



WRPS

September 14, 2018

WCHS Newsletter

WELCOME TO WCHS



IMPORTANT DATES

Parent Council Meeting	Sept 20
PD Day <i>No Classes</i>	Sept 28
Thanksgiving <i>No Classes</i>	Oct 8
PD Day <i>No Classes</i>	Oct 12
Parent Teacher Interviews	Oct 24 Oct 25
Awards Night	Nov 2

A FRIENDLY REMINDER....

All 2017/2018 text books are past due. Please return to WCHS office as soon as possible to avoid a charge on your account.



*Directed Learning will
begin on Tuesday
September 18th!*

Principal's Message: Welcome Back

I hope this newsletter finds all of our parents, students, and community members in good spirits and in good health. We are off to a fantastic start to the 2018 -2019 school year. It is amazing to see all our students back in our school working with our staff. I would like to welcome Mr. Demone, our new Vice Principal to WCHS. We are thrilled to have Mr. Demone in our school as he will be working with our grade 9 and 10 students.

This year, our staff is comprised of 55 teachers and 27 support staff who are here to work with our 934 students. We are dedicated to provide our students with an amazing high school experience as we are focused on all students graduating from WCHS. To make this a reality, we have several key strategies and initiatives in place. This year as we enter the fourth year of our High School Redesign initiative, we are constantly striving to ensure we provide our students with a meaningful and well-rounded educational experience. We will be continuing with our directed learning, increasing our cross-curricular experiences for our students, and looking at ways to implement Alberta Education's dual credit strategy. This new strategy will focus on supporting students to attain post-secondary credits while they are still in high school.

At our School Council meetings each month, we will be reporting on the key strategies and initiatives that are taking place at WCHS. We will provide updates on how our programming is impacting our students and school as a whole. At this time, we will be welcoming feedback from our parents as we strive to provide the best possible learning environment for our students. If any parent or student would like more information about our school, please do not hesitate to contact the school or attend school council meetings. Our school council annual general meeting is September 20th at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons.

WCHS MUSIC & DRAMA DEPARTMENT ARE PLEASED
TO PRESENT

PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT

NOVEMBER 1ST

7 PM
WCHS GYMNASIUM

WCHS Student Services

GRADE 9 & 10

Vice Principal: Mr. Demone

Learning Support Teachers: Mrs. Bodnar & Mrs. Graham

Counsellor: Ms. Brandham

Success Coach: Mrs. Littlechild

Administrative Assistants: Mrs. Campbell & Mrs. Hill

GRADE 11 & 12

Vice Principal: Mr. Willmott

Learning Support Teacher: Mrs. McFarland

Counsellor: Mrs. Klein & Ms. Werner

Success Coach: Mr. Dick

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Off the Shelf The WCHS Edition

The WCHS English Department is running an "Off The Shelf" Challenge in conjunction with the CBC Contest of the same name!

Students and staff are invited to answer this question:

WHAT IS THE ONE BOOK YOUR ENTIRE GENERATION SHOULD READ?

Answer that question in 100-300 words and share it with our school community! Details can be found on the poster on www.wetaskiwincomp.ca

NEED STORAGE?

The WCHS Building Construction program have the following sheds available for immediate pick up:

1—8x8 Barn Style shed c/w wood siding	\$2200
1—8x10 Lean to Style shed c/w light grey vinyl siding	\$2300
1—8x10 Gable Style shed c/w off white vinyl siding	\$2400
1-40"x70" Gable Style insulated dog house c/w covered veranda porch painted medium grey	\$375

Support the students building program and give us a call with your shed, building, or cabinetry requirements and we will construct your project for you!

RLS will be selling popcorn in the Café on September 25th at lunch! They are happy to be offering this every third Tuesday!

WCHS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR



DATE: SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2018

TIME: 5:00-7:00PM

ALL WELCOME

TOUR our high school campus

MEET teachers, coaches and administration

LEARN about our complete high school experience



ATTENTION ALL GRADE 12'S!
THE JOSTENS RING REP WILL BE HERE ON SEPTEMBER 18 & 19
AT LUNCH TIME IN THE ATRIUM!

