WCI 2026-2027 Guest Speakers

This school year, we are committed to sharing information about events and activities with guest speakers or performances. We will do our best to post this information here at least 14 calendar days in advance of the activity or event or as soon as the details are confirmed.

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Wednesday, September 23, 2026	**Belonging**	**Introduction to High School and the importance of getting involved and finding your own way over the next four years**	**Jeff Gerber Presents**	https://jeffgerber.ca/
Tue Oct 13, 2026 8am - 2pm	**Science/ Math STEM**	**Math - coding, Science - chemistry + electricity**	**Sarah Martin** Outreach Coordinator, High School Programs Engineering Outreach, Faculty of Engineering	https://uwaterloo.ca/engineering-outreach/programs/school-programs/esqube-school-workshops
Wednesday September 23, 2026	**Inuit Clothing + Fashion**	This presentation will explore the cultural significance, design, materials, and craftsmanship of traditional Inuit clothing, as well as the ways Inuit designers and artists continue to influence contemporary fashion today. Students will gain insight into how clothing reflects identity, environment, innovation, and storytelling within Inuit communities.	**Darlene- via Nicole Robinson**	This learning opportunity provides a unique perspective on fashion that extends beyond aesthetics, highlighting the relationship between culture, function, and design. It also supports students in developing a broader understanding of Indigenous perspectives and contributions to the fashion industry.
Tues Oct 13, 2026 8:15am - 9:15am	**2SLGBTQA+ Inclusivity Workshop**	Using the power of personal storytelling to build connection,increase empathy, and encourage action, speakers facilitate an engaging, intersectional workshop with clear, relevant, and inspiring content. Students connect with engaging 2SLGBTQ+ speakers who not only model vulnerability, growth, and compassion, but encourage and guide students to do the same. Balancing knowledge, storytelling, and critical thinking and reflection activities, this workshop aims to empower students in their identities and on their allyship journeys.	*The Get Real Movement* presenters	Worksheets and materials will be uploaded soon. Get Real Movement Student Offerings Inclusivity Curriculum Pieces Pre and Post Workshop Activities Grade 10 - 12 Inclusivity Workshop
Thur)sday Oct 29th (Periods B, C, D	**UW Let's talk Science**	Chemical reactions - cooking with science	*Let's talk Science (don't know names until they get here)*	There will be kitchen foods and some chemicals. A warning letter in regards to potential allergens was sent home to parents.
October 30 (Periods C and D)	**UW Environment and Resource Studies Outreach**	Sustainable Fashion - literacy for ELS students	University of Waterloo - Vikash Thayalan	

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Monday November 2, 2026 10:50-11:50	**Eco Club - Workshop**	**Students will work together with local professionals from ClimateActionWR to plan the use of grant money to further eco-initiatives at WCI.**	**Hasti Trivedi and Kyra Chisholm (Climate Action WR)**	
Thursday, November 19, 2026 (Period 1)	**Gr. 10 and 11 Girls Phys. Ed Classes in Period 1**	**Understanding Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention:** When faced with uncertain and difficult situations, it's not uncommon to feel like we're struggling with our overall mental and emotional well-being. This presentation will focus on mental health and mental health promotion while providing education and awareness for suicide prevention, including: ● General suicide prevention awareness ● How to identify invitations for help (warning signs) from someone who is struggling ● Understanding the role of stress and mental health when it comes to our overall mental wellbeing ● Strength-based approaches that focus on well-being, resiliency, and protective factors ● Resources in the community	Elisa Brewer-Singh from the Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council	
Wednesday, November 25, 2026	**Phys. Ed and Leadership Students in Periods 1 and 4 (Gr. 10-12)**	Link to grade 10 Curriculum: Healthy Living (Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9-12 Health and Physical Education, 2015) ○ C1. demonstrate an understanding of factors that contribute to healthy development; C2. demonstrate the ability to apply health knowledge and living skills to make reasoned decisions and take appropriate actions relating to their personal health and well-being; C3. demonstrate the ability to make connections that relate to health and well-being – how their choices and behaviours affect both themselves and others, and how factors in the world around them affect their own and others' health and well-being.	Andrea Gilker is a Detective Constable with the Waterloo Regional Police Service. She works within the Intimate Partner Violence Unit as part of the Early Intervention Program. Her partner, Jessica Almeida, is an Outreach Worker with Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region. Andrea and Jessica have been visiting secondary schools across Waterloo Region to speak with students about topics that are increasingly relevant to their daily lives. These include healthy and unhealthy relationships, intimate partner violence, sexual consent, sextortion, and the sharing of intimate images. They also ensure students are aware of the support and resources available within our community.	**A letter with more information will be sent home with all of the students who are invited to this presentation.**
Wednesday, December 9, 2026	**Sexual Health (all Phys. Ed Classes, all Periods**	Topics covered:	Guest Speaker: Sheri Armstrong (Waterloo Region Public Health Nurse)	

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	and Grades)	- Services provided by Public Health (includes how to book appointments) - Reliable websites to go to for information about Sexual Health (ex. sexandu.ca) - Review of birth control methods and how they are used. - Condom demonstration. - Sexually Transmitted Infection Information and prevention.		
Nov 4, 2026	**UW ESQube workshop for SHSM**	**SHSM Reach Ahead -Shockingly Cell-f Sufficient** **Quantum Detectives** **NanoBrick Builders**	**UW ESQube Outreach**	
November 15	**UW ESQube workshop for SHSM**	**SHSM Reach Ahead - Powering Up** **Wavefinder** **Desmos Dapper Designer**	**UW ESQube Outreach**	
November 5th	**Forest Canada Student-Employer Engagement Day (SEED)**	**Virtual Event - This virtual event will connect the emerging workforce with professionals in the forest sector. Each speaker will provide insight into their career, how they got where they are today, and answer questions about finding a career in the forest sector.**	**Forest Canada**	
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