

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

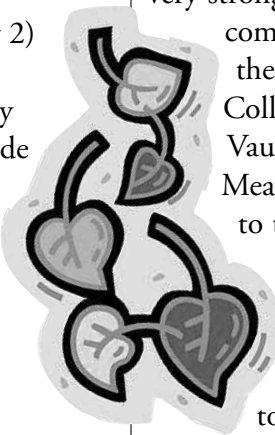
Grade 8 and 9 students have spent one week in the portables at the new WCCHS site. There will be no further use of the modernization site as the Division prepares for the start of the asbestos abatement on September 26. A walk-through with potential general contractors will take place on October 4. It is anticipated that the building contract will be awarded on October 26, 2011.

Since the start of the school year, the full range of student programming has been maintained. Students and staff have settled into new routines utilizing the various sites in town.

Spaces have been designated for students to gather in, if they choose. In addition to the lunch room, one portable is now available at lunch time for students to eat and socialize. Cafeteria service has been established in the lunch room, with food prepared by students in the commercial kitchen.

JR. HIGH TRAVEL CLUB

The WCCHS Jr. High Travel Club will be taking an 8-day trip (departure is planned for July 2) to explore Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and PEI. Currently the group is comprised of grade 7 & 8 girls, and it is anticipated it will stay an all-female group. We have room for 7 more travelers (students and parents). Students need to be in grades 7-9 this school year. Please contact Merry Franz if you have questions! (franzm@lrsd.ab.ca). Application packages can be picked up in the WCCHS office, or from Merry Franz at the Grade 7 site.



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 any questions, contact Chair Ruth Lindquist (403-625-3123) or Principal Darryl Seguin. The next meeting is scheduled for 8 pm on Thursday, October 20, 2011 in the school library.

SPORTS UPDATE

WCCHS hosted a very successful senior girls volleyball tournament last weekend, hosting 12 teams. It was a very strong tournament with teams coming with national players on their roster. West Island College out of Calgary defeated Vauxhall in the final.

Meanwhile the JV girls went to the University of Lethbridge and had a successful tournament there.

The grade 7 and 8 girls attended a pre-season tournament in Pincher Creek. The grade 7's won their first 3 matches and went on to lose in the semi-finals. The grade 8's went all the way to the final, ending up 2nd. All junior high teams began league play last week.

The senior boys had home matches last week. They began their season with a loss to Fort Macleod. The senior girls began their season with a win over Matthew Halton and will spend the first part of their season on the road.

Several athletes have run in a number of cross country events this year. Several came home with medals and top 10 finishes. They ran on Friday in the Bull Run in Kanai.

The Cobras football team suffered a loss this past Friday, as they dropped a game to a much improved Pincher Creek team that came in with a 3-0 record.

The WCCHS golf team is off to provincials. They ended up 2nd at zones on a tough Crowsnest Pass course. They competed this past weekend in Sherwood Park.

Many thanks to our coaches, who are parents and staff:

- Senior girls volleyball: Bev McNutt, assistant Joanna Sutter
- Senior Boys volleyball: Jamie Bebek, assistant Gavin Moore
- Cross Country Running: Elaine Watt and Naomi Faulkner
- Golf: Malik Salman
- Football: Tim Bryson, Todd Lybbert, Lyle Franz, Kelly Starling
- Grade 9 volleyball: Randy Bohnet
- Grade 8 volleyball: Niki Kearl
- Grade 7 volleyball: Lori Morrison

We appreciate your time and efforts with our teams!

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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Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

October 18 & 20

ALL interviews for Grades 7 - 12 interviews will be held at the WCCHS site.

4:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Above: Junior High option class at CTS Central on main street, Claresholm

GRAD 2012

Congratulations to the following members of the 2012 Grad Executive:

- Chair:Dakota Lelek
- Vice-Chair (Pictures):Alyssa Sutter
- Vice-Chair (Program): . .Shelby Florence
- Vice-Chair (Fundraising): Mariya Soertart
- Vice-Chair (Banquet): Brittany Broderson
- Secretary:Chad Diebold
- Treasurer:Megan Standing
- Checkmark Secretary: Courtney Thomas

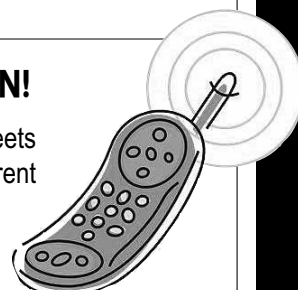
Watch for more exciting details to follow from this group!

