

The Navigator

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Welcome Back to School!

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

Asbestos abatement continues at the 7-12 modernization site. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of November. Tenders closed on the general contract on October 19, 2011. Ten contractors submitted bids on the contract with the low bid being \$10,200,000. The contract will be awarded subject to Alberta Infrastructure's rules and regulations following a review by the Contract Review Committee of the provincial government.

GRAD 2012

Graduation 2012 will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2012. This year's theme as voted by the students is Alice in Wonderland. This theme reflects Alice's journey to adulthood. She comes into numerous new situations in which her curiosity creates challenges and her adaptability is absolutely necessary for success. This year's grad class is excited about the opportunities for decorating for this theme and the symbolism that can be related to high school graduation. Grad Pictures will be taken by LifeTouch sometime in February 2012. More information will be posted as it becomes available. Check this monthly newsletter or watch the school's website under the 'Councils & Committees' tab on the front page. All grad-related updates, letters, and information will be added to that page. Contact any of the executive if you have questions:

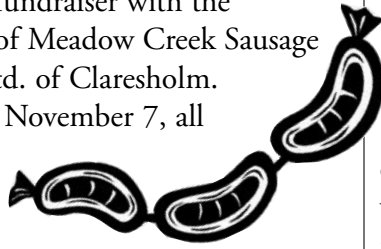
- Chair:Dakota Lelek
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- Vice-Chair (Program): . . Shelby Florence
- Vice-Chair (Fundraising): Mariya Soetart
- Vice-Chair (Banquet): Brittany Broderson
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- Treasurer:Megan Standing
- Checkmark Secretary: Courtney Thomas

SCHOOL (PARENT) 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 at 7 pm on Thursday, November 17 in the school library.

SPORTS SOCIETY

The WCCHS Sports Society is holding a fundraiser with the assistance of Meadow Creek Sausage & Meat Ltd. of Claresholm. Beginning November 7, all athletes (and any other interested students or parents) will be offering a 36-serving variety pack of sausages and meat for \$60, with a portion of the funds going to the Sports Society. Sales sheets and money are due into the school by November 22. This is just one of the ways funds are raised to support and reduce the cost of sports in our school. The Sports Society provides the resources for each sports team to operate. The resources are pooled from the collection of fees and fundraising. The teams then use the resources available to them. The next meeting is 8 p.m. on November 17.



SPORTS / TEAMS UPDATE

The WCCHS Cobras football team has a record of 5-3 and sit ranked #5 in Football Alberta's Tier 4 rankings. The Cobras have used a tough defense and strong running game to get to this point. Their only losses have been by 6 points each to Chinook (tier 2) and a resurgent Pincher Creek Mustang squad (4-1, ranked # 3). The Cobras started the playoff season on a strong note Friday, October 28 with a 63-0 win over Kate Andrews of Coaldale. The team set a record for most rushing yardage in a game, rumbling for 572 yards. As a result, the Cobras move to the SAHSFL tier 4 final in Lethbridge (Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 pm) against Pincher Creek. The winner moves into provincial playoffs as South Zone champion.

After finishing second at Zones, the WCCHS golf team traveled to Sherwood Park to compete at high school provincials. The team of Ryan Stronski, Bobby McPeak, Devon Shearer and Caleb Laughington had a very respectable showing. Sitting in fourth and not too far off the lead, the team hoped to improve on their standings on day two when the tournament shifted to a private course. Our team held their own and finished fourth overall for 1A/2A schools.

The junior high cross country team competed at divisionals near Kip. There were many strong individual performances and all told when the

points were combined, we came home with the divisional banner.

Willow Creek hosted a successful JV volleyball tournament on Oct. 14-15, with 12 teams participating. Due to construction, we borrowed the gyms in Nanton. WCCHS broke their team up and had two entries. In spite of limited or no subs, they finished a very respectable 3rd and 4th in their pools. This same weekend the JV boys traveled to Rundle College in Calgary. While not coming home with any hardware, every set was competitive.

The jr. high teams have also been active with tournaments. The grade 9 girls traveled to a 32 team tournament in Calgary and brought home the B side championship. They also participated in a tournament in Pincher Creek, bringing home 4th. The grade 8 girls also competed in Pincher Creek. The grade 7 girls traveled to Coaldale for a tournament. They played strong in the round robin, coming out at the top of their pool before losing out in the semi-finals. On Oct. 28 and 29, the Junior High teams hosted a home tournament at West Meadow School. Thanks to all who assisted to make this possible.

Volleyball will be wrapping up early in November with final league games and tournaments. Congratulations to both Senior and JV boys and girls teams on the great effort this season and special thanks to the coaches who have dedicated their time to this sport! Watch for good things to come next year!

We are looking for junior high coaches for both boys and girls basketball... please call Todd Lybbert (403-625-3387) if you can assist.

LUNCH TIME

WCCHS 8-12 is an open campus. Students in grades 8-12 are allowed to leave the school grounds at lunch time. This is a change in practice from last year, when this building was only a grade 7 & 8 campus and students were expected to remain on campus during the lunch hour. Grade 7's at West Meadow Elementary School will still be required to have permission from parents to leave school grounds at lunch time.

Parents that do not want their child to leave the school grounds during lunch hour should discuss that expectation with their children.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact school administration.

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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PROM 2012

will be held on Friday, April 27, 2012!

