

WILLIAM MORTON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE



The WMCI community is committed to providing a safe and stimulating environment in order to promote individual excellence, to foster responsible citizenship, and to develop students who can manage their futures in a changing society.

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This will be the only paper copy of the newsletter this year. To request paper copies or receive email delivery of upcoming newsletters, please return the request form distributed on the first day. The newsletter will be posted monthly to our school website.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...WELCOME BACK WARRIORS!!

The 2017-2018 school year is here! After two months of summer holidays, I hope everyone is feeling relaxed and ready to hit the books!

Welcome back to the Grads of 2018! This is it! Your last year, but definitely not your easiest year! The year will pass quickly. Provincial exam dates have already been set! It is never too early to be making plans for next year, and that includes getting a good start in all of your courses. Ms. Linski and Mrs. Smoth, WMCI's career counselors, and every other staff member, will be happy to help you!

Welcome back to the Grade 11s! You are half done! Look how fast those two years went! You, too, need to be preparing for life after WMCI. Start looking into career choices, post-secondary requirements NOW! This is an important year for confirming your goals.

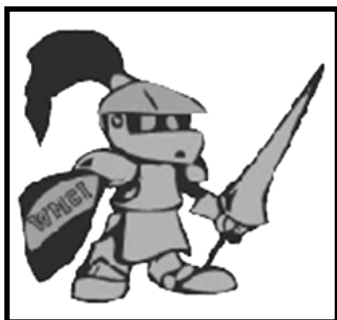
Welcome back to the Grade 10's! This year will be full of new challenges as you begin to choose your path for future studies in Grades 11 and 12. This is a new year with new possibilities. I encourage you to develop the necessary skills within your courses this year to ensure success in your upcoming years at WMCI.

A special welcome to the Grade 9s and new students! I am confident your time at WMCI will be challenging, yet rewarding. Although somewhat overwhelming at first, I know that you will quickly become a part of the WMCI community. Concentrate on your studies, get involved with school activities, and be proud to be a Warrior!

Welcome back to the returning WMCI Staff. We are all involved in providing the best educational experience. Whether it be the classroom teachings or the custodial responsibilities, the resource assistance or the extra-curricular coaching/advising, the EA and librarian supports, or the secretarial guidance, the WMCI staff strives to make each year a great year!

The 2017-2018 WMCI Student Handbook will be posted to the website shortly. This document outlines student rights and responsibilities, general information, and policies including the Student Code of Conduct. Students and parents should become familiar with school expectations and rules of WMCI and PCSD.

I wish all students and staff a successful school year! Work hard in your classes and get involved in the many activities offered at WMCI. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in the ongoing education of their children and never hesitate to contact the school if you have questions and/or concerns.



**PLEASE SUBMIT
FORMS**

TO THE OFFICE ASAP!!!

**Updated Registration Form, Signed Timetable (Green),
Course Change Request (if Applicable),
Coaching/Volunteering/Transporting Availability**

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WMCI STAFF 2017-2018

Shannon Blondeau	Principal
Danielle Henderson	Grades 9 -12 French, Grade 11 History, Visual Arts 9-12
Paul Koshel	Grade 9-10 Science, Grades 11/12 Chemistry, Grade 11 Agriculture, Grades 11/12 PE, Acting Principal
Meighan Lawrence	Grade 10 Intro to App/PC , Grades 10-12 Essential Math, Grades 11/12 Applied Math, Grades 11/12 Pre-Calculus Math
Nicole Lehmann	Grade 9/10 Reading, Grade 10 Reading, Student Services
Wilf Lehmann	Grades 8-12 IA, Grade 12 Advanced Metalwork
Andrew Lewis	Grade 11 Promotions, Grade 12 Law/Western Civilization, Global Issues
Tracey Linksi	Grade 9 Math, SDL Coordinator
Jason Lucas	Grades 8-12 Foods & Nutrition, Grade 10 Retailing, Grade 10 LifeWorks (Careers)
Donovan Nemetchek	Grades 9/10 Physed and Health, Grades 11/12 Biology, Grades 11/12 Physed
Susan Salmon	Grades 6-12 Band, Grades 9-12 Choir
Nancy Smith	Grades 11/12 TransELA, Grades 11/12 LitELA, Grade 10 ELA, SDL, Career Counsellor
Cameron Watson	Grade 9 Social Studies, Grade 10 Writing, Grade 10 Geography, Grade 11 History, SDL
Judy Watson/Tim Klein	Learning to Age 18 Coordinator/Career Coordinator
Secretary	Christine Poschenrieder
EA's	Debbie Buydens, Stacey Gowan, Cecile Melnyk, Pam Schettler
Skills Coach	Andrew Dyck
Indigenous Family Liaison	George Constant
Librarian	Lenora Buffi
Custodians	Joan Campbell, Lesley Owen
Youth for Christ	Joel Goertzen



PINE CREEK SCHOOL DIVISION STAFF

Bruce Lyons	Superintendent
Robyn Winters	Secretary-Treasurer
Melissa Fehr	Executive/HR Assistant
Lesley Nichol	Student Services Coordinator
Gerri Wygle	Finance/Operations Assistant
Linda Catt	Accounts Payable
Rosie Banyard	Payroll Administrator
Rick Tritthart	Maintenance Coordinator
Don Hickey	Transportation Coordinator
Katon Frank	Manager of Information Technology
Teresa Wright	Social Work Clinician
Ginette Snaith	Social Work Clinician
Karen Sigurdson	Speech Language Clinician
Bob Gaiser	Safety Officer
Bijoy Paul	Lead Computer Systems Technician
Jason Hart	Computer Systems Technician
JC Berard	Maintenance Assistant
Kevin Koldyk	Maintenance Technician
Richard Manns	Head Mechanic
Scott Early	Assistant Mechanic



