

Welcome to

# Warman Community Middle School (WCMS)

June, 2013

## Dates to remember:

**Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.**

WCMS Parent Information Night,  
Warman High School (WHS) gym

**Thursday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.**

Next WCMS SCC meeting  
PSSD Conference Centre, WHS

**Tuesday, September 3**

First day of school at WCMS!

**Wednesday, September 4**

First student assembly

**Thursday, September 5, 5 p.m.**

WCMS Welcome and Open House BBQ

## Contact Us:

**Temporary office phone number,  
until June 28:**

306-683-2882

**New permanent school phone  
number, effective August 26:**

306-683-3000

**Contact us via email to our  
School Administrative Assistant:**

[patty.kirby@spiritsd.ca](mailto:patty.kirby@spiritsd.ca)

**WCMS website:**

[blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms](http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms)

## Message from the WCMS Administrative Team

The opening of Warman Community Middle School (WCMS) to students in Grades 4 to 7 this fall is accompanied by a great deal of excitement. Our opening is the culmination of several years of deliberate planning and careful work to create a beautiful and modern facility for learning. This work has also included collaboration with our facility partners at the City of Warman.

This guide has been developed to communicate the progress of our school building project prior to the summer break and support everyone in a smooth transition on our first day of school.

The school building project is in full gear with dozens of workers at the site every day. The core areas of the building will be ready for students this fall. There will be some areas that will be completed later in the fall, including the Industrial Arts room and the theatre. We will ensure the school is a safe place for everyone while the project is completed.

While this year has been full of planning for the many details of opening a new school facility, it is important to highlight the planning and conversations that have been started around "What might learning look like at WCMS?" This past year we have engaged staff in discussions about the characteristics of effective middle years schools and how learning best takes place. Our planning decisions have been purposeful and reflective of effective practice. We know this is ongoing work, and hope to engage our community in further conversations and learning as we settle into WCMS.

The end result will be a facility for the community of Warman that will be second to none. We will remain flexible in monitoring and adjusting our plans as needed as we all get settled into our new school.

We hope we can count on your support and engagement in making WCMS the best it can be!

## WCMS

### Parent Information Night

**Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Warman High School gym**



# The details

## Registration

We know there are often some changes over the summer break. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending WCMS in the fall. Be a good neighbor and advise anyone new to your community to contact the school over the summer to let us know of any new students for the fall. Our contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.

## School supplies

Your child will receive a list of the school supplies they will need for next year in their June, 2013, progress report. In addition, student supply lists will be posted on the WCMS website ([blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms](http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms)) under the Resources tab.

**Warman Elementary School and Warman High School students are automatically registered for the 2013/14 school year at Warman Community Middle School.**

## Student transportation

Students with a walking distance of more than one kilometre to the school are eligible for urban busing in the City of Warman. The walking distance is calculated using Prairie Spirit's electronic bus mapping program.

It is important to note that **all WCMS students** wishing to access urban busing will need to reapply for that service, even if they are currently receiving urban busing.

Route maps and application forms for Warman are posted on the Prairie Spirit website (<http://www.spiritsd.ca/parents/Transportation.htm>). Bus passes will be prepared over the summer and distributed to students by their homeroom teacher on the first day of school. Students will not be required to have a bus pass for the first day of school.

Please contact the Prairie Spirit Bus Garage at (306) 374-2496 for more information.

## Lunch break

Students who stay at school for lunch will eat their lunch in their classrooms. We have developed a plan in collaboration with the City of Warman to provide student access to the food services in the upper commons of the Legends Centre, with the following conditions:

- Students provide a permission note from their parent to their classroom teacher.
- Students are purchasing goods from the vendors in the Legends Centre.
- Students consume the food they buy at the Legends Centre in that food court area.
- Students and parents/guardians understand that students are off campus when they are in the upper commons of the Legends Centre at lunch break; there is no school supervision of students off campus, and the City of Warman may ask any patron to leave their facility for unexpected behavior.

## Recess

We are planning on the installation of a playground facility for the school this summer in a partnership project with the City of Warman.

