



STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

December 2017

Season's Greetings! We hope this final newsletter of 2017 finds you well and making joyful preparations for the up-coming holiday season. We look forward to our Christmas Band Concert on December 6th. All are invited to attend!

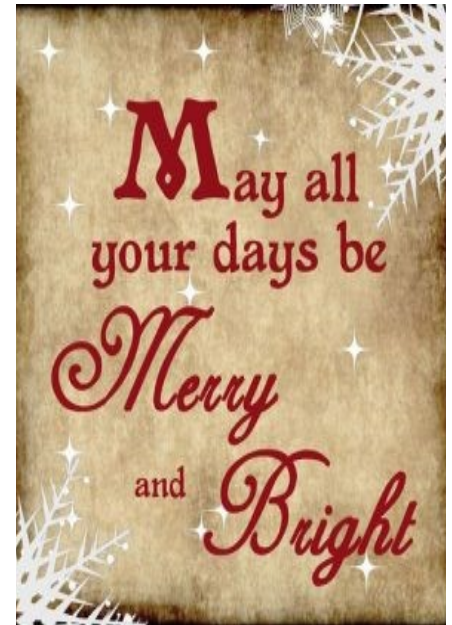
The Christmas break is often a time of transition for schools and we would like to take an opportunity to say thank you, farewell, and best wishes to a number of staff at WCMS who will be moving onto other things in 2017. Those individuals include our intern teachers, Ms. Knaus and Ms. Peters. Good luck to you as you return to the university and your final semester of classes.

It was good to see so many parents and guardians at our student involved conferences in early November. We had an overall attendance rate of about 92%, which we feel reflects very positively on the engagement level of our parents and guardians. A big thank you to students and teachers in their preparations to have students involved in leading those conferences.

There continue to be many things going on around our school. A big bouquet of recognition to the staff (Mr. Cumming, Ms. Wist, and Mrs. Hamel) and students who lead work to organize WCMS' Remembrance Day program on November 8th. A special note of recognition to our quartet of trumpet players who did an outstanding job of Last Post and Reveille. A number of 'winter' extracurricular programs are starting up including basketball, and curling. We look forward to sharing information on indoor track and cross-country skiing (weather/snow permitting) clubs in January – so watch the daily announcements. These programs are not possible without adult volunteers from staff and community, and we can never say thank you enough.

On behalf of the staff at WCMS, we wish you and your family a safe and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday, January 8th, 2018.

WCMS Admin Team



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STORM BASKETBALL

Storm Basketball season has begun with four Grade 7 & 8 teams from WCMS. We are pleased to have both boys and girls teams entered in the CVAC Jr B League along with two more Home teams that are developing for exhibition games later in the season. We have had a lot of excitement and interest from players and parents as over 80 athletes began

tryout and practices for each team over the past weeks and are looking forward to



an exciting season. We will finalize team rosters this week.

Thank you to our coaches, Brandi Kelsie CVAC girls coach, Guy Farquharson CVAC boys coach, Curtis Prescesky Home team boys coach and Madisen Harvey Home team girls coach.

Practice Schedule:

CVAC Girls - Wed and Thurs 3:00-4:30 PM

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Home Girls - Tues 3:00-4:30 PM and Thurs 7:45-8:30 AM

Home Boys - Mon and Wed 7:45-8:30 AM

We will play our first league game in Vanscoy on Dec 7, our first home games Dec 13 when the girls host Osler and boys host Colonsay, our third game is in Clavet on Dec 21. Our season will resume in the new year with playoffs in the first weeks of February. January home games are January 11 and 17 when we host Hanley and Chief Mistawasis.

We encourage WCMS parents and students to support our teams. Go STORM!

SRC NEWS

Happy December WCMS!

In November we had a Bubble Gum Sale and we raised over \$700 for our local charities. We also set up and started to decorate our school Christmas tree. We will be adding donations of non-perishable food items which will be delivered to the Saskatoon food Bank and Learning Centre. Starting December 1st, classes will be collecting food donations and

those donations will be taken down to the tree!

Coming up in December we will have a Candy Cane Sale each day at lunch from December 18-22, while supplies last. Candy canes will be \$1.00 and proceeds will support those in need over the holiday season!

