



# WETASKIWIN COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

February 28 , 2019

## WCHS NEWSLETTER

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

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### FEB 28 & MARCH 1

Grad Picture Retakes

#### MARCH 1

PD Day - No Classes

#### MARCH 5

Grade 12 Academic Information Night

#### MARCH 6

Grade 9 Orientation & School Showcase

#### MARCH 7

Grade 10 Orientation & School Showcase

#### MARCH 9

St. Patty's Ceilidh & Fundraiser

#### MARCH 19

Parent Teacher Interviews

#### MARCH 20

Music Trip to Ireland

#### MARCH 21

PD Day - No Classes

#### MARCH 22

In Lieu of PTI - No Classes

#### MARCH 25 - 29

Spring Break - No Classes

#### APRIL 12

PD Day - No Classes

#### APRIL 19 & 22

Easter Break - No Classes

March is here and hopefully spring is right around the corner. It has been a rough start to the second semester at WCHS as mother nature has created many transportation issues for our students. With our buses not running, we know that it has been difficult for some of our students to get to school. But rest assured, we have time to catch our students up on the material they have missed. It is imperative that any students who are behind use their directed learning time wisely. This is a perfect opportunity to receive instruction that you may have missed. With this extra time spent with your teacher, before you know it, you will be back on track.

With March arriving, it is Spring Registration time for the 2019 -2020 school year. Throughout this newsletter, we identify the different parent and student information nights that we have planned for next week. Please make sure you take advantage of these opportunities to see what we have to offer our students at WCHS.

Starting on March 11th, our staff will be coming around to classrooms for students to select their classes for next year. To help our Grade 9's as they transition into High School, a registration guide and sample course list will be sent home. Please take a look at this information when it comes home. This guide is also available on our [School Website](#). If students are absent and miss the day when we visit their classroom, please make an appointment with Student Services to complete this process. It is absolutely essential that all students register for their courses this spring. With an expected increase in our enrollment for next year, registering in the spring will help us secure your student's timetable at WCHS for the fall. If you have any questions about registration please do not hesitate to contact one of our administrators.

Sincerely, Kris Denney



# WCHS SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

## SPRING REGISTRATION

[Click here](#) for more information on the Grades 9-12 Spring Registration, Information, Orientation & Showcase Nights

**Tuesday, March 5**

This year's grade 12's Academic Information Night

**Wednesday, March 6**

Grade 9 Orientation & School Showcase

**Thursday, March 7**

Grade 10 Orientation & School Showcase

**7:00 pm - 8:00 pm nightly**

[Click here](#) for registration information and to view the 2019/20 registration guide!

The word "VAPING" is written in large, bold, white capital letters with a slight 3D effect and a shadow, set against a blue gradient background.

Vaping is not harmless, yet Canadian teens are trying vaping products. Data from a recent Health Canada survey showed that 23% of students in Grades 7–12 have tried an electronic cigarette.

Please [click here](#) for many valuable resources such as: 'What you need to know and how to talk to your kids about vaping.'



[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.

### HEAD LICE REMINDER:

We recommend that you inspect your child's head on a regular basis for lice and nits.

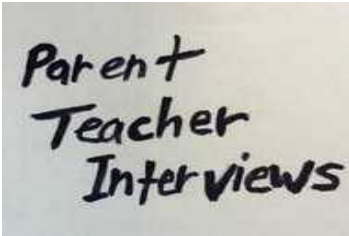
[Click here](#) for a 'head lice and how to treat' sheet from Alberta Health Services.

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## Welcome!

WCHS would like to welcome Kayla Baisley who is joining our staff as the Grade 9/10 Success Coach. She has a passion for Indigenous Education and has worked as a classroom teacher, literacy specialist & pedagogy coach.



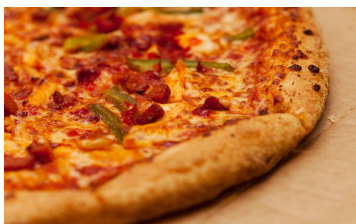
## Parent Teacher Interviews

PTI's will be held Tuesday, March 19th from 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm. The online booking system will be available shortly. You will be notified by email and phone when it is open. Contact Ms. Klapstein in the office at 780-352-2295 if you require assistance with your booking or have questions.



## Student Achievement Resources

Wetaskiwin Composite High School is pleased to partner with Castle Rock Research to provide educational resources to help support student achievement. [Click the link](#) for more information and for the links for on-line ordering of resources.



## 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

March 8 & 15: 1 Slice \$3.00 / 2 Slices \$5.00 / Drinks \$1.00



## Ireland Trip Fundraiser

On March 9 we will be hosting a Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction. All members of the music program who are travelling to Ireland will be providing entertainment and other community members will be there to wow us with their musical talents.

Tickets are \$50 and are available now!

