



WETASKIWIN COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

January 9, 2020

## WCHS NEWSLETTER

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

### JANUARY 10

PD Day - No School

### JANUARY 10 - 12

Drama Production:  
She Kills Monsters

### JANUARY 21

Last Day of Classes for Senior High

### JANUARY 23

School Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

### JANUARY 24

Last Day of Classes for Grade 9

### JANUARY 27 & 28

Grade 9 SAMS/PAT Exams

### JANUARY 29

Initial Graduation Parent  
Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm

### JANUARY 30

Exam Make Up Day (AM)

### JANUARY 31

PD Day - No School

### FEBRUARY 3

Semester 2 Begins

### FEBRUARY 3 - 5

Sr. High Timetable Changes

### FEBRUARY 5-7

Grad Photos

### FEBRUARY 6-7

Teachers' Convention - No Classes

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students and Parents,

I would like to wish all our students, staff, and families a Happy New Year and welcome everyone into the new decade! The end of Semester 1 is right around the corner. Exams for Grades 10-12 start on Tuesday, January 21st. Grade 9 finals begin on Monday, January 27th. Please make sure you are aware when your student's exams are scheduled. The complete exam schedule is posted online at <https://www.wetaskiwincomp.ca>.

Students must make sure they are present and ready to write their exams on the scheduled day & time. During exam week, students are encouraged to take advantage of the extra help sessions that our teachers will be offering. Stay focused and study hard as you prepare. Semester 2 will begin Monday, February 3rd, 2020. Good Luck!

Sincerely,

Kris Denney

Principal

HAPPY  
New Year

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Please take some time to read over this important exam information:**

[Diploma Exam Inclement Weather Policy January 2020](#)

[Diploma Exam Student Information Checklist January 2020](#)

[Semester 1 Final Exam Schedule](#)



## MY PASS ACCOUNT

[Click here](#) to set up your MyPass account. This is where you will find your diploma exam results.

## BOOK ROOM HOURS

Book Room will be open weekdays, January 22-30, 2020 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm daily. ALL Semester 1 textbooks must be returned to the Book Room during the Exam Week. Semester 2 Textbooks will be issued after Semester 1 books have been returned. Students will be charged for books NOT returned.

## QUARTER 2 PERMISSION FORMS

These are available to be completed on your [Student Quick Pay Account](#). Please ensure these are completed promptly as students who do not have completed forms, are not eligible to participate in off-campus activities for that class.

## GRAD PHOTOS

Wednesday, February 5th: 2:00 pm - 8:45 pm

Thursday, February 6th: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Friday, February 7th: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

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

Payment must be made by credit card or PayPal at the time of booking.

If you need to pay by cash, please come see Ms. Klapstein in the office to book your appointment.

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

—CLASS OF—  
**2020**

## Grad Photo Retake dates are as follows:

Thursday, March 5th: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Friday, March 6th: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

The online booking will not be open for these dates until after the February photo sitting dates have passed.

More detailed Graduation Information will be communicated via e-mail in February & March.

## INITIAL GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

If you have a student that is eligible to Graduate from Wetaskiwin Composite High School in the 2019-2020 school year, we are inviting you to our initial Grad Parent Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Our parent committee is responsible for planning the Grad Dinner and Dance on Saturday, May 23. We are asking all Grad parents to attend this meeting as our parents establish committees to plan this event for our Graduates.

**GRAD SWEATERS** are available for purchase again until January 21st. Pick up an order form from the office.





# One-Act Plays

These will take place February 10-14.

Students will be able to attend an information session February 4-5.

We will present our three one act plays in Leduc towards the end of April 2020. For more information, see Ms. Marshall.

## WCHS Drama Presents: She Kills Monsters

**January 10 & 11 @7:00 pm / January 12 @1:00 pm  
(WCHS Drama Room)**

This production is being done by the Drama 20/30 class and it is being co-directed by Daniel Kovacs, an alumni of WCHS.

Tickets are available for purchase at the WCHS Office  
\$10.00 for students and seniors and \$15.00 for adults.

