

**Important Dates**

Family Day No Classes	Feb 19
PD Day No Classes	March 22
In Lieu of PTI's No Classes	Mar 23
Spring Break No Classes	March 26- April 3

Principal's Message

Semester Two Begins at Wetaskiwin Composite High School

Directed Learning

Three years ago WCHS entered the Alberta Education High School Redesign Initiative. The purpose of this work was to be responsive to our students learning needs while focusing on high school completion. At WCHS, one of our first key strategies was to incorporate a flex block into our instructional day. This block was designed to give students choice on how they would use this instructional time to further their studies. The first year flex block was on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the morning. Last year flex block was moved to the afternoon where it stayed until the end of the semester this school year.

In October and November, parents and students were asked to fill out a survey about many aspects of our school. Several of the questions were designed to provide us information about your perceptions of our flex block. When we examined the results with our staff members it was easy to see that students, parents, and teachers valued flex block in our school but there was a desire and need to better utilize this time.

As a result of looking at the survey data and consulting with our staff, we are making several changes to flex block. We are starting with a name change. Directed Learning is the term we will be using for the instructional time in our students' schedules on Tuesday and Thursday. Directed Learning is focused on providing students additional time and support for learning to students who are not currently achieving academic success in their core classes. This will be our primary focus. Directed Learning will take place after Block 1 and can be easily described as being:

1. Student Directed: Students who are succeeding academically will have a choice.
OR
2. Teacher Directed: Students who are *At Risk of not being successful in a core class will be locked in and provided extra help.*

We will still be using our Maplewood Logins and students who are not being Teacher Directed will have to choose their Directed Learning Session using their online account. Over the next few weeks we will be visiting classrooms to explain this change to our students. Students will be provided a summary of these changes and given a chance to ask questions. Our first scheduled day of Directed Learning is February 26th. If you have any questions please contact the office.

**Japan Trip Feb 5-13, 2018**

Please be on the lookout for all upcoming information about Grad! These will be posted on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, School TV's, Announcements and on our website at www.wetaskiwincomp.ca

PHOTO RETAKES: February 28th—March 1st, 2018. Make sure to bring your \$25 sitting fee or your proofs from your first sitting. Online booking at www.smartphotography.ca/book

GRAD GOWN ORDER FORMS: these will be distributed mid-February. This will tell us the length of the gown we will order for you, and ensure that your name is on the Grad List!

BOOKLETS: these will be mailed out in March. They will have all the information pertaining to the Grad Ceremonies on May 25th & the Grad Dinner & Dance on May 26th, 2018.

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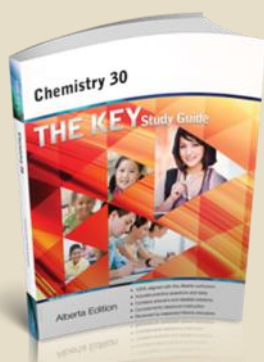


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WCHS BELL SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Warning Bell – 8:45				
Period 1 8:50 am – 10:12 am (82 min)	Period 1 (72 min) 8:50-10:02 am	Period 1 8:50 am – 10:12 am (82 min)	Period 1 (72 min) 8:50-10:02 am	Period 1 8:50 am – 10:12 am (82 min)
10:12 am – 10:19 am	Break (5 min)	10:12 am – 10:19 am	10:02-10:07 am	10:12 am – 10:19 am
Period 2 10:19 am – 11:40 am (81 min)	Direct Learning (10:07-10:44) Break (10:44-10:49 am)	Period 2 10:19 am – 11:40 am (81 min)	Direct Learning (10:07-10:44) Break (10:44-10:49 am)	Period 2 10:19 am – 11:40 am (81 min)
Lunch (43 min) 11:40 am – 12:23 pm (43 min)	Period 2 (72 min) 10:49-12:01 pm	Lunch (43 min) 11:40 am – 12:23 pm (43 min)	Period 2 (72 min) 10:49-12:01 pm	Lunch (43 min) 11:40 am – 12:23 pm (43 min)
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Period 3 12:28 pm – 1:49 pm (81 min)	Warning Bell 12:44	Period 3 12:28 pm – 1:49 pm (81 min)	Warning Bell 12:44	Period 3 12:28 pm – 1:49 pm (81 min)
1:49 pm – 1:56 pm	Period 3 (72 min) 12:49-2:01 pm	1:49 pm – 1:56 pm	Period 3 (72 min) 12:49-2:01 pm	1:49 pm – 1:56 pm
Period 4 1:56 pm – 3:18 pm (82 min)	Break (2:01-2:06 pm)	Period 4 1:56 pm – 3:18 pm (82 min)	Break (2:01-2:06 pm)	Period 4 1:56 pm – 3:18 pm (82 min)
	Period 4 (72 min) 2:06-3:18 pm		Period 4 (72 min) 2:06-3:18 pm	

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS APRIL 12, 2018



CASTLE ROCK the publishers of the **THE KEY Study Guide** will be at the school **Thursday, February 15th** during **lunch** to sell this valuable study tool.

