



WCHS Newsletter

Important Dates

Christmas Break No Classes	Dec 22 - Jan 5
Last Day of Classes for Senior High & Alt. Ed for Exam week	Jan 22
Senior High Final Exams	Jan 23-30
Semester 2 Begins	Feb 1
Teachers Convention No Classes	Feb 8&9



Important Events

- Dec 8-10 ~ WCHS Drama Performance "Shrek the Musical"
- Dec 17 ~ Christmas Concert 2pm WCHS Gymnasium

Principal's Message

Wetaskiwin Composite High School

Grade 12 Students and Parents,

As we approach the holidays, the staff at Wetaskiwin Composite High School would like to wish the very best to you and your families. 2017 is quickly drawing to a close and so is the first semester for our students. When students return on January 8th from Christmas break, many of our Grade 12's will be writing their first Diploma exam only 4 days later. It is important that your son/daughter returns from the Christmas break focused on the last few weeks of their courses. As many of you know, diploma exams and most school based final exams are worth 30% of the student's grade. These examinations may dictate which university or college program a student may enter, or if a student is eligible to graduate. As a school, we recognize the importance of these exams and want to make sure we have done everything we possibly can to ensure that our students are in a position to be successful. Teachers are available during Flex Blocks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, during our exam week, and even many times before and after class. Students please make sure to take advantage of the help that is available to you.

It is important that students do not leave their examination preparations until the week of exams. The school encourages students to use the Christmas break to make sure that all outstanding assignments are completed and you take the time to begin studying previous units. Enjoy the break and do take some time to be with friends and family, but when you return be prepared to focus on your studies. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Kris Denney

Principal

Grade 9 Parents,

Please note an important final exam change for January. The date for the Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) for Science and Social Studies has been changed from Wednesday, January 31st to **Monday, January 29th at 9:00 am**. Please update your calendars accordingly. We are sorry for any inconvenience this change may have caused. If you have questions, please feel free to contact our office.





WCHS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us December 17th in the
WCHS Gymnasium at 2pm to
kickoff your holiday season with festive song
from our WCHS music department!



Admission is free

Bake sale! Donations Gratefully Accepted!

ATTENTION GRADS!

GRAD PICTURES

DATES: Feb 7-9, 2017

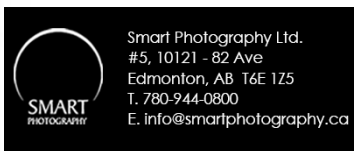
TIMES: 2:00pm–8:00pm (Feb 7th)

9:00am–3:45pm (Feb 8th & 9th)

Grad pictures are now being booked online by going to:

www.SmartPhotography.ca/book

Access Code: WCHS1718



Please refer to the last page of the newsletter for more information!

Things to keep in mind for Semester Two...and before

Jan 23-30 ~ Timetable changes permitted with grade counsellor.

Feb 1 ~ Semester 2 Begins

Feb 1-5 ~No Timetable changes

Feb 6-12 ~ Timetable changes permitted with grade counsellor (either during the class you wish to change, spare, lunch, or after school)

Feb 8-9 ~ Teachers Convention (no classes)

Feb 27 ~ Last day to switch streams (for example, change from English 10-1 to English 10-2)

April 12 ~ Parent Teacher Interviews

Please note if you have an address change to please let Student Services know!

Greetings from Student Services!

Student Services has expanded! We currently have 3 Master's Level Counsellors as well as the new addition of 3 Learning Support Teachers to our department. In the past, we have seen students by grade; however, this year, we have moved to the following alphabet groups.

A-K Ms. Littlechild (counsellor)
Mrs. Graham (LST + Alternate Education)

L-N Mrs. Klein (counsellor)
Alternate Education
Mrs. Bodnar (LST + Learning Commons Coordinator)

O-Z Ms. Werner (counsellor)
Mrs. McFarland (LST + ELL Coordinator)

Any Gr. 12s considering post-secondary should ensure they are in the process of applying as the application process has opened at the post-secondary institutions. Students can go to Applyalberta.ca to begin the application process.

Don't forget to check out the school website www.wetaskiwincomp.ca for scholarships ideas! One website to begin with is www.scholarshipscanada.com. This can be a tedious process; so don't delay!

