Principal’s Message

So, just how busy can a high school get? Let me share a glimpse of what was happening one day last week at our school. In the morning, nearly three hundred students from neighbourhood elementary schools enjoyed a fabulous performance of *The Little Mermaid*. At one point I counted 86 students on stage, singing and dancing and having a great time. In the afternoon I visited a silent room where 57 students were puzzling their way through the Canadian Intermediate and Senior Math Competitions. Later that day, both gyms were teeming with perspiring hopefuls scrambling through drills during the final session of basketball tryouts.

Granted, this wasn’t exactly a typical Walter Murray Wednesday; and such displays of focus and engagement are not limited to extra-curricular activities. In so many of their classroom experiences, students are also finding relevance along with opportunities to stretch themselves and show their competence. On a regular basis, inside the classroom and beyond its walls, I get to witness the energy, talent, hard work, and dedicated preparation of our students. They impress me every day.

Walter Murray has been such a bustling and productive place this fall, and if anything, the pace will accelerate in the New Year. There are just fourteen days of classes in January prior to semester-end exams. That means everyone will need to make the most of the coming break and return recharged and ready to resume their learning.

On behalf of the staff at Walter Murray, I wish our students and their families a safe and joyous holiday.

Brian Flaherty
The Walter Murray Music Department students put on a very successful concert on November 2! We are looking forward to our next concert on December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Girls’ Gym at WMCI. The cost is $4 per person (grade 8 and under are free).

CHOIR

Congratulations to all students who were part of The Little Mermaid Jr.—the many singers, actors, and dancers worked hard to put together an authentic Disney musical with excellent make-up, props, lighting, and sound! Bravo!

Choir Students will be performing and caroling at Preston Park I at 9:45 a.m. on December 16 for the seniors’ breakfast. Spectators are welcome!

Jazz choir has started rehearsing on Mondays from 3:25 to 4:15 p.m. If you missed auditioning but wish to be part of this group, let Mrs. Pittman know ASAP.

JAZZ BANDS

The Junior and Senior Jazz Bands took part in the Saskatoon Jazz Society Jazz Education Workshop at the U of S on November 27. They were privileged to work with international jazz artists Al K. (trombone) and Ashley S. (bass) for the morning.

CAROLING IN FOYER

December 18 is the choir morning for hot chocolate and traditional caroling in the WMCI front foyer from 8:00 to 8:35 a.m. All proceeds will go to the December school charity.

Grades 10 through 12 band and choir students will have the opportunity to busk in the hallways of WMCI during the last week of school before the holidays. They have been working together to get music ready in small ensembles. All money raised will go towards the school charity.

CONGRATULATIONS

Casey N., Dennis L., Adam H., and Andrew K. have been selected to perform in the Saskatchewan Honor Band. These students played a fantastic concert in Regina for hundreds of music educators and family.

The following students have been selected to represent Walter Murray and perform in the U of S High School Select Wind Orchestra in January – Casey N., Dennis L., Adam H., Emma W., Andrew K., Leora D., Jillian M., Godwin F., and Sierra G.

Dates to Remember

- December 7: Holiday Concert
- December 15: Grade 10 Band Concert, Brevoort Park
- February 3 to 5: Jazz bands to Jazzworks in Edmonton
- March 16 to 17: Grade 9 Concert Band to Regina for the Optimist Festival
- March 16: WMCI Music Department Concert at Alvin Buckwold School 9:30 a.m.
- April 30: Senior Jazz to open for the Saskatoon Jazz Society Orchestra at the Broadway Theatre.
- May 11 to 14: WMCI Senior band to Musicfest Canada in Ottawa (Nationals)
- June 1: year end band concert
- June 7: year end choir concert

Parents and teens are invited to a presentation at the Saskatoon City Police Services building (#76 25th Street East) on December 2 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The session will feature police members and others with first-hand experience in the international drug trade. On December 9, again from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., parents and teens are also invited to a follow-up session focused on “Teens Already Using.”
COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB
Walter Murray’s Computer Science Club meets every Wednesday at lunch in room 220. Participating students practice for upcoming computer science competitions, including the Canadian Computing Competition (from the University of Waterloo) and the four contests created by the American Computer Science League.

