

WCHS NEWSLETTER

Wetaskiwin Composite High School

October 2021



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Karen Elgert

Welcome to October! Hard to believe that September has come and gone. Start up this year has gone very well. Our new grade 9 students have settled in quickly and have adjusted well to their new surroundings. A reminder to families that we have grade 9 Essentials class and Seminar classes for our grade 10-12 students. Students are expected to attend these morning classes in period 1. Attendance is taken and is being monitored. Please remind your student of the importance of being on time.

Our first Parent Council meeting was held on September 28th, online and it was wonderful to have so many families participate.

WCHS and Wetaskiwin Outreach are served by one administrative team going forward, with students having access to courses at both sites. We are very excited that this is going to allow all WRPS High School students and families to be successful on their academic journey. We wish all students a wonderful 2021-2022 school year.

2021/2022 SCHOOL FEES

Fees can be paid starting September 15th through the Parent PowerSchool Account under School Fees & Forms. Payment methods accepted online are Visa/MasterCard or Visa Debit/MasterCard Debit.

Alternatively, you can pay at the WCHS Office by credit, debit, cash or cheque.

SEMESTER & QUARTER DATES

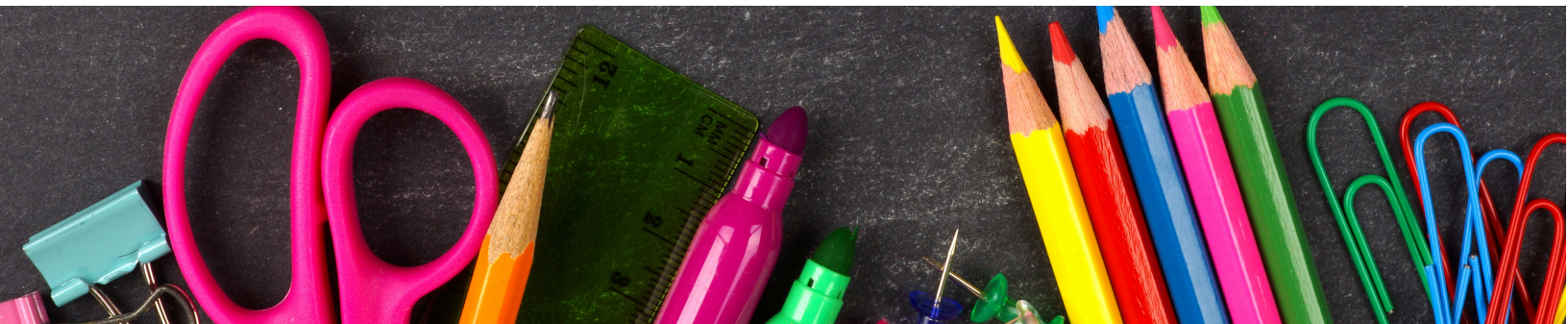
Semester and quarter dates for the upcoming 2021-22 school year are as follows:

Quarter 1/Semester 1 - September 1st

Quarter 2 - Monday - November 8th

Quarter 3/Semester 2 - February 1st

Quarter 4 - Tuesday - April 19th



COVID 19 UPDATE: MASKING MANDATE

Please make sure your child/children bring their own mask(s) to school as **MASK SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED.**

Effective Friday, September 10, 2021 and until further notice, masking is mandated for all visitors, staff and students in grades 4-12 in indoor school common areas. Please see WRPS “Return to Near Normal” School Year [Plan](#) for more information.



NEW TIMETABLE & BELL SCHEDULE

Students will notice some new changes with our 2021-22 timetable and bell schedule. Unlike last year, we will no longer have two courses for each quarter period of time. This year, we will get back to the traditional four (4) classes per school day with an additional 26 minute seminar period.

