

STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

December 2018

Happy Holidays! It's beginning to look a lot like the holiday season with snow on the ground and some chilly weather to accompany it.

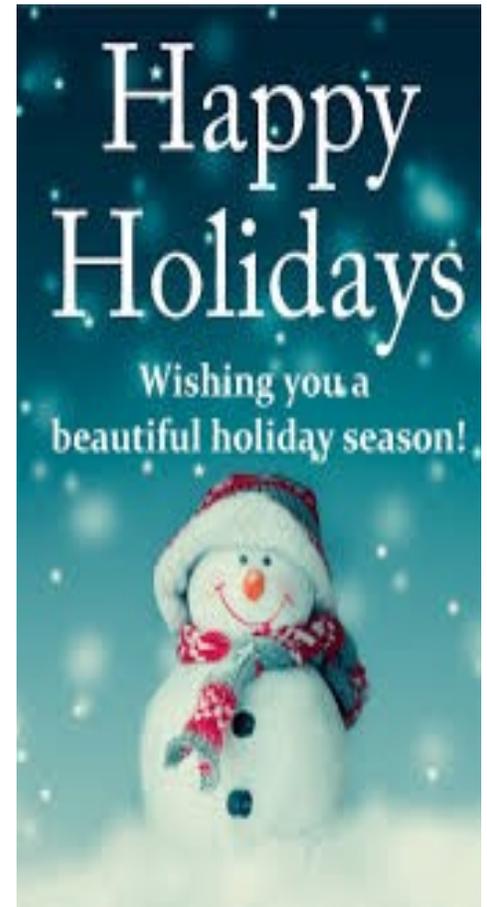
The holiday break is often a time of transition for schools. We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you, farewell and best wishes to a number of staff at WCMS who will be moving onto other things in 2019. Those individuals include our intern teachers - Brayden Bentley, Katlyn Jalbert, Kassidy MacPherson, Eric Son and Scott Tulloch - and our student teachers - Cody Campbell, Troy Buchler and Ayden Brown. Good luck to you as you return to the university for the second semester! As well, we'd like to recognize Cianna Lieffers currently on contract for Mike Pavloff. Mr. Pavloff will be returning to the classroom in January, while Ms. Lieffers will be travelling in Europe. We wish Ms. Lieffers the best of luck on her travels, and a big welcome back to Mr. Pavloff!

It was great to see so many families at our student-led conferences in early November. 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. We would like to recognize the grade 8 students and staff who led the work to organize the Remembrance Day program on November 7th. A number of extra-curricular programs are starting this month including basketball and curling. As well, we are looking forward to our Christmas Band Concert on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend!

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 7th.

WCMS Admin Team



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GRADE 7/8 BOYS VOLLEYBALL

We had a great season with a super group of young men starting early in September and finishing up in November. As coaches we made a plan that allowed all students to play regardless of other commitments. A few of the challenges included having anywhere



from four players to four teams on any given day! But we were committed to making sure we developed the skills in anyone who wanted to play. With this philosophy we were focused more on game play with our own teams at home and making it work with

who we had that day. We had fun hosting Delisle boys, playing the WCMS grade 7/8 girls teams, staff team, and girls CVAC Team. We al-

so enjoyed hosting our annual 12 team tournament at WCMS on October 20th. It was a fun day of volleyball, team play and great sportsmanship by all who attended.

We could not be happier with the sportsmanship, skill development, and positive leaders that we had join our team this year. Great work boys! We are proud of you and had a very enjoyable season coaching you. We also want to thank Joe Siple for being our team manager and helping out the team as well.

Coaches: Madisen Harvey and Lisa Mason

SRC NEWS

The SRC has been working hard to get ready for an exciting and fun filled December. They have planned some fun events to make December memorable and comfortable. They will be hosting a hot chocolate and candy cane sale. Spirit week will be the last week of school before the break, each day will be a different

theme. The themes will include: Green and Red Day, Jersey Day, Twin Day, Ugly Sweater day and Cozy Day! Lastly the SRC will once again be collecting nonperishable food items for the Food Bank or cash donations. Food items will go to the Saskatoon Food Bank and cash will go to the Warman Food Bank. We are challenging each

student to either bring a food item or a cash donation. We would like to see 100% participation for this worthy cause.