The CCC is strictly a programming competition, wherein students have three hours to solve 5 programming challenges. The ACSL competitions are split into two parts, a theoretical portion (in which students must answer five questions in 30 minutes using only a paper and pencil) and a programming challenge (in which students solve a programming question within 72 hours). Theoretical topics from the ACSL include topics, such as, assembly language, recursive functions, graph theory, data structures, computer numbers systems, and more.

During our weekly meetings, questions from past contests are attempted. Any students who would like to compete in the Canadian Computing Competition or ASCL competitions (whether they have attended the Wednesday practice sessions or not) should see Mr. Schellenberg in room 219/220. The contest schedule this year is:

- **Wednesday, December 2:** First ACSL Contest (recursive functions, computer number systems, assembly)
- **Wednesday, February 3:** Second ACSL Contest (prefix/infix/postfix notation, bit string flicking, LISP)
- **Tuesday, February 23:** Canadian Computing Competition
- **Wednesday, March 2:** Third ACSL Contest (Boolean algebra, graph theory, bit string flicking)
- **Wednesday, April 6:** Fourth ACSL Contest (digital electronics, data structures, LISP)

Opportunities to meet new friends while stretching your learning via tangrams, number puzzles, logic, problem solving, group activities, prep for upcoming math contests, paradoxes, Sask. Monthly Math Challenges, unique lessons and more.

Everyone welcome!

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MATH CLUB
**Thursday @ Noon**
Room 304

MATH CIRCLE
**Friday After School**
Room 304

Opportunities to meet new friends while stretching your learning via tangrams, number puzzles, logic, problem solving, group activities, prep for upcoming math contests, paradoxes, Sask. Monthly Math Challenges, unique lessons and more.

Everyone welcome!
SRC – MOVEMBER ACTIVITY

The SRC hosted a Movember activity for students and staff to promote awareness for men’s health for the month of November within the school. Student and staff participants began on November 1 by shaving their face clean of any facial hair. Their photos were then taken as a reference for what they looked like before moustaches. They then proceeded to grow and maintain moustaches for the entire month before taking a final photo on November 30 with a nicely groomed moustache.

The “before” and “after” photos were then provided to staff and students who voted for “The Best Student Moustache” and “Best Staff Moustache” awards.

As well, homerooms were encouraged to collect as many donations as possible for the month of “Movember” to be donated for Prostate Cancer research. The school goal is to raise $1,000. If the goal is reached, our very own Mr. Edlund will shave his beloved beard at the Christmas Pep Rally!

YANN MARTEL VISIT

On November 19, WMCI was treated to a visit by a literary superstar. Booker Prize-winning author Yann Martel came to speak to several grade 12 English classes. Almost 100 students packed into the library to hear the writer speak about his best-selling novel Life of Pi, which the three classes of students were studying. A consummate professional, Mr. Martel spoke without notes for an hour, engaging the students with a peek into the thinking behind such an amazing story. Hands shot into the air during a Q&A session as students curiously probed further into Mr. Martel’s rationale for certain narrative choices. Afterward, many students lingered to have their book signed or to have a picture taken with the famous author.

Mr. Martel graciously obliged everyone, leaving students with a priceless memento of a truly special visit.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to all the students, staff, and guests who attended the Walter Murray Remembrance Day ceremony. Many students and staff participated in the organization, the readings, the musical selections, and the technical production of the program. The respect that Walter Murray students showed confirms our young peoples’ heartfelt gratitude for our veterans’ past and present ultimate sacrifices.

