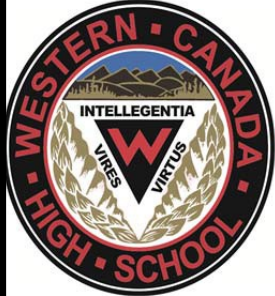




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# SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message

### Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 School Year

I am honored to be your principal at Western Canada High School, a school with a long and proud tradition of excellence. Intellegentia, Vires, Virtus – Knowledge, Strength, Courage. These values are what built one of the best schools in the world. It is my intent to continue to carry these values and traditions.

As new grade 10 students, I am asking you to espouse those values. Your predecessors did. They took advantage of both the curricular and extracurricular offerings of this fine institution. By doing so, they continued the proud tradition of the school to excel in academics, fine arts, and athletics.

Grade 11 students, I am asking you to embrace each day that this school has to offer. Non est ad astra mollis e terris via, There is no easy way from the earth to the stars. As you well know, you have the opportunity, the privilege to be in a unique school, time will fly so make every day count! You need to leave at the end of each day with a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Grade 12 students, let's get ready for the next chapter in your life. Exiit us acta probat. The result validates the deeds. Pay close attention to your teachers. During my career I had the chance to visit private and public schools around the world. From these travels, I can tell you that your teachers are leaders in their respective fields. They will help you get ready to face the challenges that await you as you set forth as an adult into the world.

Every student that walks through the doors of Western Canada High School will feel safe, challenged and successful. Our role as educators is to provide the security, opportunities and celebration of learning. Together we will nurture a great educational environment for all, through our commitment to the shared vision that learning is our central purpose.

I look forward with great anticipation to the 2017- 2018 school year. I invite you to help me in contributing to the great learning environment of Western Canada High School.

Martin Poirier  
Principal

**Intellegentia, Vires, Virtus**





## WESTERN CANADA HIGH SCHOOL

### Confirmation of Registration and School Opening Information Fall 2017

**Please note: The school office is open to parents on August 22nd.**

August 30th, August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 are the registration dates, and to take photos for ID cards.

**Hand in:**

Acceptable Use Policy form (for computer network access)  
Student Demographic form (verify and make any necessary changes)  
Consent to Post or Publish Student Information and Work form  
Receive locker assignments  
Obtain parking passes (for Grade 11 and 12 students only)

Students must have their official timetable and transcript to get into classes. These are obtained during homeroom on the first day of classes.

Priority for timetable changes in August and September will be:

- Students who attended and passed summer school courses
- Students who failed courses in June
- Students with partial / incomplete timetables
- Student with unbalanced core subjects between semesters





**IMPORTANT START UP INFORMATION**

Wednesday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Grade 12</u> Student Registration	<u>SURNAME</u> A - G 9:00 to 10:45 H - O 11:00 to 12:30 P - Z 12:45 to 2:15
Thursday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Grade 11</u> Student Registration	<u>SURNAME</u> A - G 10:00 to 11:45 H - O 12:00 to 1:30 P - Z 1:45 to 3:15
Friday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Grade 10</u> Student Registration	<u>SURNAME</u> A - G 9:00 to 10:45 H - O 11:00 to 12:30 P - Z 12:45 to 2:15
Tuesday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>  GRADE 10s ONLY	<u>Grade 10 Assembly</u> Main Gym  Three 45 min sessions Main Gym, Home Room & School Tour  Welcome BBQ  Period 1 Period 2 Period 3 Period 4	9:00 to 9:30 am  9:30 to 11:55 am  12:00 to 1:00 pm  1:10 to 1:30 pm 1:35 to 1:55 pm 2:00 to 2:20 pm 2:25 to 2:45 pm
Wednesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> "ALL GRADES"	Homeroom – All Grades  Modified Wednesday Timetable Period 1 Period 2 Lunch Period 3 Period 4	9:05 to 9:50  9:55 to 10:55 11:00 to 12:00 12:00 to 12:40 12:45 to 2:05 2:10 to 3:30
Thursday, September 7 <sup>th</sup> "ALL GRADES"	Homeroom – All Grades  Grade 11 Assembly (Gym) Grade 12 Assembly (Gym)  Regular Thursday Timetable Periods 2, 1, 4, 3	9:05 to 9:10  9:15 to 10:00 10:40 to 11:25  <b>Note:</b> Period 2 will start at 9:15
Friday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> "ALL GRADES"	Homeroom – All Grades  Regular Friday Timetable Periods 1, 2, 3, 4	9:05 to 9:10  <b>Note:</b> Period 1 will start @ 9:15
Thursday, Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>7:00 pm</u></b> (6:30 to 7:00 pm for AM/PM Classes)





