

# Walter W. Brown School

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## “Home of the Vikings”

### ~ *School Happenings* ~

#### *Principal's Message*

On December 21 we held our annual Christmas banquet for the entire school, and we also acknowledged and awarded scholarships to a student from the Graduating Class of 2018.

Scot Yellowlees received the W.W. Brown Staff Scholarship (\$200) and an Affinity Credit Union “Build a Better World” Scholarship of \$500, and he was the 2018 recipient of the Governor General’s Academic Medal for highest academic average from the graduating class of Walter W. Brown School. Congratulations, Scot! We are very proud of your achievements in Langham, and we look forward to hearing about your accomplishments in further education and careers.

The second semester is drawing to a close, and senior students are beginning to prepare for exams. An exam schedule for Grades 10 - 12 is included in this newsletter. Grade 9 students will have regular classes, and any midterm exams will be written during regular class time. Grade 10, 11, and 12 students start exams on Wednesday, January 23. Please note that Tuesday, January 29 is an administrative day for teachers at Walter W. Brown School. Students from Grades 6 -12 will not have classes on January 29. The first day of the second semester is Wednesday, January 30.

If you are interested in buying advertising space in the combined Elementary/High School newsletter, please contact Walter W. Brown School (306.283.4434) Mr. Neufeld

#### *Thank You!*

Thanks to everyone who so generously dropped off baking, treats, gifts, and cards of well wishes for the Staff at Christmas time. Your thoughtfulness was most appreciated.

#### *Christmas Banquet*

On Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> we held a Christmas banquet for the school, staff and honoured guests. Thanks to the Commercial Cooking 20/30 class who did an outstanding job from start to finish!

As well, this day could not have been possible without the assistance of the following people who cooked and delivered ham and/or turkey for our meal: Barb Leite, Monica Thiessen, Lucy Isaac, Gladys Downing, Doreen Walker, Donna Epp and Karen Archibald. Also, thanks to Stacy Robertson for donating and cooking a turkey. Your collective support was most appreciated.

Special thanks to Karen Archibald, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Dyck, and Mrs. Brown for helping out with banquet preparations – the day of and the day prior. Thank you to Mr. Friesen who took our leftovers and dropped them off at the Friendship Inn so others could enjoy a warm turkey meal. It truly was a community effort that helped make this school tradition come together.

Ms. Ryde

#### *School Fees and Registration Forms*

Just a reminder that school fees are now past due. Please contact the office to make arrangements for payment.

Also, all families are required to provide up-to-date information and emergency contact numbers. In the event of an emergency or when the busses are unable to run, we want to know the students have a safe place to stay in Langham. If there are changes to this information during the year, please inform the school as soon as possible.

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*Janice Walker - W3 Day Camp*

### ***Missed Exams***

Please be reminded that absences from exams must be cleared before the exam is written. If a student misses an exam due to illness or a family emergency, a parent/guardian is expected to contact the school secretary prior to the exam being written.

### ***Students Away***

If your child is going to be missing classes for a planned absence during regular school time, the student will be expected to catch up on the academics they missed. Students should inform their teachers well ahead of the absence.

### ***Noon Booth***

The booth WILL NOT be in operation during exam week – January 23-28, inclusive. Microwaves will still be available for student use, but no food items or snack foods will be for sale during this time.

### ***SLG – Student Leadership Group***

The SLG had a busy December. We kicked off the month by having a food drive competition with Dalmeny. It was a great cause to collect food for our nearby food bank, while having some friendly competition where the principal from the losing school would have to wear the opposing school's jersey at an assembly...and have it video taped. With a great effort from our students and families, we were able to win the competition, and get a food and monetary donations for a worthy cause. We can't wait to see this video!

We ended the school week before holidays with a Spirit Week. We had various dress up days to get us all in the holiday spirit; we even had a 'Bring Your Own Mug' day with hot chocolate and a candy cane for participants. On the last afternoon of school, which started with the much-anticipated Christmas Banquet, the SLG hosted various activities following our meal, including movies, board games, a photo booth, and a dodge-ball tournament. It was a great way to end the school week before a relaxing school break and holiday season.

Bingo dates for March, April and May - the last three sessions of the school year - are forthcoming. This will be communicated as soon as we receive the schedule.