SPORTS SOCIETY

The WCCHS Sports Society is an umbrella organization under which all sports teams at WCCHS operate. The 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 7 p.m. on Sept. 27. Watch for more news in this space.

CONTACT INFORMATION - PLEASE RETURN!

Parents! Please ensure you return the Student Demographic sheets that were sent home last week. It is very important that we have current contact information for you. Please let the office know if you have changed your home phone, cell phone, mailing address or email address ~ **Thank you!**



PICTURE RETAKES



will take place on Thursday, October 20!

GROUP & TEAM PHOTOS

will also take place on October 20... don't forget to bring your uniform!

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



Remember when...

... the halls of WCCHS were alive with energy and enthusiasm in early September as students returned to school. Excited to see their friends after summer holidays, many students greeted each other with smiles, hugs and laughter.

For a lot of students, school is as much as social event as it is an academic one, and although classes are very important as students prepare for the responsibilities and realities of adulthood, the friendships and shared experiences that happen at school each and every day will stay with them well beyond their school years to become lifetime memories.

With the move from the old high school site to the new WCCHS campus (formerly the Claresholm Elementary School building), the start of this 2011-2012 school year carries with it an interesting mix of excitement and familiarity for many students who attended kindergarten through grade three here. They remember where to find the gym, the washrooms, the kitchen and library, but students are also beginning to notice the differences too. The old kindergarten room is the new art/computer room; one of the classrooms is now a science lab and the gym stage and storage room have become the weight and fitness rooms. With the four new portables we have an entirely new wing; we have a new parking lot on the east side of the school and I imagine the hallways look very different with students often towering over the staff instead of reaching up to their armpits.

A familiar phrase I've heard repeatedly since students returned on September 6 is: "Remember when...", "Remember when Mrs. ...", "Remember when we used to ..." It is great to see students remembering the good times they had in this building when they were younger. Even though the walls and structures are similar, this year students have the exciting opportunity to create brand new memories and make 2011-2012 at WCCHS a great year as they spend time with friends, learn new concepts and share new laughs.

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

High School Rodeo Club is holding a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, September 27 at the Agriplex at 6:30 pm. Parents and students are welcome.

ID CARDS

All grade 10-12's may pick up their school ID cards in the library. Grade 8-9 students: your cards can be picked up in block 1 from the teacher.

COBRA WEAR

Order forms for WCCHS hoodies, sweatshirts, and t-shirts are available at the office. Sample sizes for hoodies are available in Ms. Walker's classroom (Room 102) at noon. All orders must be handed in to the

office by October 14, 2011.



Claresholm's Fall Flu Immunization Clinics will be held October 19 & October 26 10 am - 6 pm



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

Interschool PD Day - No school for students	October 7
Thanksgiving Holiday - No School	October 10
Parent Teacher Student Interviews	October 18 & 20
School Council Meeting (8 pm) All Parents Welcome!	October 20
Report Cards	November 16
Interschool PD Day - No school for students	November 25

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

HAPPY FALL!



New Sites: Above, the cosmotology students have made themselves at home in CTS Central. Below, inside one of the portable classrooms. The portables are connected with an enclosed hallway, complete with lockers for students.

October 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					September 30 - Grade 7 Swim (PE class)	1
2	3	4	5	6 Cobras Football at WR Meyers (Taber) 6:30 pm	7 Interschool collaboration Day No School for Students	8
9	10 THANKSGIVING MONDAY School Holiday	11	12 October 12 (7B) & 13(7A) Grade 7 Science Fish Rescue	13 October 12 (7B) & 13(7A) Grade 7 Science Fish Rescue	14 Cobras Football at home vs. Med Hat 7:00 pm	15
16	17	18 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews for Grades 7-12 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.	19	20 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews Gr. 7-12, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. SCHOOL COUNCIL 8:00 pm WCCHS Library	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Grade 7 Swim (PE class)	29
30	31 Grade 7's to Galt Museum	November 1 Divisional PD Day No School for Students				

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