**NOTE: STUDENTS MUST HAVE AN OFFICIAL TIMETABLE AND TRANSCRIPT TO BE ADMITTED TO CLASS. THESE ARE OBTAINED FROM HOMEROOMS ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 5<sup>th</sup> (GRADE 10) AND WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6<sup>th</sup> (GRADES 11 AND 12).**

### **Students' Pictures**

Pictures of each student are taken on Registration Day according to the schedule. Photos are required for two items: ID cards, and for the yearbook.

Each student must have their photo taken for the school ID card which will be issued at this time. This ID card is needed to access various services in the school (Library access, to write a test in the Test Centre, identification for Final Exams, dances, etc.)

Students also get their photos taken for the yearbook free of charge. The cost of the optional personal colour packages are set by the contracted photographer, Lifetouch. Please make cheques payable to Lifetouch if you wish to purchase, and bring the payment and form with you to the Confirmation of Registration. (See the enclosed package for costs and related information.)

### **Locker Selection**

After paying fees and taking pictures, Grade 11 and 12 students that have made locker requests can pick up their locker assignments in the Cafeteria. Grade 11's and 12's that have not requested locker partners, and ALL GRADE 10 students will be assigned a locker during the Confirmation of Registration process.

### **Student Parking (Gr. 11 & 12 students only)**

Student parking passes are available in the main office for Gr. 11 and 12 students at a cost of \$10.00.

The student parking lot is accessed at the southeast corner of the school, located directly behind the main gymnasium. All other parking lots are reserved for staff. **Students' cars parked in staff spots or fire lanes will be ticketed and towed away without warning.** This has been communicated to both students and their parents or guardians through a contract signed by all parties at the beginning of the school year when students received their parking passes. Students must ensure that their current year parking tags are visible at all times when using the student parking lot to prevent towing. If they forget their parking tag, students will not be permitted to park in the lot and the main office will not issue a day pass or note. If a student loses their parking tag they will be charged a \$20 administrative fee for a new one. Students who drive in a reckless manner will have their parking privileges revoked. Students are requested not to congregate in vehicles or in the parking lot during class times.

**\*\* Please be aware that a student parking tag does not guarantee a parking spot. Student parking spots are on a first come first served basis.**

### **Insurance**

CBE carries accident insurance on all registered students for school activities. Additional insurance may be purchased by parents. The necessary forms will be available in Homeroom (Wednesday and Thursday) or the main office throughout September. The PE Department encourages all students participating in any school sports to purchase this insurance.





### **Medical Problems**

Students/parents are requested to advise the school of any known medical conditions which may affect the student at school. If any student has a serious medical condition such as a severe allergy, parents should contact the Main Office to complete appropriate paperwork.

### **Injuries, Illness & Parent Contact at School**

Serious injuries require professional help and EMS will be called in the event of any serious concern. Parents will also be contacted immediately if their student is injured or ill. **It is important that parents provide the school with current information to assist in home and business contacts.** Please confirm that the demographic information is correct on the form included in this package. If there are any changes please record them on the form and have your son or daughter return this along with their fee sheet to their Confirmation of Registration.

### **Student Services**

Timetables will be visible on HomeLogic. Should you wish to request a change in your timetable, please use the **Course Change Request Form** provided in this package.

