



WETASKIWIN COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

September 2, 2019

WCHS NEWSLETTER

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

SEPTEMBER 3

First Day of Classes

SEPTEMBER 4

Welcome Back Assemblies

Grade 11 & 12 - Period 3

Grade 9 & 10 - Period 4

SEPTEMBER 10

School Pictures

SEPTEMBER 13

PD Day - No Classes

SEPTEMBER 17

Directed Learning Begins

SEPTEMBER 19

School Council AGM

7:00 pm - Learning Commons

OCTOBER 4

PD Day - No Classes

OCTOBER 14

Thanksgiving - School Closed

OCTOBER 22

School Picture Retakes

OCTOBER 23 & 24

Parent-Teacher Interviews

OCTOBER 25

PD Day - No Classes

NOVEMBER 1

Awards Night - 7:00 pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope this newsletter finds all of our parents, students, and community members in good spirits and in good health. We are set to have a fantastic start to the 2019-2020 school year. This year, we have very little turnover in our staff which is comprised of 55 teachers and 20 support staff who are here to work with our 925 students. We are dedicated to providing our students with an amazing high school experience as we are focused on assisting students who need additional support and making sure our students are ready to graduate from WCHS within 4 years of entering Grade 9. This year our staff is once again focused on continuing the work of our High School Redesign initiative. With this work, we will be continuing with directed learning sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as improving on the implementation of dual credit programming in our CTS courses. The Cosmetology Apprenticeship Program and our newly created Early Child Care course are examples of this.

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 our school council meetings. Our school council annual general meeting is September 19th at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons.

Mr. Kris Denney



REGISTRATION PACKAGES

If your student did not attend registration at the school last week, we will ask them to go directly to the bookroom when arriving on Tuesday. They will receive their timetable, parent PowerSchool login information to take home, student PowerSchool login information, fee invoice, textbooks and locker assignment.

PARENT/GUARDIAN LOGINS

You will have two logins; PowerSchool & Student Quick Pay. Your student would have received a blue sheet of paper when they picked up their registration package with information on how to set up your accounts, including Confidential Access ID's, passwords and Student ID numbers. Below is information on both programs. If you did not receive the information from your student or require assistance setting up your accounts, please contact the office at 780-352-2295.

We are happy to help you!



POWERSCHOOL: Attendance & Grades

As announced back in June, WRPS has moved from Maplewood to PowerSchool for our Student Information system. PowerSchool offers a clean, intuitive interface and powerful tools and resources to help administrators and teachers manage grades, students and classrooms. As well, parents can check their child's homework assignments, attendance reports, grades and other items from any computer. We are thankful for our WRPS technical department who worked tirelessly to make this transition as smooth as possible.

You can access the login page using the Quick Links link at the top of the [Wetaskiwin Composite High School Website](#) or go directly to [PowerSchool SIS Student & Parent Sign In](#).



POWERSCHOOL MOBILE APP

The PowerSchool app is available to parents and students to download for free from the App Store for the iPhone®, iPad® or iPod touch®, and Google Play for Android devices. Once you activate your account on a computer, you can log in to the app using your ID and the password that you created. You will also need to enter the District Code: **QMZX**. If you ever need this code for other devices in the future, you can find it on the bottom-left side of your login screen. Please contact the school at 780-352-2295, if you require further assistance.

STUDENT QUICK PAY: Online Fee Payment & Permission Forms

Access through Quick Links on the [Wetaskiwin Composite High School Website](#) or go directly to [Student Quick Pay](#).

Here you can:

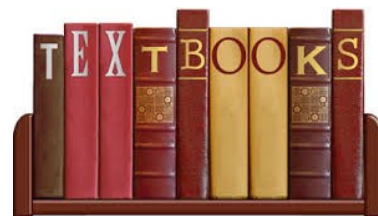
- View and pay student fees (Payment Options: Visa, MasterCard, Interac Online)
- Fill out permission forms for courses your child is registered in that will participate in off campus activities, as well as extracurricular activities.

TIMETABLE CHANGES

No timetable changes will be allowed on the first day of school. Timetable changes will be permitted on the dates below, please go to Student Services DURING the class you wish to change.

Wednesday, September 4 & Thursday, September 5 – Grades 10, 11 & 12

Friday, September 6 – Grade 9



DIRECTED LEARNING

Directed Learning will begin on **Tuesday, September 17.**

TEXTBOOKS

Any 2018/19 Textbooks that were not returned are past due and the fee for the textbook has been charged to your student's account. If you still have any, please return them to Mrs. MacDonald in the office ASAP!