PINE CREEK SCHOOL DIVISION TRUSTEES

Diedrich Toews: Chair (Ward 3)
Marlene Craik: Vice Chair (Ward 2)

Debi Barber (Ward 4)
Arlene Jarema (Ward 3)
Tom Teichroeb (Ward 1)
Wanda Toth (Ward 2)
Susan Voesenek (Ward 4)

MPI DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASSES



MPI Driver's Education class will begin September 12th at WMCI for those students registered. You must be 15 and a half by the exam date and you must have PRE-REGISTERED with MPI before attending this class! Classes will run from 4:00 - 7:00 each Tuesday with the last class November 21st. A mandatory parent night is scheduled for September 19th from 7:00-9:00.

THERE ARE STILL 12 SEATS OPEN! CLASS COULD BE CANCELLED IF NOT ENOUGH INTEREST SO SIGN UP TODAY!

PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Mark your calendar for our WMCI Picture Day on
Monday, September 18th (starting at 12:30)
All students must have a picture taken for the yearbook



Picture Day information forms will be sent home with all students.

Please review the information form and send it back with your child on Picture Day. All students will be photographed for school service products. Proofs will be sent home for you to preview the images before you buy!

For Tips on preparing for photo day visit lifetouch.ca
Questions call Lifetouch at 1-866-457-8212 or email: guestservices@lifetouch.ca



ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

**The Annual WMCI Achievement Night will be held
Wednesday October 12th at 7:00 pm in the gym.**

This night recognizes the academic and extra-curricular achievements of Grades 9-11 students during the previous school year. Accolades are given to students for their commitment to learning, overall individual improvements, school spirit and involvement, extra-curricular contributions and successes and citizenship.

Please join the staff of WMCI as we honor our students AND
thank our coaches and advisors!

Refreshments will be served after the presentations.





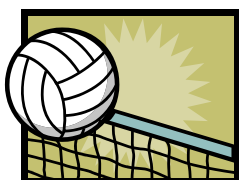
WILLIAM MORTON IS ON THE WEB!

Look up important WMCI information everyday at www.pinecreeksd.mb.ca. Weekly announcements, menu, and upcoming events are posted regularly. Download the shortcut on your smartphone for convenience!!

Students and parents can also access Maplewood from this site. Have access to attendance records, class schedules, and academic progress throughout the school year. Usernames and passwords are re-issued each year and you will receive these shortly in the mail. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

WARRIOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR...GET INVOLVED!

WMCI hopes to have 2 teams of volleyball, and a cross country team starting very shortly. Listen to announcements for tryout and practice times. Come out and cheer on the Warriors during home games! Stay tuned for schedules!



Be The Change!!! The Warriors For Change will operate 2 divisions this year including Warriors for Change (Equality/Social Justice) and the Green Warriors (Environmental Awareness.) Stay tuned for sign-up and first meeting dates!!



Senior Girls VB Coach: Mrs. Blondeeau
Senior Boys VB Coach: Colin Smith

Cross Country Coaches: Mr. Koshel/Mr. Watson

WE NEED YOU!!! Sign-up for.....

- *GSA
- *Student Council
- *Yearbook Photographers
- *Scorekeepers
- *Way of Warrior Magazine
- *Peer Tutoring
-Sign up at the office

Career Guidance

Career and Technology Studies is an umbrella title for a combination of option courses. The courses are assembled into pathways for individual students that focus on their unique interests, personal strengths and career aspirations. Student participants in the CTS strategy may pursue a certificate in one of the following: Industrial Technology, Human Services, Precision Ag Biotechnology or High School Apprenticeship. To gain a certificate a student must complete (8) option credits in a specific pathway. Please note not all students in the CTS strategy will pursue a certificate as student participation is very diverse and is designed to support the unique interests of each student. CTS is not an alternative track for students. It is a learning enrichment opportunity for all students.

CTS optimizes learning opportunities for students by combining the resources of both school and community to create flexible, individualized opportunities. CTS aligns curriculum outcomes from school based courses, community based internships and career development activities to support student learning. This combination of learning opportunities is designed for student participants to increase the depth and breadth of their personal knowledge and experience.

The High School Apprenticeship Program provides an opportunity for students to explore trades in relevant settings while completing their high school education. It combines necessary high school credentials for graduation with paid on-the-job training in over 50 trades. Students are required to seek out employers in their area of interest and make the initial contact, complete the application and make arrangements for attending the work site. Students may begin an apprenticeship at any time. If students continue with their apprenticeship following high school, they will have one level of their training paid, for every 220 hours completed in the High School Apprenticeship (880 = all four levels paid).

Community Service Credits – all students are encouraged to complete an application and to become involved in volunteer experiences. 110 hours of volunteer work is required for a full credit. Many scholarships require volunteer work as a pre-requisite. CS credits are a great way to explore career options and to give back to your community.

Cultural Awareness Credit – Students can gain valuable educational experience by enhancing their knowledge of their own cultural origins or a cultural group that interests them through interaction with community members such as elders and members of cultural organizations, involvement in cultural activities, research, etc. One credit towards graduation requirements may be earned.

For more information or to sign up for CTS, HSAP, Community Service or Cultural Awareness credits please see me or your career counsellor for details.

Tim Klein

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL is always looking for members! We have 3 members right now that work co-operatively with Mrs. Blondeau and the school. Ideas are always welcome! When we work together, our students benefit. Contact the school for more information!