Contact: [sandra.hall@wrps11.ca](mailto:sandra.hall@wrps11.ca)



## Support your WCHS Construction Class

### Available for Sale: 3 Custom Sheds

**Custom Order:** Calf shelters, horse shelters, dog houses, play houses, cat houses, storage sheds, hunting shelters etc.

Contact: [kelly.kijewski@wrps11.ca](mailto:kelly.kijewski@wrps11.ca)

# STUDENT COUNCIL

## 2019 FOCUS: CYBERBULLYING

**Thank you to all wore pink to take stand against bullying!**

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



## SEMESTER ONE GLOBAL INITIATIVE

The Semester One Global Initiative has ended. The Student Council raised \$800.00 for Japanese Disaster Relief! Our Semester Two Global Initiative is "Giving Goats." We hope to raise \$750.00 to buy 10 goats for families in developing countries.

## VALENTINE'S DAY ROSE GRAMS

Despite the cold, Student Council members still made it to school to sell chocolate rose grams for Valentine's Day, as well as Sabres' merchandise.

## STEAL YOUR HEART GAME

Student Council also successfully pulled off a gender neutral version of the Valentine's Day game "Steal Her Heart." After the school's LGBT community raised concerns about the game promoting cisgender ideals and heterosexual relationships. The game is now played by Grade 11&12 students stealing hearts from Grade 9&10 students to ensure everyone feels comfortable participating.

## TALENT SHOW

We have lots planned for the rest of the school year, including a possible talent show! Some Student Council members think it could be a fun event. Currently, we are gathering information and figuring out if there are enough students who want to showcase their talents. If you know your child has a talent to showcase, tell them to tentatively sign up in the office or via email! **Contact:** [charlene.mcfeely@wrps11.ca](mailto:charlene.mcfeely@wrps11.ca)



# GRAD 2019 INFORMATION



## GRAD RE-TAKE PHOTO DATES

Thursday, February 28: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Friday, March 1: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

**(Photoshoots will be held in the drama room)**

The Grad Re-take session spots are full. If you did not have your photo taken and still wish to, please contact Ms. Klapstein in the office.

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

## GRADUATION GOWN ORDER FORMS

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

## GRADUATION POLICY FORMS

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

## GRAD INFORMATION BOOKLETS

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

## GRAD STATUS

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

## GRAD SABRE WEAR

Forms to purchase Sabres' Grad Wear are in the main office. You can pay by cash/cheque in the office, or if you wish to pay by credit card online, bring your completed order form to Ms. Klapstein where the fee can be added to your student quick-pay account.



# WCHS ATHLETICS



## THANK YOU!!

The senior basketball teams would like to thank all staff who helped at the tournament February 22-23. As well, the athletes representing our teams were extremely excited to play in front of their peers but equally important for them was seeing all the staff watching their games (especially on Saturday). Thank you for the support!  
- Mr. Cross & Mr. Hebert



## ARCHERY TOURNAMENT DATES

March 2: WCHS

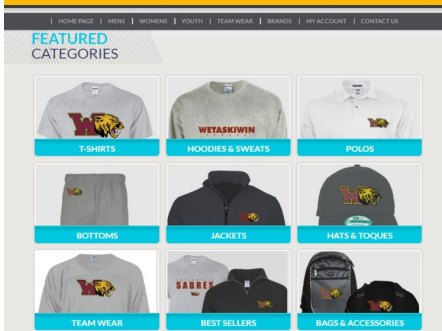
March 9: Ardrossan

March 14: Edmonton Provincials @ the Edmonton Boat & Sportsman Show

# GO SABRES!!!!

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## WCHS 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!

[Sabres Toque Order Form](#)

[Sabres Bucket Hat Order Form](#)

## SABRES TOQUES



### ON SALE NOW!

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

## BUCKET HATS



### PRE-SALE ON NOW

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# 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. Access through the Web, iPhone, and Android. Push Notification System lets you know about delays and cancellations when they are posted. **Reminder to please call the school to report your child's absences!**



## PROPER PROCESS FOR SIGNING OUT OF SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents to communicate appointment times with their students ahead of time so they are aware they need to leave class. This helps reduce classroom disruption.

All students must report to the office before leaving school with the exception of lunch break. A parent or guardian must call for the absence to be excused. It is imperative that we know who has left the building to ensure we are able to efficiently account for all persons in case of an emergency.

## STUDENT SERVICES CONTACTS

### Grade 9 & 10

**Vice Principal:** Mr. DeMone

**Learning Support:** Mrs. Graham (9) Ms. Bodnar (10)

**Counsellor:** Ms. Brandham

**Success Coach:** Ms. Baisley

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

### Grade 11 & 12

**Vice Principal:** Mr. Willmott

**Learning Support:** Mrs. McFarland

**Counsellors:** Mrs. Klein (11) Ms. Werner (12)

**Success Coach:** Mr. Dick



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 Now /  
Form Submission

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

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