DEBATE CLUB 2015

Congratulations to all students who competed in the first tournament of this year’s debate season. Taking home hardware in the open category were Afsohneh A. and Anwyn D., and in the novice category were Kelly H. and Abbi A. Way to go Marauders!

COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION SESSION

Do you realize that in February students in grades nine through eleven will be selecting courses for the 2016-2017 school year? Are you hoping to be kept in the loop regarding your child’s options? Parents are invited to a course selection information session on Tuesday, January 19 at 7 p.m. in the Walter Murray Collegiate cafeteria. At this meeting we will outline the course selection process, highlight new courses, and answer questions you may have about required and elective courses.
U of S

2016-2017 Application for Admission is open

The application for admission for the 2016-2017 academic year is open. Applicants can fill out the online application form at explore.usask.ca/admissions and should follow the other steps required, including:

- paying the application fee
- Electronically submitting documents necessary to support an application for admission
- checking the status of the application

Questions about the application? Email admissions@usask.ca or call 306-966-5788.

Students will now be required to apply for admission prior to applying for awards. Two to three business days after applying for admission, students will receive their PAWS log-in ID and password in order to gain access to the awards application forms.

Best and Brightest Entrance Scholarships
- Application for admission, transcripts, and other admission documents – December 1, 2015
- Application for Best and Brightest Entrance Scholarships – December 15, 2015

Competitive Entrance Awards
- Application for admission – February 15, 2016
- Application for Competitive Entrance Awards – March 1, 2016
- Supporting documents for awards and admissions – March 1, 2016

Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships

Students who apply for admission during their grade 12 year will automatically be considered for Guaranteed Entrance Scholarships based on either their average at the time of admission or following graduation, whichever is higher.

- Visit explore.usask.ca/awards to learn about other scholarship opportunities available to our students.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic – Formerly SIAST

High demand programs are open for application until February 15. All supporting documentation is required by February 28 at 4:30 p.m. Go on line to see which programs are high demand. *Apply early to avoid disappointment! Visit saskpolytech.ca to learn about other scholarship opportunities available.

University of Regina

- Updated information regarding specific programs and requirements can be viewed at www.uregina.ca.

U OF S TUTORING SESSIONS: Thank you to all of the dedicated U of S students who have been volunteering their tutoring services free of charge to assist Walter Murray students who may need some help with their classes. Tutoring sessions are held every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. This is on a drop-in basis. Please note: sessions will resume Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS THROUGH STUDENT SERVICES: Students requesting transcripts for scholarships or post-secondary admission are asked to sign up in Student Services. These transcripts are unofficial but are accepted by most post-secondary institutions and for most scholarships/bursaries. Please Note: It is the student’s responsibility to pick up and send out his/her own transcripts.

- Students requiring official transcripts are asked to visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education website at www.education.gov.sk.ca for instructions. Official transcripts are required by post-secondary institutions following June exams. Please note: the Ministry charges $20 to send your request to the various Saskatchewan institutions.

STUDENT SERVICES FACEBOOK PAGE AND COUNSELLOR CORNER (on the WMCI portal) Looking for information on upcoming events and scholarship opportunities? The Guidance Office puts all of this information on their Facebook Page, which is a program dedicated to help keep students “in the know” on the various opportunities available to them. (This information is also put on the Student Services Facebook page, called Student Services at Walter Murray Collegiate Institute, or on the WMCI portal under Counsellor Corner.)
As the first semester wraps up in January, there will be five consecutive school days dedicated to end-of-term assessments and activities. A single three-hour block will be allocated to each of the five classes, allowing an extended period for culminating activities or assessments. Students are required to attend between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, with a fifteen minute break scheduled within this block.

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**CANADIAN ACHIEVEMENT TEST (CAT) RESULTS**

In September, all Grade 10 students in Saskatoon Public Schools wrote the Canadian Achievement Test, a national assessment of students’ essential skills in reading and mathematics. The results for each participant have been returned to the school.