It's your year, show off your achievement!
Josten's Ring brochures are available by the WCHS Main Office.
Please remember to bring your \$75.00 Deposit!

Science 9
 Academic
 Ontario Edition

THE KEY STUDY GUIDE



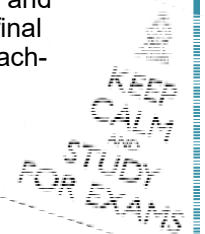
- 100% aligned with the Ontario curriculum
- Includes practice questions and tests
- Contains answers and detailed solutions
- Compliments of classroom instruction
- Reviewed by respected Ontario educators

THE CASTLE ROCK

CASTLE ROCK the publishers of the **THE KEY Study Guide** will be at the school **Wednesday, September 19th**, during **lunch** to sell this valuable study tool.

THE KEY is a study guide that is available for core subjects grades 9-12 and is specifically designed to assist students prepare for quizzes, unit tests and final exams throughout the year. It is curriculum aligned and includes essential teaching pieces, practice questions, sample unit tests and detailed solutions.

Cost: \$20 (Cash, MC or VISA)
Wednesday, September 19th, in the Atrium
<http://castlerockresearch.com/the-key-study-guides/>



Directed Learning

WCHS is entering its 4th year of the Alberta Education High School Redesign Initiative. Our focus within this initiative remains on high school completion. At WCHS, one of our key strategies is to incorporate time within the school day where students can receive extra support or have choice on how they will use instructional time to further their studies. We call this concept Directed Learning.

Directed Learning is focused on providing students additional time and support who are not currently achieving academic success in their core classes. Directed Learning is scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will take place after Block 1. Directed Learning can be easily described as being:

1. Student Directed: Students who are succeeding academically will have a choice.
2. Teacher Directed: Students who are *At Risk of not being successful in a core class will be locked in and provided extra help.*

Starting next week students in Grades 10 - 12 will be using their Maplewood Logins to sign up for a directed learning session or to see what directed learning session they are required to attend. In Grade 9, students will be locked into required sessions for quarter one. Our focus in Grade 9 will be to ensure our students receive the proper support, guidance, and orientation to be successful at WCHS.

Starting next week, ask your child what they are doing in directed learning? As a school we see the impact that this time can have on all our students' academic success.



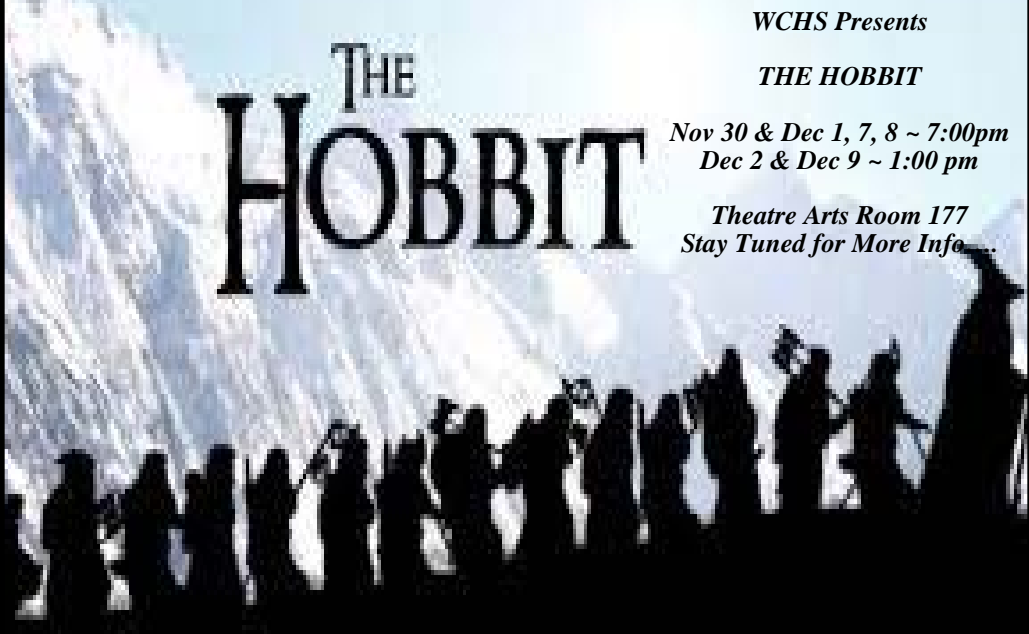
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