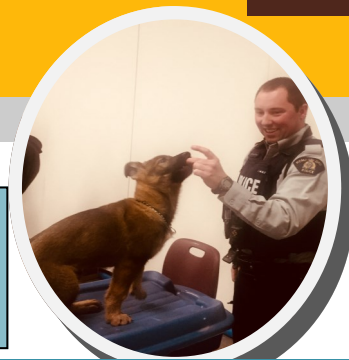
In order for students to find out their diploma results, they must register with MyPass by going to www.education.alberta.ca. This is also where students will go to apply for their official transcripts and where payment is made if they are rewriting a diploma exam. If you include your cell phone number, you can receive notifications from myPass regarding important information such as diploma dates, etc.

WCHS EXAM SCHEDULE

WCHS'S Exam schedule is available online, Facebook, Twitter and will be attached to this newsletter.

Students/Parents can also pick one up from our front office.

Counsellors Corner



Diploma Exams - Special Cases

In an effort to anticipate any possible problems or confusion associated with the writing of Diploma Exams the following procedures will be in effect in the case of inclement weather. These procedures are in accordance with [Alberta Education's General Information Bulletin – Special Cases](#).

Inclement weather includes situations where the weather conditions prevent a student from being able to arrive safely at the nearest available writing location or where the writing locations have been closed. Students must make every attempt to travel to, and arrive at, the writing location with exception to cases in which travel will pose to be potentially harmful. Consideration is made for distance traveled; however, students must select the closest possible available location to write usually the school where the student is registered for instruction.

In the event that the administration has commenced and the students' safety turns out to be at-risk, school administrators should manage the event and annotate the incident on the *Principal's Statement*.

Allowance must be made by school personnel for students arriving late as a result of inclement weather. Students may begin writing up to one hour after the pre-scheduled start of an examination. **Students arriving late in these situations must be allowed the full time allotted for the examination** (Information related to all other types of *Late Arrivals* is included in the *Security & Examination Rules* section).

Under certain circumstances and only upon the approval of the Director of Examination Administration, or designate, an examination may be administered to individual students on the scheduled day of administration but at times other than the scheduled time.

Requests for inclement weather must be supported by official documentation if the event does not impact more than one student.

Required documentation but not limited to: AMA road reports or police accident report or bus company report validating that busses were not operating or tow truck report or school personnel reporting closure

NOTE: In the event that many students are unable to attend the writing of an examination as a result of inclement weather, a group application should be submitted to Alberta Education.1

Parents and students are reminded that announcements with regard to buses not running are posted on our website at www.wrps.ab.ca by 7:00 A.M. and on the following radio stations:

- ☐ Camrose - 840 CFCW/CAM FM 98.1
- ☐ Wetaskiwin - 1440 CKJR
- ☐ Drayton Valley - 92.9 CKGR

DIPLOMA INFORMATION

myPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for high school students to:

- ♦ View and print diploma exam result statements, these are **NOT available at WCHS**
- ♦ Order transcripts



The Spirit of Giving Thrives At *Wetaskiwin Composite High School*

Students are asked to bring warm, gently used clothing to clothe our less fortunate in our community.

Donations will be made too
Neighbors Outreach Wetaskiwin
&
Hope Mission Wetaskiwin.



*The Staff of WCHS would like
to wish you a wonderful
holiday season!*



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ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

SCHOOL/FACULTY: WETASKIWIN COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

ACCESS CODE: WCHS1718

PHOTO DATES: FEBRUARY 7,8,9

SITTING FEE: \$25.00—PAYABLE ONLINE OR IN PERSON AT YOUR APPOINTMENT

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH THESE EASY STEPS!

1. Go online to www.SmartPhotography.ca/book
2. Enter your access code (above) and click “Submit”
3. Select desired date and time from bolded availability on calendar
4. Enter your information and pay the sitting fee using Paypal or Credit Card, or finish booking and pay exact change at your appointment time!

YOU'RE DONE! CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR A CONFIRMATION.

Need to change your appointment? No problem! Click “Reschedule” on your Email Confirmation to pick a new time up to 24 hours before your appointment.