Course changes MAY BE possible for the following reasons:

- You are missing a prerequisite
- Your timetable is incomplete - students must have: 6 classes for gr 12; 7 classes for gr 11; and, 8 classes for gr 10
- Your timetable is unbalanced

PLEASE NOTE:

- Universities **do not require** students to have specific courses in Semester 1
- The **last date** to submit a Course Change Request is: **August 31, 2017**

**NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE MAKING TIMETABLE CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE TEACHER PREFERENCES**

To facilitate the volume of changes, counsellors will not be taking any appointments until Monday, September 11, 2017. **NOTE:** only students with "See Counsellor" on their HomeLogic Timetable will be seen in the first week of school.

If timetable changes are possible, they will be processed and reflected in your timetable, which you may access on HOMELOGIC. If class sizes or conflicts do not permit a change, then it will NOT be made. We will NOT be contacting you. You must **continue to check HomeLogic.**

**To Our New Grade 10 Students:** Your counsellors look forward to welcoming you to Western and meeting with you to plan your exciting high school years! Once school is underway, be sure to make an appointment with your counsellor so we may get to know and support you well during this important next step in your educational journey.





### **Study Space: help for students in a relaxed environment**

Western Canada High School is pleased to announce the continuation of our exciting initiative, Study Space, to aid students in their academic endeavours. We are running this support program in all core subject areas for the upcoming school year as a tool to help students succeed scholastically. Of course the demand for support comes mainly from Math and Science and there will be excellent support offered in those academic areas.

Study Space is a program that allows students to take advantage of one of their most valuable resources, their peers. Students will be able to attend anonymously after school to study in groups in a non-judgmental and non-remedial environment. Trained student leaders, who excel in their courses, will be present to answer any questions and offer clarifications needed through supportive collaboration. The key to this program is its relaxed and inclusive environment. We encourage your student to attend with a friend or friends! There is no attendance taken, and the students, who are there to answer questions or provide valuable tips, will only offer their knowledge if asked. The environment is easy and relaxed. We have seen students attend the sessions and study in small groups and lean on each other for academic support. This is a very effective and enjoyable approach to a “tutoring” session. We need your support in encouraging your student to take advantage of this opportunity. We feel that for some students this could actually be an unofficial part of their academic timetable. Our hope is to have many more students take advantage of this exciting (and free!) opportunity. We hope that you will encourage your child to attend these sessions if they would like assistance with building confidence, study skills, and strategies for performing well in their courses. The program will run every Wednesday (beginning in the first week of October) after tutorials, at 3:40, in Room 102A in the Math wing.

### **French immersion. International and Classic Languages**

#### **French Immersion Certificate:**

We held our annual presentation of the Certificate of Competency in French Immersion on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to provide this celebration for our students who have obtained 45 of their high school credits in French Immersion. We also recognized the efforts of students who acquired at least 30 credits in French Immersion. Congratulations to all who received certificates. What an accomplishment!

#### **International Languages Certificate:**

Congratulations to the students who were awarded the International Languages Certificate for having completed the 30, 31 or 35 level of Spanish and a 30 or 31 level in French as a Second Language or the 30 level of French Language Arts. We began recognizing this accomplishment in 2008 when the United Nations proclaimed that year as the Year of International Languages.

#### **The DELF and DELE Certificates:**

Students will be given the opportunity to take the international accreditation exams, the DELE for Spanish and the DELF for French, in November, April and May. More information will be provided later in the year.

Students wishing to write the DELE exams in Spanish receive the information and can register to take the exams that generally take place in November and in May.





### **Extra-Curricular Activities:**

As we welcome the return of students in grades 11 and 12 and new 10 students to Western in the fall we would encourage your child to get involved in co-curricular / extended program activities where they might use international languages skills in a real setting: Franco-Western, Speech and Debate in French, writing articles in French and/or Spanish for the Western World, joining a student-run Spanish club one lunch hour per week.

### **Math Club**

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic 2016-2017 and we look forward to another great year. Days for our lunch-time Math Club meetings will be announced in September. Bring your lunch and your enthusiasm; you'll be amazed at how your problem-solving skills improve as well as being exposed to some beautiful mathematical topics not generally taught in your math classes. All interested students are welcome.

