

# WILLIAM MORTON COLLEGIATE HOME OF THE WARRIORS



## Principals Message:

The end of the first reporting period always means that basketball season is just around the corner, and therefore, there have already been a number of practices for all the school teams in preparation for it. It also means that we are at the end of this year's triple ball and volleyball seasons.

All triple ball and volleyball athletes are to be congratulated on great seasons. The boys triple ball team won the school division championship, and the girls were runners-up. In volleyball, Junior Varsity (JV) boys won the Zone title and competed at the JV Provincial Championships, and the Varsity Boys are playing in the Provincial Championships at the time of this writing. Our girls volleyball teams, both at the JV and Varsity levels enjoyed competitive seasons.

The WMCI Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is to be congratulated on its involvement in running a canteen for Divisional triple ball championships held at WMCI, and for coordinating the craft sale at Stride Hall the weekend of November 19th. I attended the craft sale and was very impressed with it all. The vendors, the decorating, the raffles and, of course, the food. All PAC members who worked to make the craft sale happen: thank-you! It was fantastic.

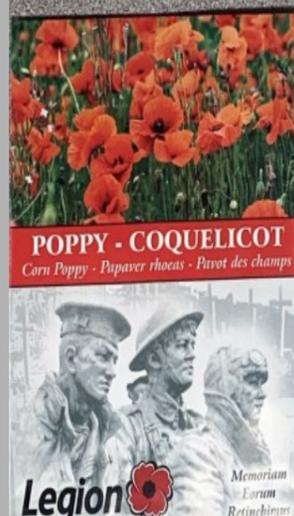
As we move into December, I am pleased to say that we will again be having a Morton Cup (Dec 20th) game and a Christmas Dinner (Dec 21st) during the school day. There will also be an awards night for students (Dec 19th) and a Band Concert (Dec 13th). Mark your calendars!

As always, should you have any questions about anything regarding the operation of the school, please be in contact.

G. Strick, Principal

*Dear Students & your teachers,  
Thank you for your participation in laying the poppy crosses on the graves of our Veterans in September. It is so important to remember them and we appreciated all your help and interest.  
Kindest Regards - Verma Otto-Padre  
for the Isadore region*

*Grades 7 & 8 students  
WMCI.  
(Mrs. Meyers & Mr. Smith)*



## Gladstone Curling Club

Register now for the upcoming Curling Season!  
Teams and individuals welcome!

For more information or to join:

Men's Night - Mondays 7pm & Open night - Wednesdays 7pm

Call Allistair: 204-385-2733

Ladies' Night - Tuesdays 7:30pm

Call Ingrid: 204-841-3524

Thursday Afternoon Curling - Thursdays 1pm

Call Sylvia: 204-385-2853

Junior Curlers get 50% off!  
Wednesday curling is \$100/person



# Volleyball



The varsity boys have had a great season so far! We have competed in 3 tournaments (winning 2) as well as several league games. The team has worked very hard this season, and is very excited to compete against the top AA teams in the province at provincials in The Pas. Good luck boys!

Mr. Smith



# Varsity Girls

- (#18) Lauren Armstrong
- (#15) Jayden Armstrong
- (#24) Marla Jazon
- (#8) Chloe Reiner
- (#14) Laci Buydens
- (#7) Errich Nidoy
- (#17) Skylar Winters
- (#3) Karina Kuznecova
- (#10) Mikee Malli
- (#13) Regan Teichroeb
- (#11) Dyhan Laus
- (#16) Regan Winters



The 2022 varsity girls' volleyball team was jam-packed with tournaments in MacGregor, Carberry and Portage la Prairie and league games with MacGregor, Carberry, and Neepawa. Our best games were at the Westpark tournament on October 29th where the team placed second overall. These students have worked tirelessly, coming to early morning practices all season long. Mrs. Henderson is thoroughly impressed with the effort, dedication, and massive improvements made by the whole team over the course of the season. While the team is already looking forward to next season, we have a sad farewell for our graduating players, Marla Jazon at the setting position, Chloe Reiner at left side, Jayden Armstrong at left side, and Lauren Armstrong at setter and right side. These girls will surely be missed next year. Good luck to you all!  
Mrs. Henderson