### ***Curling***

The curling season is off to a great start. We have a keen group of twelve curlers. We have been practicing since before Christmas, and we have upcoming practice games against teams from Rosthern, Borden, Aberdeen and Dalmeny. This will get us ready for our Playoffs, as follows:

February 8/9 - Senior CVAC (Dalmeny)

March 1/2 - Senior Regionals (Meadow Lake)

March 8/9 - Junior CVAC (Martensville)

- Senior Provincials (Nipawin)

Thanks to Jason Farthing and Shannon Lewis for coaching.  
Kerri and Hailey



### ***Senior Girls Basketball***

Basketball season is well under way and I am excited to be coaching the Senior Girls Basketball Team this year. We have four Grade 12s, two Grade 11s, three Grade 10s, and two Grade 9s who are committed to a busy schedule. We will be playing eight exhibition games (six home, two away), and attending seven tournaments prior to the start of playoffs. We hosted two home tournaments combined with the Senior Boys on December 14/15 and January 11/12. We have had a successful start to our season, winning the Rosthern Junior College tournament and both home tournaments, as well as all our exhibition games. We have started our season with thirteen wins and no losses. Our remaining tournaments are at Coronach (Jan. 18/19), Davidson (Feb. 1/2), Indian Head (Feb. 15/16), and Meath Park (Mar. 1/2). Mr. Neufeld

### ***Senior Boys Basketball***

The Sr. Boys basketball season is going strong. The team has had some great games and tournaments. Most recently, we hosted LVBIT and we had some great competition come to Langham. This year's Sr. Boys team has a variety of athletes at different grade levels, and the team will be building throughout the year. We have some great players on the team who are taking the leadership role and helping the younger athletes develop their skills and adapt to the high-speed game of senior basketball. The younger athletes new to the senior program are learning quickly, and they show great commitment to the team. I expect great things for this team as we build and progress throughout the season.

This coming weekend, the boys travel to Maple Creek to challenge teams in the southern part of the province. We are looking forward to the upcoming tournaments and adventures, and we will have lots of fun travelling as a team. Go Vikings!  
Jason McDonald

### ***Junior Girls Basketball***

The second half of our season has begun! The girls played a phenomenal weekend of basketball on January 11/12 in Warman. We faced Dalmeny on Friday night and although it was a close game for all four quarters, the girls stayed composed and came out with a win to start off the tournament - putting us on the "A" side of the tournament. On Saturday morning, we had a tough loss against Melfort in the semi-final, but the girls battled the whole game and refused to give up! We finished the weekend by beating Osler to end up 3<sup>rd</sup>, overall. Over the next three weeks, the girls have three more league games, and a tournament on January 25/26 at VCA. We have a strong group of athletes that have been working hard and improving each week. Many of the girls demonstrate exceptional leadership and sportsmanship which will contribute to the team's success this season!

Sheridan Popenia



### ***Junior Boys Basketball***

I am also very excited to be coaching the Junior Boys Basketball Team. We have five Grade 9s, three Grade 8s, and four Grade 7s who are committed to a busy schedule. We will be playing six league games, six exhibition games and attending four tournaments prior to the start of playoffs. We hosted our home tournament along with the Junior Girls on November 23/24. Our overnight tournament in Melfort (Dec. 9/10) was a lot of fun, and we had some very close games including overtime. At the Warman tournament, we lost by one point to Unity in the opener, then defeated VCA and Osler to win the "B" side Championship. We will also be attending a tournament in Weyburn on January 25/26. Our current record is nine and six, with two of those losses being by one point and the other four were under ten points.

District Playoffs are the week of February 4-9. Go, Vikings!  
Mr. Neufeld

Not sure what to do with your kids during the February Break? Why not send them to **W3 (Wild Warrior Wellness) Day Camp!**

- This program is being offered in Langham for five to twelve year olds.
- The day camps run from 10 am to 4 pm during the February Break: February 19 and 21.
- The programming has been carefully selected to incorporate the following: yoga, mindfulness-meditation, group coaching, arts and crafts with a purpose, outdoor activities weather permitting, along with healthy snacks and lunch.
- The cost is \$80 per child (if more than one child attending from the same family, add \$60 for each additional sibling).
- Must pre-register and place your deposit in order to hold your space as spots fill up quickly.

### ***Why would you consider this camp?***

- Through using arts, crafts, yoga, mindfulness-meditation, and group coaching, the day will be structured for optimal use of time and experiences.
- I am a Registered Nurse who has a passion for yoga and kids. I have my 200-hour yoga instructor certification, and I am registered with Yoga Alliance. I have been teaching yoga in Langham for the past several months, and I have enjoyed sharing my love for movement and meditation with the kids of Langham.
- Children and youth are so receptive to social and emotional skills and support. They can struggle at a very young age with social skills, emotional awareness, stress, anxiety, academics, sleep, attention, body image, emotional regulation and more. The good news is all of this can be improved, understood, accepted and tools can be learned to feel like their absolute best selves.
- The curriculum utilized was purchased as a partnership from JMJ coaching who has very successfully been providing these day camps and series of workshops for the past five years. You can check out her website for testimonials @ [jmjcoaching.ca](http://jmjcoaching.ca)

Call or text Janice Walker @ 306-221-9058  
**OR** check it out on Facebook...

