close-knit community, we know and care about each other. We foster an environment where students feel supported while building their futures.





JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM OF STUDY **BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION**

**A BRAND NEW BEGINNING,
THE START OF YOUR JOURNEY AT WIC**



GRADE 7

Joining the WIC community as a WIC Wolf, you will seek challenge, acceptance, friendship and guidance. You will find your own path, one that suits who you are. You will find a special opportunity in Grade 7 as you begin your Junior High experience in a fun and supportive environment.

GRADE 8

You will become leaders and role models to the new Grade 7s. Pushing boundaries and taking on new adventures, you will have learned much from the challenges that your first year in Junior High presented. Friendships strengthen as you enter into the world of teenage independence and individuality. We focus on building confidence and resiliency.

GRADE 9

This is a foundational year for Senior High. It is in Grade 9 that you will establish many of the patterns and habits that will guide you through your educational careers. There is a change in the timetable, moving onto the Senior High timetable. You will continue to build on your confidence, courage and resiliency through a challenging academic program that ensures you have a strong academic base. We will focus on your ability to be your own unique and authentic self.

Core Program Grades 7 to 9	
English Language Arts	Physical and Health Education
French Language Arts	Mathematics / Mathématiques
French/Spanish	Science / Sciences
Social Studies / Études Sociales	

Complementary Courses		
Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
Art	Art	Art
Band	Band	Business and Technology
Drama	Coding	Drama
	Drama	Engineering
	Financial Literacy	Leadership
	Robotics	Multimedia
		Senior Band

Continuing French Immersion Studies

This curriculum is designed for students who, during their elementary school education, opted for French Immersion studies. In following this curriculum, students have the opportunity to earn a Bilingual High School Diploma upon graduation.

Dual Language Option

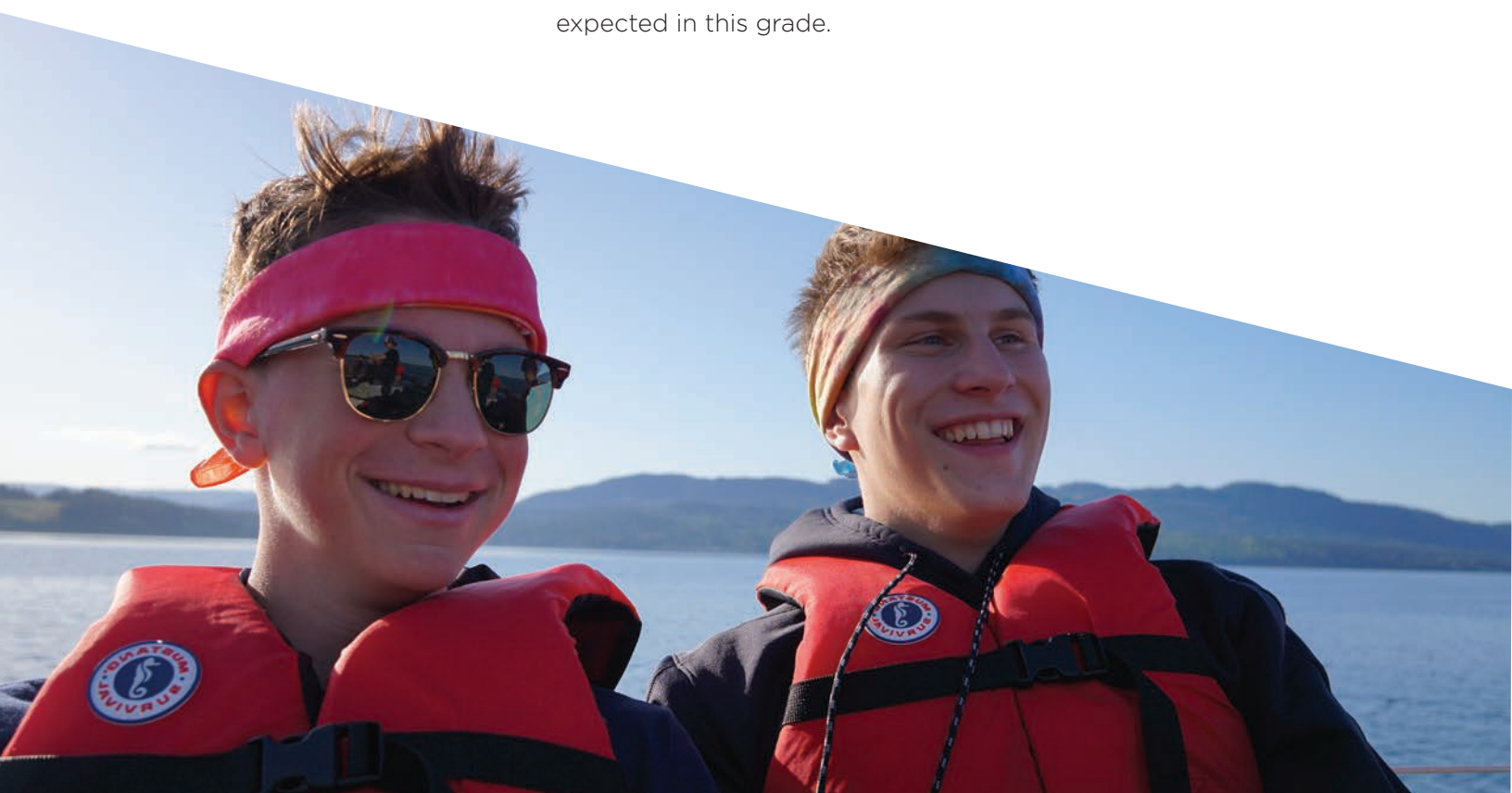
Students in this group continue to take all their courses in English but have four periods a week of either French or Spanish language instruction. It is anticipated that they will also complete Grade 12 French or Spanish while in Grade 10.

