

# The Navigator

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News and information for the parents of Willow Creek Composite High School students, and the communities which make our school successful!

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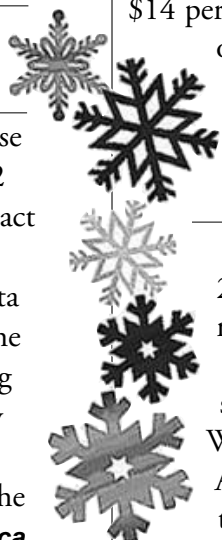
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### Happy New Year!

The Navigator is produced and written by WCCHS staff, students and parents. We will strive to provide information to parents of our students on what is happening in our school, and to share with the community.

### MODERNIZATION UPDATES

The asbestos abatement phase has been concluded at the 7-12 modernization site. Final contract documentation was completed between Ward Bros. and Alberta Infrastructure. Ward Bros. as the general contractor are preparing to mobilize and will be actively on site January 3, 2012. The next update will be posted to the division website at [www.lrsd.ab.ca](http://www.lrsd.ab.ca) on January 23, 2012.



the office for trying on. Hoodie order number 2 will be placed at the end of January.

We also have a new item - **Cobra socks!** These socks, pictured in the bottom right corner of this page, are available for purchase in the office for \$14 per pair. Get them today, while our supplies last! Watch for more clothing items to be announced soon!

### WALL OF FAME

The Graduating Class of 2012 invites students, staff members and the public to nominate present and past students and staff members of WCCHS for our Wall of Fame Award. The major criteria for the award are that the nominee must have been repeatedly acknowledged for their achievements at the provincial, national, or international level and that they are current or past graduates or staff members of WCCHS. Achievements can be in leadership, sports, culture, academics, business, politics, or arts.

A written nomination submitted to the WCCHS Wall of Fame Award Committee can be dropped off at the WCCHS office before April 1, 2012. The nomination must contain documentation of the nominee's accomplishments and contributions.

Please contact Mr. Darryl Seguin, Principal of WCCHS at 625-3387 if you have any questions.

### HIGH SCHOOL 2nd SEMESTER REGISTRATION

Students who **do not have** their second semester timetable can request a copy at the office. Students who wish to make a change to their timetable must make an appointment with Mrs. Lavoie during the week of January 23 – 27. Our second semester begins February 1st and students are responsible for knowing when and where their classes are for this first day.

### NO SMOKING!

All students, regardless of age, must refrain from smoking on school property. Students may face a **fine of \$115** if they are caught smoking on school grounds. If you have a child that smokes, please talk to them about being respectful in where they choose to smoke.



### ATTENDANCE

All students must have their absences cleared in order to attend class. Parents need to call in (403-625-3387) and report their child's absence as soon as possible. It is important for the school to know when your child is absent due to illness, as we report information to Alberta Health Services if student illness rates are high.

**Administrative Procedure 330 states:** *The Division has an expectation that:*

- students will attend school regularly and punctually in accordance with Section 12(b) of the School Act, and that students and parents/guardians have primary responsibility in this regard,*
- school staff will enforce the student attendance policy,*
- parents/guardians will cooperate with school staff in the enforcement of student attendance.*

*Schools shall have procedures in place to monitor student attendance on a daily basis and to verify absences through phone calls, notes, medical certificates or other such acceptable practices that are outlined in the attendance policy of the school.*

*The school administration is assigned the responsibility of determining whether an absence shall be classified as excusable or inexcusable.*

Thank you for your cooperation.

### SPORTS UPDATES

Cobra Sports are busy! Our gyms are scheduled to the max with basketball games and practices with teams from grades 7 to 12.

We will be hosting the **Senior Boys Cobra Classic** on Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14, 2012 in the gym at West Meadow Elementary School. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students per day. Be sure to come out and cheer on the athletes!

Our junior and senior high teams will also be travelling out of town for several tournaments. Watch the Claresholm Local Press for continued coverage and results of all school teams.

