

Hello to the Dedicated Parents and Supporters of Westgate,

The school year has begun and the Westgate Cyclathon Committee would like to invite you to the 45th Annual Westgate Cyclathon on Saturday, September 29 at Birds Hill Park. (Rain date is October 6th). We would also like to extend an invitation to come out and volunteer. Volunteering for a short shift on that day is a good way to meet some new people, reconnect with friends and parents and enjoy a beautiful day with the Westgate community. Our volunteers are what makes this day wonderful and we greatly appreciate your help and assistance with this event.

We're using SignUp.com for our volunteer schedule. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Click this link to see our SignUps on SignUp.com:

<http://signup.com/go/zUICUPH>

2) Review the SignUps listed and choose the one(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone.

If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact John Klassen (john.m.klassen@gmail.com) and we can sign you up manually.

For nearly 4 decades the Westgate Cyclathon has been an important event in the life of our school. For all new students, especially the Grade 6&7 students, it is a wonderful way of making friends from different classes. The Cyclathon provides students in the lower grades a way of demonstrating school spirit and athletic ability and offers upper grade students a chance to show their leadership skills, maturity, individuality and support for an important school event. For the School Board and Student Council, the money raised by the Cyclathon provides a significant boost to the bottom line of their budgets. Cyclathon funds permit the purchase of the "extras" that can't be covered by tuition, government grants and church donations. Finally, the Cyclathon offers an opportunity for alumni, friends, family and the broader Westgate community to support their school through giving, volunteering or simply coming out to enjoy the day.

To ensure that the Cyclathon continues to be a successful event, the Westgate Cyclathon Committee needs your help to:

1. Register cyclists
2. Monitor checkpoints
3. Assist with feeding all the hungry and deserving cyclists, volunteers and guests
4. Assist with bike repairs
5. Assist with first aid
6. Help with cleanup after the Cyclathon

We ask that the volunteers be available for 2 to 3 hours some time during

the day which typically starts just before 8:00AM and ends around 4:00PM. Volunteer times generally run from 7:30 – 10:00, 10:00 – 12:00, 12:00 – 2:00 and 2:00 – 4:00. It goes without saying that enthusiasm and support is needed to encourage student participation and commitment.

Thank you for making our Cyclathon the terrific success that it has become. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any comments/questions/etc. please feel free to contact John by email (john.m.klassen@gmail.com).

The Westgate Cyclathon Committee:

John Klassen (Westgate Board Member)

Lyndon Baerg (Westgate Staff Member)

Deanna Penner (Westgate Board Member/Parent)