

Wetaskiwin Composite High School, (780) 352-2295

Important Spring Dates at WCHS

REPORT CARDS

A reminder that the last day of report period 1 for this semester is March 18, 2010. Report cards will be going home with students on March 25th. Students will be receiving their report cards in their first core class of the day.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent –Teacher interviews are scheduled for March 31, 2010

EASTER BREAK

Last day of classes

before Easter Break is Thursday, April 1, 2010.

Easter Break is Friday, April 2 to Sunday, April 11

Back to classes Monday, April 12!

REGISTRATION FOR 2010/11

Registration assembly for grade 10s and grade 11s : will be Wednesday, April 14. Students will have an opportunity to meet with counsellors on

April 15 and 16 to discuss any questions regarding their registration for the following school year.

April 19: Registration of current grade 10 students

April 20: Registration of current grade 11 students

April 21: Registration for any returning grade 12 students



Grade 11 Information

The **WISEST Summer Research Program** provides an opportunity for students who have completed Grade 11 to gain first hand experience in different science and engineering disciplines. The WISEST website (www.wisest.ualberta.ca) is a terrific resource for more background information about the Program, & links to download application forms.

Participants in this 6 week program will work as research assistants with a team on campus. The young women work on projects in the Faculties of Engineering & Science, and the young men on projects in the Faculty of Nursing and the Departments of Human

Ecology & Nutrition. Participation in WISEST will help students to broaden their awareness of career opportunities & will encourage them to consider a future in the research culture.

A WISEST Student will: Learn about what is involved in different fields of study.

- Gain hands-on experience with trailblazing research.
- Talk with and be inspired by enthusiastic women and men in science.
- Develop key skills (e.g. teamwork, communication, lab techniques) that will aid future post-secondary studies.
- Explore personal interests & talents and consider a

future in research.

- Experience university life and meet other people who have similar interests.

In order to work in a university laboratory, WISEST students must have at least an **85% average in Grade 11 math and sciences courses.**

The student will work an average of 35 hours per week for the six-week period. A WISEST student must commit to the summer experience with enthusiasm, a desire to learn and the drive to make the most of this amazing opportunity.

The application deadline is

April 16th 2010

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What's Happening In The HUB?!

HUB DROP IN is available to all students at WCHS during their spares and the student lunch hour. HUB DROP IN provides a healthy and friendly environment. Students can test their skills in foosball, ping pong or billiards.

Students have the opportunity to explore, examine, and discuss issues of racism through facilitated discussion. Resources utilized to examine the issue of racism are the movie **Freedom Writers** and the book **Addressing Racism: Facilitating Cultural Competence in Mental Health and Educational Settings**. (Written by Madonna G. Constantine, PHD and Derald Wing Sue, PHD).

Ms. Erin Bowers of **Alberta Health Services - Addictions (formerly AADAC)** is accessible to students as a resource on Wednesday mornings in

the HUB room. Students are currently reviewing resource materials that relate to addiction prevention.

Ms. Linda Gaetz Roberts of **Alberta Health Services - Public Health** is providing health related information specific to healthy relationships.

The **Wetaskiwin Inquisition** student newsletter provides a vehicle for students to show case their artistic abilities through poetry, art work, short stories and articles of interest.

The Council for Boys & Young Men is scheduled to begin in April 2010. The Council is a program designed to recognize males' strengths and capacities, challenges, stereotypes, questions unsafe attitudes about masculinity, and encourages solidarity through personal and collective responsibility.

Positive Body Image programming will begin mid March 2010. The kit and resources will be provided through Alberta Health Services. The program will run for two weeks through the student lunch hour.

Showcasing Student Talent will commence in April 2010. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their artistic abilities through art displays, music, singing and poetry.



NEW Learning Support Teacher

Hello. My name is Glen Miller, and I am filling in for Mrs. Wilm while she is on maternity leave. I will be here from March 1 until June 30. I have some experience working with IPP documents, so I am hoping the transition from Mrs. Wilm to me will be smooth. Usually, Mrs. Wilm sends a letter to all the parents of

students with IPPs and asks them to come in during parent-teacher interviews to review the IPP & make any necessary changes, and then sign the IPP. Unfortunately, I will not be available during parent-teacher interviews, so the process will be altered. I will be making the IPP documentation available to the counselors and if you

wish to discuss and sign off your son/daughter's IPP, you will still be able to do so, by making an appointment with the grade counsellor. I will be available after Easter holidays, so if you would like to discuss anything then, please feel free to give me a call, at 780-352-2295, or email me at millerg@wrps.ab.ca.