### **Math Contests**

Western students earned over 120 certificates of distinction, medals, plaques, books (and even cash!) during contest season. Highlights from this past year include our Euclid team (Grade 12) finishing an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Canada out of 1614 schools, while our Fermat team (Grade 11) finished 11<sup>th</sup> in Canada out of 970 schools. We are also delighted that one of our Grade 12 students, Max Xiong, earned a place on Canada's Math Olympiad Team and was one of six students who traveled to Rio de Janeiro this summer to compete against the brightest young mathematicians in the world.

### **International Baccalaureate**

The IB bulletin board is located near the elevator on the 2nd floor. Opportunities and items of interest will be updated throughout the year but important messages will always be relayed to students in class.

### **Grade 10**

Timetable - courses that you requested to be WCpre-IB should state that designation on the timetable you receive. Some courses have names that are too long and so the WCpre-IB designation may not fit. If you have concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Cormier [lcormier@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:lcormier@cbe.ab.ca) or Ms. Rivers (IB Coordinator) [serivers@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:serivers@cbe.ab.ca)

Recommendations - the WCpre-IB courses are designed to be challenging, but also to prepare students for the rigours of the IB programme. Recommendations are required to move from the WCpre-IB courses at the 10 level to the IB courses at the 20 level. Teachers expect students to contribute positively to the class environment by coming prepared for class with homework complete, participating in class, and asking for help when required. The most important things to remember are to try your best and maintain unquestionable academic integrity.

Building relationships - study groups, both online and in person are one of the best ways to forge quality friendships and to excel in your IB classes. Make use of tutorial times and the Study Space after school program on a regular basis and you will form lasting relationships with your teachers as well.

C.A.S. – activities completed in junior high and in grade 10 will not count toward the Creativity – Activity – Service component of the IB diploma programme. You are still encouraged to pursue these activities which you may continue during the diploma programme.

Fees – there are NO fees for WCpre-IB or IB classes in Grade 10 as only in-school exams will be written.





### **Grade 11**

Fees - each IB student in an IB course that does not continue with another semester in Grade 12 will have registration and exam fees and will write an IB exam in May of 2018. Individual exam registration started in June but will continue in September.

Any questions about fees should be directed to [serivers@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:serivers@cbe.ab.ca) **before** they are paid.

\*Full I.B. students who have not had a personal meeting with Ms. Rivers (regarding C.A.S.) should email to book an appointment for September.

### **Grade 12**

Predicted grades - many institutions require teacher-awarded IB predicted grades as early as November but most are required in the spring. Some institutions will send out acceptances based solely on predicted grades, whereas others will require an Alberta transcript as well. Predicted grades can be requested by visiting Mrs. Cormier in the main office at least one week before you need to mail them.

IB Transcript requests - IB sends official transcripts to your university of choice. These requests occur in class or with Mrs. Cormier in the spring once students have narrowed down their choices.

### **Important Dates:**

September 14th – last day to request a remark of an IB exam written in Grade 11 (\$136US per subject).

September 15th – Draft of IB Extended Essay due to supervisor (Grade 12 full IB students only)

September / October – IB Exam registration and confirmation – including courses not taken until Semester 2.

November 12th – last day to pay and register for a May 2018 IB exam & last day to withdraw from an exam to receive a full refund.

January 12th – last day to withdraw from a May 2018 IB exam for a partial refund.

## **Redhawks Athletics**

### **Redhawks Cross Country Running**

All students are welcome to join the Cross Country Running Team this year; no running experience necessary. Morning and afternoon practices will be offered throughout the week. The three meets and the City Championships will be held on Wednesdays beginning September 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to get involved and meet friends at WCHS: no try outs or cuts!

Please listen to the announcements or look for invitation posters for details of the information meetings on Thursday September 7, Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> or Monday the 11th. You will be required to submit specific Cross Country Running permission forms to participate. Practices will begin Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>, but you can join up anytime before September 20.

Come run away with us!

Coaches Barbet, Lee, Lund, and Kocot





### **Redhawks Volleyball 2017**

Any grade 10 students interested in trying out for the Junior Boys or Junior Girls Volleyball teams in September should come to the aux gym after school on Tuesday September 5, for a short information meeting. Try outs will begin on Wednesday September 6.