## WCMS School Community Council (SCC)

The next WCMS SCC meeting is Thursday, June 20 in the PSSD Conference Centre at Warman High School from 6:30 - 8 p.m. All interested parents and community members are welcome to attend.

WCMS SCC members are: Tracie Risling (Chair), Kim Derenoski (Vice-Chair), Rana Czuy, Candace Glenney, Lana Gross, Jasmine Reddekopp, Debbie Remeshylo, Michelle Sawatsky, and Rhonda Windrum.

# What to expect the first days of school

## Day One Tuesday, September 3

We hope that students and parents can contain their excitement and wait until 8:30 a.m. to arrive at school on Tuesday, September 3! The school map on the next page illustrates the doors that pedestrian students should use to enter their classroom wing. The map also shows the route that bus students should take from the bus drop off on the east side of the Legends Centre, through the upper commons and into the school. Parents are asked to park in undesignated spots in the Legends parking lot (see parking lot map included in this newsletter).

Maps and class lists will be posted in each neighbourhood of the school and in the front entry area. We will have staff and members of our School Community Council on hand to assist anyone who needs a hand.

### WCMS Daily Schedule

9:00	Bell
9:05	School day begins
12:33	Lunch break
1:23	Bell
1:28	School resumes
3:24	Dismissal

We know that parents and community members are excited to see the new school too, and you are more than welcome to drop your child(ren) off in the morning. We hope that you can wait for a thorough tour of the building as part of the WCMS Welcome and Open House BBQ planned for Thursday, September 5. By this time, your child will be able to act as your tour guide through the facility and show you around their new home away from home.

The first day will be filled with the typical classroom settling in and establishing of routines. Classroom teachers will also spend time the first day orientating/touring students through the facility and reviewing expectation and procedures. Classroom teachers will review our Emergency Response and Preparedness Plans with students, in preparation for the first evacuation, lockdown and hold and secure drills that we will run on Day 2. And how would the first day EVER be complete without some group photos on the main staircase marking the occasion?

## Day Two Wednesday, September 4

We will be having a brief assembly with the student body to welcome everyone back, introduce the staff, and share information. Day 2 will also include practice drills of our Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan.

## Day Three Thursday, September 5

We hope to be settling into more of a learning routine by Day 3 and will be reviewing and practicing our Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan procedures once again. We hope to see you at supertime (5 - 6:30 p.m.) for the WCMS Welcome and Open House BBQ. By Day 3, your child(ren) will be able to show you around their new school and you can greet staff in their classrooms/work areas.

The City of Warman will be holding its fall program registration night at the Legends Centre during this evening as well.

# WCMS Staff 2013/14

## Administration

Greg Tebay      Principal  
Amy Orth        Vice-Principal  
Lisa Mason      Vice-Principal  
Patty Kirby     Administrative Assistant

## Grade 4

Michelle Russell (*Jody Baker, on maternity leave*)  
Rhonda Werle  
Alana Raison  
Dave Read  
Colleen Rowley

## Grade 5

Shane Bachmeier  
Amanda Baudais  
Shawn Flett  
Nicole McKay  
Bonnie Williams

## Grade 6

Erin Boyle  
Paris Burgess  
Corey Fast  
Karen Georgacacos  
Evan Folden (*Erin Hoffman, on maternity leave*)

