

# STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

June 2019

June is a wonderful time of year! The sun is shining, the days are longer and we all enjoy the excitement of summer and holidays! It is also a time when we look back on all the memories we have for our year. This year we have many highlights including ski trips, Heritage Fair, band concerts, extra-curricular events, field-trips, new inside recess privileges, making new friends, silly things to laugh about, and impactful relationship with our students. It is also a time of excitement when we look forward to a new set of classmates and teachers, exciting year-end activities, summer fun, and inevitably growing up and maturing. We hope that you have had the opportunity to make new friends, build your empathy towards others, and show your best self.

This year the highlight for me was the tremendous group of students and staff that we have at WCMS. June is a time of farewell and well wishes as we move on in our journey as staff and students. We look forward to seeing our staff and students back in the fall or wishing you well in your journey to a new school. For staff and students moving on...we are grateful for your positive addition to WCMS!

As this is the final newsletter for the year, we would also like to thank our parents, community partners, and our School Community Council for all your contributions and support to our school in and out of the classroom. We wish you all a happy and restful summer!

**- Your WCMS Admin Team**



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## GRADE 6 BADMINTON

This past month, the Grade 6's worked on developing their badminton skills and strategies for game play. There were many students that showed a lot of improvement over the course of our

badminton season. We consistently had about 50-60 players show up in the morning ready to play. The kids did an awesome job of setting up and taking down nets and putting away

equipment properly. Way to go!

Thanks for a great season!

Mr. Prescesky and Mrs. Boyle



## GRADE 8 FAREWELL PROGRAM

We look forward to recognizing our Grade Eight students as they leave WCMS and transition to their high school years.

Criteria that have guided our planning include: to keep expectations and costs for students and parents minimal/reasonable, to organize an inclusive event where all of our Grade 8 students can be together, and access to a space for all students and their parents/guardians to attend.

### **What:**

WCMS Grade 8 Farewell will be an assembly-style program. We are asking attendees to adhere to casual-dressy attire. There is no need or expectation for parents to go out and buy a new fancy/

dressy outfit for their student for this program.

### **When:**

Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00PM.

### **Where:**

Warman Community Middle School - Legends Gymnasium.

Parking in the Legends Centre lot with entry to the gymnasium through the Legends Centre main doors on Centennial Blvd.

### **Who:**

WCMS Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians. Due to the size of our group, we will not have room for other family members, siblings, or friends to attend.

Questions or inquiries at this time can be directed to Lisa Mason, WCMS Principal.



## PROGRESS REPORT PICK UP

Students who will not be here on the final day of school (Wed. June 26) can make the following arrangements beforehand with their homeroom teacher for receiving their progress report:

1. Parents can arrange with the homeroom teacher to have the progress report go home with an-

other student on the final day of classes.

2. Parents can provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to put the progress report in to be mailed.

3. Parents can pick the progress report up at the WCMS office on

Thursday, June 27 or Friday, June 28, before noon.

4. Progress reports that remain will be held in the office and can be picked up when school reopens on August 27, 2019.



## END OF YEAR LOST AND FOUND

Students should ensure they have taken home all of their materials and clothing for the summer as

well as checking the lost and found bins to claim any misplaced items. All left over student materi-

als and items are collected and given to charity.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Progress Reports will be sent home with students on **June 26th**

## FALL REGISTRATION

If your child will **NOT** be attending WCMS this fall, please let us know by calling 306-683-3000 or emailing WCMS at [wcms@spiritsd.ca](mailto:wcms@spiritsd.ca)

This would be much appreciated and helpful in assessing our enrollment in August.

Last day of school for students is **June 26**



### 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

[Petting Zoos and Farms](#)

[Sweet Enough](#)

[Talking to Children About Sexuality](#)

[Your Child and Cycling](#)

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

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## Contact Us

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

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Visit us on the web at :

<http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms/>



## WELCOME BACK



We welcome back students to classes on Tuesday, September 3rd. Students should use wing doors and proceed directly to their homeroom locations. Maps and directions will be posted. New students and anyone need-

ing assistance should proceed to the school office area where there will be staff representatives from our School Community Council to assist.

## TENTATIVE CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

We will include a welcome letter for your child's home-room teacher for next year in the final progress report on June 26th. This has proven to be a beneficial way for the first day of student attendance

and supportive of the grade to grade transition. Please note that the assignment is tentative in the event that significant changes to enrollment over the summer require us to change our plan. In the

rare event that this should occur, the school will contact any students/families affected the week of August 27th—30th.

