



# WETASKIWIN COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

February 6 , 2019

## WCHS NEWSLETTER

"WCHS...where teachers care that every student, every day, learns, grows and feels valued"

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **FEB 7-8:**

Teachers' Convention - No Classes

#### **FEB 11 -12**

Sr. High Timetable Changes

#### **FEB 18:**

Family Day - No Classes

#### **FEB 19:**

Directed Learning Resumes

#### **MARCH 1**

PD Day - No Classes

#### **MARCH 21**

PD Day - No Classes

#### **MARCH 22**

In Lieu of PTI - No Classes

#### **MARCH 25 - 29**

Spring Break - No Classes

### **EVENTS**

#### **FEB 6, 7, 8**

Grad Pictures

#### **FEB 21:**

Parent Council Meeting

#### **FEB 27**

Pink Shirt Day

#### **FEB 28 & MARCH 1**

Grad Picture Retakes

#### **MARCH 9**

St. Patty's Ceilidh & Fundraiser

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a chilly start to Semester 2. With buses not running this week, it is important that Students come to school next week ready to make up for lost time. February is a short month for our school and at the beginning of March we will be starting our Registration and Orientation process for the 2019/2020 school year. It is essential that parents and students stay informed about their academic decisions for next year. Please make sure that you attend our orientation evenings at the beginning of March. All students will be completing their 2019/2020 course selections before Spring Break. There will be no classes this Thursday & Friday as our teachers are off to convention in Edmonton, enjoy the long weekend!

Sincerely, Kris Denney

# OPEN HOUSE

[Click here](#) for more information on the Grades 9-12  
Open House!

Grades 11 & 12: Tuesday, March 5

Grade 9: Wednesday, March 6

Grade 10: Thursday, March 7

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm nightly

# STUDENT COUNCIL

Will you join in by wearing pink on February 27, 2019?

## 2019 FOCUS: CYBERBULLYING

The dawn of social media brought with it a whole new way to interact, communicate, and even bully. But in this digital world where filtered photos and crafted messages can be posted in an instant, it often takes more time and effort to say something mean than it does to say something nice. Kindness requires no manipulation, no focusing on the negatives, and no filtering of yourself. It's simply, truly nice. For social media users, we want them to **THINK** before the post. We want them to ask themselves if it is: **True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, KIND.**

# Pink Shirt Day

Be  
Kind  
It's easy  
#pinkshirtday



Thank you to the Wetaskiwin McDonalds who sold WCHS cookies at a reduced cost for our Cookies and Crammin' Day!

## WCHS DRAMA



WCHS DRAMA INVITES YOU TO

*One Act Auditions*

GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO TAKE CENTER STAGE?

AUDITION ON FEBRUARY 11 AND 12TH  
DRAMA ROOM AT LUNCH TIME AND AFTER SCHOOL

SEE DRAMA ROOM DOORS  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Wanting to get involved in the Drama program at WCHS? Wishing now that you would have auditioned for *The Hobbit*? Then, you need to be a part of our three one-act plays that will be directed by senior students and mentored by Ms. Marshall. We will take these plays to competition in Leduc in April, where you will meet many students and see wonderful plays. Auditions will be at the beginning of semester 2. Keep your eyes on the Drama Room door, listen to announcements or ask Ms. Marshall more about this wonderful opportunity.

# WCHS SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS



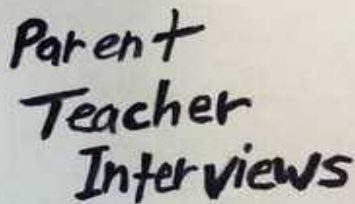
WELCOME

WCHS would like to welcome  
Carlos Molina to our teaching staff!  
Mr. Molina will be teaching CALM 20, Science 24, Social 9  
and PE 9 this Semester.



ORDER  
YOUR  
Yearbook!

Don't forget to order your  
yearbook for 2018/2019.