# JV Boys



The JV Boys Volleyball team closed out their season with a trip to Provincials in Hamiota on Nov 24-26. The boys represented their school well and there is a good chance that they became the first team to sing Country Roads, while playing. The boys missed out on the play off round but showed a lot of character and determination during their games. Congratulations to game stars Jason Schultz, Connor Braun and Riley Kleinsasser. This season there will be 10 players who will be moving up to varsity and Mrs Geisel wishes them luck in the future. As for the returning players, and any Grade 8 students who want to play next year, we will see you in September!



# JV Girls



## JV Girls' Volleyball 2022

(#25) Taia Campbell  
(#29) Denaë Richard-Tripp  
(#10) Mikee Malli

(#26) Samantha Reign Priestley  
(#9) Eryln Serot  
(#28) Kali Campbell  
(#21) Layla Mclvor  
(#6) Lily Stewart  
(#19) Alexis Jacobsen  
(#5) Janine Anonoy  
(#20) Ena Herglic  
(#22) Rylee Wiebe  
(#12) Rhyanne Basilisco  
(#11) Dyhan Laus  
(#27) Sveinna Bjarnarson

This year there was an enormous amount of interest in playing volleyball by our younger high school students. The girls were eager to get the season started and traveled to Elton, MacGregor, Carberry, and Rivers. They grew over the course of the season under the leadership of head coach Stella Priestley and assistant coach Mrs. Henderson. Both were thrilled to have the opportunity to work with these students and are already looking forward to next season. Great job this year! Mrs. Priestley and Mrs. Henderson



# Girls 7/8 Tripleball



The Grade 7/8 girls had two teams attend divisionals November 17th. WMCI 1 lost their first two sets of the day against MES 2, but came back strong with a two set win against PES in the round robin, setting them up for 4th place going into the semi finals.

WMCI 2 also lost their first two sets to MES 1, but defeated LES in two straight sets, placing them in third place going into the semis.

WMCI 1 played 1st place team MES 1 in the semis. They forced MES to a third set, but unfortunately came up short in the third set.

WMCI 2 played the 2nd place team MES 2. The girls came out strong swept MES in two straight sets sending them to the finals.

The WMCI 2 girls came out strong again in both sets, but unfortunately lost both sets to MES 22-25 and 23-25. WMCI 2 finished the tournament in 2nd place.

Mrs. Stewart is so proud of all 16 girls she coached this season. Their tenacity and dedication to sport was fantastic and she is looking forward to another strong season next year! Way to go girls!



# Tripleball Boys



The WMCI Boys Tripleball team saw 13 energetic players from Grades 7 and 8 hit the court for a brief but exciting season! This allowed our school to have two teams. The Warriors had 3 exhibition games against the WMCI Warriors Girls Tripleball team, the Austin Elementary Eagles and the Neepawa Collegiate Tigers in preparation for the Divisional Tournament. On November 17, WMCI played host to teams from Austin, MacGregor, Plumas and Langruth. The Grade 7's played in Pool A while the Grade 8's were in Pool B. Both teams did so well in their respective pools that they advanced to the semi-finals against each other! The Grade 8's defeated the Grade 7's in a hard fought battle to advance to the nail-biter final against the MacGregor Mustangs. MacGregor took the first set but the Warriors showed determination and a no quit attitude! They upset the Mustangs in the second set and forced the 3rd and deciding set. Point by point, the Warriors battled to the end taking the title in a 15-14 win!



# BAND CAMP

On November 21-22 the WMCI's Junior Concert Band traveled to Circle Square Ranch for band camp. We spent time working with professionals on each instrument in sectionals, having full band rehearsals with Mr. Goerzen, as well as playing games and just having fun.

