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SCHOOL MESSAGE

Hello to our Western families,

Our Student Conferences are taking place next week, with two formal opportunities available - in person on Thursday night and online on Friday morning. We recognize that there is value in connecting with teachers no matter how your child is doing, but we also have limited spots available (42 time slots for individual teachers who often have 95-115 students). If your student is doing quite well in a particular subject, then perhaps consider leaving a spot for somebody who might need it a bit more - or wait a few days before booking to allow more of those parents with more-pressing reasons to get in.

On a separate note, we're seeing more students coming in late after lunch. We have this great location along 17th Avenue, with many places to eat/sit, which obviously lends itself to enjoying the break but which can also contribute to some delays. We have asked our students as of this morning to be more cognizant of this issue, but we're also going to be supporting our teachers who are too-often interrupted with their lessons by allowing them to shut their doors more quickly after the bell. (They'll get to the latecomers when it is convenient.) If your child is marked 'late' for class in PowerSchool, please talk to them about increasing their urgency to be on time. Thanks for your support with this.

Thank you,

Darrin Whitbread, Principal | Western Canada High School

UPCOMING DATES

- **Booking Opens for Parent Teacher Conferences**
 - Thursday, October 17th
- **Parent Teacher Conferences**
 - Thursday, October 24th | In-Person
 - Friday, October 25th | Online
- **Non-Instruction Day**
 - Friday, October 25th
- **Non-Instruction Day**
 - Friday, November 7th
- **Fall Break (No School)**
 - Monday, November 11th - Wednesday, November 13th



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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Date	Time	Format
Thursday, October 24th	5:00PM - 8:00PM	 In-Person @ WCHS
Friday, October 25th	9:00AM - 1:00PM	 Online

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are fast approaching! Teachers are available for **pre-scheduled 10 minutes meetings** on Thursday, October 24th from 5-8PM (in-person) and Friday, October 25th (online).

Booking opened to parents/guardians today (Thursday, October 17th) and will remain open until Wednesday, October 23rd at 3PM.

How to Book a School Conference

1. Log-in to [MyCBE](#). If you do not have an account, follow the [Create a MyCBE Account](#) instructions.
2. Click on the My School Conferences icon.
3. Click on the time slot that is available and convenient for you. Ensure pop-up windows are allowed.
4. In the pop-up window, you will choose your child (you have the option to enter the student's name), the name of the parent / guardian is pre-filled, but can also be changed.

How to Create a MyCBE Account

1. Go to www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe and click on the "Create Parent Account" link.
2. Important: the email that you are using to create your account must be the same one you have provided to the school. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.
3. Once you have created an account, you will receive a confirmation email.
4. After your account is confirmed, you can login to the system.



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Exploratory & Dual Credit Programs for Sem 2 - Apply Now

Applications are now open for semester two dual credit and exploratory programs. These programs are tuition free learning opportunities provided by Alberta post-secondary institutions, industry partners and community organizations.

Programs include:

- ICT Networks & Hardware
- Healthcare Career Essentials
- Culinary Trades (SAIT)
- Hospitality, Tourism & Marketing
- Veterinary Technical Assistant Program (Blended One Year Program)
- Pre-Employment Autobody
- Pipe Trades
- Carpentry

To see a full list of available learning opportunities, program requirements and application instructions go to: <https://cbe.ab.ca/programs/high-school/unique-pathways-and-off-campus-education/Pages/default.aspx>

See Mr. Smith in the Tech Centre (Room 083) during tutorials Period 3 & 4 if you have any questions.

U of A Campus Saint-Jean | French Immersion Information & Open House

October 26th from 10 AM to 2 PM.

In French – the U of A – Campus Saint-Jean:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ESaZ6OQT0YtrKmHuIZV3-lcUV1DQ-yg4/view?usp=sharing>.

In English – For parents and the invitation to register (slide 12) to attend their open house sessions:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Is0y2baI_kvzSLbXUftUBZ8_fXYUhnLO/view?usp=sharing.



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Upcoming Post Secondary Visits

University of Chicago

- October 17, 2024 3:30- 4:15 pm in the Foyer

University of Toronto

- October 23, 2024 8:15 - 9:00 am in the Foyer

Out of Province Post Secondary Fair

- Students will have the opportunity to meet with university representatives from ~ 50 post-secondary institutions across Canada.
 - When: October 23, 2024, 6:00pm - 8:00 pm
 - Where: Western Canada High School - Cafeteria
 - Who: Open to the public
- If you are unable to attend this event, please check the website for additional dates and locations: <https://www.albertaoop.com/>

University Admissions Interview Workshop

Thursday Oct. 24th 12 - 12:30 in room 179. If Grade 12 students are applying to schools or programs that require interviews, this will be an informative presentation by a WCHS parent who performs interviews for [Dartmouth College](#).

January Diploma Re-Writes

If your child would like to re-write a diploma or needs to write one that they missed, please have them make an appointment with Mr. Wiebe **BEFORE** Nov. 1st, as this is the registration deadline for January diplomas. They can simply email me at shwiebe@cbe.ab.ca to make the appointment. Students enrolled in classes at Western do **NOT** need to register, we will do that for them. Students who are taking online courses through CBe-Learn will be allowed to register to write at Western (if we have the resources available). If students are taking a diploma course through any other online institution, they are required to write it at their diploma location.



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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Model UN Update

Thank you to all the new delegates who participated in last week's Model UN beginner's conference. It was an enriching experience for everyone involved. This weekend, on October 18th and 19th, Western will be sending 37 delegates to the 13th annual Model UN symposium at Sir Winston Churchill High School (SWCHSMUN). Best of luck to all our delegates!

OTHER REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023-2024 Yearbooks - Elboya School

For those students who attended Elboya School last year, we are informing you that the 2023-2024 Yearbooks have arrived. Please come to the Office at Elboya School to pick up your order.

Are You Ready for Winter?

If you are experiencing **financial barriers** to getting a winter coat, please use your educbe account to fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/QBSDZqHe7yp25uoeA> Ms. Meier will contact you soon with details on how to take part in this **free and discreet** program. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Meier - room 152 in periods 1 & 2 or jlmeier@cbe.ab.ca

Brown Bagging 4 Calgary Kids Lunches

Brown Bagging 4 Calgary Kids lunches are now available at WCHS. Please take whatever you need, whenever you need it from the fridge in the main office. Email Ms. Meier (jlmeier@cbe.ab.ca) with any questions or to request dietary restrictions.