In previous years, we provided directed learning classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Starting this year, these will be replaced with Period 1 seminars. Period 1 seminars will run 26 minutes each morning and will be tied to core subjects only (e.g. Math, Social, English, etc.). During this time, teachers will take attendance as usual, and offer students extra learning opportunities and learning support for the core course that they are enrolled in. Since each core class requires a seminar, a 4-day cycle will be used. Regular classes will run during periods 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Wetaskiwin Composite High School 2021-22 Bell Schedule (Revised)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Warning Bell 8:42			
Period 1-2 8:45-9:11 (26 min)	Period 1-3 8:45-9:11 (26 min)	Period 1-4 8:45-9:11 (26 min)	Period 1-5 8:45-9:11 (26 min)
Break 9:11-9:16 (5 min)			
Period 2 9:16-10:34 (78 min)	Period 2 9:16-10:34 (78 min)	Period 2 9:16-10:34 (78 min)	Period 2 9:16-10:34 (78 min)
Break 10:34-10:39 (5 min)			
Period 3 10:39-11:57 (78 min)	Period 3 10:39-11:57 (78 min)	Period 3 10:39-11:57 (78 min)	Period 3 10:39-11:57 (78 min)
LUNCH 11:57-12:37 (40 min)			
Period 4 12:37-1:55 (78 min)	Period 4 12:37-1:55 (78 min)	Period 4 12:37-1:55 (78 min)	Period 4 12:37-1:55 (78 min)
Break 1:55-2:00 (5 min)			
Period 5 2:00-3:18 (78 min)	Period 5 2:00-3:18 (78 min)	Period 5 2:00-3:18 (78 min)	Period 5 2:00-3:18 (78 min)



STUDENT SERVICES

Welcome back! The Student Services Department is back in full swing. We have 2 new additions to our department this year Mrs. Dalton and Mrs. Gare. Services are best provided through appointments that can easily be made by emailing the personnel in need or we also welcome drop-in providing availability.

Grade 9 and 10	Grade 11 and 12
Vice Principal – Mr. Meyers	Vice Principal – Mr. Willmott
Counsellor Ms. Brandham	Counsellor Mrs. Klein
Success Coach Doris Gare (Math and Science – Gr. 10-12)	
Success Coach Ms. Bodnar	Success Coach Mrs. Dalton
Inclusion Coach – Mrs. Graham	
Indigenous Support Worker – Mrs. Dingman	

Important up and coming information:
October 1, 2021: Post-secondary institutions open up for applications for the 2022-2023 school year. To apply to post-secondary institutions in Alberta, you can create an account and application through Apply Alberta.

In order for students to access their unofficial transcripts, they need to create an account in MyPass. This will also allow them to access their diploma exam marks and send transcripts to post-secondary institutions outside of Alberta.
 Students can do this on their own and a code will be sent in the mail for them to complete setting up their account; or, students can make an appointment with Mrs. Dalton or Mrs. Klein to shorten the process. To streamline this process, students can begin the setup by creating the account prior to arriving.

November 15, 2021: This year, we plan to be able to continue with our ELAA Post-Secondary Night where a number of recruiters will highlight the programs offered at their institution. Students and families can ask questions and receive information from each recruiter. Masks will be mandatory. (This event will be held providing Covid restrictions allow.)

WALK FOR RECONCILIATION

On September 29, both WCHS and Wetaskiwin Outreach students Walked for Reconciliation. The purpose of the walk was to acknowledge the experiences and loss of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit children who were placed in residential and day schools. The walk provided a safe and caring space for our students and staff to connect and learn from each other, share stories, and create new relationships. These relationships allow us to move forward together in peace. Understanding that it will take our continued effort to create change and knowing that we are not alone. We all see a better future when we come together.



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Grade 9 & 10

Vice Principal: Jonathan Meyers (jonathan.meyers@wrps11.ca)

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Success Coach: Jodie Bodnar (jodie.bodnar@wrps11.ca)

Inclusion Coach: Shannon Graham (shannon.graham@wrps11.ca)

Grade 11 & 12

Vice Principal: Shawn Willmott (shawn.willmott@wrps11.ca)

Counsellor: Sue Klein (sue.klein@wrps11.ca)

Success Coach: Jennifer Dalton (jennifer.dalton@wrps11.ca)

Success Coach: Doris Gare (doris.gare@wrps11.ca)

Inclusion Coach: Shannon Graham (shannon.graham@wrps11.ca)

Principal: Karen Elgert (karen.elgert@wrps11.ca)

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