SENIOR HIGH PROGRAM OF STUDY **A POST-SECONDARY PREPARATORY AND EXPERIENTIAL CURRICULUM**

**INCREASED INDEPENDENCE, RIGOROUS
ACADEMICS AND UNPARALLELED EXPERIENTIAL
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

GRADE 10

Introduction to high school and the black blazer marks an increase in independence and rigour and opens doors to higher-level experiential opportunities. An increased focus on responsible decision-making, post-secondary research and leadership is expected in this grade.



GRADE 11

This is the accelerated academic year with an introduction to diploma exams and Advanced Placement courses; it is also referred to as the year of specialization, post-secondary and scholarship research. Community service and the acquisition of experiences in the Institute programs will be highlights for you this year.

GRADE 12

The graduation year is the culmination of the high school journey; however, your WIC journey does not end here as you will be a member of our newest group of WIC alumni. As a graduate, you will be ready in all regards for your post-secondary experiences — embarking on your own best future.

Language Arts	International Languages	Fine Arts	Social Sciences
English 10-1, 20-1, 30-1, 35AP	French 30-3Y, 30-6Y	Art 10, 20, 30, 31	Social Studies 10-1, 20-1, 30-1
French Language Arts 10-1, 20-1, 30-1	Spanish 30-3Y, 30-6Y	Drama 10, 20, 30	Études Sociales 10-1, 20-1, 30-1
		Technical Theatre 15, 25, 35	Macroeconomics/Microeconomics 30, 35AP
		Band 10, 20, 30	Entrepreneurship 10
			Religious Meanings 20
			International Politics 30
			Psychology 20, 30, 35AP
			Western World History 30
			World Religions 30
			European History 35AP

Mathematics	Science	Physical Education	Other Programs
Mathematics 10C	Science 10	Physical Education 10, 20, 30	Independent Studies
Mathematics 20-1, 20-2, 30-1, 30-2	Biology 20, 30, 35AP	Sports Medicine 15	International Studies
Mathematics 31,	Chemistry 20, 30, 35AP	Sports Performance 15, 25	Outdoor Education
Calculus 35AP	Physics 20, 30, 35AP	CALM 20 (Career and Life Management)	Institutes Program
	Computer Studies 10, 20		

Be challenged by rigorous, in-depth courses that prepare you for post-secondary success

Advanced Placement courses are stimulating and exacting high school classes which are comparable to the ones you will face at university. Taking AP gives you the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school, increases academic standards throughout your entire high school curriculum, and heightens your chances for post-secondary acceptance and success.