All grade 11 and 12 students should try out for the senior team. The senior girls and senior boys tryout schedule is as follows;

Wednesday August 30 at 3:30 pm  
Thursday August 31 at 3:20 pm  
Friday September 1 at 1:20

All athletes will need to have proper gym strip and the completed '**Athletic Permission Form**' to be eligible to participate. This form can found on the Western Canada Athletic Website under the Volleyball link. We look forward to an amazing season!

Go Redhawks!

Senior Boys - B. LaBerge  
Senior Girls - D. Faulconer  
Junior Boys - B.Yee, J. Ma  
Junior Girls - K. Peciulis, R. Supino

### **Girls Soccer**

Girls Soccer

Girls' soccer tryouts for Fall 2017 will be held on the following dates on the back field at Western:

- August 31st : 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- September 1st : 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
- September 5th : 7:15 AM – 8:30 AM

All new and returning players must attend all of the above tryout dates and times. If you cannot make one or more of the above tryouts, but are interested in being on the team, please email Ms. Leong at [jkleong@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:jkleong@cbe.ab.ca).





## **Redhawks Football**

First day of football practice will be Aug 30 @ 9:30am

There are 3 3-a-days on Aug 30 to Sept. 1 Each of these days will follow the same schedule:

**9:30 to 10:30 Aux gym stretching/yoga (shorts and a shirt)**

**11 to noon back field strength and conditioning (shorts and shoes/dress for weather)**

**4 to 6pm back field skills practice (full football equipment)**

Any further questions please contact coach **S. Sokolan for Senior football** at 403-519-5182 or [sdsokolan@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:sdsokolan@cbe.ab.ca) and G. Phillips for Junior football at [gcphillips@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:gcphillips@cbe.ab.ca)



**Go Redhawks!**

## **Fine and Performing Arts at Western**

Western Canada High School is proud to offer the Calgary Board of Education "Fine Arts Certificate". This certificate and course represents student involvement in the Fine Arts at Western throughout their 3 years. In this certificate course students will explore a vision of life as an artist. For the student, it may be career-oriented or simply a self-exploration. The class is still open for enrolment and we strongly encourage all grade 12 students who have participated actively in the Fine Arts at Western to enroll. This certificate is a fine representation of the time, diligence and commitment to the Fine Arts that the student has **already** put in throughout their high school experience. *The course runs on Tuesday's over the lunch period.*

**Requirements:** 35 Fine Arts to be completed by the end of the Grade 12 year in Fine Arts, in addition to the 5 credits that come with Professional Development In The Arts 35. Please see your guidance counselor if you are interested in registering and have not already done so. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Price (Teacher of the Fine Arts Certificate Course) at [mjprice@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:mjprice@cbe.ab.ca) or Mr. Hagan (Learning Leader-Fine and Performing Arts) at [behagan@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:behagan@cbe.ab.ca)





## DANCE

### Ms. Michelle Price

We are already excited about what is to come in the Dance Program of 2017/2018. If you love to dance or would love to learn, make sure you check out the opportunities provided at WCHS. We offer Dance 15, 25, and 35. Whether or not you have dance experience, Dance 15 is perfect for you. Visit the web site for more details and photos. At the end of each semester, the Dance Program will present Dance @ Noon which gives all our dancers a chance to perform in a supportive and fun environment.

Our renowned **Centre Stage** Dance Show will be held in early May with auditions happening in March. Even if you are not part of the official Dance Program, you may audition a solo, duet, or group piece. Start thinking about it now and visit Ms. Price in the dance studio for more details. It is an amazing and rewarding performance opportunity. ***If you have an interest in Dance and have always wanted to learn more about it, be sure to see your guidance counsellor about how to get involved this upcoming year.***



## VISUAL ART

### Ms. Gwen Ridout and Mr. Graham Harker

We are proud to have a vibrant Visual Art Department at Western. Examples of the incredible student work can be seen throughout the school campus, whether it is in the cafeteria, the hallways of the art wing, the murals in the arts wing courtyard, and of course our brilliant Art studios in the east wing of the school. Check out the Fine Arts





Webpage through the link on the WCHS website and click on the Visual Art gallery to see what students created in the 2016-2017 school year. We offer Visual Art Courses at the 10, 20 and 30 level along with the opportunity to take Advanced Art 25 and 35.