**Please note that this show is recommended for ages 14 and up.**



## PIZZA FRIDAYS

**January 17, February 14, 21**

**March 6, 13, April 3**

The Music & Drama Departments are pleased to present Pizza Fridays! Pizza will be sold during the lunch hour and the cafeteria will NOT be open in order to support the Music & Drama programs.

**1 Slice for \$3.00**

**2 Slices for 5.00**

**Drinks \$1.00**



## **DIRECTED LEARNING**

Students can log into PowerSchool to sign up for Directed Learning sessions. If students are failing a course, teachers will lock those students into a specific session for extra help. If you have questions, please come to the office for more information.

## **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!

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Invoices for outstanding school & extra curricular fees were mailed out January 9th. We ask that these outstanding fees be paid ASAP. Our programs are dependent on these fees being paid. Grade 12 students who are eligible to graduate this year must be in good financial standing with the school. Fees can be paid on your [Student Quick Pay](#) account by credit card (Visa /MC) or Interac Online. We also accept cash/cheque in the office.

## **PERMISSION FORMS**

You will receive an email if there is a permission form to be completed on your [Student Quick Pay Account](#) for a class or extra-curricular group activity that your student is a part of. Please ensure these are completed promptly as students, who do not have completed forms, are not eligible to participate in off-campus activities for that class/group/team.

## **POWERSCHOOL & STUDENT QUICK PAY ACCOUNTS**

Please contact the office if you need assistance setting up or logging into either your PowerSchool or Student Quick Pay accounts.

## **SCHOOL PICTURES**

School picture & retake days have now passed. You can still order photos online at [www.SmartOrders.ca](http://www.SmartOrders.ca) using the School Code 1933700000. We have a complimentary Student ID card from Smart Photography for each student who had their picture taken. Please have your student come pick it up in the office if they have not already done so.

## **SMS LAUNCH COMPLETE**

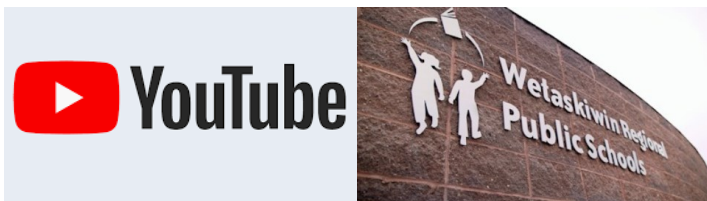
The SMS Opt In Re-launch is now complete. If you wish to Opt in and have not yet done so, you can text **Y** to the number 978338

## **BUSSING**

Please visit our [WRPS Division Website](#) for information and new updates on bussing. Please contact Billy Loiselle, Transportation Manager at 780-352-6018 ext. 242 or email [billy.loiselle@wrps11.ca](mailto:billy.loiselle@wrps11.ca) if you have questions. [Click here](#) to download the Bus Status App.

## **NEW WRPS YOUTUBE CHANNEL!**

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools now has a [YouTube Channel](#). Subscribe and hit the bell so you can be notified when we post to the channel!



## **SABREWEAR**

Mr. Hetlinger will be placing another order in the new year. You can also purchase apparel throughout the year through our [Entripyshop](#).



# 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](#)  
[Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools You Tube Channel](#)

[@WCSabres](#)  
[@wcschool](#)



WCHS distributes a newsletter at the beginning of each month, and 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.

**Mailing Address:** 4619 - 50 Avenue Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 0R6      **Phone:** (7890) 352-2295

## 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  
**Counsellor:** 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 Calendar](#)

## POWERSCHOOL & STUDENT QUICK PAY LOGINS

Access the login pages for [PowerSchool](#) and [Student Quick Pay](#) using the [Quick Links](#) at the top of the Wetaskiwin Composite High School Website.

## POWERSCHOOL MOBILE APP

Once you activate your account on a computer, you can login to the app using your ID and that password that you created. You will also need to enter the District Code: **QMZX**

## 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(s). As well, we ask that you communicate appointment times, etc. with your child(ren) ahead of time so they are aware they need to leave class. This limits phone calls into the classroom reducing disruption.

## SIGN-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 student 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.