INSTITUTE PROGRAMMING

AS A WIC STUDENT, YOU WILL HAVE COUNTLESS EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS.

WIC's various Institutes will provide you with hands-on learning experiences to prepare you for success at a post-secondary level. A vast majority of our students have pursued post-secondary education in business, engineering, health sciences, and liberal arts. In response, the Institute programs were created in order to provide you with significant learning opportunities that will connect you with your areas of interest.

INSTITUTES OVERVIEW:

- You will work in teams focused around project-based plans.
- Partnering with universities and colleges, you can enjoy educational interactions with post-secondary business, engineering, health sciences and liberal arts programs and communities.
- You will learn to think critically, to work in teams and to use your academic knowledge and skills to solve complex problems.
- You will be offered opportunities for mentoring, internship, networking and job shadowing within the business, engineering, health sciences or liberal arts communities.

BUSINESS INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Interaction with the business community/Entrepreneurship Seminar
- New York City's Financial District Trip
- San Francisco/Silicon Valley Trip
- University of Calgary Haskayne Case Competitions
- Entrepreneurship Camps

FINE ARTS INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Fine Arts Cabaret
- Senior High Band Trip
- Student-led Festivals
- Workshops and Clinicians

ENGINEERING INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Senior Engineering Challenge
- TELUS Spark Science Centre Excursions
- The University of Calgary's Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Challenge
- Women in Engineering Day - Schulich School of Engineering

HEALTH SCIENCES INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Suturing Workshop
- TotalCardiology Rehabilitation and Risk Reduction Centre at the Repsol Sport Centre
- University of Calgary Discovery Day
- STARS Air Ambulance
- Rockyview Hospital Site Visits: ICU and Ophthalmology Clinic