**WETASKIWIN COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL
AWARDS NIGHT**

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2018

7:00 PM

WCHS GYMNASIUM



WCHS Presents
THE HOBBIT
Nov 30 & Dec 1, 7, 8 ~ 7:00pm
Dec 2 & Dec 9 ~ 1:00 pm
Theatre Arts Room 177
Stay Tuned for More Info...

OTHER THEATRE NEWS!

A variety of workshops will be offered to students this semester.

Look forward to participating in :

Make Up Workshops

Combat & Light Saber Fighting Workshops

Playwriting Workshops



PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
September 20th, 2018
7:00 PM ~ WCHS Learning Commons
All Parents Welcome!



SchoolAppointments.com
 Scheduling Parent Teacher Appointments
 Can be Easy for Everyone!

Parent Teacher Interviews October 24th & 25th, 2018
5:00—8:30 PM

WCHS is pleased to announce that booking for Parent Teacher Interviews is available online!
Booking will become available on October 9th, 2018.

For more information or instructions on how to book online please visit our website
www.wetaskiwincomp.ca



Biology 20 Field Study - X-Stream Science Thursday, September 27th

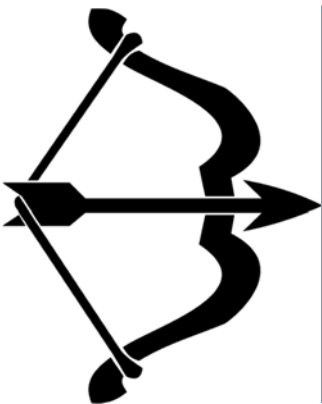
Biology 20 students will be participating in the Battle River Watershed Alliance's (BRWA) X-Stream Science Program.

X-Stream Science is an inquiry- based learning opportunity lead by local experts to connect students to their watershed through real world science. Students will be travelling to Coal Lake where they will collect biological, chemical and physical data on the water and surrounding land. Water quality, quantity and land use data is collected, analyzed and stored to be monitored and compared over time. This data will help students and decision makers make good choices to help our watersheds.

Important Dates

September 24th - In-class presentations by BRWA experts
September 27th- Field Study @ Coal Lake

*****Please note that the bus will depart from WCHS at 9am on Sept 27th and return at 3pm. Students will be spending the entire day at Coal Lake and will need a bagged lunch*****



WCHS Archery will start the end of October!

Open to all students Grade 4-12!

More teachers and parents are welcome to help with various tasks to make this a success for all students participating!

For more information please contact Mr. Kijewski at WCHS or watch for more information to come!





WETASKIWIN REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Inspiring students to become the best they can be."

FORM 170-1

Date:

Dear Parents:

Re: Fair Notice

The safety of our children is a top priority for us all. We, as a school system, have been involved in intensive safety training with our community partners - the police, Mental Health and Child and Family Authority. Together we have developed a plan for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

This letter is to inform you that we, as a school system, now have a policy that requires principals to complete a "risk assessment" in all cases of students making significant threats to harm themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to determine the level of risk the student poses, and how best to support high-risk students so that their behavior does not become hurtful or destructive. In all cases where staff know that a student has behaved in a threatening way please be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please understand that policy is being followed and that the goal is safety, not punishment.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as a school community, will not accept "no response" to a serious threat or high-risk behavior. Our goal is to respond to all high-risk situations in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and are most fortunate to have our community partners at our side.

Sincerely,

Dr. Terry Pearson
Superintendent of Schools