If you love Art and have always wanted to learn more about it, be sure to see your guidance counsellor about the opportunities available at Western in the Visual Arts.



**Drama**  
**Ms. Caitlin Gallichan-Lowe**

We have had a phenomenal end to really incredible year in the drama program at Western Canada High School. Our excellent drama 30 class ended their year with two weeks of brave directing projects, culminating in the Drama 30 Show Case Night on June 2nd. The Drama 30 Saint Award was presented to Simon Flint, as chosen by his peers, in recognition of his support of the work of others. The Drama 30 Mahon Award was presented to Brian Mulley, chosen by his peers as well, in recognition of his volunteer technical theatre work. Several members of the Drama 30 class will be going on in theatre in the best programs in the country and we are proud of all of them. The Drama 20 class finished with the presentation of their Verbatim play Back Flip. The play examined party culture in our school. The Drama 10 class ended with the performances of their Devised Theatre pieces, which were brave and beautiful.

Auditions for our fall production, Hamlet took place recently. The cast and crew will be prepping over the summer with rehearsals to begin in September. We are thrilled to be working with Theatre Calgary as their first ever High School in Residence on this show and throughout the year.

We have some incredible partnerships with the professional theatre community that will be in place for next year and onwards. The High Performance Rodeo will continue the Beautiful young students program with WCHS Drama 30's. Each student will get free pass to the High Performance Rodeo and we will be hosting artist talks with theatre artists from around the world for our students and the community. And, we continue our work with Alberta Theatre Projects, Ghost River Theatre, Spiderweb Show and Theatre Junction, as well as a myriad of amazing actors, designers, and technicians who come in for workshops and artist talks. We are truly fortunate to have such strong support from the Canadian Theatre community



### Music

**Mr. Brendan Hagan, Ms. Sheryl Reinhardt and  
Mr. Richard Harding**

The Music Program at Western is among the finest of its kind in Canada. Throughout the year, the music program participates in local festivals, workshops, partners with outstanding music organizations like the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, and most importantly builds a music community at Western that is rich in student development and culture. Yearly, the bands participate in Band Camps and the full senior levels of the Band Program participate in annual music tours. Currently, the Band Program is gearing up for a 2018 spring Band Tour to California! The choirs participate in the Calgary Carol Festival and Choir Alberta's ChoralFest, with the Concert Choir participating in choir camp and an annual tour. We have just come off an outstanding year with all of our music ensembles which was capped off with our annual Year End Concert on May 30<sup>th</sup> to a record audience in attendance at the Jack Singer Concert Hall.

**The Music Program at Western offers the opportunity for students to get involved in a part of their education that is complimentary to their academics and co-curricular involvements. Come on out and get involved in our exciting and vibrant Music Program!**

There will be a very important **Music Program Kick-Off Meeting** for all music students on **Friday, September 8th at 1:30pm in the Theatre**. This meeting is for all students that are enrolled or interested in enrolling in the music program.



**BAND:**

Western has long been known for its outstanding Concert Band and Jazz Band programs. If you are new to Western or old and currently don't have band in your schedule, but would like to get involved, it is not too late!

**We are still currently taking registrations for the Concert bands and Jazz bands for the 2017-2018 year for all grades. It is still possible to take band if you have a full schedule!** Western has a Grade 10 Concert Band, a Grade 11 Symphonic Band, a Grade 12 Wind Ensemble, a Junior Jazz Band, a Senior Jazz Band and two Jazz Combo's. Students who wish to enroll in the jazz band program must also enroll in the concert band program.

At Western, all performing ensembles are 5 credit courses. *All performing groups rehearse outside of the regular timetable.* Please come see Mr. Hagan or Mr. Harding in the Band room for help getting registered.

**Band 10AM and Band 15AM students:** The first class will be held on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:10am.