## Grade 7

Craig Folden  
Joelene Linner  
Mike Pavloff  
Michelle Schaff  
Deanna Koroluk

## Special Education Resource Teachers

Linda Balon-Smith  
Atina Ford Johnston

## Teacher/Librarian

Hali Hamel



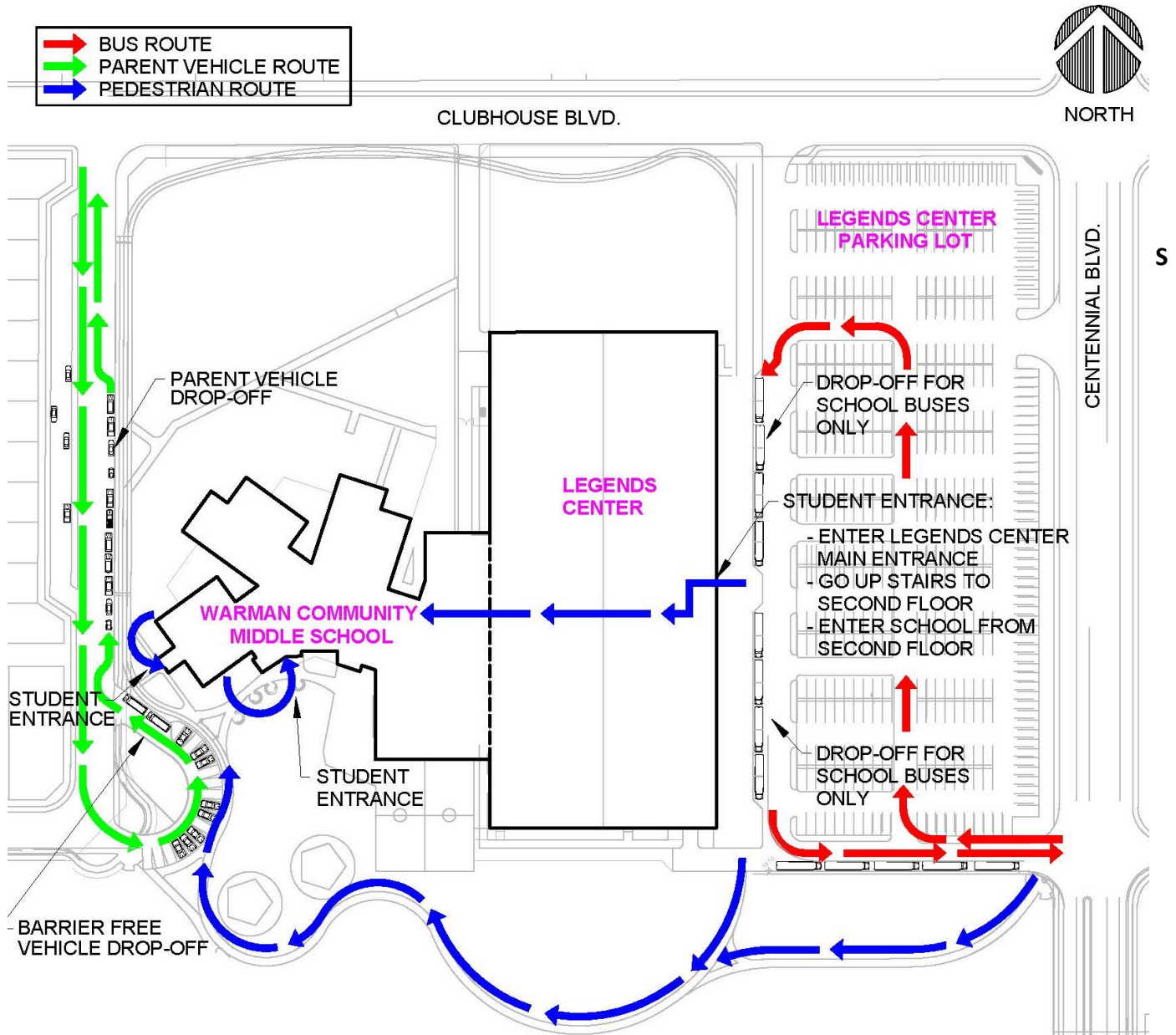
**WCMS Administrative team:**

L to R: Amy Orth, Vice-Principal, Greg Tebay, Principal  
and Lisa Mason, Vice-Principal

## Educational Associates

Pam Carpenter  
Lori Davis  
Maureen Forsberg  
Cheryl Fortier  
Darlene Heide  
Donna Parsons  
Linda Schnurr  
Lori Vellacott