The Annual Alumni basketball tournament was once again a success. Thanks to all who helped out and participated.

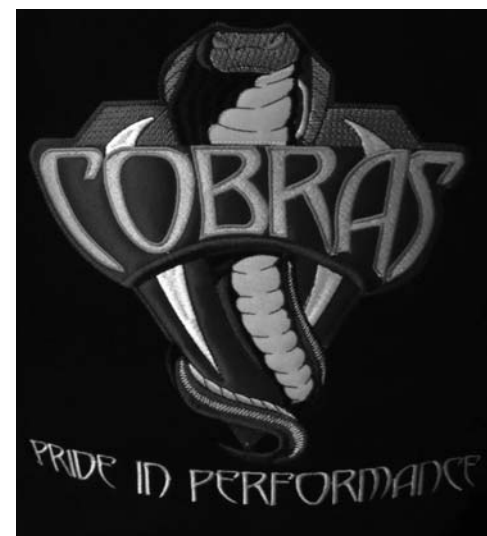
The Senior Girls Basketball team had a strong showing in Medicine Hat. The girls also repeated as winners of the Vauxhall tournament.

The Senior Boys team placed 3rd at a tournament in Brooks, and won the consolation at CCHS against bigger schools.



**16 WEEKS UNTIL...  
PROM 2012**  
(Friday, April 27, 2012)

**20 WEEKS UNTIL...  
GRAD 2012!**  
(Saturday, May 26, 2012)



### GRAD 2012

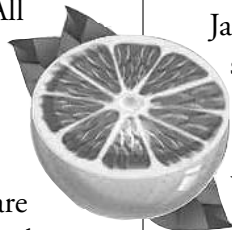
Grad 2012 planning continues! Just to recap: At 1:00 p.m., the group photo will take place at LRSD Central Office. At 2:00 p.m. the banquet will take place at the Community Center. The Cap & Gown Ceremony will follow at 6:00 p.m, also at the Community Centre. Students were measured (fitted) for their gowns last month. Grad songs (grand march, processional, recessional, partner, and parent dances) are being determined. Grad Committee members are using Facebook to send messages out to grads to keep them informed throughout the year. Watch for more information on other items relating to Grad 2012 here and on the school website.

### SPORTS SOCIETY

The WCCHS Sports Society is launching their **annual Orange & Grapefruit Sale** in January! All students who participate in school sports will be selling oranges (40 lb. case) and grapefruits (30 lb. case) for \$38 per case. Orders forms are available in the office and on the school website under 'Sports Society.' They are due on back to the school on January 20, 2012. Delivery dates will be announced and orders need to be picked up and delivered.

### COBRA GEAR!

You have probably seen our new Cobra Hoodies around the school and the community. These new hoodies are black with a beautiful crest and sell for \$55 each. There are sizes in



### NEW ITEM!

WCCHS Sports Society is offering **Cobra Socks - \$14 per pair** Available in the office as long as supplies last!



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:  
Darryl Seguin**



Happy New Year everyone! I hope that you took advantage of the break to spend some time with family and friends and enjoy a change of pace. As we head into January, high school students will be busy completing the last 13 days of the first semester, finishing their courses and preparing for exams. Please note the exam schedule on the calendar on this page for all of the details. Ms. Scott and Mr. Bryson will be heading to Edmonton during exam week to participate in the provincial marking of Diploma Exams. These two staff members in particular have marked Diploma Exams for several years and we are grateful to them for their involvement at the provincial level.

As we head into the second half of the year, we will be asking for your participation in completing surveys both from the School Division and from Alberta Education. Please take the time to complete them and provide your feedback as the information received from the surveys is taken into consideration when preparing for the following school year and the development of school related plans. Also, feel free to contact any of the school administrators or school council representatives to provide input for future direction.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

School council meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. The time alternates between 7 pm and 8 pm so be sure to check the website for the accurate time. If you have questions, contact Chair Ruth Lindquist (403-625-3123) or Principal Darryl Seguin. The next meeting will be on January 19, 2012, at 7 pm in the school library (2nd floor). Everyone is welcome to attend.