THE KEY is a study guide that is available for core subjects grades 9-12 and is specifically designed to assist students prepare for quizzes, unit tests and final exams throughout the year. It is curriculum aligned and includes essential teaching pieces, practice questions, sample unit tests and detailed solutions.

Cost: \$20 (Cash, MC or VISA)

Thursday, February 15th in the Atrium

<http://castlerockresearch.com/the-key-study-guides/>

WCHS Jet Setters

Thirteen WCHS students were selected to go on a nine day trip to Japan from February 5—13th, 2018 where they will visit a number of historical and educational sites, experience traditional and cultural activities and participate in lectures and workshops. Please check out kakehashi.jacl.org for more information on this amazing experience for our students.

Please stay tuned for a write up on their trip in the next newsletter.





myPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for Alberta high school students to:

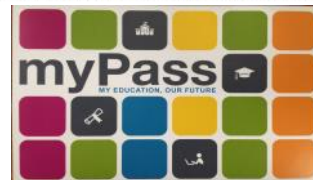
- ✓ View and print diploma exam result statements
- ✓ Order transcripts
- ✓ View progress towards a credential (diploma or certificate)
- ✓ View student personal information
- ✓ View and print detailed academic reports (DAR)
- ✓ Order additional copies of a credential

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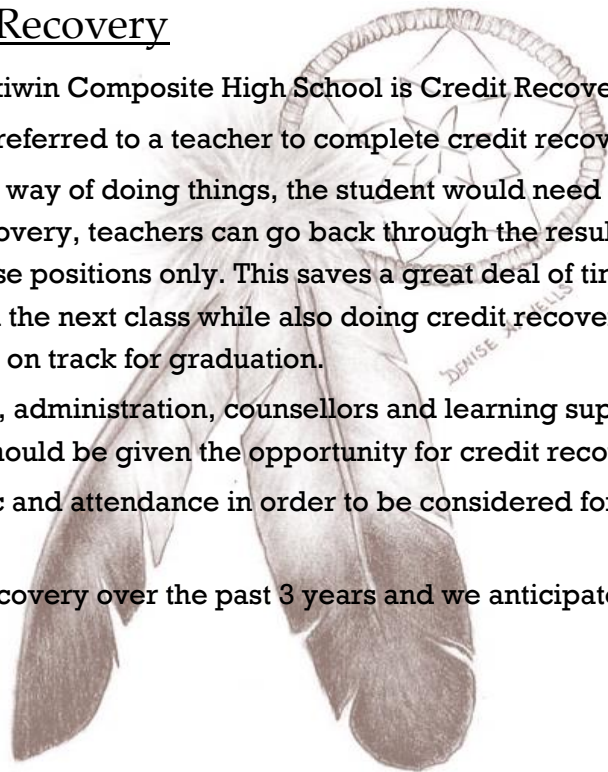


The Wahkotowin Room Offers Credit Recovery

One of the opportunities offered to students at Wetaskiwin Composite High School is Credit Recovery. After consultation with a counsellor, a student can be referred to a teacher to complete credit recovery. Let's say a student just barely fails a course. In the old way of doing things, the student would need to take the entire course again. But now, with credit recovery, teachers can go back through the results to see what the student missed and have them re-do those positions only. This saves a great deal of time and in some cases, students are able to be enrolled in the next class while also doing credit recovery for the course they failed. This allows students to stay on track for graduation.

Credit recovery is something that classroom teachers, administration, counsellors and learning support teachers work together on to determine if a student should be given the opportunity for credit recovery. Students are expected to have shown good work ethic and attendance in order to be considered for credit recovery.

Many students have already benefitted from credit recovery over the past 3 years and we anticipate this being a benefit to students and staff going forward.



Join the Pink Shirt Day Movement!

WCHS wish to inform you that Pink Shirt Day 2018 is

Wednesday, February 28th.

Please take this opportunity to talk to family about bullying.

Please speak to someone you trust