# WCMS student drop off map



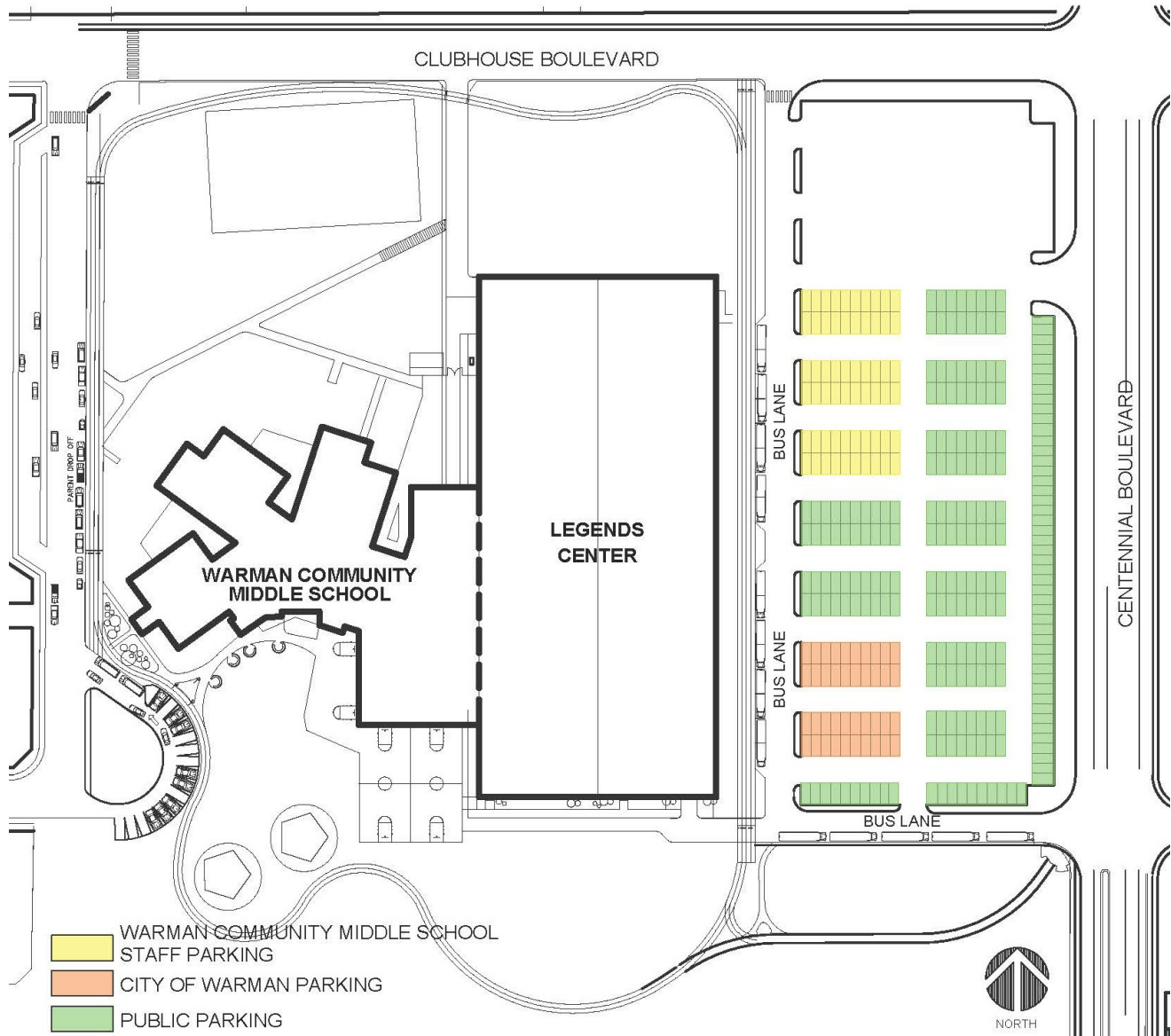
## Student drop off at WCMS

Parents/guardians should drop students off on the west side of the school via Gowan Road. There should be no stopping or idling on the turnabout southwest of the school. Please see the school map (above) for details.

