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QUICK LINKS

- Our Staff
- Calendar
- Bell Schedule
- MyCBE/PowerSchool
- Brightspace by D2L
- WCHS Truth & Reconciliation Commitment
- School Council
- Parent Society
- Calgary High School Sports
- myPass



WESTERN CANADA
HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

OCT. 3

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SCHOOL MESSAGE

Hello to our Western families,

As we now settle into October, we want to thank our students, parents, and staff for all contributing to a rather smooth start to the school year. As a school with more than 2200 students, the magnitude of getting everybody what they need - classes, lockers, parking, PowerSchool access, etc. - can be somewhat daunting at times. We do appreciate how almost everybody has approached the various logistical challenges with a positive, solution-oriented focus. While most of this is standard procedure for a big/busy school such as ours, none of it happens without collective effort and we want to continue saying "thank you" for that. Connected to this is the recognition that our students have been exceptionally cooperative with the fledgling mobile device policy, and we are seeing an increase in positive engagement in our classrooms and hallways as a result.

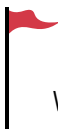
This coming week we will be having our first lockdown drill. We understand that this type of event (even as 'just' a drill) can cause some anxiety for students and their families. If you feel your child needs some forewarning on this, then please feel free to discuss in advance with them over the weekend to alleviate some of those concerns. While these types of drills are necessary in all of our schools, and students have gone through them for years by the time they get to high school, we never want to assume that they're entirely comfortable with them. Please reach out to your child's guidance counselor or assistant principal if there is anything in particular we should be aware of.

Thank you,
Darrin Whitbread, Principal | Western Canada High School



STUDENT
SPOTLIGHT

Edie N. won the ASAA Athlete of the Month female title for September 2024, due to her exceptional achievements in golf.



Way to go, Edie!

UPCOMING DATES

- **Thanksgiving Day (No School)**
 - Monday, October 14th
- **Photo Retake Day**
 - Tuesday, October 15th
- **Non-Instruction Day**
 - Friday, October 25th
- **Deadline to Register for IB Exams**
 - Thursday, Nov. 7th
- **Non-Instruction Day**
 - Friday, November 8th



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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.

Employment Safety Courses

Looking for additional high school credits? Here is a great opportunity!

Western offers up to FOUR employment safety courses to all current students. Each course is worth one 30-level credit and can be done online. The fourth credit earns you a credential through the Alberta Construction Safety Association. All these courses count towards the 100 credits needed for your diploma.

To self-enroll in these courses, see the instructions on the Unique Pathways & Dual Credit Bulletin board at the front of the school OR speak with Mr. Smith in the Tech Centre (Room 083) during tutorial or Periods 3 & 4.



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IB Exam Registration

IB Exams for May 2025 – the Nov. 7th registration deadline is quickly approaching for Grade 11's and 12's finishing a sequence of IB classes this year. Please have your student follow the link to sign-up for the exams (or for Art IB) if they are in a 30, 31, or 35 level IB class during this school year and are expected to take an IB exam in May.

<https://forms.gle/hMRnYLDxUNCLG66F9>

Upcoming Post Secondary Presentations

Acadia University October 8th | Foyer 11:30am – 12:50pm

Western University October 8th | Viewing Room in the Library 3:20 pm

Gustavson School of Business (UVic) October 10th | Foyer 11:50am – 12:30 pm

Spanish DELE Exam Opportunity for International Certificate Credentialing

Students can sign up to complete the DELE exam for Spanish through the U of C. Full details can be found [here](#).

French DELF B2 Exam

Grade 12 French Immersion students are able to sign up for the DELF B2 exam happening on November 18th at WCHS. Deadline to sign up is October 8th.

<https://forms.gle/aCfAUA1ZBJYs8zW88>

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Swim and Dive

Swim and dive practices start next week on Monday. Make sure to get your forms in before then and see one of the coaches to pick up your entrance pass for the centre.

OTHER REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cell Phone Policy Reminder

A quick reminder to students and families that hallways in the school are considered instructional spaces during class time. Students are not to have their phones out in the hallway during class time, even if they are on a spare themselves. Students on spare are to be in the cafeteria or the library if they are remaining inside the school. Thank you!



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Canadian Premier League Soccer - A Special Offer from Calgary FC to Western!

For the Calgary FC's final home game, they are making a special promotion to all students in the CBE. See below for details on how to take advantage of this amazing offer AND see some great Canadian Premier League soccer!

A little known fact, two former Western alumni (Bradley Kamdem Fewo and Charles Trafford) are current players on the Calgary FC roster!

- Player Meet & Greet after the match
- Giveaways
- Kids Festival Zone
- 1 Free hot dog per CBE student
- \$3 from each ticket sold goes back to your school
- Top three selling CBE schools will receive a player visit, scarf, and jersey.

Western Canada - Cavalry Offer link:

<https://westerncanada.cbe.ab.ca/news/cavalry-football-club-student-game-school-fundraiser-day-20240911175548>

Mathematics Competitions

Mathematics competitions are a good addition to a student's portfolio, and a great opportunity to compete with some of the most mathematically inclined students in Canada. The following contests are approaching and hosted here at Western.

- Canadian Senior and Intermediate Mathematics Contest is held November 14. The deadline to register is Oct 16.
 - CS/IMC Registration: <https://forms.gle/WvLXJ37qPVJaoBmS6>
- The Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge is held October 30, and the deadline to register is October 23.
 - COMC Registration: <https://forms.gle/hAwFnWEUtwRX9En58>
- The American Mathematics Competition is November 6, and our deadline to register is October 22.
 - AMC Registration: <https://forms.gle/XmGugNE2rWPBSuac6>

Contact Mr. Hunchak at aphunchak@cbe.ab.ca with any questions about mathematics contests.