



# Westmount High School

## History of Westmount High School

Westmount High first started out in 1873, in a small rented frame house on the corner of Clarke and Cote St. Antoine. It was called, simply, House. There were more students that came to House, and that's when they have decided to search for a bigger place. A house was purchased on the north end of Stanton Street where the firehouse now stands. The first principal was Mr. John Proctor. In 1891 its name was changed to Cote St. Antoine Academy. It was sold to the city in 1895 for \$16,500, and was later transformed into what is now the Police and Fire Stations. During this period, branch schools were opened on Victoria Avenue (1892) and Elm Hall (1893). These were later closed in 1895 with the construction of the new Cote St. Antoine Academy, later renamed Westmount Academy. This school was completed and then opened in the year of 1935 and it cost 250,000\$ for land and buildings following the demolition of the old Westmount academy. It was a high school originally called Westmount Academy, a junior high school and then became a senior high school with grades 10, 11, 12 in 1940. It continued as the Westmount High School until the spring of 1961, when the new high school on St. Catherine Street was opened this school was sold to the Selwyn House Association. In 1961 the school on Argyle and Cote St. Antoine was sold to the Selwyn House association and is still Selwyn House School today. In 1961, the new and current Westmount High School was opened on St. Catherine Street. This school was built to house 1,200 students, the estimated maximum requirement for the area. When it opened on September 6th 1961, 1,282 students were enrolled. There were hundred of students who fought in WWII and who we are proud to honor.

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