In the next two weeks we will be sending home the Parent Report, which outlines your child’s achievement in key skills for Reading, Mathematics, Estimation, and Computation. The information is provided in summary form, and represents a snapshot of each grade 10 student’s achievement for a few hours in September. When we send out the report, we will also direct you to a short video from the Canadian Test Centre, which will help you to understand your child’s results.

**MURRAY MOMENTS**

lost and found items are displayed in the courtyard hallway. Unclaimed items after December 18 will be donated to charity.
**SENIOR FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to the senior football team on a very successful 2015 season. We had some close games and got better and better each week. We ended up in 5th place, but finished 1st in Division 2. Our first playoff game was a nail biter as we were down most of the game. We took the lead in the 4th quarter and won 16 to 13 over Tommy Douglas. With that win, it gave us the confidence we needed in the final as we took down P.A. St. Mary's 35 to 0 to win the Division 2 championship trophy.

On November 17, we celebrated the season with a banquet. I want to take this time to thank all who helped and supported us this season, especially the parents. Football is a short season, but takes up a lot of time. With practices every day and film sessions at lunch, it is a huge challenge to stay committed. This commitment was honored at the banquet with player awards.

- Rookie of the year ~ Adam L.
- Most Dedicated ~ Zach J.
- Most Improved ~ Aidan Van B./Jericho S.
- Asphalt Award (Most Grittiest Player) ~ Tyler W.
- Lineman of the Year – Ty S.
- Most Valuable Player – Dylan Y.

Great job fellas!!

As the season has officially ended, it is time to start focusing on the next. We have started renovations to the team room making new lockers and hope to have them done in time for spring camp. Off season morning workouts will start in April, and a list will be posted of date and times as we get closer. It is also important to start thinking of what football camps you want to attend. Any camp that you attend will only improve our chances of winning City’s next year. We had 18 players attend ‘The Kelly Bates’ Football Camp at the end of April last year and my hope is to send 25 this year. Since this camp is out of town the football team will help subsidize the cost. For more information or to help out the football club please contact Coach Bates at the school. Thanks for a great season and let’s win City’s next year!!!

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**BOYS’ SOCCER**

The Walter Murray Boys’ Soccer team had another successful season this year. The boys went undefeated in the league with eight wins and two ties. In the ten-game league, the Marauders scored 27 goals and conceded only six. Their first-place finish earned them the League Championship plaque and secured them a spot in one of the semi-final matches.

Despite a tie against Cross earlier in the season and a slim 2 to 1 victory over them the week before, defeating Cross in the semi finals proved to be no contest for the Marauders. Murray dominated for 90 minutes, defeating the Crusaders 7 to 1.

Walter Murray met Centennial in the City Championship game. In the league, Murray had defeated Centennial twice, 3 to 2 and 3 to 0. The stands were a sea of blue, and the cheering started before the first whistle. Murray dominated the first half of the game, but were only leading 1 to 0 at halftime. In the second half, things started to click for the Marauders and Murray scored three goals in 14 minutes. The game finished 4 to 1, and the Marauders defended their City Championship title. Before last year's victory, it had been 14 years since Walter Murray had won the City title.

The Marauders were on a winning streak; they had not lost a game since September of last year and they were determined to carry this momentum with them as they traveled to Weyburn for the 3A Provincial Championship. The first game was no contest. Murray defeated the host team 7 to 0 in the quarter-final match. In the semi finals, Murray met up with PA St. Mary's, the team they defeated in the gold-medal final last year. Again, Walter Murray was triumphant, defeating St. Mary's 2 to 0.

The gold-medal game tested the Marauders, not only physically, but mentally and emotionally as well. In the end, it was silver that the Marauders brought home with them from provincials. While the result is not what the team had hoped for, they have a lot to be proud of this year. As a team, they not only won games, but they also demonstrated a true strength of character in their efforts to overcome defeat and support each other. And that is worth more than the color of any medal.

