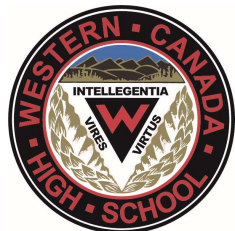




## SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER



### Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year!

It is an honour and a privilege to be your principal at Western Canada High School. Western has long provided students with the very best in academics, fine arts and athletics. Our school's legacy has been built upon three values: Intellegentia, Vires and Virtus - Knowledge, Strength & Courage. These values are what built one of the best schools in the world and it is my intent to carry on these values and Western's traditions. When you leave Western you will be knowledgeable, confident, a lifelong learner capable of enhancing your life and the quality of our world.

I would like to welcome our new Grade 10 students. Your first year in High School will be filled with new learning experiences. You will be challenged and you will enjoy successes. Opportunities in both academic endeavours and extracurricular activities abound. Take advantage of these offerings to excel in every avenue of your new year, build on your experiences and create new strengths and memories that will carry you in the years to come.

Those students returning after their first year and now entering Grade 11 should understand both the challenges and successes of academic achievement. You should all know that this coming year will be the beginning of a new stage in learning and life. You are transitioning into adulthood with all the benefits as well as the responsibilities that accompany this change. The aim of excellence should be in every aspect of your school life. Make this a year of focus and commitment and in so doing create a future for yourself. We believe in you!

Congratulations to the Grade 12 students. You found your footing in Grade 10, some of you ventured into new areas of learning, others new sport or fine art activities. You helped to continue the legacy of excellence that built Western in Grade 11. Your successes will be celebrated! You benefited from the excellence in teaching that is a proud tradition in this school, which will serve you well. Now you step into the halls of your final year ready for the beginning of your adult life. In this year you will take on the reigns of the most senior students, you are an example for every other student and you will inspire them to achieve. This year more than any other will determine the path you take so make the most of it. See success and realize it, accept challenges and achieve them, take on responsibility and fulfill it.

Western Canada High School has been built on a long standing tradition of excellence. The legacy that inspires every student to excel is instilled in every aspect of Western Canada, which has been developed and nurtured by the best educators in the world. It is a safe place that will provide every student with a myriad of opportunities to learn and build for their future. The celebration of learning whether it be in academics, arts or athletics will underlie every aspect of our role as educators. The education and experiences the students of Western Canada High School create during this coming year will generate a new future of leaders and builders for a shared tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Carma Cornea  
Principal

**Intellegentia, Vires, Virtus**





**WESTERN CANADA HIGH SCHOOL  
School Opening Information  
Fall 2020**

August 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> are the dates for “Fees, Forms and Photos”. Due to COVID-19, we will be sending out a more detailed alphabetical breakdown for students to come in as we seek to follow Alberta Health Services safe gathering protocols. The surname breakdown will begin with the letter A at 9:00 am ending with the letter Z.

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| Monday August 24<br>9:00 am – 3:00 pm    | Grade 10 | <u>SURNAME</u><br>TBD |
| Tuesday August 25<br>9:00 am – 3:00 pm   | Grade 11 | <u>SURNAME</u><br>TBD |
| Wednesday August 26<br>9:00 am – 3:00 pm | Grade 12 | <u>SURNAME</u><br>TBD |

**At our “Fees, Forms and Photos” days, please hand in:**

- Acceptable Use Policy form (for computer network access)
- Consent to Post or Publish Student Information and Work form
- Grade 11 & 12 – parking pass contract
- Grade 12 – Grad Gown Sizes

As part of “Fees, Forms and Photos”, students new to Western Canada must stop by the library to validate their computer log-in credentials for WCHS. At this time, new students will receive a quick orientation to frequently used CBE applications. Ms. Prentice has also created a video called “WCHS Student Tech Guide” to offer additional support. Please see the website.

***Please note: students must log into a WCHS computer and validate their credentials before they are able to remotely access CBE applications from home.***

**Student Photos**

Students must have their photo taken in order to obtain a student ID card which is needed to access various services in the school (Library access, to write a test in the Test Centre, identification for final exams, dances, etc.)

Students also get their photos taken for the yearbook free of charge.



For the 2020-21 school year Lifetouch will be photographing the staff and students of Western Canada HS on a proof program instead of the traditional prepay program. Approximately 10 days after students and staff are photographed, a proof sheet will be distributed. This sheet will contain access codes to order photos online. Purchased packages will be shipped directly to the home address provided when ordering is completed. If you have any questions please email [qwterritory@lifetouch.com](mailto:qwterritory@lifetouch.com) or call the Lifetouch office at 403-255-5440.