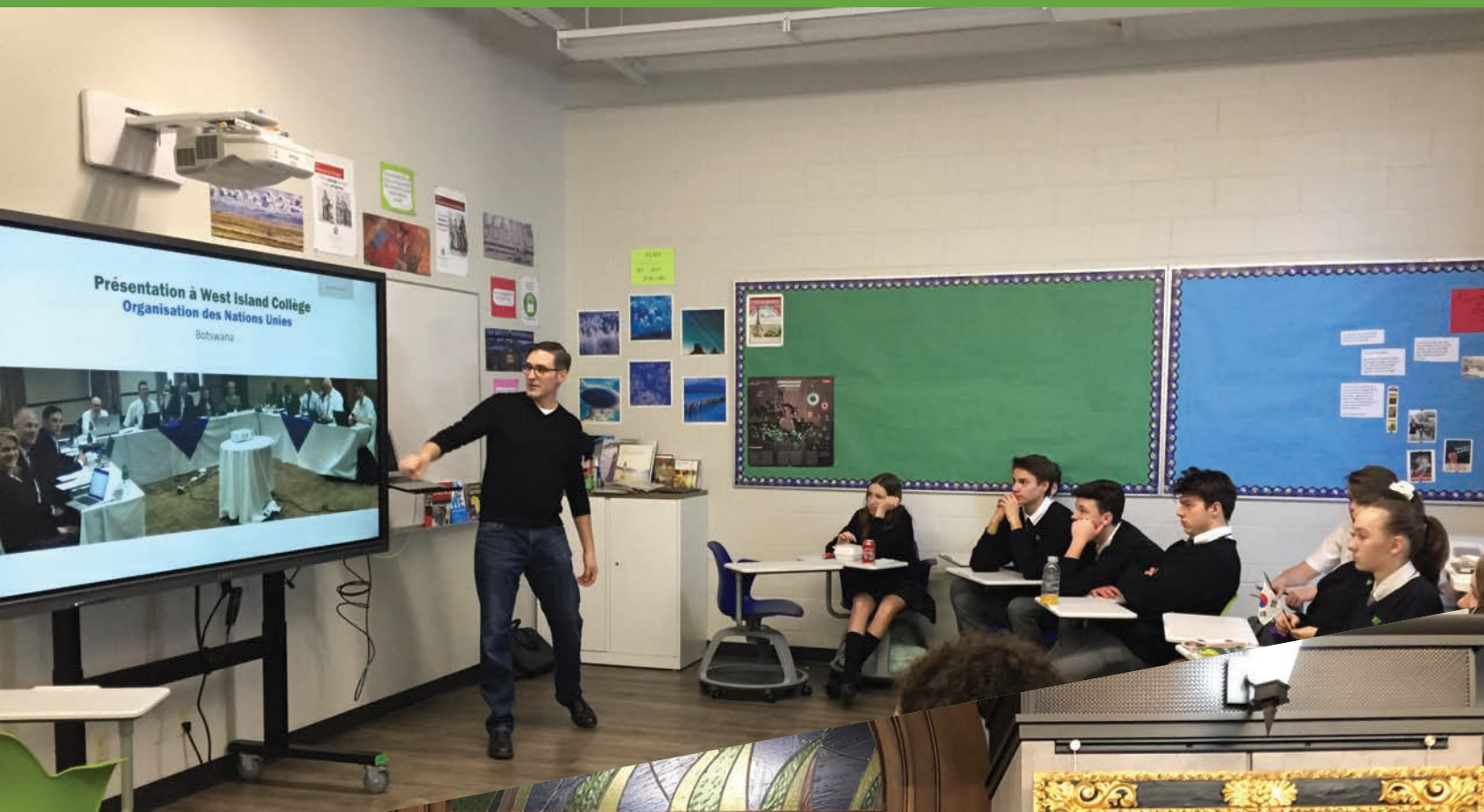
LIBERAL ARTS INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Boardroom Negotiations Experience
- Calgary Courthouse Tour
- Debate Camp Canada
- Global TV Studio Tour
- Model United Nations Club
- Speech/Debate Competitions
- Calgary Herald Facility Tour

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES & CULTURE INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Quebec Culture Studies Trip
- American Sign Language Workshops
- DELF/DELE Exam Preparation Course
- Mentoring for Page Program Application
- Mandarin Chinese Introduction Course
- Japanese film & animation
- Encounters with Canada
- Forum for Young Canadians
- Poetry in Voice





FRENCH IMMERSION & BILINGUAL DIPLOMA



A UNIQUE BILINGUAL PROGRAM WITH A GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING OF MULTILINGUALISM AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Does the thought of having the ability to communicate with people from different origins and backgrounds excite you? WIC's French Immersion program will expose you to languages through a variety of life experiences. We want you to be confident when travelling, to engage in authentic interactions with individuals whose native language is different from your own, to become aware of your cultural identity, and to achieve your career goals by being able to compete confidently in a multilingual market.

The WIC Bilingual Diploma is awarded to those students who have successfully completed 30 credits of study in which the language of instruction was French, one DELF Diploma (B1 or B2), the AP French Language & Culture, and who have earned a West Island College Graduation Diploma.



FRENCH & SPANISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

BROADEN YOUR LANGUAGE HORIZONS

Second-language learning provides significant cognitive and academic benefits. It is known to enhance first-language and overall literacy skills as well as provide a foundation for the learning of additional languages. Multilingualism is an economic and cultural asset both within Canada and beyond in an era of increasing globalization.

French as a Second Language and Spanish are part of our core curriculum at WIC, but you may also opt to learn Mandarin, American Sign Language and others throughout the year by joining diverse WIC clubs. The opportunities are endless for you to broaden your language horizons.



STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE

WIC'S STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE IS HERE TO FOSTER

YOUR PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND ACADEMIC
WELL-BEING THROUGH LEARNING AND PERSONAL
EDUCATION PLANNING.

The Student Success Centre Team endeavours to provide a holistic and integrated approach in response to your needs while working to develop healthy habits of the heart and mind for a life of purpose and service.

OUR SERVICES

- Academic Counselling
- Personal Counselling
- Learning Strategy Support
- Exam Accommodations
- Peer Tutoring
- Post-Secondary Advising

TEACHER ADVISOR (TA) PROGRAM

Our TA program was created to develop a continued sense of community. This program promotes meaningful relationships between you and our faculty members while meeting your developmental and educational needs.

TA STRIVES TO ENSURE:

- You have an adult in the building who knows you, one you can turn to in times of difficulty.
- You have educational, career and personal goals that you are working toward.
- Your parents personally know a faculty member in the school who is available to answer questions about your academic and personal progress.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

AT WIC, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO FOLLOW YOUR PASSION AND CONTRIBUTE IN A MEANINGFUL WAY NOT ONLY TO THE WIC COMMUNITY BUT TO THE WORLD BEYOND.

WIC cultivates individual student growth by providing unparalleled leadership opportunities. From formal leadership positions in groups within the school, to a multitude of informal leadership roles in various co-curricular activities, sports teams and events that occur during our school year; you will have plenty of opportunities to discover the path that most excites you.

There are leadership roles at all grade levels, not only in the daily activities of the school but also in WIC's many special events. Furthermore, WIC promotes programs such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which encourages young leaders and helps them to rise to new challenges.

Depending upon your grade level, you are encouraged to apply for leadership positions in the following groups:



GLOBAL AWARENESS CLUB (GRADES 7-12)

Raise awareness about a variety of issues that are occurring all over the world.

PEER TUTORING (GRADES 7-12)

Provide one-on-one academic help in a subject of expertise.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAMMING (GRADES 7-12)

Provide support and guidance to those new to the school community to create a welcoming transition.

PREFECT COUNCIL (GRADE 12)

Become an ambassador of WIC by embodying our culture of confidence, creativity and connection. As a Grade 12 Prefect, you will role model WIC to other students, parents and the Calgary community.

ROOTS & SHOOTS (GRADES 7-12)

Make a positive change for the environment, for animals and for our communities, making our world a better place.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL (GRADES 7-12)

As part of Students' Council, you will represent the WIC student voice while promoting school community spirit. You may be elected as an Executive Member by the whole student body, or as a Grade Representative by your grade.

WEST ISLAND COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WICAA) (GRADES 7-12)

If you have a passion for athletics and school spirit, WICAA is the place for you. As a WICAA executive member, you will help with our intramural program, athletic events and lead House events throughout the year.



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDIES

EXTEND YOUR HUMANITARIAN REACH

Be part of a truly unique global experience. Through our International Travel Studies Program, you will experience the world firsthand, travel the world, and explore outside of your comfort zone.

WIC's foundational International Studies program is designed to give you hands-on learning experiences around the world where you can foster mutual respect and understanding of different cultures. As part of an International Studies service-learning experience, you can be part of a one-of-a-kind humanitarian project that will make a lasting difference in a local community for years to come.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

This distinguished certificate of completion was created to honour the intellectual, emotional, and physical engagement of our students and is given each year to our qualified graduates.

Participation in a minimum of two international service-learning experiences, completion of related course work, completion of a 30-level Social Science course, and study of a second language at the formally recognized 30-level during your time at WIC will make you eligible for the Certificate of International Studies.

Since its inception as *Travel Studies* in the early 1990s, WIC's International Studies program has sent more than 1,000 travellers abroad. Past destinations of the program include Belize, Belgium, Bhutan, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador & Galapagos Islands, England, Egypt, France, India, Japan, Kenya, Laos, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Romania, Samoa, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania, Thailand, Tibet, USA, and Vietnam.

Each year, the program aims to revisit its sustainable humanitarianism and conservation efforts and continues to add new and exciting destinations.





