

STORM NEWS



Warman Community Middle School

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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

My goal this year is to be kind and respect. Work hard and make new friends. Gr. 6

I want to be remembered for being kind and respectful. Gr. 7

The legacy I want to leave on WCMS is being helpful. Gr. 8

Making lasting connections with students so they know I am always willing to help & support them. I will always be rooting for them and their success in school and life. Staff.

MESSAGE FROM ADMIN

Hello STORM Families!

We are so excited to have students back in the building and learning along side us – from an appropriate distance of course! We want to celebrate their resilience and flexibility as students have had to learn many new rules and have kept a very positive attitude. We have a building full of STORM STARS!

We appreciate you reading through the mass of information we have had to send to you to keep you informed...we know this has been overwhelming and we also feel for families getting the communication from two or three different schools. We hope you have felt informed and we will continue to provide updates as we get them. You can expect to have a STORM NEWS newsletter provided about every six weeks and STORM Updates if we feel the information is timely and we cannot wait until the newsletter.

We are looking for some new SCC members so please see check out the STORM NEWS to see how you can be involved, providing feedback and guidance on decisions. We are so grateful for all the work and efforts of our members who have filled their terms and will not be returning...Thank you so much!

We unfortunately were not be able to have our annual Back to School BBQ that we had so much fun at last year! If you did not have a chance to watch the "Unmasking of the WCMS staff" that we sent out to welcome your children to school – please take the time to view it. It is a great way to see who is working with your child at school and a way to meet the staff!

We sincerely appreciate your continued understanding and support as we work together to navigate our new normal.
WCMS Admin

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 20th - Orange Shirt in honor of those who attended Residential Schools in Canada

October 9th – Day in lieu NO SCHOOL

October 12th – Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL

October 15th – SCC Meeting

October 26th – PD/Prep day- No school for students

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is recognized on September 30 each year and is part of a larger movement in the country to provide opportunity for First Nations, governments, schools and communities to unite in a spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. The Orange Shirt Day movement is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, B.C., in 2013. It grew out of the account of a young girl having her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the mission. Orange Shirt Day was first proclaimed in Saskatchewan in 2016, in response to a resolution passed by the province's trustees at the SSBA Spring General Assembly. According to its website, Orange Shirt Day is "an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come."

WCMS CLOTHING BLOW OUT!!

We are moving to online purchases and we are blowing out our stock of shorts and sweatpants! Get them before they are gone!!

Shorts \$10

Sweatpants \$20

CASH OR CHEQUE is accepted.

****IF PURCHASING MORE THAN ONE ITEM **** Please write cheques separately for each item in case there are no shorts or sweats left in your child's size on the day of purchase.

Online orders for T shirts and hoodies will be in October with delivery to the school.

SCC

Did you know that anyone can attend our SCC meetings? 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 or great ideas you have for the school. It is also great to hear more in depth what is happening at the school.

We hope to see you there!

Warman Community Middle School
School Community Council

WE NEED YOU!

The School Community Council is a primary link between the home, community and school.

Your WCMS SCC currently has openings for parents/community members that would like to volunteer to support student learning success and well-being by becoming a part of our SCC.

Please contact our chair, Jasmine Reddekopp, at jj.reddekopp@hotmail.com to inquire further or to provide your contact information to attend our first ever virtual meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

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.

STORM Athletics

WCMS Athletics – All extra-curricular activities including sports programs/clubs are on hold at WCMS at this time. The next update will be provided in October.

Terry Fox Fundraiser

Terry Fox - WCMS Terry Fox Fundraising Week 2020 took place from September 21-25th. Classes went for a 30 minute walk with their cohort class on Thursday, Sept. 24th. Masks were worn, and unfortunately parents were not allowed to join us this year. We thank everyone for supporting this worthwhile cause, and appreciate all donations made in the fight against cancer. Mr. Fast



Message from the Counsellor Team

By popular request our school counsellor, Dipo Jabagun, blog page full of excellent resources regarding mental health and wellness has made a return for this school year. For any parents or student's wanting to take a deeper look at some of these resources the blog is accessible to everyone at <https://padlet.com/oladipojabagun/gy7ureopwzwhh805>

For families wanting to connect with Dipo you are welcome to contact him by email at Oladipo.jabagun@spiritsd.ca or by calling our front office at (306)-683-3000 to speak with him if you require mental health related resources or have concerns regarding your child.