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# WCMS parking map



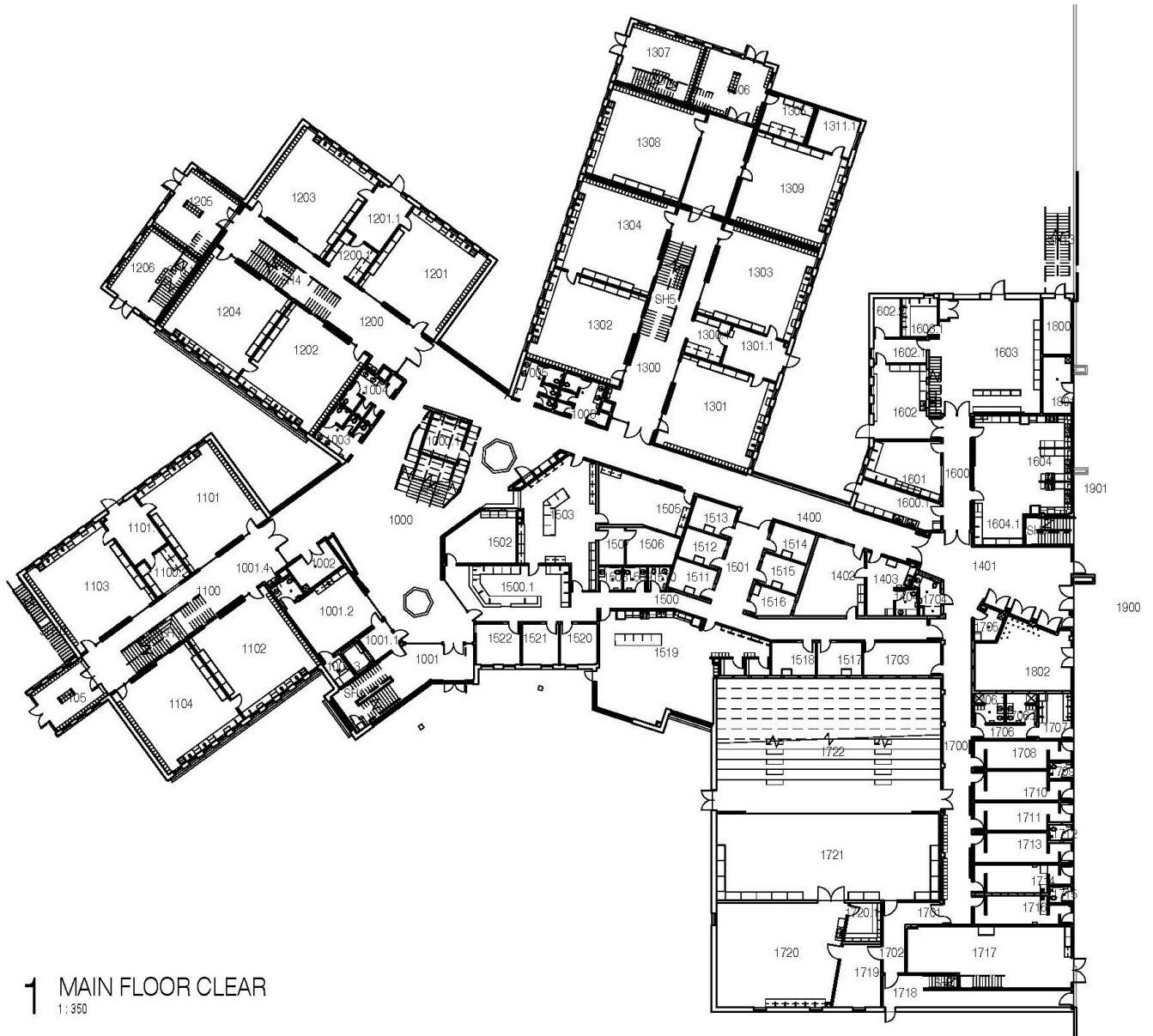
## WCMS team name and logo



Our identity/logo committee shared the final logo with students at our assembly on Monday, June 17. Thank you to everyone for their input and the dedicated work of the committee.

We are proud to be the home of the WCMS Storm!