WIC WOLVES ATHLETICS



SHOW OFF YOUR WIC WOLVES PRIDE BY TRYING OUT FOR A TEAM, OR SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES BY CHEERING THEM ON FROM THE STANDS.

As a WIC student, you will have plenty of opportunities to show your athletic spirit. Our coaches are passionate about our teams and will help you to develop a lifelong love of physical activity on your journey to athletic excellence. Wear your green with pride and get ready to be part of Wolf Country!

WE ARE THE WOLVES!

SEMESTER 1 TEAMS

Cross Country
Junior Golf
Senior Golf
Grade 7 Girls Volleyball
Grade 7 Boys Volleyball
7/8 Girls Volleyball
7/8 Boys Volleyball
8/9 Girls Volleyball
8/9 Boys Volleyball
Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball
Senior Girls Volleyball
Senior Boys Volleyball
Grade 7 Girls Basketball
Grade 7 Boys Basketball
7/8 Girls Basketball
7/8 Boys Basketball
8/9 Girls Basketball
8/9 Boys Basketball
Junior Varsity Boys Basketball
Senior Girls Basketball
Senior Boys Basketball

SEMESTER 2

Junior Badminton
Senior Badminton
Senior Rugby
Track and Field
7/8 Soccer
8/9 Soccer
Girls Field Hockey

SUMMIT HOCKEY PARTNERSHIP

IF YOU ARE AN AVID, COMPETITIVE HOCKEY PLAYER WHO WANTS TO MAINTAIN A STRONG ACADEMIC FOCUS THEN WE HAVE THE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP FOR YOU.

In partnership with Summit Hockey Academy, WIC has implemented a Hockey Option. By taking this route, you will be involved in a high-level hockey skills program while building a rigorous academic foundation.

For more information about WIC's hockey option, visit www.summithockey.ca



FINE ARTS

DRAMATIC ARTS

VISUAL ARTS

CONCERT BANDS, JAZZ BANDS, & CHOIR

As a WIC Fine Arts student, you will imagine, create and reflect while developing both the verbal and nonverbal abilities necessary for enhancing problem-solving and higher-order thinking skills.

At WIC, we focus on engaging you in a process that encourages the development of strength of mind, cooperation, innovation and self-motivation — all necessary components for success in life.

Programs are offered at all grade levels — emphasis is placed on mastery of concepts and skills as you advance through the process. The arts education experience at WIC will engage you in a process that develops the discipline and motivation that will contribute to your success both in school and beyond.

See Fine Arts Institute on Page 6.





OUTDOOR EDUCATION

TAKE YOUR LEARNING BEYOND TEXTBOOKS,
LECTURES AND CLASSROOM SIMULATIONS.

During Outdoor Education, you will be involved in new and dynamic experiences. We hope you will gain an appreciation for outdoor living, travel and general recreation. We are certain you will gain lifelong skills in leadership, teamwork, resiliency and decision-making.

Here's what Outdoor Education looks like throughout the year: Grade 7 students will spend time on the Glenmore Reservoir in the spring learning all about Dragonboat racing. As a Grade 8 student, you will head out into Kananaskis Country later in the spring, enjoying two days of hiking and rock climbing, experiencing your first WIC overnight campout.

In Grade 9, you will spend three days in Kananaskis Country in the winter cross country skiing and learning about functioning in a winter environment.

When you become a senior student, you will be busy in September preparing for your Outdoor Education experience. As a Grade 10 student, you will head out on a three-day program at Camp Chief Hector to prepare you for your Grade 11 and 12 options where you will choose from alpine hiking, scuba diving, canoeing, mountaineering, mountain biking, or day trips.



ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

NURTURING YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT IN A LIFELONG LEARNING PROCESS.

We want to provide you with extraordinary opportunities that will spark your curiosity for the things that excite you. Starting in Grade 7 through to your graduation year, you will embrace an attitude of innovation, continuous learning and critical thinking, and carry this outlook with you throughout your life.