**SURVEYS**

Alberta Education, the provincial body that directs your child's education, conducts annual surveys to ensure they are achieving their goals. Between now and the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting their annual survey, called the Accountability Pillar Survey. Parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education in January. Soon after, students in the same grades, as well as teachers, will be completing their surveys online during school. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school.

The Accountability Pillar uses 16 indicators including surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student

outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to local school administration in May 2012, and will be reported publicly as part of 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

**GRADE 7 INFO**

Grade 7 is busy over the next couple of months! Our swimming days are Jan. 13, Feb. 17, March 30, April 27, and May 25.

Please remember to dress for the weather as students are outside in the morning and again at noon.

**GRADE 7 & 8 SPORTS EXCHANGE**

Students in Grade 7 and 8 are busy planning an exchange to Paisley, Ontario in the spring. Tentative dates are Paisley travels here April 23-29, and our students will travel there on May 11-17, 2012. Contact Marla McLeod for more information at 403-625-4862.

**UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE**

- School Council Meeting (7 pm - Library) . . . . . January 19
- Sports Society Meeting (8 pm - Library) . . . . . January 19
- Last Day of Regular Classes (Gr. 10-12) for Semester 1 . . . January 20
- Ski Day for Grade 7, 8 & 9 (Castle Mtn.) . . . . . January 25
- Hoodie Orders Due . . . . . January 27
- High School Registration, Timetable Changes,  
Textbook Pickup . . . . . January 23-30
- Semester 2 begins . . . . . February 1
- Report Cards for Sem. 1 Handed Out . . . . . February 1
- Family Day Holiday . . . . . February 20
- February Break Week . . . . . February 20 - 24

**DIGITAL TATTOOS**

Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) gives us all the opportunity to be our own best cheerleaders and worst enemies. Your "digital identity," just like a tattoo, is highly visible and hard to remove. It is formed by you and others over time. The University of British Columbia has created a Digital Tattoo Project ([www.digitaltattoo.ubc.ca](http://www.digitaltattoo.ubc.ca)), providing information on how to manage your digital identity. More and more employers are going online to find and get an impression of the people they might hire. Graduates: what will your future boss think of you? The goal of the Digital Tattoo project is to raise questions and provide resources to encourage you to think about your presence online. Understand your digital tattoo. Know what the internet says about you. Check out this valuable site!



**IS YOUR CHILD ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?**  
You need to call the school  
**403-625-3387**  
to let us know!

**HOW TO REACH US**

Main Phone 403-625-3387  
website: [www.lrsd.ab.ca/schools/willowcreek](http://www.lrsd.ab.ca/schools/willowcreek)  
email: [seguid@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:seguid@lrsd.ab.ca)  
News to add? [dofsteel@shaw.ca](mailto:dofsteel@shaw.ca)

**JANUARY 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 LA 30-1 Pt. A LA 30-2 Pt. A	12 SS 30-1 Pt. A SS 30-2 Pt. A	13 Grade 7 Swim French 30 Pt. A	14 Cobra Invitational Basketball Tournament
15	16	17	18	19 LA 30-1 Pt. B LA 30-2 Pt. B 7pm Sch. Council 8pm Sports Society	20 Orange & Grapefruit ORDERS DUE! SS 30-1 Pt. B SS 30-2 Pt. B	21
22	23 French 30 Pt. B SS 10-1 SS 20-1 LA 20-2 @ 1pm	24 Biology 20 Biology 30 Science 20 Science 10 @ 1pm	25 Ski Castle for Gr.7-9 Pure Math 30 Applied Math 30 Math 20-3 @ 1pm Math 20-1 @ 1pm French 10 @ 1pm	26 Chemistry 30 Math 10C Math 10-3 Chem 20 @ 1pm	27 Physics 20 Physics 30	28
29	30 Science 30	31 Semester Break NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS	*All exams begin at 9 am unless noted otherwise			

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