



A Note From the Principal's Office

November 11-15

This was a short week, but saw the start of Basketball season with our tryouts and the start of sales for dance tickets. Many teachers, especially in options are starting to wind down as we near the end of the first term. Please check PowerSchool regularly for the most updated marks information.

Teachers will likely be setting "final" due dates for assignments for this term in the near future. Teacher marks are due November 25 for core classes and November 29 for option classes, so it would be fair to expect the mark deadlines to be a few days before those deadlines so they can get assignments marked. The term officially ends on November 29 and report cards will be available December 4 through PowerSchool.

Term 2 will officially start on December 2 and will involve a period rotation. Currently, students attend their classes in the period order from 1-7. However, we will rotate our schedule at the start of each term. The new period rotation order for term 2 will be: 6 7 3 4 5 1 2. Period 3 (Interventions and Advisory) will always stay in the same spot, the core/option blocks are the ones that will change.

Recently, it has come to our attention that students without a bus pass, or students going for play dates are riding our yellow buses. This is absolutely not allowed. Only students who have an active bus pass are permitted to ride their assigned yellow buses to and from school. If your child wishes to go to a friend's house, or have someone over after school, other arrangements must be made as they will not be permitted access to the yellow buses. We have reinforced with our drivers that they need to be checking students as they get on the bus. Many of our buses are quite full and having extra bodies on them is not safe. **Please help us out by reinforcing that students can only ride on the bus if they qualify for bussing and only on the bus to which they are assigned.**



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Next Thursday, November 21 is our Winter Dance. It will run from 6-8 pm in our gym. Students are not permitted to have their phones or access their lockers, but we will have a secure coat check set up in the office for **all bags, coats and phones**. Ticket sales will wrap up on November 19 at lunch recess and tickets are NOT available at the door. Additionally, students who are absent from school or suspended on the day of the dance are not eligible to attend. Tickets are \$10 or \$5 with a food bank donation. Only current students of WMS are able to attend.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 18 at 6:30pm at the Great Stairs. We will be going over the School Results Report at this time. School Council and the Friends of Westpark are running an online fundraiser full of Christmas ideas and treats. Please consider checking it out to support our school. [HERE](#) is the link for information and ordering. Our organization code is 8630.

The Edmonton Oilers have partnered with The Foundation for Red Deer Public Schools for a family and friends Division night on March 22. The Oilers play the Seattle Kraken that night. Tickets start at \$100 and \$3 from every ticket goes back to support the Foundation for Red Deer Public Schools. For more information, you can contact Ciara Leboeuf at cleboeuf@edmontonoilers.com.

Have a great week everyone!

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