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QUICK LINKS

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SCHOOL MESSAGE

Hello to our Western families,

As we come to the end of September, we want to thank our students for their collective efforts to settle into their activities and their studies, while putting aside their mobile devices. If you haven't already done so, we would ask parents to check PowerSchool every week or so for mark updates, now that assignments have started to be turned in and some tests have been completed. Should there be questions around a particular assessment, please reach out to teachers for more context.

Thought we don't have students in the building on Monday, September 30th due to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we want to remind everybody that the day is meant to recognize the atrocities and generational impact caused by time spent in residential schools. Thanks to those students who participated in Orange Shirt Day at the school today. As Monday comes, we would encourage our families to be mindful and find their own ways, such as wearing orange, to commemorate the ongoing efforts around the reconciliation process.

Thank you,

Darrin Whitbread, Principal | Western Canada High School

STUDENT
SPOTLIGHT

Amelia L. just finished competing with the U18 National Waterpolo Team at the World Championships in China!

Way to go, Amelia!

UPCOMING DATES

- **Meet the Teacher Night**
 - Thursday, Sept. 26th (Tonight) | 6:30
- **Non Instructional Day**
 - Friday, Sept. 27th
- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)**
 - Monday, Sept 30th
- **Thanksgiving Day (No School)**
 - Monday, October 14th
- **Deadline to Register for IB Exams**
 - Thursday, Nov. 7th



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MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Meet the Teacher Night is TONIGHT (Thursday, September 26th)!

Optional Academic Pathways Information Session: 6:00-6:30PM in the Library
Mini Timetable: 6:30-8:00

If you'd like to get a sense of what your student's day looks like, see their teachers and classrooms, and hear brief a overview of course content and learning objectives, please join us for meet the teacher night.

Please note: this is not a time to discuss individual students.

Parents/guardians will follow an abbreviated version of their student's Monday timetable. Please connect with your student to determine which classes they have and their locations; this will allow you to go to the appropriate location for each period at the time indicated in the table to the right. Maps will be available upon entry to the school, and student volunteers will also be present to help direct parents/guardians to the correct class locations.

Guidance counsellors, assistant principals, and the principal will all be available for informal conversations in the cafeteria throughout the evening.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

| Meet the Teacher Mini Timetable Western Canada High School 2024-2025 | |
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| Time | Period |
| 6:30 PM - 6:40 PM | J/K Block (Before/After School Classes) |
| 6:50 PM - 7:00 PM | Period 1 |
| 7:10 PM - 7:20 PM | Period 2 |
| 7:30 PM - 7:40 PM | Period 3 |
| 7:50 PM - 8:00 PM | Period 4 |

Note: PE 10 & 20 will be in the main gym.
PE 30 will be in the aux gym.

| Student Last Name | Assistant Principal | Guidance Counsellor |
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| A-G | Wiebe | Chieng |
| H-O | Harding | Plante |
| P-Z | Scharf | McEachern |



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30-Level Languages Challenge Information (Fall)

This year, only grade 12 students will be allowed to register for the challenge exams unless there are exceptional circumstances. The fall sessions being offered are as follows:

WESTERN CANADA HIGH SCHOOL | Part 1 exams | Saturday, November 2nd

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| • Arabic 35 | • Cantonese 35 | • French 30-3Y | • French 30-9Y |
| • Mandarin 30 | • Punjabi 30 | • Spanish 30 | • Ukrainian 30 |

ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL | Part 1 exams | Saturday, October 26th

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| • Filipino 35 | • Italian 30 |
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These course challenges are administered in partnership with the Calgary Separate School Division.

[Link to the information booklet and registration form for students and families.](#)

Please hand forms in to the main office. Deadline for submission of the registration document for WCHS students is Tuesday, October 10th.

Loran Award

The Loran Award is an exciting opportunity for students considering university studies in fall 2024. The only award of its kind in Canada, the Loran Award is a four-year leadership enrichment program comprised of summer work experiences, mentorship, annual gatherings, an annual living stipend, a tuition waiver at one of 25 university partners, and a community of people working to build a better world.

It is much more than simply a financial scholarship for post-secondary studies. It is an opportunity to build critical skills and capacity for leadership, to expand horizons by taking on new challenges and exploring diverse experiences, and to join a community of purpose-driven peers who are committed to leaving the world better than they found it.

Deadline for all applications is October 8th, 2024



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The University of Toronto National Book Award Program

The University of Toronto National Book Award Program recognizes and rewards the very best Canadian secondary school students, regardless of which university they choose to attend. Western Canada can nominate one student on the basis of superior academic performance (90% average and above), original and creative thought, demonstration of enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and for having a strong involvement in both their school and broader community. Please tell us in a 300-500 word essay and a resume if you are that student. Students nominated for the National Book Award should consider applying for the National Scholarship Program, a tremendous scholarship that covers tuition, residence, books and all incidentals for four years.

Due date for the National Book Award Program: October 8th, 2024

Submission: Send your essay to Ms. Plante- maplante@cbe.ab.ca

The National Scholarship at the University of Toronto

The National Scholarship at the University of Toronto has opened for applicants. National Scholars receive four years of free tuition, residence, books and incidentals. To be eligible, students must intend to study at U of T, be original and creative thinkers, committed to their school and community, high achiever, intellectual and enthusiastic. For more detailed information, please view the award description at: <https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/about/>

National Scholarship Deadline: October 14th, 2024



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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Golf Team

Western Canada golfers competed at the Provincial Championships September 23 & 24 in Grande Prairie. Our girls team secured the Provincial Champions title, bringing home the banner to Western. Our boys team played great rounds and fought hard for first place, securing 2nd in the end. Our players look forward to playing again in the Spring. Congratulations Red Hawk golfers!

Choir Parent Meeting.

A reminder to all parents with students in the choral program that there is a mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday, October 2 at 7:30pm in the Theatre at WCHS. I'm looking forward to seeing you there! - Ms. Reinhardt

OTHER REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yearbooks

2025 Yearbooks are available for purchase for a discounted price of \$47. This price won't last long though, so order yours today!

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1114704/Western-Canada-High-School/>

Also, 2024 Yearbooks are available for pickup. If your child graduated from Western in June 2024 and you would like to pick up their yearbook, please contact Mr. Ellis (rmellis@cbe.ab.ca) to make arrangements.

The WCHS Alumni Association

The WCHS Alumni Association is hoping to compile a contact list of former WCHS students. If you are comfortable sharing your name, email address, and graduation year from Western, please contact Al at AlumniAssociationWCHS@gmail.com. You are also encouraged to pass this message along to others you may know. This group meets occasionally throughout the year, and gives back to the school by providing bursaries to current graduating students. The next meeting at the school will be on Wednesday, February 26th at 5 pm - all are welcome.