Ugly Sweater Day-wear your ugliest Christmas or themed sweater

and show it off on Thursday, December 21st. Let's see your winter spirit, folks!

Happy Holidays and see you next year! (2018)



WRESTLING (COMMUNITY) COACH WANTED



Our school is seeking a community coach to work with our school's extracurricular wrestling program. This an introductory level program. Season runs January to

March with lots of flexibility to match the coach's availability. For more information, contact Greg Tebay, WCMS Principal.

MULTICULTURAL CLUB

Multicultural Club: We meet every Monday at noon to share information regarding their cultural roots or heritage such as food, costumes, language, traditions,

music, and famous people. On January 22nd, the students will be hosting a Culture Fair. Please feel free to drop by at 12:30-1:00pm to check out the exhibits. Classes

will be 'touring through the countries' from 1-2:00pm. See you then!

BAND CONCERT

You are invited to our band concert on Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00pm in the WCMS theatre.

Band students: please arrive at 6:15 to get ready to perform.

If you have any questions, please

don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Wist.



THANK YOU LOCAL BUSINESSES

Over the month of November we 'paid up' with students for meeting the fundraising goals with our extracurricular/gift card fundraiser this fall. We do want



to take one more opportunity to thank and recognize the following local businesses for their support of our school and community:

Saskatoon Co-op
Pizza Hut
Warman Subway
Elite DJ Services

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The final day of classes for students is Friday, December 22, 2017

Students will return to classes on Monday, January 8, 2017

Follow the Blog

Click on the "follow" tab at the bottom of our blog (<http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms/>) if you would like to receive an email each time a post is added.

Family Health Information

[Eat Better Eat Together](#)

[Fifth Disease](#)

[Common Cold](#)

[Do More Watch Less](#)

Find more family health info at:
www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca
(Search: school newsletter inserts)

HEALTHY STUDENTS = BETTER LEARNERS



Population and Public Health

Contact Us

Give us a call or email any time with questions, concerns or suggestions.

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RECESS EXPECTATIONS

We expect our students to go outside at recess break in the morning and at noon time unless they are involved in other school sponsored activities. We believe that students benefit from and enjoy active time outdoors, and also hold student safety as a top priority.

Students are expected to go outside at recess unless the tempera-

ture is -25 degrees Celsius or colder or the weather is deemed too inclement by the school administration. We use Environment Canada's Warman forecast to obtain our information.

Should a student's medical condition require him/her to temporarily stay indoors, we ask that the parent notify the homeroom

teacher. We believe middle-schoolers are old enough to dress themselves appropriately. We expect them to come to school with proper outdoor attire, regardless of the season.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS PLAN REMINDERS

Should an emergency or disaster situation ever arise in our area while school is in session we want you to be aware that schools have made preparations to respond effectively to such situations. WCMS has established and routinely practices response procedures for the following emergency situations:

- A. Evacuation of the building
- B. Lockdown (a threat/hazard within the school building)
- C. Hold & Secure (a threat/hazard outside of the school building)

Our plans are consistent with Prairie Spirit School Division policy and protocols and have been developed in consultation with the City of Warman and RCMP. Your cooperation is necessary in any emergency, and you can as-

sist us by observing the following guidelines:

1. Please do not attend to the school until you receive information or direction to do so. Keeping the roadways and areas surrounding the school clear and unobstructed are important to allow emergency services personnel in responding to the situation.
2. Please refrain from calling your students on cell phones. As per RCMP/emergency services direction, cellular and electronic devices are to be turned off and given to the teacher in emergency response situations.
3. We advise you to check the school division website (www.spiritsd.ca), tune into local radio stations, or call the PSSD Office at 306-683-2800 to receive updated information and directions in the event of a school emergency.

4. Students will be kept at the school or relocation site until they are picked up by a responsible adult who has been identified as such on the student registration form. Parents are required to fill out this form at the beginning of every school year and update as needed. Please be sure you consider the following criteria when you authorize another person to pick up your child at school:

- 18 years of age or older usually home during the day
- is known to your child
- is both aware of and able to assume this responsibility

5. Impress upon your children the importance of promptly following the directions given to them by school staff.



SOCK HOP, RAP BATTLE, MR. C FOLDEN'S FOOD LAB & SCIENCE CLASS

