



WETASKIWIN COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

February 5, 2020

WCHS NEWSLETTER

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

FEBRUARY 3

Semester 2 Begins

FEBRUARY 3 - 5

Sr. High Timetable Changes

FEBRUARY 5: 2:00 pm - 8:45 pm

FEBRUARY 6-7: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Grad Photos

FEBRUARY 6-7

Teachers' Convention - No Classes

FEBRUARY 17

Family Day - No Classes

FEBRUARY 20 - 7:00 pm

WCHS School Council Meeting

FEBRUARY 26

Pink Shirt Day

FEBRUARY 28

PD Day - No Classes

MARCH 5 & 6: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Grad Photo Retakes

MARCH 17

Grade 9 School Showcase and
Registration Evening

MARCH 18

Grade 10 School Showcase and
Registration Evening

MARCH 20

PD Day - No Classes

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students and Parents,

Semester 2 marks the halfway point to our school year. A reminder that February is a short month for our school with three extended weekends for our students. As we move into March, we will begin our registration and orientation process for the 2020/21 school year. We will be sending our invites to our parents and students as it is important that students and parents are informed about the academic decisions that need to be made for next year. Please make sure that you attend our orientation evenings during the last week of March.

Sincerely,

Kris Denney

Principal

SEMESTER 2 STARTS

[Click here for the 2020/2021 & 2021/2022 Approved School Year Calendars](#)

[Click here for more information from Alberta Health Services on the Novel Coronavirus](#)

SEMESTER 1 END & SEMESTER 2 INFORMATION

SEMESTER 1 FINAL MARKS & COMMENTS

Your student's final semester 1 marks and teacher comments will be ready for viewing on Monday, February 3rd. Please login to your PowerSchool account to access this information.

[Step by step guide for Smartphone and/or Computer access](#)

[Viewing Marks in the New PowerSchool Gradebook](#)

If you would like a traditional paper copy of your student's marks and comments, please email kathryn.campbell@wrps11.ca and we will provide a copy to your student. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we can be of assistance.

SEMESTER 2 SR. HIGH TIMETABLE CHANGES

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 February 3 - 5. Remember to sign in at the front desk with Student Services when you arrive to be added to the list, first come first serve!

BOOK ROOM HOURS

The Book Room will be open weekdays February 3 - 5 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm daily. **ALL** Semester 1 textbooks must be returned to the Book Room on these dates. Semester 2 textbooks will be issued after Semester 1 books have been returned. Students will be charged for books **NOT** returned.

MY PASS ACCOUNT

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



2020/2021 REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2020/2021 school year will be rolling out in March. Please listen for announcements for upcoming deadlines for registration forms and course selection.

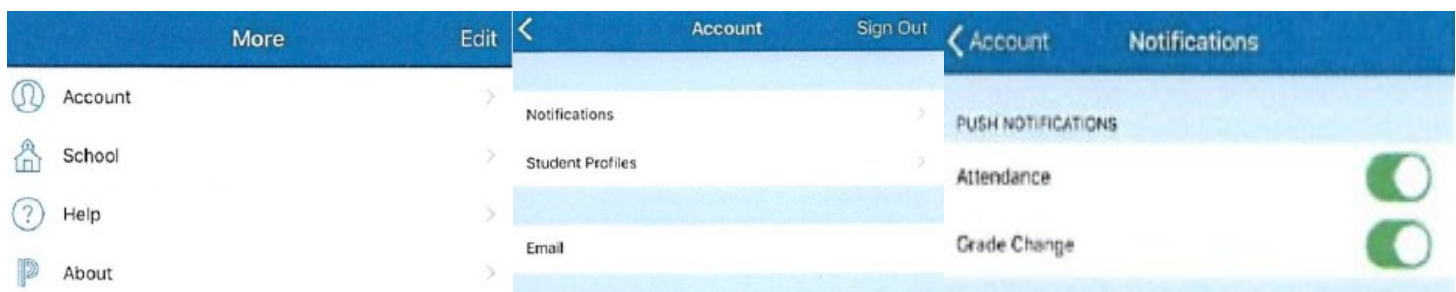
POWERSCHOOL APP NOTIFICATION SETTINGS FOR ATTENDANCE

The PowerSchool App has the ability to send notifications of your child's attendance changes AND/OR when your child's marks have been modified. This feature is enabled by default.

If you would like to disable notifications, on the bottom right hand side of the dashboard click:

More->Account->Notifications. This is where you can enable/disable this feature.