Parent +  
Teacher  
Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held Tuesday, March 19th  
from 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm.  
You will be notified by email and phone when the online  
booking system is open.

**HEAD LICE REMINDER:** We recommend that you inspect your child's head on a regular basis for lice and nits. [Click here](#) for a 'head lice and how to treat' sheet from Alberta Health Services.



Our school has been chosen to take part in Health Canada's 2018/19 Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Survey (CSTADS). CSTADS asks students questions about tobacco, alcohol, cannabis and other drug use, bullying, and sleep behavior. In Alberta, the survey will be implemented by the University of Alberta and the University of Waterloo. On February 13, 2019, students in grades 9 to 12 with parental permission will take part in the survey. The school will receive school-specific results and a \$100.00 honorarium by participating in the survey. Please visit the project at [cstads.ca](http://cstads.ca) for more information or call 1-866-495-4550.



## PIZZA FRIDAYS!

The Music Department is pleased to present Pizza Fridays! It will be sold during the lunch hour and the cafeteria will **NOT** be open. This is to support the Music Ireland Trip Participants. **CASH ONLY**  
February 15 & 22 / March 8 & 15  
1 Slice \$3.00 / 2 Slices \$5.00 / Drinks \$1.00

# GRAD 2019 INFORMATION



All grade 12 students must have their photo taken if they wish to be in the yearbook, wall composite photo and newspaper.

## GRAD PHOTOS DATES

Wednesday, February 6: 2:00 - 7:30 pm  
Thursday, February 7: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Friday, February 8: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

[Click here for more information and to book online!](#)

If you missed getting your photos taken between Feb 6-8 or are doing re-takes, the [online booking](#) will open Feb 12th for the following dates:

## GRAD RE-TAKE PHOTO DATES

Thursday, February 28 (Times TBA)  
Friday, March 1 (Times TBA)

If you need assistance with booking, please come see Ms. Klapstein in the office or call 780-352-2295.

[Graduation Gown Order Forms](#) were mailed home with report cards. Please complete and return to the office by March 1st, 2019.

[Graduation Policy Forms](#) which are required to be signed by parents/guardians of graduating students were also mailed home with report cards. Please return these to the office ASAP!

Booklets containing all the information for the Grad Ceremony on Friday May 24 and the Grad Dinner/Dance will be mailed out in March.

CLASS  
of  
2019

Counsellors will be starting to review Grade 12's grad status in the next few weeks.



# STUDENT SERVICES



[Click here](#) to set up your MyPass account. This is where you will find your diploma exam results. Marks will likely be released by Alberta Education later in February.



If you need to make any changes to your Semester 2 timetable, please do so with your counsellor in Student Services before or during the class that you are wanting to change. Timetable changes will be allowed on Feb 11 and 12. Remember to sign in at the front desk with Student Services when you arrive to be added to the list, first come first serve!



If your child has an IPP and you have not yet signed it, please contact your child's Learning Support Teacher in Student Services and make arrangements to do so.

Registration for 2019/2020 will be rolling out in March. Please listen for announcements for upcoming deadlines for registration forms and course selection.



Report cards were mailed home Monday, February 4.



## BOOK ROOM HOURS

Book Room will be open Monday, February 11 & Tuesday, February 12 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. ALL SEMESTER 1 text books must be returned to the Book Room. Semester 2 textbooks will be issued after Semester 1 books have been returned. **Students will be charged for books NOT returned!**

With registration for the 2019-2020 school year rapidly approaching, students are encouraged to consider the optional course Social Sciences 30. Designed equally for students thirsting for greater exposure to the social sciences, and for students who may require a stronger foundation for Social 30-1, Social Sciences offers a unique blend of world history, world religions, philosophy, international relations, comparative governments, economics and ethics.