PERMISSION FORMS

Students who have PE and Hockey will have permission forms available on their [Student Quick Pay](#) accounts on **Tuesday, September 3rd**. Please ensure you get these completed as soon as possible. Students who do not have completed forms are not eligible to participate in off-campus activities for that class.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday, October 23 & Thursday, October 24: 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Online booking will be available starting **Monday, October 7th**. Instructions for online booking will be posted on the WCHS website and emailed out at that time.

NEW STAFF

WCHS is excited to welcome back Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Osterwoldt and Mrs. Russell who are returning this fall. We also would like to welcome two new staff members to WCHS! Ms. Latisha Dingman is joining our staff as our Indigenous Support Worker, and Mrs. Holly Dumont has joined our teaching staff in the Cosmetology classroom.

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CAFETERIA SCHEDULE: September 3 - 6

September 3 & 4 - Closed

September 5 & 6 - Open with Limited Menu

September 9 – Cafeteria Opens Full Menu

BACK TO SCHOOL PICTURES

Back to School Pictures are taking place on **Tuesday, September 10th**. More information will be sent out via School Messenger next week.

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EVERY *Child* MATTERS

Remembering the Residential School Experience

#orangeshirtday

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Join us on **Tuesday, October 1st** to honor residential school survivors and share in the spirit of reconciliation and hope. We remember the past and look to creating a better future. **EVERY CHILD MATTERS.**

ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

If your information has recently changed, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can update it in our Student Information System.



ATTENDANCE & ABSENCES

Please call the office at 780-352-2295 to report your student's absence. As well, we ask you communicate appointment times etc. with your students ahead of time so they are aware they need to leave class. This limits phone calls into the classroom reducing disruption.



SIGNING OUT PROCEDURE

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.

BUSSING

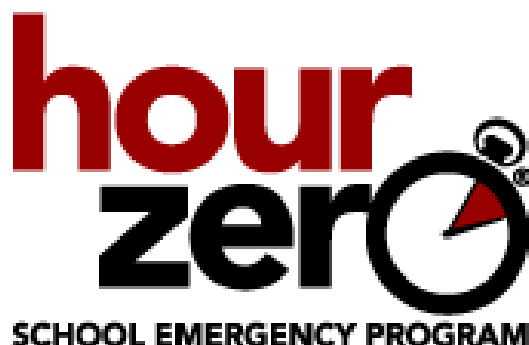
Please visit our [WRPS division website](#) for information and new updates on bussing. If you have questions or require assistance, please contact Billy Loiselle, Transportation Manager at 780-352-6018 ext. 242 or email Billy.loiselle@wrps11.ca



[Click here](#) to download the Bus Status App

NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

During an emergency, our first priority is the safety of our students and staff. In order to provide an effective response to any school emergency, the Division, has worked with Hour Zero Crisis Consulting to enhance our Emergency Response Plan. This plan works in conjunction with other local emergency plans, since a school emergency could require the involvement of numerous agencies. A Guide for Guardians and Parents from the Hour Zero School Emergency Plan will be sent to you through School Messenger next week.



Let's Stay Connected!

Access WCHS school and division information at any time through our websites or social media sites.

[Wetaskiwin Composite High School Website](#)

[Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Website](#)



Facebook: [@WCSabres](#)



Twitter: [@wcschool](#)

WCHS distributes a newsletter at the beginning of each month, as well sends out emails via School Messenger to inform you of important school news.

[Click here](#) for an online email submission form to contact WCHS Teachers, Student Services or Administrators.

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STUDENT SERVICES CONTACTS

GRADE 9 & 10

Vice Principal: Mr. DeMone
Counsellor: Ms. Brandham
Learning Support: Mrs. Graham (Gr. 9)
Ms. Bodnar (Gr. 10)
Success Coach: Ms. Baisley

GRADE 11 & 12

Vice Principal: Mr. Willmott
Counsellors: Ms. Werner (Gr. 11)
Mrs. Klein (Gr. 12)
Learning Support: Mrs. McFarland
Success Coach: Mr. Dick

Student Services Administrative Assistants: Mrs. Campbell / Mrs. Hill

SCHEDULES/CALENDARS

[WCHS Bell Schedule](#)

[WCHS School Calendar](#)

[2019/2020 WRPS Regular School Year Calendar](#)