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QUICK LINKS

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- Brightspace by D2L
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SCHOOL MESSAGE

Hello to our Western families,

As September has arrived and we are starting to settle into this first semester, we want to thank our students for all their efforts over this week. We have seen conscientious hustle to get to classes on time through our congested halls, older students graciously showing our new grade 10's how to find a particular room, cooperation in regards to the new mobile device policy, and students being diligent about pictures, and lockers, and all that comes with start-up. While all high schools across the city expect similar efforts from their students, there is something wonderfully 'Western' that comes from within our student population as we all navigate the various logistics to start another school year.

We do have a small number of timetable adjustments to make, in order to better balance a few classes. There are several factors that have to be considered when doing this, including second- and third-floor fire code regulations and keeping groups under 40 (in our small rooms). If your student ends up being affected, they will be called down by their guidance counselor early next week. We know this isn't ideal, but understanding from all is appreciated.

Thank you, and enjoy the lovely weekend to come.

Darrin Whitbread, Principal | Western Canada High School

STUDENT
SPOTLIGHT

Morgan Z. recently completed the Brigs sailing voyage in Ontario as his adventurous journey for the Duke of Edinburgh Award program. This summer, he also achieved his Power Pilot license. He is now able to fly a small plane by himself. Congrats, Morgan!

UPCOMING DATES

- Student Photos**
 - Friday, Sept. 6th | 8:30-3PM in the library
 - Only for those who haven't yet had their photo taken this year
- Student Parking Form Pick Up**
 - Monday, September 9th
- Locker Sign Up (Second Chance)**
 - Tuesday, Sept. 10th @ lunch in library
- Parent Council Meeting**
 - Thursday, Sept. 19th @ 6:30PM (virtual)
- Terry Fox Run**
 - Friday, Sept. 20th
- Meet the Teacher Night**
 - Thursday, Sept. 26th



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University of Victoria

We will be hosting a presentation from the University of Victoria for all interested students on Monday, September 16th from 11:50 am to 12:30 pm in Area 4 of the library.

Dentistry for a Day Workshop

Pathways to Dentistry, a student-led initiative, is hosting a Dentistry for a Day Workshop in their Dental Simulation Lab at the University of Alberta on Saturday, October 5, 2024. For sign up, more information, and access to the application and waiver form check out their Instagram: @pathwaystodentistry.

Junior Achievement

If you are interested in business / entrepreneurship, get ready to participate in the JA Company Program! Registration is now open. Multiple locations across the city are available - sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/4sda5cb5>

PROGRAM UPDATES



November Diploma Exams

If your student wishes to write a diploma in November at Western (re-write or otherwise), they need to email Mr. Wiebe (shwiebe@cbe.ab.ca) BY September 10th with the exam they wish to write. They also need to set up an appointment with Mr. Wiebe so he can walk them through the registration process. Alberta Education charges a small fee (\$26.25) for students re-writing a diploma exam.

2025 IB Exams

Reminder to Grade 11's and 12's finishing an IB subject this year to follow the link to register for the official exams (or Art 30IB portfolio & exhibition submission). The deadline to register is November 7th but sooner is better. The exam schedule can be found on Western's IB page. <https://forms.gle/4ynq4uzX2sUUmKAPA>

Dance Program

It is not too late to join the dance program at Western. Be part of a fun, inclusive, and vibrant community. There is space in dance this semester and next semester. From zero to competitive, all levels of dance experience are welcome. If you have any questions, drop by the Dance Studio to see Ms. Price.



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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Golf Team

Students interested in being considered for the WCHS golf team must have their verified handicap scores submitted to Ms. Dixon by September 6th at noon. Please bring a paper copy to Ms. Dixon or submit your scores by email to jadixon@cbe.ab.ca.

Student Associations

Students have the opportunity to be part of a student association again this year. This provides many great opportunities to participate or run an association in an area of interest to you! Regular meetings start next Wednesday and will be after school from 3:40 - 5:00 each Wednesday in room 208! See Ms. Wesolowsky in room 208 for details about running an association.

Swim & Dive Team

Join the swim and dive team! There will be a meeting for anyone interested in joining the swim and dive team at lunch on Wednesday, September 18th, in room 074. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Choral Program

Join the WCHS Choral Program! It's not too late to get involved 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 an extra 5 credits! See Ms. Reinhardt in the choir room or email sjreinhardt@cbe.ab.ca for more info.

Senior Girls Soccer

The senior girls soccer team tryouts will be finalized this week. The girls have their first game Tuesday September 10th, 4:30 pm vs the All Saints at All Saints field. And Friday the 13th is the start of the annual kick off tournament with teams from all divisions in Calgary playing for the trophy. Best of luck girls. Go Redhawks.



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OTHER REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

Yearbooks for Purchase

2025 Yearbooks are now up for sale. They can be purchased from Jostens and are currently discounted at \$47. This price won't last long. Get yours today! 2024 Yearbooks are still available to purchase as well (not discounted). Link here: <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1114704/Western-Canada-High-School/>

Student Photos

Students who have not yet had their photos taken will have another opportunity on Friday, September 6th from 8:30AM – 3PM in the library. If students had their photos taken but did not receive their ID card, they can pick up their ID from Ms. Rice in the library.

Lockers

Students who missed locker sign up this week are welcome to head to the library during lunch on Tuesday, September 10th to sign up. Students can sign up in groups of 2 or 3. Both/all students must be present with ID or their PowerSchool open at sign up.

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. Students must be logged into their CBE gmail to access the form.



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WCHS Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 20th, 2024

Western is preparing for the Annual Terry Fox School Run on Friday, September 20th. We will be encouraging classes to join us on the school field for a walk/run during the day, and Western's Students' Council will be accepting donations at the event, during the week leading up to the event, and online here: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/71905>

Please join us in celebrating community spirit and collaborating to support cancer research.

School Council Meeting Coming Up!

Please join the WCHS Parent Council Executive for our first General Council meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ 6:30pm - Virtual

Parents will learn everything they need to know to support their children applying for Post Secondary education and our Principal Darren Whitbread will give an update and take your questions. Please watch your email for a meeting link on the day.