

STORM NEWS



Warman Community Middle School

December 2019

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Self-Confidence: I believe in myself and have the SELF-CONFIDENCE to take risks.

Teamwork: I will be a valuable member of our TEAM.

Originality: I will celebrate my ORIGINALITY and appreciate the uniqueness of others.

Respect: I will show RESPECT for our school and all people in it.

Motivation: I will be MOTIVATED to do my best and make a difference.

ACTUAL WCMS FINGERPRINTS

No matter who you are, you should all be respected the same. – Gr.6

I will try not to change for people. Be the best me I can be. –Gr. 7

I want to be known as the student who never gave up. – Gr.8

I want kids and colleagues to know I am in their corner, that I can be trusted and that I'm here for whatever they need to make their day a little better. – Staff Member

Dream Big, be brave, and show kindness! – WCMS parent

MESSAGE FROM ADMIN

Wow! The last month has really flown by with a lot of activity at WCMS!

We introduced an addition to Feel Good Fridays! **Storm Stars** is a place to showcase students that have had a positive shout out sent out in the weekly update. At the beginning of the week, I announce all the students from the weekly update and they come to the office to get their picture taken. Their photo is added to the Storm Star Wall. We have started to have students request a shout out instead of other incentives teachers have had for good deeds/respect for others. It is a wonderful start to the week -celebrating all of our awesome students that go above and beyond to showcase our STORM fingerprints. We have also invited parents to send in any comments/feedback from any of our relationship-



building activities this year. You can send an email to wcms@spiritsd.ca and we will showcase it in the weekly update and add it to the Storm Wall. Please keep those comments coming in! We are proud of the feeling that is being created focused on student-student, student-teacher, and parent-teacher relationships. We hope to see you all out for at least one Feel Good Friday this year!

Our student involved conferences had an overall 86% attendance rate. We had 83% attendance in Gr. 6, 88% attendance in Gr. 7, and 85% attendance in Gr. 8. We appreciate the chance to connect with parents and discuss your child's learning with you and your child. Progress Reports will be sent home on December 3rd. Please notice the SCC meeting dates listed in the newsletter as that is also an opportunity for you to discuss what is happening at WCMS.

We were very happy to see parents in attendance for the mindfulness/wellness presentation by Laura Lawrence and Chris Beaudry "Youth Matter – Mindful Living for Youth." We hope you took the time to connect with your child after the presentation with the follow up supports we emailed out.

We look forward to partnering up with WHS for Ian Tyson's "Comedy with a Message" on Dec. 19th. Our whole school looks forward to being entertained by his high-octane presentation with words and thoughts to live by. A perfect way to go into the New Year!

I will be continuing as the WCMS Principal, Hali Hamel as our Vice Principal, and Scott Tulloch replacing her in the classroom until June 30th, 2020.

We want to wish you the absolute best New Year and a wonderful holiday season from all the staff at WCMS!

Lisa Mason, WCMS Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 3 – Progress Reports

Dec 3 – Band concert 9:15am

Dec 19 – 1:30 – 2:30 Ian Tyson at WHS (Whole school event)

Dec 20 – Last day of classes

Jan 6 – Classes resume

To receive an email when a post is added to our blog, click on the "follow" tab at the bottom of our blog <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms>

To view today's announcements, click on the "daily announcements" tab at the top of the blog page.

SCC

Did you know that anyone can attend our SCC meetings? They are held in the staff room at the school at 6:30 on the following dates:

- ❖ January 16, 2020
- ❖ March 19, 2020
- ❖ April 9, 2020
- ❖ May 7, 2020
- ❖ June 18, 2020

You may have the opportunity to talk to our board member, school resource officer, community partners, teachers, administration, and our SCC members about anything concerning you. It is also great to hear more in depth what is happening at the school.

We hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT BUS INFORMATION

Parents are reminded that effective September 3, 2019, the bus garage will no longer be calling families to advise of buses that have broken down or buses that will be running late.

If the temperature is -40 degrees at 6:00 a.m., all buses are cancelled for the day. This includes all charters.

Options to check for late or cancelled buses:

Website: www.spiritsd.ca and then click Transportation.

Hotline: (306) 683-2805

Versatrans My Stop: This is an app for your smartphone that allows you to watch your school bus as it proceeds on your child's route. If the bus is running late or cancelled, you will receive a notification on your smartphone. Please contact your school for a username and password once you have obtained the app.

❖ Urban bus stop maps, times and locations are on the website: www.spiritsd.ca/buses

FACILITY ACCESS PLAN – PICK UP AND DROP OFF AREAS

WCMS and the Legends Centre were designed to ensure that we can move large numbers of people in and out of the facility quickly and safely. Please follow these guidelines to help do your part:

- School bus loading and unloading in the east side of the Legends Centre – in front of the Legends Centre.
- Parent pickup and drop off of students – please use the parking available on Gowan Road on the west side of the school. **DO NOT** use the Legends Centre parking lot as a location to pick up students.
- Student pedestrians – please use the pathways and sidewalks. Please use the bike racks on the school side of the facility. Pedestrian students are asked not to loiter in the bus loading area or park bikes in the city bike racks in front of the Legends Centre.

LUNCH TIME – LEGENDS CENTRE

Eating at the Legends is a privilege for WCMS students. This space is intended for those purchasing food from the vendors, not for students taking their lunch over there to eat. We also have students who are being disrespectful to Legends staff and not cleaning up after themselves. Students will be asked to leave if this continues and risk have their off campus privileges revoked. Also, this is off campus and students must go there prepared to exit out the front doors of the Legends (shoes/jacket) when finished eating or if they are asked to leave by Legends staff.

We would like to give a huge shout-out and a thank you to the Legends Pharmacy for donating care packages to all of our Life Skills students!



GIRLS BASKETBALL

WCMS girls' basketball is off to an impressive start this season! The WCMS basketball program includes athletes from grades 7 and 8 and consists of a competitive CVAC team as well as developmental HOME team. Both our CVAC team and HOME team share practice times together in order to focus on team building, leadership, all while learning a variety of skills. Both teams have demonstrated focus, determination, and grit already this season. With our CVAC team playing league games weekly, leading up to playoffs in early February, and our HOME team has been practicing diligently in preparation for some upcoming game activity as well. We are looking forward to a fast-paced, upcoming season!

Miss Harvey and Mrs. Zimmer



WCMS CHEER

The WCMS Cheer Team performed at the annual WUC Gem Showcase on Friday, November 29th. The athletes did a fantastic job of showing off all that they have put together for a routine in only two short months! Their coaches couldn't be more proud. Now, the team looks forward to competition season in the New Year. First up is Winter Knockout on January 25th in Martensville, SK. Let's go, STORM!



2019 WCMS BAND CONCERT





NOVEMBER

STORM STARS