CASINO VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

January 25 & 26, 2012
Call Carmelle if you can assist at 403-625-4017



COACHES NEEDED! JR. HIGH BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

Any parents who can coach or assist, please contact Todd Lybbert at the school ASAP!



PINNACLE PASSWORDS

Do you have yours? Parents, your Pinnacle password changes every year so you need to get your new one from the office. Pinnacle is the program that allows you to view student marks online!

POLICE CHECKS

If your child is new to grades 7-12, and you wish to volunteer in some capacity within WCCHS, you will need to complete a record check and turn it into the office. Thank you!

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Darryl Sequin**



Salute to Volunteers!

According to an article written in 2004 by the CBC, "Volunteering in Numbers", Canadians lead the world in volunteer participation; 27% of Canadians volunteer time in one fashion or another, providing an average of 13.5 hours a month of their time. In recent years, some provinces have incorporated mandatory volunteering as part of graduation requirements. Although student volunteering is not mandatory at WCCHS, it is very much appreciated and we strongly encourage our students to get involved and give back to the community whenever and wherever they can. We are very fortunate at WCCHS to have parents and community members set this example and willingly devote their time and energy each year in support of our students and our programming. Last year, we attempted to track the number of volunteer hours provided and determined that our school had a total of 20 activities involving volunteers. The task of recording volunteer hours can be difficult given different circumstances; however, nine of the twenty activities recorded 1300 hours. With 11 activities unreported, it is easy to assume that total volunteer hours at WCCHS were well beyond the 1300 hour mark. Traditionally, sports teams, clubs, councils and societies are the recipients of volunteer efforts. These contributions play an important, vital role in operating successful school activities; occasionally, however, volunteers donate their time and expertise in less traditional areas.

This year at WCCHS, a small group of French students are the beneficiaries of such assistance. With only a few interested in the course, students were scheduled to take French 10 through Distance Learning. In September, an individual in our community met with me to discuss volunteering in the school. As we began to discuss possibilities it became clear that "Raj" had an incredible knowledge and experience base. He holds a Masters of Arts in French Literature and Translation. He has several years experience teaching French at the college level and has served as the head of the French department at an International school in Oman. Raj volunteers 3 days a week at WCCHS helping these students with any concerns or questions they may have about their course and he gives them an opportunity to converse in the language. The students appreciate his assistance and look forward to his visits with them. We are extremely fortunate to have a community member with Raj's

qualifications and experience volunteer his time at WCCHS to help students in their pursuit to learn another language. As a school, we are tremendously grateful to him for his willingness to provide such a valuable service to us and our students. To Raj and the many other and great

volunteers at WCCHS, we salute you! Your examples, efforts and dedication play an important role as we educate our students and look to their futures. Thank you for all that you do and for sharing your talents and experience with us.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Students at WCCHS have been busy! In September, we had our Terry Fox Run, with a large aerial photo of the students and staff in the shape of a maple leaf. Students raised almost \$2000 with the school run and the donations from students, staff and community. We also had Toonie



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE	
Remembrance Day - No School	November 11
Scholarship Information for Students	November 15
Report Cards	November 16
School Council Meeting (7 pm) All Parents Welcome!	November 17
Sausage/Meat Orders Due Back to School	November 22
Interschool PD Day - No school for students	November 25
Last day of classes before Christmas	December 22

Tuesday for Terry on the Tuesday prior to the run. The aerial photo of the maple leaf is now up around school with a "Where's Waldo" type activity.

In early October, we had Neon Day in conjunction with our first ever full colour yearbooks being given out. We also conducted a student survey, asking students for their interests to help our council in planning. The results are being tabulated and will be released soon.

A Hallowe'en Dance was held on October 28 in the gym. A fun time was had by all. We also had a costume dress up day and conga line on Monday, October 31. Watch for posters around the school for fun activities to come!

Remembrance Day Service at the Community Centre
Thursday, November 10
11:00 am
Everyone Welcome!

HOW TO REACH US
 Main Phone 403-625-3387
 website: www.lrsd.ab.ca/schools/willowcreek
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 News to add? dofsteel@shaw.ca

WE SHALL REMEMBER...
NOVEMBER 11, 2011

TEEN MUSIC LESSONS!
 FREE music lessons held Fridays from 2 - 3 pm until Christmas at the Teen Centre. Take advantage of this time with Jessie O'Neil, instructor, and learn guitar, keyboard, or drums! All teens welcome! (Sponsored by Linderman Law)

Claresholm's Fall Flu Immunization Clinics will be held November 2 & 9 from 10 am to 5:30 pm at the Community Centre!

NOVEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Divisional PD Day No School for Students	2 Gr. 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day	3 SAHSFL Tier 4 final in Lethbridge (6:00 pm) vs. Pincher Creek	4	5 Sr. Boys VBall to Nobleford
6 Clocks 'fall' back one hour	7 Meadow Creek Sausage & Meat Fundraiser begins! Forms in the office	8	9	10 REMEMBRANCE DAY Service Awards Night - 7 pm Comm.Ctr.	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY - No School	12
13	14	15 Scholarship Information Night WCCHS 7 pm Library	16	17 SCHOOL COUNCIL 7 pm SPORTS SOCIETY 8 pm (Library)	18	19
20	21	22 Meadow Creek Sausage & Meat Fundraiser ends - Forms and \$\$ to the office today!	23	24	25 Staff Planning & Collaboration Day No School for Students	26
27	28	29	30		Dec. 2 Meadow Creek Sausage & Meat Fundraiser delivery to the school	

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