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QUICK LINKS

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- Brightspace by D2L
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SCHOOL MESSAGE

Hello to our Western families,

Well, we're into it now - almost through the first five-day week of school, and into the middle of September by the time students return on Monday. Our extra-curriculars are starting to amp up, with our athletes taking part in pre-season tournaments, early games, and training for future events, our band and choral students getting used to their early morning practices, and our established clubs starting to meet (with a few new ones being considered). Assignments are coming due, tests have started to be scheduled, and grades are appearing in PowerSchool. While all of this probably feels somewhat frenetic on a daily basis, it is also the rhythm of a busy school. As all of this is going on, we're getting to know our students and hoping that they are getting to know each other better as well, branching out from some old friends to also find some new ones - which can be one of the benefits of being part of such a large school.

Finally, please take note that our Meet the Teacher evening will take place on Thursday, September 26th from 6-8 pm. We don't quite have the agenda set, but more information will come out with next week's message. We look forward to welcoming you to the building that night.

Thank you,

Darrin Whitbread, Principal | Western Canada High School

UPCOMING DATES

- **Student Photo ID Pick Up**
 - Friday, Sept. 13th | 8:15-2PM in the cafeteria
- **Parent Council Meeting**
 - Thursday, Sept. 19th @ 6:30PM (virtual)
- **Terry Fox Run**
 - Friday, Sept. 20th
- **Meet the Teacher Night**
 - Thursday, Sept. 26th | 6-8PM
- **Non Instructional Day**
 - Friday, Sept. 27th
- **Deadline to Register for IB Exams**
 - Thursday, Nov. 7th



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Brown Bag Lunches

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

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>

U of A's Fem+ Engineering Mentorship Program

The University of Alberta's Fem+ Engineering Mentorship Program applications are due Oct. 6th (for high school students who are women, non-binary or 2SLGBTQ+ and who are interested in engineering as a potential career). [2024-2025 Fem+ Engineering Mentorship Program \(google.com\)](#). Learn more about the program at [Fem+ Engineering Mentorship Program | Faculty of Engineering \(ualberta.ca\)](#).

PROGRAM UPDATES



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. Confirmations and PowerSchool fees will start next week for students who have already filled out the form: <https://forms.gle/4ynq4uzX2sUUmKAPA>



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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Girls Soccer

This last week the senior girls soccer team played their first game of the season posting an important win vs the All Saints. This coming week is a busy one for the girls. Friday is the annual kick off tournament where all girls teams in Calgary, from all divisions play in a mini-game tournament. All games on Friday will be at Foothills Athletic Park, starting at 8:30 am and, hopefully, finishing with the final game at 5:00 pm. The next league game is on Tuesday the 17th, 4:30 vs Wise Wood at Wise Wood.

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!

Peer Tutors

Students interested in peer tutoring or students who wish to find a peer tutor should fill out this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/rAHmXCp1b7m1rMSL7> . You will be contacted after a match is found. Right now, we have more tutors than requests for tutoring, but we are keeping all names.

OTHER REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yearbooks

Pre-order your 2024-25 Yearbook! Yearbooks are currently on sale at a discounted price of \$47 through Jostens. 2023-24 Yearbooks are also available if you missed out (currently \$62). Order yours at the WCHS Jostens Online Storefront:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1114704/Western-Canada-High-School/>

Student ID Pick Up

Students who have not yet received their ID but had their photo taken can pick it up in the cafeteria on Friday, September 13th between 8:15AM and 2PM.



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WCHS School Council Volunteer Website

Would you like to be more involved within your school community? Consider joining the School Council executive or volunteering for various school events throughout the year. Volunteers are vital to our school's operations, and without your assistance, many activities would not be possible.

Please visit the website provided ([WCHS School Council Executive Website](#)) for detailed information on the available volunteer positions within the executive and at the school. You will also find a brief survey on the website to indicate your volunteer interests. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at wchsexec@gmail.com.

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. Guidance Counsellor Albert Chieng will present everything parents need to know to support their children applying for post secondary education and our Principal Darrin Whitbread will give an update on the start of the school year. Martin Poirier, former CBE Education director, will be speaking about post-secondary opportunities for French Immersion students. Please watch your email for a meeting link on the day.

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 to the Terry Fox Foundation at the event, during the week leading up to the event, and online here: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/71905>

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.