" Each year, high school students from across Canada go down to Ottawa for one week to take part in a hands-on learning experience."

Encounters with Canada is a citizenship and youth leadership program in Ottawa. Each year, high school students from across Canada go down to Ottawa for one week to take part in a hands-on learning experience. The program week is divided into two parts. The first focuses on Canadian institutions and includes visits to such places as Parliament and a guided tour of the National Capital region. The second part is organized around one of 12 themes; Arts and Culture, Law, Medicine and Health, RCMP, Science and Technology, Sports and Fitness, etc.

The objective is to bring young Canadians from different backgrounds and regions together in order to give them an opportunity to learn about one another, to discover their country through

Encounters With Canada

each other, and to gain a better understanding of Canadian institutions.

The cost of the program is \$625 per student for one week, which includes the cost of accommodations, meals, local transportation and programming. Travel costs to and from Ottawa are paid for by Exchanges Canada, a program of the Ministry of Canadian Heritage.

The Alberta government provides financial assistance of \$175 to

help students attend. As well, the Royal Canadian Legion continues to provide subsidies for students wishing to attend the program.

Registrations will open in April for the 2010/2011 program year and are facilitated through the Student Services department at WCHS. If you would like more information, you can check out the Encounters with Canada website at: www.encounters-rencontres.ca or see Mrs. Galloway, Mrs. Hamilton or Mrs. Drover



Career Counselling Corner

* Marvel College (Edmonton Campus) will be at WCHS on Tuesday, March 23rd. They will be in the Cosmetology classroom during the day and available over lunch for other students.

* Medi-Aesthetics Institute of Canada (out of Red Deer) will be at WCHS on

March 29th or March 30th in the Cosmetology classroom. They will also be available during lunch for any students interested in training or education options with them.

* A Canadian Forces recruiter will be visiting WCHS in April. A date has not been set at this point.

* The Post Secondary ELAA event night has been set for Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm. Last years event had 22 presenters from across Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. More information to follow in September and October.

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Veritas Vincit
(Truth Conquers).

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See us at:
www.wetaskiwincomp.ca

Grad 2010 Information

I think it would be helpful to clarify (again) the difference between the Grade 12 Family Dinner/Dance hosted by the parents and the Graduation Ceremonies hosted by the school.

Grade 12 Family Dinner/Dance is an event organized by a committee of parents of grade 12 students. Now that this event is being held in the Drill Hall on Saturday, May 22, there is much more space available and it is not restricted to only graduating students as was necessary in past years. The parent committee has decided that

any student who is in their Grade 12 year of school or has returned to high school for additional semesters and is therefore **considered to be a Grade 12 student** is able to book tickets. Students are encouraged but **not** required to have met all diploma requirements for participation.

The Graduation Ceremonies ("walking in the cap and gown") is a school event which recognizes educational achievement. Students meeting or passing all the requirements of their high school program (diploma, certificate of high school achievement,

completion of 3 years in a non-credited program) at second report card on May 11, 2010 are eligible to participate. Insufficient completed credits or failing marks can result in a student being removed from the "Grad List" on May 11.

These 2 celebrations for students are separate events organized by separate groups for different purposes.



Diploma Exam Schedule - Semester 2, (June 2010)

Date	Time	Exam
Monday, June 14	9:00 – 11:30 A.M.	<i>English 30–1 Part A*</i> <i>English 30–2 Part A*</i>
Tuesday, June 15	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	<i>Social Studies 30–1 Part A*</i> <i>Social Studies 30–2 Part A*</i>
Thursday, June 17	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	<i>Chemistry 30</i>
Friday, June 18	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	<i>Applied Mathematics 30</i> <i>Pure Mathematics 30</i>
Tuesday, June 22	1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	<i>Biology 30</i>
Wednesday, June 23	9:00 – 11:30 A.M.	<i>English 30–1 Part B</i> <i>English 30–2 Part B</i>
Thursday, June 24	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	<i>Social Studies 30–1 Part B</i> <i>Social Studies 30–2 Part B</i>
Friday, June 25	9:00 – 11:00 A.M. 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	<i>Physics 30</i> <i>Science 30</i>