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QUICK LINKS

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HIGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL MESSAGE

Hello to our Western families,

Today was the first day of school and it was, to no surprise, somewhat hectic. Having said that, there is also a corresponding anticipation and excitement as we officially get the 2024/25 school year underway. Whether your child is new to us, or returning for another year, the hope from our staff is that the high school experience for all of our Western Canada students and families will be a positive one. Should you have immediate questions or concerns, please reach out to your student's teacher(s), assistant principal, and/or guidance counselor, depending on the situation. Though start-up is a busy time, somebody will get back to you as soon as possible. Finally, another reminder to keep checking these messages every week, for important information and updates.

Thank you,

Darrin Whitbread, Principal | Western Canada High School

STUDENT
SPOTLIGHT

Andy S. received a silver medal at the International Biology Olympiad this summer!

While playing for her U15 club team, **Kennedy M.** was selected to play for Team Canada (White) in the National U17 Canada Cup Tournament. Go Kennedy!

UPCOMING DATES

- School Closed**
 - Monday, Sept. 2nd
- Student Photos**
 - Tuesday, Sept. 3rd after school
- Locker Sign Up**
 - Grade 10: Wednesday, Sept. 4th
 - Grade 11 & 12: Thursday, Sept 5th
- CBe-Learn Registration Closes**
 - Friday, Sept. 6th
- Last Day for Course Changes**
 - Friday, Sept. 6th
- Meet the Teacher Night**
 - Thursday, Sept. 26th



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CBe-Learn Fall Online Registration

CBe-Learn online course registration is open to students. Appointments are first come, first served. Registration ends on September 6th.

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes can be made in student services until September 6. Appointments are first come, first served. Students are asked to come during the class they wish to change.

PROGRAM UPDATES



IPPs (Individualized Program Plans)

An email has been sent to the families of students with IPPs with information regarding the IPP process for this school year. More information on selecting learning targets, accommodations, and providing information around conditions for success for your child will be sent home the week of September 16th . IPPs will be sent home October 11th. If your student has an IPP and you did not receive the communication, please connect with Ms. Julie Dixon (jadixon@cbe.ab.ca).

IB Exams

Grade 11 and 12 IB students can start registering for May 2025 IB exams now:

<https://forms.gle/LXAp4XqMWR8oNGhv6>

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Choir

Join Choir! Get involved in your school community and make new friends in Western's award-winning choral program. With classes taking place outside of the timetable there's no reason not to! No experience is required, and you'll earn 5 extra credits! See Ms. Reinhardt in the choir room (084) or email sjreinhardt@cbe.ab.ca for more info.



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Les Miserables

The Drama Program began rehearsals this week for our fall musical, *Les Miserables*. Please mark your calendars for 7:00pm, November 26th-29th as we welcome our school community into the theatre for the show! Tickets go on sale in early November at lunch outside the theatre or at the door.

Golf

Are you a regular golfer wanting to compete on behalf of Western? Please attend an information meeting at 12pm on Wednesday, September 4th in Room 001 with Ms. Dixon. Our tournament is September 17th, so this team is for students already playing golf regularly and who know, or can determine, their golf handicap.

Football

Are you ready to push your limits and discover what you're truly capable of? Trying out for the football team is your chance to delve into a thrilling sport that builds teamwork, strength, and resilience. Join us on the field to challenge yourself, make lifelong friends, and experience the ultimate thrill of competition. Don't miss out on this opportunity to shine and grow—give football a shot! See Mr.Locey, Mr.Sokolan, and Mr.Sokolan for more details.

OTHER REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Grad Gowns

Attention grade 12 students! Please fill out your [Grad Gown form](#) ASAP to order your graduation gown for the graduation ceremony in May! The form can be found on the school's website under Teaching and Learning --> Graduation.

Lego Donation Request

If any families have unwanted Lego bricks or sets, the animation program at Western is looking for any Lego donations to use for stop-motion animation. Donations can be bagged and left at the front office for Mr. Wowkodaw.

Instagram

Follow Western Canada on Instagram at @westerncanada.cbe for school updates and celebrations!



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Student Parking

Parking applications will be available on Monday, September 9th in the main office. Only grade 11 and 12 students can obtain a parking pass after presenting a valid driver's license and vehicle registration. The forms will be collected beginning Tuesday morning (September 10th) at 8:30AM, as parents must read through and sign the form with their student. There are a limited number of parking passes available, and having a pass does NOT guarantee a parking spot each morning.

Attendance

All student attendance can be reported via the absent line by dialling 403 228 5353 then pressing 1. State the date, spell the student's first and last name, and state the reason for late arrival or absence. Messages are entered into system throughout the day - thank you for your cooperation.

Yearbook Pickup

Due to a major printing error, 2024 Yearbooks are not available for pickup. When they arrive, we will update the school website with instructions on how to pick copies up.

CALM Online Meeting

There is a mandatory information meeting for all students enrolled in online CALM at WCHS in Term 1 on Tuesday, September 3rd at lunch in Area 4 of the library.

Student Photos

Students who have not yet had their photos taken will have another opportunity on Tuesday, September 3rd immediately after school.

Lockers

Grade 10 locker sign ups are occurring on Wednesday, September 4th at lunch and after school in the library. Grade 11 & 12 locker sign ups are occurring on Thursday, September 5th at lunch and after school in the library. Students can sign up in groups of 2 or 3. Both/all students must be present with ID at sign up.