Janice Walker Yoga & Wellness

~ *Langham Travel Club* ~  
**'Bon Voyage'**  
**Dinner and Silent Auction**

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Affinity Community Hall  
**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

Doors open at 6:00 pm;  
Meal Service begins at 6:30 pm

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Dinner - Perogies, Farmer Sausage,  
Coleslaw and Dessert

Auction - A variety of OUTSTANDING items,  
including authenticated sports  
memorabilia & **more!**

Tickets - Adults \$15; Children (10 & under) \$10  
\*available from any Travel Club member

***Thank You for Your Continued Support!***

***Walter W. Brown SCC***

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Everyone is welcome to join us as we endeavour to support the learning in our school community.



***Dates to Remember***

- Jan. 23-28 -> High School Exams
- 29 -> Semester Turnaround Day – no classes
- 30 -> First Day of Second Semester
- February 6 -> Report Cards
- 18 -> Family Day – no classes
- 19-22 -> Winter Break – no classes
- 25 -> Classes resume
- March 11 -> Teacher Prep Time/PD – no classes
- 21 -> S-P-T Conferences (evening)
- 29 -> Time in lieu of S-P-T Conferences
- April 16 -> Report Cards
- 19 -> Good Friday - no classes
- 22-26 -> Easter Break – no classes
- 29 -> Classes resume

~ ***Community News*** ~

***Soccer Online Registration: Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>- Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>***

To register your child for spring soccer, please go to  
[ssa-langham.goalline.ca](http://ssa-langham.goalline.ca)

We will again be looking for coaches and managers for all teams, so please consider signing up. These positions will also need to be registered on the above site. Complimentary coaching clinics will be available.

As well, anyone aged twelve and older are welcome to sign up to become a soccer referee. These are paid positions. There will be instructional courses available sponsored by the Langham Soccer Association. For more information, contact [langhamsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:langhamsoccer@gmail.com)

***Ball Registration Night - One Night Only!***

When - Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 PM

Where - Walter W. Brown School

\*Please bring your child's SK Health Card, and payment for registration fees.

***Minor Football Information Night***

Purpose: To discuss the possibility of starting a 5-on-5 flag football program in the Spring of 2019; for children Grades 1-8

When: **January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 PM**

Where: Langham Affinity Community Hall

Who: **For parents only, please**



**Exam Schedule - January, 2019**

Notes: ELA A30 is a Departmental Exam. All other exams are teacher prepared, with accreditation.

All morning exams begin at 850 am, but the reading of regulations for ELA A30 occurs one half hour prior.

AM Exams - 8:50 PM Exams - 1:00		Wednesday, January 23	Thursday, January 24	Friday, January 25	Monday, January 28
GRADE 12	AM	ELA A30 (Dept.)	CHEMISTRY 30	MATH: PCA 30	HISTORY 30
	PM	---	---	---	ROBOTICS Special Project Credit 30
GRADE 11	AM	ELA 20	MATH: WPA 20	MATH: FMA 20	PHYSICAL SCI 20
	PM	---	---	---	ROBOTICS 30
GRADE 10	AM	MATH: WPA 10	ELA A10	WELLNESS 10	---
	PM	---	---	---	ROBOTICS 20

**Final Examinations - Permission to Leave**

- All students must remain in the examination room for at least one hour, and are not to leave until permission is given by the supervising teacher.
- Acceptable reasons for missing an exam are illness and death in the family. In the case of illness, a doctor's certificate will be required, and the Principal must be notified by the parent before the time set for the exam.
- Unacceptable absence from an exam may result in the student receiving a mark of zero.
- Students will be allowed to leave the school after their exam, or remain at home if no exam is scheduled, **if the parent provides signed consent on the form below**. This form must be submitted to the room teacher by Tuesday, January 22, 2019, or the student will be assigned to supervised study halls. A student **WILL** be required to remain at school during regular school hours if no consent form is provided.  
*Telephone confirmation will not be accepted.*
- Grade 6, 7 and 8 students will have regular classes up to and including January 28, 2019. Grade 9 students will write midterms in some of their classes, but during their regular schedule.

===== (Detach and Return) =====

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to stay / come home during exam week . . .  
Name of Student

\_\_\_\_\_ at times he/she does not have an exam

or

\_\_\_\_\_ only on these specified dates and times:

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Signature of Parent/Guardian