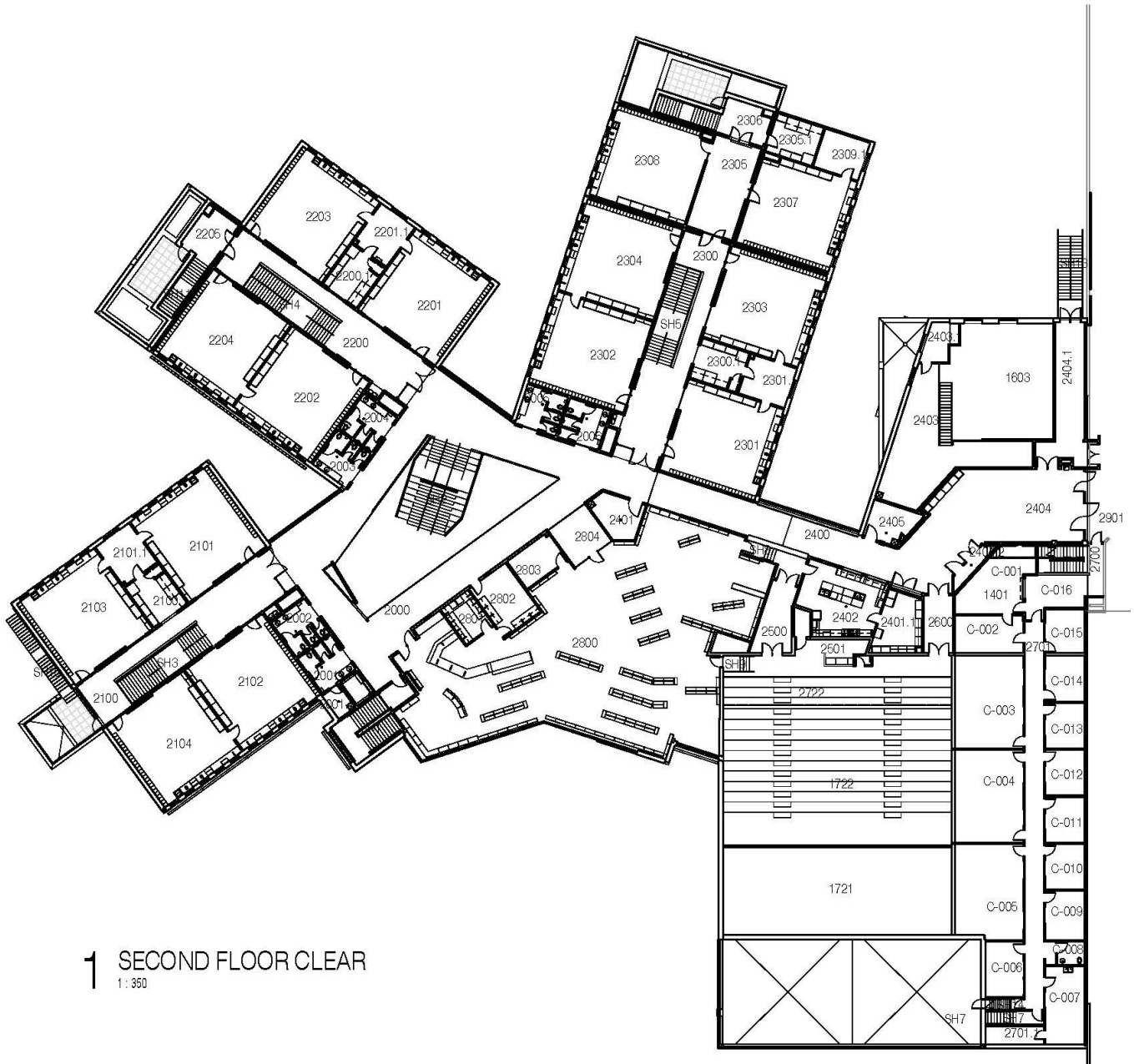
# WCMS floor plan



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**PRAIRIE SPIRIT**  
**SCHOOL DIVISION**  
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