

WCHS

Newsletter



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

September 2023

Important Days

Sabre Support begins
Sept. 20

Sabre Spirit Day
Sept 21

PD Day
No School
Sept. 22

Parent Council AGM
Sept 25

Orange Shirt Day
Sept 28

National Day for TRC
No School
Sept 29

PD Day
No School
October 6

Thanksgiving
No School
October 9

Parent/Teacher
Interviews
Oct 18/19

**Check the calendar
on the website for
games, special
events and other
important days**

Principal's Message

Welcome to a new year at WCHS! We are looking forward to a truly amazing year. Start up went very well, beginning with our welcome back BBQ evening that had us serving 900 hotdog meals. It was so exciting to see all of the new students coming to grade 9, as well as seeing new and returning grade 10-12's. We continued the week with a pancake breakfast on the 30th and welcome activities on the 31st and 1st. Our grade 9 students have settled in quickly and have adjusted well to their new surroundings.

We are starting our Sabre Support on the 20th. There is a change this year, with mandatory attendance for all grade 9 students. Attendance is taken and is being monitored. There is more information about Sabre Support further down in this newsletter and a school message was also sent home.

Our first Parent Council meeting will take place on Monday, September 25th at 7:00 pm. This will be an online meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. Our Parent Council is a key partner with WCHS and we encourage all parents to be involved and be active in the goings on of the school community.

We wish all of our students a wonderful and exciting 2023-2024 school year. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our administrative team and we will be happy to assist. We look forward to partnering with all of you on supporting your students' academic journey through high school.

Cheers
Karen Elgert
Principal Wetaskiwin Composite High School

Parent Council AGM

The parent Council AGM will be held **online at 7 pm on Monday, September 25.** Watch School Messenger for the link to join and the itinerary.

School fees are now on Parent PowerSchool

Log into your Parent portal to pay your student's fees today!



Activities with Mrs Dingman

What an incredible start up with so many new faces! We are happy to kick off the start of the year heading out to Ma-Me-O for a sweat ceremony on September 20 with Elder Ken Saddleback. There are limited spots available but keep an eye out for the next one if you couldn't get in for this one. September 30 is Orange Shirt Day. We will be honouring this day on September 25-28 in a variety of ways. Elder Myrna Yellowbird will be in the atrium at lunch on Monday and Tuesday and we will be beading orange shirt pins, Wednesday we will be serving soup and bannock at the concession and Thursday we will have student dancers and drummers/singers ending our week with an honor song and dance. So let us share the journey of honouring Truth and Reconciliation together in a good way, a gentle way with respect and with permission: in the name of friendship, by honouring those who were stolen from their families and their descendants so this can never happen again. To show our support we encourage all to wear orange and take part in the activities and to read and listen to stories that will be shared.



Silent Cries, Enduring Spirits

In the land where my ancestors fell,
Where time's echo solemnly dwells,
In the shadows of history's embrace,
A tale untold, an unearthly trace.

Once vibrant spirits roamed free,
In sacred lands, by endless trees,
But fate's cruel hand, played its part,
An unwanted legacy, etched to our hearts.

Residential schools, a sinister blight,
Where human innocence was stolen from sight,
Where children were torn from ancestral ties,
Silenced voices, stifled cries.

A broken voice whispers in the wind,
Their sorrow echoes, deep within,
Like a wounded bird, restricted from flight,
Ancestor's spirits soar in the endless nights.

In the halls of griefs domain,
Broken dreams silently remain.
Through searing tears, and sincere pleas,
A spirit resilient, like ancient trees.

Generations carry the weight,
Allowing for a new thread of fate,
Within the pain is a flicker of light,
The strength to heal, to make things right.

In the face of despair, we'll find our way,
Through healing our land, we'll brighten the gray,
As one we'll mend what's been torn,
Embracing resilience, reborn.

