



## VIKING SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### School Mission

*"To value diversity,  
work toward  
excellence and  
inspire a passion  
for living."*

### Summer Office Hours

Monday to Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### School Office Closure:

Friday July 19 to  
Friday August 23, inclusive

### First Day and Forms

**Tuesday September 3, 2019 is the first day of classes.** Our opening week special schedule will be available online: [wci.wrdsb.ca](http://wci.wrdsb.ca).

Enclosed in this package are the **Data Verification Form**, the **Notification and Permission Form** and a **Medical Information Form**. The first 2 forms must be corrected in **INK, SIGNED and DATED** for return on the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** or when picking up your student's timetable early.

**Early Pickup: Timetables** will be distributed the first day of school, or can be picked up on **Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> or Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>**. In order to receive a timetable early you **MUST** return your completed forms received in your report card package! Any timetable changes required will be made by the Guidance department starting on Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> onwards. You will fill out a course request change form and leave it for your counsellor to address.

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of WCI,

The 2018-19 school year brought some changes to WCI including the introduction of a new magnet program for about 80 English Literacy Development students as well as the addition of 2 portables because of growth. WCI is once again growing for the 2019-20 school year as we welcome more than 1400 students. We are excited by this growth as it allows us to continue to offer the variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular programming that ultimately provides multiple opportunities for our students to participate in and experience success. We are so fortunate to have a staff who willingly gives their personal time and energy to provide these opportunities and I am so grateful for the work that all staff put into enriching your child's high school experience at WCI.

**Continuing this year** is the Grade 9 Orientation Day on the Thursday before the Labour Day weekend. We hope to see as many of our Grade 9s out on that day to receive their timetable, to tour and locate their classrooms, to take home their Chromebook and to participate in some special activities organized by our senior student leadership team. Grade 9 students will receive an invitation in August through the mail along with all their necessary registration forms that will be required that morning. Be sure to bring your signed Data Verification form, Notification and Permission form and Chromebook contract on Thursday August 29th! .

Enjoy the summer Vikings and we will see you soon!

*Sincerely, Heidi Kolb*

### Student Activities Updates

**Student/Parent Handbooks:** Again, this year all grade 9s and students new to our school will receive a **WCI handbook**. The same information will be available on the WCI website for all other grades along the left hand side of the website.

**Grade 9 Transition Program:** Throughout the first few months, Grade 9 students will be mentored by a series of senior students including our Grade 9 Orientation Day. Beyond that day, a variety of activities will be organized and run such as Grad Buddies, Diversity Assembly and Grade 9 Party.

**Extracurricular Costs:** Student Cards (which will be sold on **Wednesday September 11th**) are required to participate in any athletic or other co-curricular opportunities. In addition, according to WRDSB guidelines, we do also charge additional fees for some activities. Please contact an administrator if economic difficulties would prevent your son/daughter from a rewarding experience in one of our co-curricular teams or clubs. We would like to help! Payment through **"School Day"** is encouraged - no cheques please!

**Exam Schedule:** We will continue to follow the new schedule implemented in 2018-19. "A block" exams will occur the first day followed by "B block" exams on the second day and so on. All students will have up to an additional 30 minutes past the posted time of the exam. .

## **REMEMBER WE HAVE ONLINE ATTENDANCE REPORTING!**

Parents/Guardians may report their child's absence ONLINE. Parents/Guardians may email to [wciatt@wrdsb.ca](mailto:wciatt@wrdsb.ca) to report an absence. Phone calls and notes are also still welcome.

**Registration:** If you know of a student who is in the WCI boundary and wishes to register for classes, please have their parents contact the Main Office during the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **School Council**

Por favor únete a nosotros!

कृपया हमसे जुड़ें!

請加入我們

우리와 함께하시기 바랍니다!

Hãy tham gia cùng chúng tôi!

إرجاء انضمام لنا!

Por favor junte-se a nós!

ہمارے ساتھ شامل کریں براہ مہربانی!

The Parent or School Council meetings are held in the WCI library at 7:00 p.m. The final meeting of the 2018-2019

Council will be held on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The first meeting of the 2019-2020 Council will be held on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>.

All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

Hope to see you there!!

### **Keep in Touch with WCI Digitally**

1. The WCI Website: <https://wci.wrdsb.ca/>
  - The school website contains information about the school and all the programs it offers.
2. Subscribe to the WCI Website
  - at the bottom of the school website you will find a subscription box.
  - Fill in your email address and you can have any new information posted to the WCI website emailed directly to you.
3. Announcements Online: <http://bit.ly/wci-on-itunes>
  - Morning announcements are posted as a podcast on our website. If you want to read the announcements a transcript can be found in the description.
  - Play on the WCI web page or subscribe on iTunes (link below):
4. Twitter: [@WCIinfo](https://twitter.com/WCIinfo)
  - Follow us on Twitter for additional information. You can also view the feed on the WCI website.
5. Bus Cancellations and Delays: <http://www.stswr.ca/>
  - You can also subscribe to notifications to have notifications emailed directly to you.
6. School-Day ([www.school-day.com](http://www.school-day.com))
  - Complete online payments for trips or other activities
  - Register your child for extra-curricular events
  - Approve permission forms instantly online
  - Update your mobile device with calendar events specific to your child

### **WRDSB September Home Package is Online!**

The WRDSB Schools would like to request that parents/guardians read the information items formerly contained in the September Home Package online.

Forms requiring parent/guardian signature were included in the report card package from June. These are available for pick-up from July 8 -11 and July 15 -18 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In early August, the "School Year Information" link on WCI's website will be revised with updated links to the September Home Package documents, and any additional school specific documents including a link to the Transportation Website.

# **Have a Safe Summer Vikes!**