The notifications that you receive will pop up just like any other notification on your phone. These notifications are real-time and will notify you as soon as your child has been marked absent. Also, you may find if your child shows up late for class, you will see an "absent" change to a "late". Depending on the frequency that attendance is taken at school will depend on how many notifications you get in a day.



—CLASS OF— **2020**



A document containing all information for the Grad 2020 Ceremony (tickets, gowns etc.) will be emailed out to you next week. Counsellors have been reviewing Grad 12's grad status, and will be in contact with students and families if necessary.

GRAD PHOTOS

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

DATES

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

RETAKE DATES

Thursday, March 5th: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Friday, March 6th: 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. Please note, online booking will not open for the retake dates until after the February photo sitting dates have passed.



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 they post. We want them to ask themselves if it is: **True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, KIND.**



PIZZA FRIDAYS - CASH ONLY

February 14 & 21, March 6 & 13, April 3

The Music & Drama Departments are pleased to present Pizza Friday! 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

WCHS DRAMA

WCHS's Drama department will be putting submissions into the regional one act drama festival this year. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 5th after school in the drama studio. There, students will be able to sign up for auditions or backstage roles. Auditions will be from February 10th and 11th at lunch and after school. For more information see Ms. Marshall or email dawn.marshall@wrps11.ca.

The WCHS Music and Drama departments are touring, performing, learning and relaxing in Victoria and Vancouver from April 23-28. All students are reminded that they need to get chocolate money in, as well as all future payments for the trip in before March 24, 2020.

LEADERS OF TOMMORROW NOMINATION INFORMATION

The Leaders of Tomorrow Awards is celebrating their 25th annual event this year. Leaders of Tomorrow Awards is a youth volunteer recognition program which enables community organizations to publicly recognize the contributions of their youth volunteers. The purpose of this program is to encourage the nominees to continue their involvement in volunteerism and leadership activities, as well as acknowledge that all voluntary contributions are valuable to the community.



All individuals and organizations are encouraged to nominate a young volunteer between the ages of 8 – 21 in recognition of their volunteer service in our communities. These young volunteers are the ones who are the first to show up, are always there to help out, are an example to their peers or help others around them shine! Nominees are recognized in four age categories: 8-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18-21.

Nomination forms are available to pick up at the City of Wetaskiwin FCSS in City Hall, Town of Millet, County of Wetaskiwin or Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Administration Offices by clicking this link:

[Leaders of Tomorrow Nomination Form](#)

CANADA LEARNING BOND INFORMATION NIGHT

The Canada Learning Bond is a program where families who qualify can access \$500 up to \$2000 for post-secondary education. This Government of Canada program is accessed by only 27 percent of the eligible families in the Wetaskiwin area, and the Boys and Girls Club of Wetaskiwin would like to change this with your help.

We will be hosting a parent information night to help families learn more about the Canada Learning Bond and Registered Education Saving Plans on **Monday, February 10 at 6:00 pm**. Pizza will be provided at 5:15 pm and child care will be provided. Please note you must RSVP to attend this event; see the poster below for RSVP contact information.

A colorful poster for the Great Futures Savings Program. At the top, the title 'Great Futures Savings Program' is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, there are several illustrations: a red-bordered box on the left containing the text 'Parent Info Night'; a piggy bank in the center; a target with an arrow hitting the bullseye on the right; and various coins and gears scattered around. On the right side, the date and time are listed: 'Monday, February 10', 'Supper at 5:15pm and Presentation at 6:00pm', and a bulleted list: '• No Cost to attend' and '• Childcare provided'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for the Boys & Girls Club of Wetaskiwin and the text 'MySmartFUTURE'. At the very bottom, contact information is provided: 'To RSVP or for more info contact Justin at 780-352-4643 ext 38 or email justin@wetaskiwinyouth.ca' and 'Can't attend the session...start the application by visiting: www.MySmartFuture.org/bgcc'.

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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. The first day of Directed Learning for Semester 2 begins on February 18th.

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 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

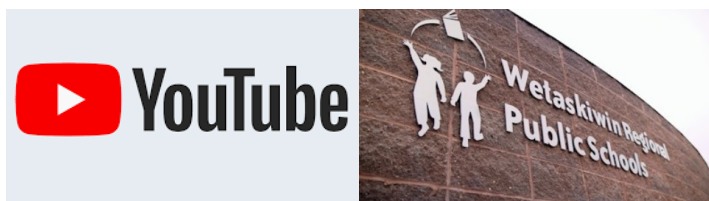
The SMS Opt In Re-launch is now complete. If you wish to opt in and have not yet done so, you can text **Y** to the number 978338

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 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](#)

[@WCSabres](#)



[@wcschool](#)



[Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Website](#)

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

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.