## BUS REMINDER

If you move or are planning to move during the summer please remember to apply or reapply for busing for September 2019. Students only need to apply if they live within Warman city limits and

are eligible for bus service. If you are unsure of eligibility, please refer to the website <https://www.spiritsd.ca/buses/>.



## LIBRARY NEWS

A reminder to student library patrons that WCMS is requesting that all library books are returned by June 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be no further class book exchanges for the last week and a half of school. Students will need to bring/use their personal library cards as of June 14<sup>th</sup>, as the class key fobs will be stored for the summer. Students need to

be aware that they are responsible for any fines or fees that are incurred over the summer. The library is open Monday-Saturday throughout the summer. Students/parents can check their WCL accounts online at <http://www.wheatland.sk.ca/content/warman-library> by using the LOGIN feature.



hello june...

## CALENDAR MAGNETS FOR 2019-2020

Thank you to our School Community Council for providing families with a school year calendar for the upcoming school year. Mem-

bers of the School Community Council will be distributing these to the youngest WCMS student in each family on the first day of

school (September 3rd) to take home.

## WCMS Important Dates 2019-2020

September	3	First Day of Classes
September	12	SCC Back to School BBQ @ WCMS (5:00-7:00pm)
September	19	School Community Council Meeting (6:30pm)
September	20	School Picture Day
September	27	Prep Day - NO SCHOOL
October	11	Prep Day – NO SCHOOL
October	14	Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
October	17	School Community Council Meeting (6:30pm)
November	4	Student Led Conferences (3:15-7:00)
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November	6	School Picture Retakes
November	7	NO SCHOOL – (In Lieu)
November	8	Prep Day – NO SCHOOL
November	11	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
November	21	School Community Council Meeting (6:30pm)
December	3	Progress Reports
December 23 - January 3		Holidays – NO SCHOOL
January	16	School Community Council Meeting (6:30pm)
January	31	Prep Day – NO SCHOOL
February	17- 21	February Break – NO SCHOOL
March	9	Prep/PD Day—NO SCHOOL
March	19	School Community Council Meeting (6:30pm)
March	20	Progress Reports
March	23	Student Led Conferences (3:15-7:00)
March	25	Student Led Conferences (3:15-7:00)
March	27	NO SCHOOL - (In Lieu)
April	9	School Community Council Meeting (6:30pm)
April	10-17	Holidays – NO SCHOOL
May	7	School Community Council Meeting (6:30pm)
May	15	Prep Day – NO SCHOOL
May	18	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
June	5	Prep/PD Day - NO SCHOOL
June	18	School Community Council Meeting (6:30pm)
June	26	Progress Reports - Last Day of School
June	29	Prep Day – NO SCHOOL

## WCMS Bell Times 2019-2020

8:35 am	Morning Warning Bell
8:40 am	<b>School Day Begins</b>
10:45-11:00 am	Recess
12:02 pm	Noon Break
12:47	School Day Resumes
2:52	<b>School Day Ends</b>

## WCMS IMPORTANT FIELD TRIP DATES

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#### Grade 6

Monday, June 10 - Grade 6 Redberry Field Trip (Hoffman, Georgacacos, Procyshyn)

Tuesday, June 11 - Grade 6 Redberry Field Trip (Boyle, Fast, Guenther)

Wednesday, June 12 - Grade 6 Redberry Field Trip (Prescesky, Burgess)

Friday, June 21 - Grade 6 Swimming at Martensville Pool

#### Grade 7

Monday, June 14 - Grade 7 U of S Field Trip (Bymoan, Folden)

Tuesday, June 18 - Grade 7 Moose Jaw Tunnels Field Trip (Dyck, Kooy, McDonald, Pavloff, Sander)

Wednesday, June 19 - Grade 7 Moose Jaw Tunnels Field Trip (Bymoan, Folden, McDonald)

Monday, June 24 - Fun Day Saskatoon (Pavloff, Sander)

Tuesday, June 25 - Fun Day Saskatoon (Dyck)

Wednesday, June 26 - Fun Day Saskatoon (Bymoan, Folden, Kooy, McDonald)

#### Grade 8

Friday, May 31 - Boat Races

Wednesday, June 12 - Grade 8 Pike Lake Field Trip (Farquharson, Smith, Zimmer)

Thursday, June 13 - Grade 8 Pike Lake Field Trip (Cumming, Folden, Taylor, Yedersberger)

Wednesday, June 19 - Grade 8 Ranger Lake Field Trip (Farquharson, Folden)

Thursday, June 20 - Grade 8 Ranger Lake Field Trip (Taylor, Yedersberger, Zimmer)

Friday, June 21 - Grade 8 Ranger Lake Field Trip (Cumming, Smith)

Tuesday, June 25 - Grade 8 Spray Park (morning)









# Working Together for Safe Schools

Warman Community Middle School has well developed partnerships in our community. We work closely with RCMP, the City of Warman and Warman Fire Rescue to help ensure that our school is a safe place to be. With their help we have developed, and regularly review, our safety plans. These plans enable our staff to effectively and efficiently respond to any emergencies and crisis situations that may arise in our school.