Thanks to family and friends, as well as WMCI staff and students for all of your support throughout the season.

The team would also like to send a special thanks to the SRC for supporting the team and organizing the "Pack the Stands" game.
Marauder Wrestling

The 2015-2016 Marauder Wrestling season began November 30. The team is coming off a great 2014-2015 season winning dual girls’ and boys’ cities, Junior Girls’ cities, and finally sweeping individual city championships on both the girls’ and boys’ sides. Competitions this year for the Marauders include the Wist Pre-Season tournament at Walter Murray on December 12 and the Warman Scratch & Claw Tournament on January 8 and 9, 2016. We are also excited to have approximately 40 of our wrestlers traveling from February 11 to 19, 2016 to Maui again for a training camp, and a little fun in the sun over the cold winter. Our season wraps up with city championships in March at Aden Bowman Collegiate and provincials the following weekend here in Saskatoon (location TBA). Coaches this season include: Mr. Grosjean, Mr. Barry, Mrs. Janzen, Mrs. Stevens, and community coaches, John Hanbidge and Georgina Nelthorpe. This year’s team captains are Kaylan M. and Presley W. who both have had successful high school careers thus far with being city, provincial, and national medalists. We look forward to seeing them lead the Marauders to another successful season!

33rd Annual Marauder Invitational Basketball Tournament (MIT)

The yearly tradition continues on February 4, 5, and 6, 2016. It’s hard to believe that there has been three plus decades of boys’ and girls’ basketball showcased at Walter Murray. As usual, we will have an impressive line-up of teams from around the city, as well as, the rest of the province. Teams will also be arriving from Alberta and Manitoba. This tournament does not happen on its own; many staff and students will be busy preparing to host this hoop fest. Volunteers will be at the score table, and in the bleachers, on the court, and in the concession. We would like to invite all those in the Marauder Community to support us by coming out to watch some great displays of athleticism, sportsmanship, and support our many student athletes. The best deal is to come on the Thursday night to watch the local teams and purchase a tournament pass. We would also welcome any help we could get from our community businesses. If you could sponsor our tournament through a financial or prize donation, please call Myron Glova at (306) 241-3646. See you in the stands! Go Marauders!

French Studies and Travel Opportunities

Explore is a five-week intensive language-learning course (with possible university credit). Participants receive a $2,200 bursary covering tuition, instructional materials, activities, meals, and accommodations. Deadline to apply is the end of February, 2016.

Odyssey is a full-time language assistant program. Students travel to Quebec or New Brunswick and lead English-language activities in an elementary, secondary, or post-secondary classroom. Salary: $20 an hour for 25 hours per week over nine months. One year of postsecondary studies is required to apply. Deadline to apply is the end of February, 2016.

The Saskatchewan-Quebec Student Exchange Program is a six-month reciprocal exchange for students in grade ten and eleven. Saskatchewan families host in first semester and Quebec families host in second semester. Participants pay a $300 fee to cover partial cost of airfare. Deadline to apply is early February, 2016.

Please speak to Mr. Soucy, our Second Languages Coordinator, in Room 212 regarding these great opportunities.
MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

♦ Your next newsletter will arrive during the first week in March. Important information regarding student progress conferences, which take place on March 17 and March 18, will be in this newsletter. Paper copies of the WMCI newsletter are available from the main office or can be printed from the website. Please keep in mind, because of the sizeable amount of newsletters that we send out via e-mail all at once, it is important to check your “junk mail” as well. You can also find our newsletter posted on the Walter Murray Portal and on the Saskatoon Public Schools website.

PARENT PORTAL

♦ Save in your favourites the link to the Parent Portal: https://Portal.spsd.sk.ca/school/wmc
♦ Memorize your username and password or call the school to have it reset. Having this information can get you access to important information regarding your student’s attendance, past marks, achievement, school newsletter, course selection information, daily student announcements, and much more!
♦ Your student progress conferences scheduler is accessible in March and October each year.