THANK YOU

Miss Taylor's grade 8 class would like to wish a happy Farewell to Mr. Bentley as he returns to uni-

versity after Christmas. Mr. Bentley has filled our classroom with enthusiasm and laughs and he will

be missed!



POLAR BEAR CLUB

Do you like your child to go out in the cold even when an inside recess has been called? Does your child need just a bit of fresh air even though most kids like to stay in? If you answered yes to either of these questions, POLAR BEAR CLUB may be for your child.

Mrs. Burgess (grade six home-room teacher) is going to run a POLAR BEAR CLUB this winter. This is a club for students who get sick of being inside during the cold winter months. On certain days, when inside recesses are called, Mrs. Burgess will take kids out for a short time. Inside recess is called when temperatures and

wind chills fall below -25 degrees.

Mrs. Burgess will check students to make sure they are dressed appropriately before leaving the school. Students will be outside for anywhere from 3-15 mins, as this is a recess club. The days we go out, students with permission will get called down to the A-wing boot room. All students MUST be dressed in winter gear, including boots.

This club is OPTIONAL, with permission granted once for a full year.

Mrs. Burgess would like to save paper and have parents/

guardians email her to grant permission for their child to participate. paris.burgess@spiritsd.ca. Please respond with your child's full name and homeroom. Also email if you have any questions.

Thank you!,

Paris Burgess



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The final day of classes for students is Friday, December 21, 2018

Students will return to classes on Monday, January 7, 2019

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



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Contact Us

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

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FRENCH CLUB

Bonjour from French Club! I am very proud to see all the growth from students in our French club this year. We have a mix of Grade 6-8 students ranging from first year French students to previous immersion students looking to

keep their French up. We have enjoyed some basic conversations, board games, and learning how to ask for directions in French. Next, we will be looking at traditional French/Quebecois cuisine and how to order food in a

restaurant before the break. Our meetings are on Wednesday's over the noon hour in the PLC room, and students looking to improve some of their French conversation skills are always welcome to attend! – Mme Dyck

BAND CONCERT

You're invited to our WCMS winter band concerts! We have one in the evening and one during school. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday, December 12 - 7:00pm in the theatre.
(*Band Students arrive at 6:15pm*)

Thursday, December 13 - 1:30pm in the gym.

If you have any questions feel free to get in touch with the band teacher, Ms. Wist, at andra.wist@spiritsd.ca



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:

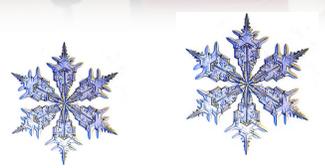
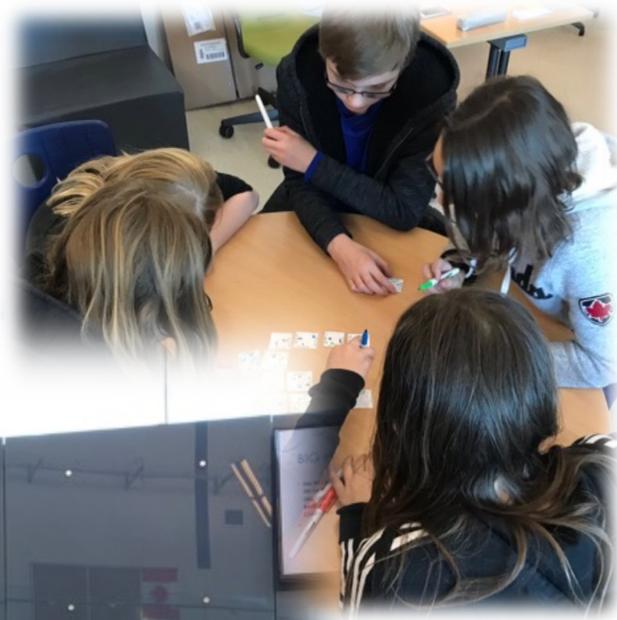
1. Please do not attend to the school until you receive information or direction to do so. Keeping the roadways and areas surrounding the school clear and unobstructed are important to allow emergency services personnel in responding to the situation.
2. Please refrain from calling your students on cell 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 direc-

tions 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.



A very special **THANK YOU** to our **SCC** for purchasing the books for us to give away!

This year, we are holding **WEEKLY GIVEAWAYS** of books that aim to foster empathy and understanding.

Each week all children will have a quick draw with one of the winners will be randomly selected. All books will be available at the draw so that they can be given away!

Books for a Better World