



# 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 3:00 p.m.

### School Office Closure:

Friday July 20 to  
Friday August 24 inclusive

### First Day and Forms

**Tuesday September 4, 2018 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. 27<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> or Aug. 29<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. 27<sup>th</sup> onwards. You will be able to book an appointment with your counsellor using the Online Booking system.

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of WCI,

The 2017-18 school year has finished with many WCI students experiencing success both in the classroom and also through the various extra-curricular programs. Our staff willingly give their personal time and energy to provide a multitude of opportunities both in and out of the classroom. I appreciate the work that all staff put into enriching your child's high school experience at WCI.

**Last year**, we started a new tradition of welcoming our Grade 9s on the Thursday before Labour Day weekend. Again this year, we are hosting a very special welcome/orientation day for our Grade 9's on **Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup>**. Each grade 9 will receive an invitation in August through the mail along with all their registration forms. Grade 9 students should plan to come to school to receive their timetable, to tour and locate their classrooms in the school, to participate in some special activities and to take home their own Chromebook - be sure to bring your signed Data Verification form, Notification and Permission form and Chromebook contract! Our student leaders will be here that day to support your student.

WCI is an incredible school, and I am fortunate to serve this amazing community. 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 VIP Program:** The VIP Program is a unique and important opportunity for our incoming Grade 9s. Grade 9 students will be mentored by senior students along with a staff supervisor and includes activities such as Grad Buddies, Diversity Assembly and Grade 9 Party.

**Extracurricular Costs:** Student Cards (which will be sold on **Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>**) 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! Please remember to use "**School Day**" to pay for your student card and other items on Blitz Day.

**Exam Schedule:** WCI is adopting the highly successful exam schedule that requires students to only write a maximum of one exam per day. More details to come in the fall!

## **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 20<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!

رجاء انضم 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 2017-2018 Council will be held on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The first meeting of the 2018-2019 Council will be held on Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>.

All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

Hope to see you there!!

### **School Day**

The Waterloo Region District School Board understands that it can be difficult for parents to stay on top of all the activities that happen at school.

That is why we are continuing to encourage all WCI families to sign up for "School-Day".

#### **What's in it for parents?**

School-Day can be accessed from any web browser and gives parents real-time, secure access to up-to-date information, and the ability to:

- Complete on-line payments for trips or other activities
- Register your child for extra-curricular events
- Approve permission forms instantly on-line
- Update your mobile device with calendar events specific to your child
- Minimize the risks associated with sending money to school with your child ("backpack delivery") and reduce the environmental impact of photocopying permission forms and announcements

For more information registering for School-Day, please view the link on our WCI website, visit [www.school-day.com](http://www.school-day.com) or contact WCI.

*If you require assistance, a computer station with step by step instructions will be available in the main office of WCI starting the week of August 27th.*

### **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 9 -12 and July 16 -19 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 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!**