**Students interested in the Jr. Jazz Band:** The first meeting will be held on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> after school in the Band Room.

All grade 10, 11 and 12 Concert Bands along with the Junior and Senior Jazz Bands will be starting up in September. Please see the start-up dates on our website: [www.westerncanadafinearts.com](http://www.westerncanadafinearts.com).

There will be a very important Music Program Kick-Off Meeting for Students on **Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Theatre. This meeting is for all students that are enrolled or interested in enrolling in the music program.** We would like to invite you to come out and be a part of our vibrant Band Program. If you have any questions about the Band Program or how to get enrolled, please contact Mr. Hagan at [behagan@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:behagan@cbe.ab.ca)

**CHORAL:**

Western has long been known for its outstanding Choral program. Whether you've been singing your entire life or want to try out something new, there's a choir for everyone at Western. No experience is required to be a part of one of our outstanding choirs, and it isn't too late to join the fun! Registration will continue to take place at the beginning of September. There are three choirs at Western: the Festival Chorus, a choir for all treble singers new to Western, the Concert Choir, a choir for all baritone singers new to Western, which also includes treble singers that have advanced from the Festival Chorus, and the Jazz Singers, an auditioned ensemble already set for 2017. Not



sure which choir is for you? Just make sure you attend the Music Program Kick-Off Meeting on Friday, September 8th at 1:30pm in the Theatre. For more information contact Ms. Reinhardt at: [sreinhardt@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:sreinhardt@cbe.ab.ca)  
The Vocal Jazz Ensemble has had auditions and is set for the 2017-2018 season. Rehearsals for this group will start on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Concert Choir will be beginning sessions on Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Festival Chorus will be starting up on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**FEES: COLLECTED WITH ALL OTHER SCHOOL FEES:**

**Band Music Enhancement \$250.00 per student** (clinics, festivals, workshops and local transportation). All Music Students in Band are required to pay this usage fee.

**Choral Music Enhancement \$ 100.00 per student** (clinics, festivals, workshops and local transportation). All Music Students in Choir are required to pay this usage fee.

**FEES THAT ARE COLLECTED BY THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT SEPARATELY:**

- **Instrument Rental** (If needed): **\$100.00**

**IMPORTANT:** If you are new to western (or old) and currently don't have **band** or **choir** in your schedule, but would like to get involved, **there is still time to register**. One of the very unique things about the music program at Western is that students have the ability to enroll in AM/PM course blocks for Music when they have a full timetable. Please come and see Mr. Hagan in the Band Room if you have any questions, or e-mail Mr. Hagan at [behagan@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:behagan@cbe.ab.ca).

**STUDENT MUSIC MEETING (all interested and currently enrolled students)**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCHOOL – THEATRE**

There will also be two very important music meetings in September. Please note the two dates below for the separate Choir Parent and Band Parent meetings. We will be discussing activities for the year and answering any questions you might have. Please join us.

**BAND PARENT MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**7:30PM – MAIN GYM**

**CHOIR PARENT MEETING**

**Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**7:30PM – THEATRE**

\*\*\*FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF OUR FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT OUR FINE ARTS WEBSITE AT: [www.westerncanadafinearts.com](http://www.westerncanadafinearts.com)





### **Western Canada High School Alumni Association**

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Ensuring, developing and enhancing bursaries available to Western Canada High School graduates;  
Preserving the rich history of Western Canada High School through maintaining and displaying School and Student artifacts;

Ensuring continued recognition of the ultimate sacrifices made by former students, teachers and employees of Western Canada High School continue to be chronicled and recognized;

Developing in-school recognition of the amazing achievements of former students, teachers and employees of Western Canada High School in a manner that will motivate current Western Canada High School Students;

Enhancing the "education experience" and foster friendships of present and former Western Canada High School students;

If you answered yes, or feel you might like to be involved in any of the above then come and be part of the Western Canada High School Alumni. Our first meeting of the new school year is September 26, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the school conference room, just off the main entrance.

If you want further information please look us up on Facebook or contact Al Zhang :

The other meetings for the year are:

Wed Nov 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

Tue Jan 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

Tue May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