YEARBOOK ORDER

In order to be on the yearbook list, all fees including yearbook, must be paid by February 12, 2016. An alphabetical list will be posted on the main office window mid January of students whose yearbook order is confirmed. If you have not ordered a yearbook, the cost is $30.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Saskatoon Public Schools is committed to ensuring that culturally responsive programs are developed and implemented in our schools to support the learning and achievement of all students.

Saskatoon Public Schools works closely with the Ministry of Education to collect accurate data that helps to ensure the learning needs of our diverse student population are being met. This helps us implement new initiatives while maintaining the existing services that support students in our elementary and high schools. To ensure the success of this effort, we are asking for your help.

Parents and guardians of new and current Saskatoon Public Schools’ students are encouraged to self-declare First Nations, Métis, or Inuit ancestry. Improving educational opportunities and success of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students is a priority for all of our schools. The information provided by you will allow us to learn more about our students’ progress, educational success, and overall achievement.

The decision to provide self-declaration information is completely voluntary and all information will be kept confidential and secure.

Here are some answers to some of the most frequently asked questions:

What does self-declaration mean?
Self-declaration refers to the voluntary, confidential, self-described declaration of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit identity.

Why is it important?
Self-declaration allows Saskatoon Public Schools to offer equitable learning environments to First Nations, Métis and Inuit students in a socially inclusive manner. The information will be used to determine the needs of our students, guide our current programming, and develop new strategies to enhance services for students. It helps us to stay connected with students and families to support smooth transitions, and determine if additional services such as advice on bursaries, training or post-secondary education are required.

Is it discriminatory to ask about heritage?
Under the Canadian Human Rights Act it is not a discriminatory practice to collect information if it is intended to be used in adopting or carrying out a special plan, program or arrangement designed to eliminate discrimination of certain groups of individuals. (Canadian Human Rights Act, 2004, Section 16 (3)).

If you have any questions about self-declaration, require more information, or wish to self-declare please contact our school.

Highest Academic Averages from 2014-2015 School Year (in alphabetical order)

Grade 9
- A., Nuur
- B., Brynja
- D., Devni
- L., Catherine
- N., Csaba
- P., Lyubov
- P., Keny
- S., Catherine
- T., Princess
- W., Dayna

Grade 10
- A., Gavriel
- B., Yuxin
- B., Larissa
- B., Stephanie
- D., Namrata
- E., Sydney
- K., Andrew
- N., Casey
- S., Avani
- T., Zhixuan
- W., Maryam
- W., Han

Grade 11
- A., Hemanshu
- S., Barsa
- B., Emerich
- C., Richard
- F., Godwin
- L., Yiwen
- M., Jillian
- S., Samia
- W., Amy
- W., Joel
On Wednesday, November 4, approximately 293 grade nine students from Walter Murray spent the day at work with their parent or another adult. The success of this program is largely due to the generosity of our business community in accepting these students into their work places. Many of the work places listed below hosted more than one of our students. Some of the students were given special tours designed to introduce them to the many facets of the workplace. Students were safely given workplace tasks that introduced them to new employability skills.

Special thanks must be extended to Sherwood Chevrolet and Fire Protective Services for providing placements for those unable to find their own placements. Many nearby businesses generously welcomed our young adults and gave accolades on the students’ positive demeanor and work ethic. Way to go Marauders!
2016 Timeline of Graduation Activities!

- **January 22 to 28**
  
  Graduation photos in Library from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Graduates who have no outstanding fees and no overdue textbooks and/or library books, will be automatically booked in for a photo sitting time. The list will be posted on the main office window and in the LRC on January 18. Sitting fee is $30 cash or cheques payable to Picture Perfect at the time of the photo session. If the student can’t make the assigned time, it is up to them to pick up a coupon release form from the WMCI main office. Student can then go to Picture Perfect for a graduation photo. In order to be on the graduating composite, pictures must be taken by February 26, 2016. See the main office if there is a problem. More information regarding grad photos will be distributed to grads in January.