## Opening Week:

We apologize, in advance, for the lack of detail in our Opening Week announcement. To avoid confusing families, we will release a detailed schedule once the Alberta Government shares what school will look like in the fall. Please see this link for the most up to date details: <https://www.alberta.ca/k-to-12-school-re-entry-2020-21-school-year.aspx>

The [school re-entry plan \(2020-21 school year\)](#) allows schools and parents to prepare for learning while putting student and staff safety first. The plan offers guidance on a wide range of operational issues including:

- hygiene and health requirements
- student learning
- transportation
- diploma exams
- mental health and psychological supports for students and staff

**Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup>:** Grade 10 Welcome (Grade 11 and 12 students do not attend)

Half the Grade 10 students will attend in the morning; half the students will attend in the afternoon. A detailed plan will be released in late August.

**Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Grade 10, 11 and 12 students will attend.

**Redhawks Athletics:** Due to COVID-19, more information released towards the end of August.

### **Lockers**

Lockers will be available to students; a system that supports current COVID-19 best practices will be adopted.

### **Student Parking (Gr. 11 & 12 students only)**

Parking pass forms are available on the website and must be completed and turned in to the main office in order to obtain a pass. Please be aware that a student parking tag does not guarantee a parking spot. Student parking spots are on a first come first served basis.

### **Medical Issues**

Students/parents are requested to advise the school of any know medical conditions which may affect the student at school. If any student has a serious medical condition such as a severe allergy, parents should contact the Main Office to complete appropriate paperwork. [www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Student-Health-Emergency-Response-Protocol-Form.pdf](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Student-Health-Emergency-Response-Protocol-Form.pdf)

### **Injuries, Illness & Parent Contact at School**

Serious injuries require professional help and EMS will be called in the event of any serious concern. Parents will also be contacted immediately if their student is injured or ill. **It is important that parents provide the school with current information to assist in home and business contacts. Demographic forms will be distributed on the first day.** If





there are any changes please record them on the form and have your son or daughter return this form to their Period 1 teacher. If they have a spare, they can bring the form to the Main Office.

**Student Services**

**Please Note: Students will be able to see their timetables through the PowerSchool app or PowerSchool online by the second week of August.**

**Course Change Requests:** Should you wish to request a change in your timetable, please email your counsellor; we will consider your requests when we return the last week of August. Counsellor Emails, and the part of the alphabet they serve, are listed below:

| <i>Student Last Name Letter</i>                     | <i>Counsellor</i> | <i>Email Address</i>   |
|---|-------------------|--|
| A to G  | Ms. Angela Nairn  | <a href="mailto:aenair@cbe.ab.ca">aenair@cbe.ab.ca</a>       |
| H to O  | Mr. Jeff Crane    | <a href="mailto:jdcrane@cbe.ab.ca">jdcrane@cbe.ab.ca</a>     |
| P to Z  | Mr. Mike Kufeldt  | <a href="mailto:makufeldt@cbe.ab.ca">makufeldt@cbe.ab.ca</a> |
| English Language Learners,<br>& Indigenous Students | Ms. Linda Forde   | <a href="mailto:lmforde@cbe.ab.ca">lmforde@cbe.ab.ca</a>     |

Course changes **MAY BE possible** for the following reasons:

- You are missing a prerequisite
- Your timetable is incomplete:
- Grade 12 students are expected to have at least 6 classes; grade 11s, 7 classes; and, grade 10s, 8 classes
- Your timetable is unbalanced

Priority for timetable changes in August and September will be:

- Students who attended and passed summer school courses
- Students who failed courses in June
- Students with partial / incomplete timetables
- Students with unbalanced core subjects between semesters

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Universities do not require students to have specific courses in Semester 1
- The last date to submit a Course Change Request is: **Friday September 11/20.**

**NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE MAKING TIMETABLE CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE TEACHER PREFERENCES**

To facilitate the number of changes, counsellors **will not be taking any appointments until Monday, September 14, 2020, when we will see students who want Online Courses.**

NOTE: only students with "See Counsellor" on their Timetable will be seen the first week of school.

If timetable changes are possible, they will be processed and reflected in your timetable in PowerSchool. If class sizes or conflicts do not permit a change, it will NOT be made. We will NOT be contacting you.