Parents and guardians also play a role in working with all partners in keeping our students safe. This guide provides you with information on school safety planning.

## School Safety Plans

Prevention is the best defense against a crisis occurring. That is why we prepare safety plans and why we practice drills in our school. All schools in Prairie Spirit School Division have developed safety plans for many different scenarios. In each instance the situation is assessed, a level of response is identified, and action is taken. These actions will depend on the specific incident. For example, one or more schools may evacuate, initiate a hold and secure or lockdown, according to the nature of the event.

Our school staff works directly with RCMP officers and firefighters who provide us with advice on the best way to respond to a potential event. They are the experts.

Key objectives in all event responses are to:

- Make sure everyone is safe
- Make sure schools have the supports they need
- Ensure timely and accurate communication during and after the incident
- Bring the incident to a prompt and safe solution
- Ensure timely continuation of classes
- Ensure appropriate debriefing and follow-up

Flexibility is a key component of our school's plan and of division-wide preparations. If RCMP officers and/or firefighters are involved in the incident, school staff members follow their instructions.

## Evacuation

Our school has determined an alternate safe location in the event of an evacuation. Parents and guardians are contacted by the school staff in the event of an evacuation. They are informed if students will be evacuated to a safe location or if they are expected to come to the school to pick up their child(ren).

## Hold and Secure/Lockdown

An emergency may prevent the safe evacuation of a school and require a specific response to protect students and staff in the building. In this instance, staff institute a school lockdown. Depending on the danger two different levels of response may be used.



**Hold and Secure:** A hold and secure is used when an emergency happens near the school and requires an enhanced level of safety. School exterior doors are locked to ensure that no individuals leave or enter the building. Individuals are only allowed to exit and enter via the front door of the school with approval of school administration.

**Lockdown:** A school lockdown alerts staff and students that an imminent danger exists inside or just outside the school. School personnel lock classroom doors and windows. Students and staff move away from windows and doors and remain in their classrooms until directed by emergency personnel that it is safe to leave.

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Ways that parents/guardians can help with an emergency

- Be familiar with your school's safety plan and discuss the plan with members of your family.
- Provide current emergency contact names and phone number at the beginning of each school year. Inform the school of any changes to emergency contact information.
- Do not call the school in emergency situation. Phone lines must remain open for staff to communicate with emergency personnel and with families.
- Do not come to the school site during hold and secure and lockdown situations. It may not be safe to do so and your presence may complicate the emergency response.
- Please attempt to limit cell phone use during wide-scale events such as severe weather, in order to prevent overloading of the phone system.

If you have any questions about the information in this guide or would like more information on WCMS's school's safety plan, please contact the principal.

- Prairie Spirit School Division: <https://www.spiritsd.ca/>
- Warman Fire Rescue: <https://www.warman.ca/142/Warman-Fire-Rescue>
- City of Warman: <https://www.warman.ca/>
- RCMP Warman: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/d/328>



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## **Prairie Spirit School Division-Bus Garage News**

The Prairie Spirit School Division-bus garage is moving to an automation process for informing families of school bus information for next year.

MyStop is a multipurpose application (phone app) that will not only allow you to view your child's school bus on route, it also allows notifications either automatically (your bus is running on time) or notices can be pushed (your route is cancelled today) to individual routes or division wide within seconds.

Next year the Bus Garage will no longer make phone calls to parents/families to advise of bus issues but instead, be using the MyStop phone app for notifying families of bus route conditions.

MyStop is free to use for all smart phones & android phones. Simply go to the App Store, search for "mystop" and download the app. It is available to download now. Once completed, you will need to contact your school for your log-in and password credentials. Once you have entered these, you are logged in permanently. Whenever you click on the MyStop icon on your phone, you will be logged in and able to view your bus location.

Remember to "allow push notification" when asked, when downloading the app. This will allow the push notification communication to pop up on your phone when the bus garage sends information.

Our bus information web page ([www.spiritsd.ca](http://www.spiritsd.ca)) and information hot line (306-683-2805) will continue to be operational.