You will be supported to connect with your passions, to challenge the status quo, to see the greater possibilities, to take risks, and to persevere through life's challenges, pursuing your journey to success.



CAMPS AND CLUBS

STUDENT LIFE AND THE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS AT WIC PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN YOUR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT AS A WIC STUDENT.

We encourage you to get involved in all that WIC has to offer and find what you are passionate about. Participation in one or more of the College's activities positively contributes to your growth and also to the College as a community. We have listed a sampling of our camps and clubs to pique your interest.



Book Club

Business Case Club

Club de discours en français

Club des ambassadrices et ambassadeurs de l'immersion française

Common Ground

Creative Writing Club

Debate Club

Discover Club

Drama Club

Engineering Club

FAME

Fictional Literature Society

Gardening Club

Global Awareness Club

Grade 7 Beginner Jazz Band

Grade 7 Summer Camp

Grade 8 Jazz Band

Grad Committee

Investment Club

Junior Choir

Junior Volleyball Camp

Le café de Flore

Les voix de la poésie

Model United Nations

Newspaper

Peer Support

Photography Club

Radio WIC

Robotics Club

Roots and Shoots

Senior Volleyball Camp

Slam Poetry Club

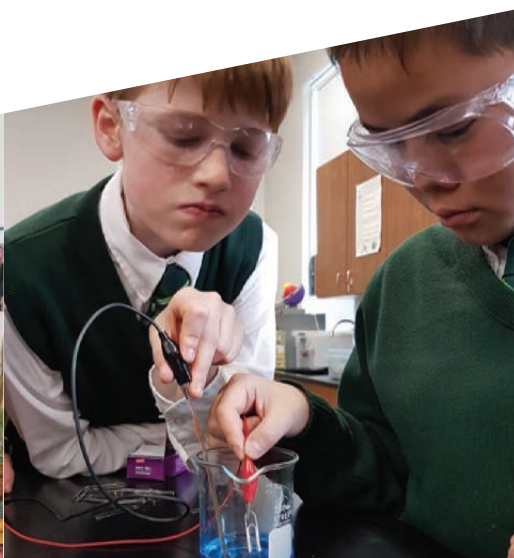
Speech Club

Students' Council

Summer Debate Camp

WICAA - West Island College Athletics Association

Yearbook Club



ADVANCEMENT AND **PHILANTHROPY**

AT WIC, WE EMBRACE A CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY THROUGH THE STRATEGIC EFFORTS OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCEMENT.

We invite every member of the WIC Community to engage in the discussion of expanding our possibilities in our pursuit of educational excellence. When community members are involved in philanthropy on our campus, everyone benefits. We all play a vital role in supporting students' dreams and ambitions.

Annual Fund Campaign

First launched in the fall of 2016, the Annual Fund supports areas of greatest need and areas of greatest opportunity on our campus. Every year, every family is asked to provide financial support in a way that best works for their family.

It is important that our community understands that the tuition paid by WIC families and the funding provided by Alberta Education is directed to the basic day-to-day operational costs of the school. Funding for much-needed building improvements, scholarships and bursaries, and enhanced programming and equipment, outside of the standard curriculum, requires the generosity of WIC families, past and present, alumni and the larger community.

The key to our Annual Fund's success is participation. Our goal is to see every member of the WIC community participate in whatever way they are able to. The financial support we receive is truly appreciated and every dollar makes a difference in the lives of our learners.

There are many opportunities for our families to invest in our learners, leaders, and world-changers.

If you would like more information on investing in our students at WIC, please contact:

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WE CANNOT WAIT TO MEET YOU!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT ATTENDING WIC, CONNECT WITH US AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU START ON YOUR JOURNEY TO BECOMING A WIC STUDENT.

OUR ADMISSIONS OFFICE CAN:

- Book a tour to show you around the College, and highlight all the great features of being a student at WIC
- Set up a private meeting with our Head of Admissions to have all of your questions answered regarding the admissions process, school programs, and student life
- Help you along your journey to WIC

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