Mr. Goerzen





## A message from the School Psychologist



### Doing chores helps kids:

1. Feel like an active part of a family because they have something to contribute
2. Learn important life skills needed as an adult
3. Build a strong work ethic
4. Develop delay of gratification skills (sometimes we have to wait to do something until the chore is done)
5. Learn money management if chores are tied to rewards/allowances
6. Develop stronger gross and fine motor skills
7. Develop frustration tolerance
8. Increase self-esteem and a sense of competency
9. Learn the importance of completing an assigned job...even if you don't want to do it
10. Learn the importance of keeping things clean and organized
11. Learn that if they help out around the house, there is more time for family fun

### CHILDREN NEED TO DO CHORES

If we are honest with ourselves, most of us don't really like doing chores. But guess what? Household chores are a part of everyday life. They have to be done. There are "jobs" around the house that need to be done in order for the house to be organized, clean, and safe. Children need to be involved in household chores from a young age. There are many safe household chores that Preschool age children can do successfully. Children are family members, and all members should contribute to the running of a caring household.

### News from the Speech and Language Program

#### What is Phonological Awareness

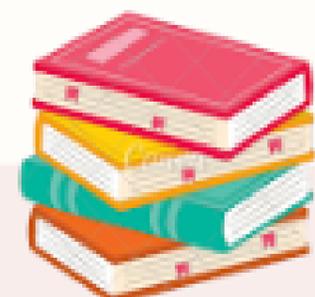
Phonological awareness is the ability to hear and identify the various sounds in spoken words. Activities include rhyming, counting syllables, and blending sounds into words and identifying beginning sounds in words. These skills are important as students are learning to read.

#### Activities to promote phonological awareness

- Read rhyming books and nursery rhymes
- Ask your child questions like, "Do man and pan rhyme?"
- Play "I spy" where you look for things in the home beginning with a certain sound (e.g., "I'm thinking of a word that begins with /m/")
- Make a sound bag where you place objects beginning with the same sounds. Have your child sort the objects based on the beginning sound (e.g., beginning with /p/ or /m/)
- Try to think of a sentence with several words having the same beginning sound (e.g., "Mary likes marshmallows, muffins and mashed potatoes")
- Have your child count words in sentences.
- Clap the syllables/parts in words such as "cat-er-pill-ar" and "wa-ter-mel-on".

#### Suggested books and songs

Dr. Seuss series    Down by the Bay    Giraffes Can't Dance    There was an Old lady Who Swallowed a Fly



# CLINICIAN CORNER

INTERNET SAFETY

DECEMBER 2022



## PARENT TIPS

Do you want to know...

- 1) What your kids interests are online and what are the risks?
- 2) What online issues you should know about?
- 3) Where you can report concerning online behavior?

Please visit:

[www.protectkidsonline.ca](http://www.protectkidsonline.ca)

## HOW CAN YOU REDUCE RISK

- 1) Monitor your child's online activity regularly
- 2) Engage in conversation about apps & games they are using
- 3) Discuss importance of seeking help if needed
- 4) Monitor behavior that may signal cause for concern

## CYBERBULLYING

Help your child discontinue all contact by blocking the individual or deleting  
Report cyberbullying to the school administrator  
If needed report to RCMP

## RESOURCES

Canadian Center for Child Protection -

[www.protectchildren.ca](http://www.protectchildren.ca)

[kidsintheknow.ca](http://kidsintheknow.ca)

[Cybertip.ca](http://Cybertip.ca)

[NeedHelpNow.ca](http://NeedHelpNow.ca)

[kidshelpphoneline.ca](http://kidshelpphoneline.ca)

## Social Work Clinicians

**Teresa Wright** [twright@pcsdonline.ca](mailto:twright@pcsdonline.ca)

**Monique Clement** [mclement@pcsdonline.ca](mailto:mclement@pcsdonline.ca)

# DECEMBER 2022

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Hello from the Breakfast Program,

The last two months have flown by. A pancake breakfast was held on Nov.24. Approximately 70 people enjoyed pancakes and sausages prepared by Mr. Strick, Mr. Lang, Mrs. Buydens and Mrs. Melnyk. Thank you for coming into work early to have the pancakes ready to serve when students got to school. Your help was very much appreciated. Thank you also to Mrs. Owen for helping with clean up. We are very lucky to have such great staff who help out so we can have special days such as this.

Until next time,

Mrs. Melnyk

(Breakfast Program EA)

