



STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

May 2019

With the Easter break in late April, it seems as though our last newsletter was just distributed, but with the change in seasons and our entry into the last months of the school year, there is lots of timely information to share with our community. Warmer temperatures and playground/field conditions quickly drying up has seen students flocking outside at recess breaks. Everyone has had enough of this winter! From Extracurricular news, our School Community

Council's Spring Elections and AGM, and other important information and dates related to the end of this school year and in preparations for the 2019/2020 school year are contained within this edition, so please take a look inside.

Your Admin Team

Important Dates:

- May 9 - SCC Spring Elections
- May 17 - No School/Prep Day
- May 20 - No School/Victoria Day
- May 21 - Grade 6 Welcome
- May 23 - Gr. 7/8 Track Conference Meet
- May 30 - Band Concert
- May 31 - Grade 7/8 Track District Meet
- May 31 - Grade 8 Boat Races
- June 6 - Grade 6 Track Meet
- June 26 - Last Day of Classes



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SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD DATES

Track and Field season is upon us. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:



Grade 7/8 Conference Meet (Gordie Howe Complex) - May 23

Grade 7/8 District Meet (Gordie Howe Complex) - May 31

Grade 6 School Meet Day – June 6

WELCOME GRADE 6

WCMS staff is excited to welcome Grade 5 students to Warman Community Middle School in the



fall. To support a smooth transition we have arranged for the grade five classes to buddy up with a grade six class from WCMS. We will also have an information night at 7:00 on Tuesday, May 21st. This will give the

grade five parents from TES and WES the opportunity to tour the school and ask questions. Our staff and SCC tour guides will meet you by the main staircase. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to WCMS!

CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS

Each spring school staff undertake a thorough and careful process of placing students in homeroom groups for the next school year.

A great number of factors go into this decision including academic, behavioural, and social needs, programming and timetabling factors, supports for special needs students, and safety considerations. We endeavour to maintain a balance in finding the right fit for

individual students for each classroom group, and the overall student body in that grade as a whole. In some cases, students/families are accustomed to processes where they are asked about specific peers they would like in their classroom for the upcoming year. At the middle school level we continue to take social/relationship factors into careful consideration when making class

groups, but do not ask students for friends lists as we are unable to make any guarantees about this.

If parents felt their child has a unique need to be considered in the class placement process for the upcoming year we encourage parents to initiate a conversation with the classroom teacher before May 9th.

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. This would be much appreciated and helpful in assessing our enrollment and class list development for next year.

BIKES, SCOOTERS, ETC...

With the warmer weather many students are choosing to ride bikes and such to and from school. The following will help everyone understand the routines and allow things to operate smoothly.

1. Bikes and scooters should be **locked up** in the bike racks upon arrival at school. Please do not lean



these against the school buildings or fences – we have plenty of bike racks.

2. Skateboards, long boards and roller blades should be small enough to fit inside of a student's locker for safe keeping during the day. Some of the large long boards will not fit inside of a locker, and if that is the case, we ask you not to bring those to school. We dis-

courage students from wearing Heelies (wheeled shoes) to school.

3. All of these items need to be stored promptly upon arrival at school. Students are not allowed to ride these on the playground/play area at recess breaks. Students should not loiter around bike racks at recess breaks.

ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL

With warmer temperatures and early sunrise we have some students arriving at school on the adjacent park areas very early in

the mornings. A reminder that the school opens and supervision of students starts at 8:20AM. Students and families are asked to

plan for students' arrival between 8:20 and 8:35AM. Thank you for your cooperation.



WCMS'S GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA)

WCMS's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is a new teacher-supported student group that is first and foremost a place of belonging. The GSA provides a safe, accepting, and welcoming space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, two spirit, intersex, and queer (LGBTQ2S) students and supportive allies. It is a confidential space where no assumptions are made about a student's or a teacher's sexual orientation or gender identity. ALL ARE WELCOME! The GSA meets weekly

over lunch and provides an opportunity for students and teachers to visit and support one another, to learn about and discuss LGBTQ2S topics and issues, to create art and bulletin boards, and to plan activities to share with the school community.

Today, GSAs are common across Canada and are becoming well-established in Saskatchewan. This is good news, as [research](#) shows that anti-homophobic school policies and interventions such as

GSAs contribute to an increased sense of safety and better mental health for ALL students, no matter their orientation or identity. WCMS is proud to have a GSA of its own this year, as we continually strive to live out Prairie Spirit School Division's commitment to establishing and maintaining a safe, equitable, and welcoming learning and teaching environment for all members of the school community.

BOAT RACE

On May 31st the Grade 8 students will be traveling to Saskatoon to compete in a division wide Cardboard Boat Race. Students have

learned about buoyancy and physics and have designed their own cardboard boat prototypes. On the 31st teams will build life sized

boats and race them against teams from other schools around the division. It will be an exciting day!

GRADE 8 SCHOOL FAREWELL PROGRAM

Grade 8 students, parents, and guardians – mark your calendars! WCMS will be hosting a farewell program for Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians on Monday, June 24th at 7:00 PM. Due to

the size of the group and available space, this program is reserved for WCMS Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians. More detailed information on the program will be

forwarded to Grade 8 families in June.



BAND CONCERT

WCMS band students will be hosting a band concert on Thursday, May 30, at 7:00 pm in the

gym. Band students please arrive at 6:15 to warm up. Everyone is

welcome to attend, admission is silver collection at the door.

Flexible Employment Opportunities

Prairie Spirit School Division invites applications for substitute **Casual Caretakers, Administrative Assistants** and **Educational Associates** for casual and flexible work.

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Prairie Spirit School Division has 47 schools and over 11,000 students in 28 communities surrounding Saskatoon.



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS—SPRING ELECTIONS

School Community Councils – Spring Elections 2019

A primary link between the home, community and school

Our School Community Council (SCC) supports student learning success and well-being and encourages parent and community involvement in the school. Prairie Spirit School Division believes that involvement with SCCs is a rewarding and meaningful activity for parent and community members. If you would like to make a difference at our school, please consider running in the upcoming SCC election. Parents and members of the community are eligible to run for the local SCC.

Our School Community Council has FOUR positions open for members for two-year terms beginning fall, 2019. We have FIVE members who will be remaining for their second year for 2019/20.

Our SCC election will be held: Thursday, May 9, 2019
Warman Community Middle School Staff Room
6:30pm

Please contact the school office for more information and for nomination forms.

*Successful schools don't just happen.
They need parent and community involvement!*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**No School for
Students
May 17th & 20th**



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

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