

# STORM NEWS



Warman Community Middle

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

**T**eamwork: I will be a valuable member of our TEAM.

**O**riginality: I will celebrate my ORIGINALITY and appreciate the uniqueness of others.

**R**espect: I will show RESPECT for our school and all people in it.

**M**otivation: I will be MOTIVATED to do my best and make a difference

## ACTUAL WCMS FINGERPRINTS

Grade 6: **S**mart

**T**ough

**hO**nest

**R**espectful

**M**otivated

Grade 7: My goal is stop getting nervous when going to the front of the class.

Grade 8: I want to be remembered as someone who is hardworking and determined to get good marks even if it's hard.

## MESSAGE FROM ADMIN

Hello WCMS Storm Families,

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds all our families well and thriving in 2021. February brings us to the halfway mark of this school year, a place that many of us did not know how school would look when we reached it. Every day we get to continue learning in school feels like a gift. We are thankful to our families for their continued understanding, patience, and diligence with following the government's COVID health guidelines. Our collective efforts make learning at WCMS safe and possible.

On Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, we had Darin Bulmer from Saskatchewan Health Region present virtually to all classes on anxiety and depression. Students learned a lot from their time with him and had fun playing a big game of Kahoot.

We also had School Resource Officer Cst. Nave in on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> to speak to the grade 8 classes about online safety and social media use. Students listened closely to his stories and got to ask questions. We are grateful for our partnership with our local RCMP detachment.

Our SCC has some exciting news to share with our Storm families about a contactless fundraising that we are officially launching today. More information about Flipgive can be found further down in the newsletter.

As the days get longer, we feel more hope every day that there is light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. We, just like our families at home who are looking forward to reconnecting with family and friends, cannot wait for 'normal' school and learning to return. This light grows our anticipation of giving high fives, hugs and seeing big smiles all day. This keeps us going. We are very proud of our WCMS storm family for the resilience and perseverance they show every day.

Take care and stay well,

WCMS Admin

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15-19 – February break **NO SCHOOL**

February 24 – Pink Shirt Day

March 8 – PD Prep **NO SCHOOL**

March 18 – SCC Meeting

March 19 – Progress Reports go home

March 22 & 24 – Student led conferences

March 26 – **NO SCHOOL** – day in lieu

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## PowerSchool – UPDATES REQUIRED

If you have not updated your child’s PowerSchool profile yet, please contact our front office. PowerSchool requires updated information including consent for your child for numerous school activities including photo participation on social media. Please contact Patty Kirby or Tara Camilleri at 306-683-3000 or [wcms@spiritsd.ca](mailto:wcms@spiritsd.ca)

## 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.**

We hope this message finds you all happy and healthy despite some unprecedented times. As the current pandemic drags on and we all work hard to do our part and keep our community safe, our SCC understands the importance of supporting our local school community, students, staff and families who are all part of our large family.

We have been meeting once a month, virtually, to discuss issues and topics that are important to us as a committee, to us as parents, to us as community members and to have our voices be part of the conversation supporting our kids throughout this challenging year. If you are at all interested in becoming part of our team, please reach out, we'd be happy to add new voices and faces to this conversation.

This year we have found ourselves supporting health and well-being within WCMS. We all need to take care of ourselves and others, even though we continue to do so at a distance. That's why we are happy to help set up and support our new FlipGive fundraising initiative and we need YOUR help! If you do online shopping and enjoy buying from stores including Walmart, Home Hardware, Under Armour, Sport Chek, just to name a few please join our "team" and as you shop the school earns money! It's that simple. We are excited to reach our potential with our large school community and know the sky's the limit when we all work together! Please shop on-line, through the FlipGive app, or in store. We thought this would be a great opportunity to raise funds for the school and do so as an ongoing contact free fundraiser. This will be open to use until May 31st, and at that time we will wrap up prior to the end of this school year.

**Christy Burnett**  
WCMS SCC Chair

**Join our team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop**  
<https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=P3TBPk>

Want to learn more? Check out this 2 minute video  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO\\_Qq4n80](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO_Qq4n80)

We will earn cash back on every purchase you make all year long!

All you have to do is shop anytime (on-line, using the app or in-store). FlipGive offers the brands you trust like Home Depot, Walmart, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, Loblaws, Under Armour, and Sport Chek.

Say goodbye to going door to door selling chocolate bars, it's completely virtual and contactless!

The SCC will use these funds to help fund extra curricular programs, field trips, and to help support a positive school culture promoting student & staff wellness! During these uncertain times, we all need some extra TLC and we thought this is one way our school community could help out!



## FlipGive

**It's an easy,  
contact free  
way to help  
our school  
raise funds!**

**WCMS FlipGive  
SCC Fundraiser**

So, please join our team and help us support programs and wellness at WCMS!

Earn a \$5 bonus the first time you shop:

<https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=P3TBPk>

Or enter the code:

**P3TBPk**

Want to learn more?  
Please check out this two minute video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO\\_Qq4n80](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO_Qq4n80)



Just download the **FlipGive** app and get started earning funds today!

## SRC Update

Happy New Year!

December and January, we had the Tulloch/Folden cohort leading students in some fun spirit days. The SRC recorded and shared a video to kick off the Christmas spirit, letting students at WCMS know what was coming up for the month. We headed into Christmas break after an awesome week of dress up days that ended - yet again - in a PJ and movie party. Tons of students participated, but the classes with the highest participation numbers - 6Hoffman, 7Kerr, 8Harvey - walked away with the movie snacks!

In January, the SRC had a team shirt spirit day and then ended the month with a Student Takeover hour. Students got to teach their peers, lead them in games, or just decide what to do in class for an hour. It was a hit!

We're looking forward to the next month of SRC with the Cumming/Smith cohort leading the way!

SRC Team

## Message from the Counsellor Team

Warm greetings WCMS families,

As the month of January comes to an end I invite you to look at the newest blog post titled "Anxiety Management Strategies at Home" found at <https://padlet.com/oladipojabagun/gy7ureopwzwhh805>

As always, for families wanting to connect you are welcome to contact me by email at [Oladipo.jabagun@spiritsd.ca](mailto:Oladipo.jabagun@spiritsd.ca) or by calling our front office at (306)-683-3000 if you require mental health related support/resources or have concerns regarding your child.

## IMPORTANT BUS INFORMATION – IMPORTANT UPDATE THIS YEAR

**\*\*\* NEW CHANGE THIS YEAR BUS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER \*\*\***

**Morning Bus:** if the combined temperature/windchill factors result in a reading of -40 degrees Celsius or below at 6:00 a.m. the morning bus will be cancelled. This includes charters.

**Afternoon Bus:** if the combined temperature/windchill factors result in a reading of -40 degrees Celsius or below at 12:00 p.m. the afternoon bus will be cancelled. This includes charters.

### Options to check for late or cancelled buses:

**Website:** <https://www.spiritsd.ca/Buses/>

**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](http://www.spiritsd.ca/buses)

## Learning is Everywhere

In the month of December, students from 6Boyle, 6Prescesky, 6Procyshyn, 6Fast, 6Guenther and 8Folden made Christmas Cards to send to the residents of Diamond House. Students from 8Macdonald also wrote letters of Christmas cheer to the residents for the holiday season!





## 6 Guenther Social Studies



### 6G Island Projects







A group of students in a classroom are seated at wooden desks, facing a large projection screen. The screen displays a presentation about the European Union, featuring the EU flag and a map of Europe with member states highlighted in various colors. The students are engaged, with some looking at their tablets. The classroom has white walls, a bookshelf, and a window in the background.



Grade 7 C.Folden's class learning Metis  
bead work with Ms. Laroque