Another purpose of the course is to be flexible enough to acknowledge and accommodate individual student's need for assessment skill development. To that end the course will combine daily assessment for learning along with unit and year end assessment of learning. Specifically students will have an opportunity to develop a learning project, but also participate in a dynamic inquisitive classroom environment. To help build a foundation for Social 30-1, students will also have opportunities to develop their reading comprehension, multiple choice, source interpretation, essays, reports, presentations, peer teaching, and position papers. For more information please contact Mr. McBride.

# SABRES PRIDE SPIRIT WEAR

## SABRES TOQUES



**ON SALE NOW!**

**ORDER FORMS IN THE OFFICE OR SEE  
MR. HETLINGER IN ROOM #166 FOR DETAILS**

[Sabres Toque Order Form](#)



[Russell Athletic Size Chart &  
Order Form](#)

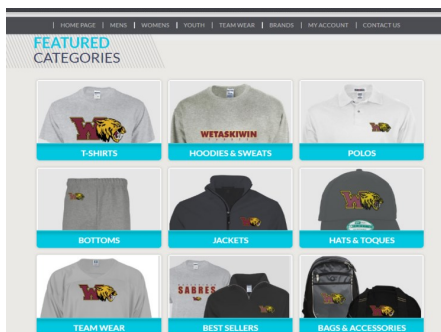
## BUCKET HATS



**PRE-SALE ON NOW**

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MR. HETLINGER IN ROOM #166 FOR DETAILS**

[Sabres Bucket Hat Order Form](#)



## Sabres Pride Wear

WCHS is excited to offer Pride Wear for staff, students, friends and family on a year-round basis.

[Click this link](#) and follow the directions!

# WCHS ATHLETICS



## ARCHERY TOURNAMENT DATES

February 9th - Stettler

February 22 - Castor

March 2, - WCHS

March 14 - Edmonton Provincials



## Basketball season is well underway!

Some dates to watch for:

JV Boys & Girls annual tournament Feb 15 & 16

Sr. Boys & Girls annual tournament Feb 22 & 23

JV Girls play Friday, February 8 - 12:30pm

JV Boys play Friday, February 8 - 2:15 pm

# GO SABRES!!!!

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# WCHS MUSIC



## WRPS DIVISION NEWS



[Click here](#) for information for the upcoming Indigenous Parent Gatherings & MEC Meeting



### Accountability Pillar Survey:

An annual check-up on the education system.

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools encourages you to participate, as this is an opportunity to play an important role in your child's education. By completing the mailed survey you are giving your school, WRPS and the provincial government important information about the quality of education your child is receiving and helping to ensure they are being prepared for success.

[Please click here for more information](#)



# STAY CONNECTED

## Free WRPS Bus Status APP

Snow and icy conditions today serve as a great reminder about the Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Bus Status app.

Enjoy the faster and more personalized version of our Bus Status App.

Access through the [Web](#), [iPhone](#), and [Android](#).

Push Notification System lets you know about delays and cancellations when they are posted.

**Important:** Users must “star” buses you wish to receive push notifications for once they have upgraded.

**Reminder to please call the school to report your child’s absences!**



## STUDENT SERVICES CONTACTS

### Grade 9 & 10

**Vice Principal:** Mr. DeMone

**Learning Support:** Mrs. Bodnar/Mrs. Graham

**Counsellor:** Ms. Brandham

**Success Coach:** Mrs. Littlechild

**Administrative Assistants:** Mrs. Campbell & Mrs. Hill

### Grade 11 & 12

**Vice Principle:** Mr. Willmott

**Learning Support:** Mrs. McFarland

**Counsellors:** Mrs. Klein & Ms. Werner

**Success Coach:** Mr. Dick

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**connectEd**

Pay Now /  
Form Submission

Access your child Marks & Attendance Online using [Maplewood ConnectEd](#). Please call the office at 780-352-2295 for your username & password if you don't already have them.

Pay for your child's school or extra circular fees online through [Rycor Solution's Student Quick Pay](#)



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