-Anonymous
WCHS Student



Sabre Support starts September 20

WCHS BELL SCHEDULE	
Warning Bell 8:42	
Period 1 - Sabre Support 8:45-9:18 (33 min)	
Break 9:18-9:23 (5 min)	
Period 2 9:23-10:40 (77 min)	
Break 10:40-10:45 (5 min)	
Period 3 10:45-12:02 (77 min)	
LUNCH 12:02-12:39 (37 min)	
Period 4 12:39-1:56 (77 min)	
Break 1:56-2:01 (5 min)	
Period 5 2:01-3:18 (77 min)	

Sabre support is ready to start again on Wednesday, September 20! Sabre Support is a daily time (Period 1 - 8:45 - 9:18a.m.) for students to improve their learning and themselves. WCHS expects that our students will strive to be their best. **This year, it is mandatory for all grade 9 Students to attend Sabre support.** Individual schedules can be found in PowerSchool. Both families and students can check PowerSchool to see what session they are in.

For all students in grade 9-12, Sabre support is an opportunity for students to access reteaching or extension of learning. The sessions are helpful to increase student motivation and confidence.

Families in grade 10 - 12, you will need to check PowerSchool regularly to see if your student has been signed up by their teacher. As parents/care givers you may also register your student for a support session. We look forward to partnering together to assist in your students academic journey!

Ashoro Visit

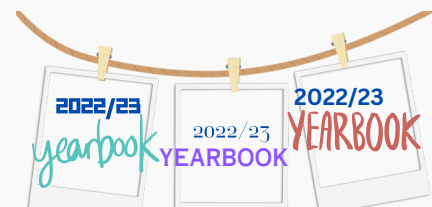
On Monday morning, September 18, WCHS was thrilled to host our guests from Ashoro, Japan. There was a meet and greet in the cafeteria with a small breakfast followed by a tour of the school. The visit ended with a fabulous presentation in the gym for our grade 9 and 10 students. Students from Ashoro gave a short lesson, sang 2 songs for us and ended with a video from home. We gifted our Ashoro guests with t-shirts, pens, and lanyards and they continued with the next part of their itinerary. What a special opportunity for our students to meet and learn from them!



Watch Social Media for Event and Activity Updates!

WCHS Website

Follow us on Facebook - Wetaskiwin Composite High School and instagram @wchigh



The 2022/23 Yearbook is expected to arrive early November.



Parent
Teacher
Conferences
Communication
Homework

Behavior
Teamwork
Grades

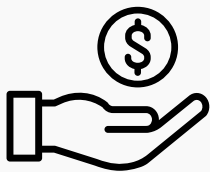
Progress
Goals
Achieve

4:30-8:30 pm

October 18 & 19

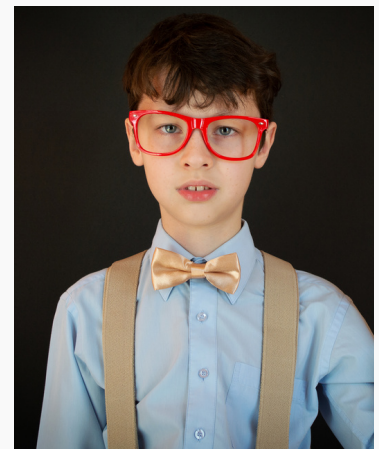
GRAD WEAR

ON SALE UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 28TH
SEE THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS



To avoid a fine, please bring your 2022/23 textbooks back to the office as soon as you can. Fines will be assigned at the end of September.

Photo retakes
Wednesday,
October 18



Love Bomb Presentation



WCHS hosted a presentation in conjunction with FCSS called "Love Bomb". This took place in our gym Wednesday, Sept 13 for WCHS students and staff.

The Love Bomb Project is a unique and innovative Crime Prevention/Awareness tool that breaks all social and cultural barriers to assist in combating Sex Exploitation and Human Trafficking.





SEPTEMBER
2023

WELCOME BACK WEEK