Frequently asked questions about COVID back to school safety

1. If my child gets sent home from school, when are they allowed to return?

We want families to follow the direction of 811, which is the first point of contact to get medical direction. We ask families to follow the direction of the Saskatchewan Health Authority. **Students are allowed to return to school 48 hours after symptoms free.**

2. What if my child has allergies?

If a student displays the symptoms consistent with COVID as listed in COVID-19 Protocols for AP-432 Illness in Care, all steps in the policy should be followed beginning with the child staying at home, or if the child is at school, parents being contacted to pick up their child, and instructed to call 811 and follow the directions of the Health Officials. At this time, this process should be followed by all students who display symptoms, regardless of whether we are told that the symptoms are a result of allergies or other conditions. School staff do not currently have discretion in this matter – if symptoms are noted, the procedures need to be followed. When the student with allergies returns to school, the school's reaction to any COVID-like symptoms will be based on the child – what we know about the child, what their allergies are like, if they've worsened – the student may not have to continue to be tested after the first negative test result.

3. What if my child becomes ill at home, what should I do?

We advise our families to keep your child at home, call 811 and follow the direction of the Saskatchewan health Authority. We also ask families to communicate with the school by either contacting child's teacher or main office to let us know. Students are allowed to return to school 48 hours after symptom free.

4. Are students required to wear masks all day?

Currently we are in Level 2 of the Provincial Safe Schools Plan. It states that if social distancing cannot be maintained, masks are required for students from grades 4-12. There may be situations where social distancing can occur (typically outdoors) where masks would not be required.

5. What are the symptoms schools are monitoring students for?

-fever	-runny nose	-nausea/vomiting
-cough	-nasal congestion	-diarrhea
-headache	-conjunctivitis	-loss of appetite
-muscle/joint ache	-dizziness	-loss of sense of smell
-chills	-fatigue	-shortness of breath
-difficulty breathing		

IMMUNIZATION PLANS

In alignment with Public Health messaging, the Government of Saskatchewan supports immunization as the best way to protect children from many diseases. Immunization protects individuals, families and communities by preventing the spread of disease. In Saskatchewan, immunization programs for young children are provided by public health nurses through local public health clinics. For school-aged students, public health nurses may deliver immunizations in school settings. For more information please find more immunization resources on our website.

- from Public Health

BE WISE AND IMMUNIZE

Immunization is the best way to protect children from many dangerous diseases. It protects individuals, families, and communities by preventing the spread of disease. It is important to keep infant and children's immunizations on time and up-to-date to provide the best protection. In Saskatchewan, immunization is provided through public health beginning at two months of age. Immunizations are given throughout the infant and preschool years as well as in Grades 6 and 8.

There are resources available to parents that can help answer immunization questions. These resources include:

- Caring for Kids – www.caringforkids.cps.ca. This website from the Canadian Pediatric Society has a section on immunization. This site provides information on vaccines, vaccine safety, common concerns, myths and facts and general information regarding immunization.
- Kids Boost Immunity – www.kidsboostimmunity.com. This resource is a free online learning resource for Canadian students with lessons linked to science, social studies and health curriculums. It is designed for teachers and their classroom students. By completing quizzes, students have the opportunity to earn vaccines for children through UNICEF Canada.
- I Boost Immunity – www.iboostimmunity.com. This site provides information regarding immunization and communicable diseases by doing “Booster” quizzes. If the average score for a quiz is beaten, a vaccine is earned for a child in a developing country through UNICEF Canada.
- Immunize Canada – www.immunize.ca. Immunize Canada provides information for the public regarding immunization, diseases and vaccines. There are sections for parents and adolescents who may be looking for more information.
- Information regarding Saskatchewan's immunization program is available at [Government of Saskatchewan Immunization Services](#). This site includes information on the immunization programs, the immunization schedule and vaccine information.

For further information on immunization, please contact your local public health office. You can find the contact information for public health offices at [Government of Saskatchewan Public Health Offices](#).

Legends Centre Food Court

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. This is off campus and students must go through their designated school door exits and walk around to the Legends front doors.

Learning is everywhere at WCMS



Sock Monkeys made by PAA 7 and pencil cases made in PAA 8 with Mrs. Kulchar



PAA Woods 7 class making BBQ scrapers with Mr. Matkowski



PAA Woods 8 class making cutting boards with Mr. Matkowski



Mrs. Guenther and Miss Logue grade 6 class learning together outside



Cohort classes, Miss Lieffers and Mr. Pavloff used Arts Ed and Phys Ed to make some creative mini golf holes. They then spent one sunny morning at their very own mini golf course.

STORM STARS

8 McDonald

Rhett R. - encouraging another student during the fitness test to keep going and finish strong.

Blake B. - for picking up litter on the playground as we were coming in from drama class, without being asked and without needing others to notice. But I noticed.

These are the acts of students that are good citizens of our school and community.