- **February 4**
  
  Graduation Meeting Period 2 Murray advantage in the cafeteria.

- **Thursday, February 4**
  
  **Parent information Night at 7 p.m. in the library. *Intent to Graduate forms will be handed out at this meeting. *Please note that the form asks for your student’s height in feet and inches.**

- **Wednesday, March 16**
  
  A detailed information package mailed to all Grade 12 students via Canada Post.

- **Friday, March 18**
  
  Grade 12 Banquet and Dance Ticket sales at noon in the projection room.

- **April 18 to 22**
  
  Nomination process for valedictorian.

- **May 13 to 19**
  
  Voting for Valedictorian period 2 in the Cafeteria.

- **Thursday, May 26**
  
  Grad Rehearsal period 1 in the Auditorium.

- **Friday, June 6**
  
  Final exams

- **Monday, June 27**
  
  Deadline for Final Graduation List. Students will be contacted if they have become ineligible to graduate.

- **Tuesday, June 28**
  
  Graduation exercises at TCU Place at 10 a.m.

Please note to have his or her name appear on the list for a photo sitting time, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be presently enrolled in Grade 12
- Have paid in full all student fees
- Have no outstanding library materials

*Please note that students choosing not to have a formal grad photo taken will have their school photo on a separate yearbook page. If you cannot afford the sitting fee, please see an administrator.
Hello all Grade 12 students, parents, and guardians,

Two meetings have already taken place to organize two great events.

- The Winter Formal (dinner and dance), Friday, January 29, 2016 and
- The Chem Free After Grad at Louis’ Pub at the U of S Campus on May 6 and 7, 2016 (which follows the Grad Banquet and Dance)

We invite any and all to:

- attend the next meeting to be held in the Cafeteria on Monday, January 4th, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at Walter Murray
- email sbedient@sasktel.net to provide your contact information and areas of interest for volunteering. We have a good core of people but invite many more . . .having your contact information will be very helpful for general communication and when more “manpower” is required
- for updates on these two events visit our Face Book page WMCI Grad 2016 and or follow us on Twitter @WMCIgrad2016
- take all recyclables to Sarcan Recycling, 2605 Broadway Avenue in Avalon Shopping Centre and let them know that you want the money to go to this account – WMC Grad 2016 (get friends and family to do the same)

WINTER FORMAL
Friday, January 29, 2016
Walter Murray Auditorium
Buffet dinner at 6 o’clock, dance to follow with D.J.
Tickets on sale at lunchtime in December. Watch for posters with more information.

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CHEM-FREE AFTER GRAD
From Friday, May 6th at 11 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. on May 7th, 2016
Louis’ Pub, University of Saskatchewan Campus
11:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.
Directly after the formal Banquet and Dance
(tickets and details coming soon!)
**Thank you for your enthusiasm toward this initiative serving your graduating child!**
... After Grad Committee
Lunch is served from 12:20 til 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Thursday lunch is served from 11:40 til 12:15.

**Healthy lunches are prepared by grade 11 and 12 students. Watch T.V. monitors and calendar outside cafeteria for daily menu selections.**

CAFÉ CARDS can be purchased for $15 or $30. See cafeteria staff for more information.

### DECEMBER 2015 SPECIALS

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**WEEKLY SALAD BAR SPECIALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- **Mondays:** Potato Wedge Bar
- **Tuesdays:** Taco Salad Bar
- **Wednesdays:** Sub Sandwich Bar
- **Thursdays:** Burger Bar
- **Fridays:** Pasta Salad Bar
NEW WMCI CAFETERIA PRICES

SOUP & BUN $2

DAILY SALAD BAR (INCLUDING MEAT) $3

DAILY SPECIAL $4