

October 2019



Dear Warburg School Families and Community,

Welcome to autumn or winter - depending on the day! Good luck to those of you struggling to get your crops off and dried. Mother Nature has not been overly cooperative for our harvesters and we wish you safe combining.

Many of you are already avid users of our school website and facebook pages; thank you for that. We strive to share as much information as we can with you. Do check out our school webpage, ws.blackgold.ca, and stay "in the know" with what is going on. We regularly update the **website and our Facebook page**. Check back often for new content and see what's on the horizon on the events calendar. You will find our newly updated School Handbook on the website in addition to so many other useful items.

We recently celebrated our **Jr and Sr High Awards** and Wall of Fame induction ceremony of former student, Meghan Simpson. We handed out more than \$11 000 in scholarships and awards!! We are so thankful for Mr. Terry Proskurniak as he offers an annual \$5000 scholarship to graduated grade 12 students that meet the criteria and apply by the deadline. All of the info on how to apply for this grant is on our handy website. A new award this year is the Mike Gidosh Award. Mr. Gidosh left \$50 000 to the school with the intent of granting the grade 12 student with the highest average \$1500 each year for the next 30+ years!! This generosity is a prime example of how the Warburg community contributes to our school. Without such kindness from individuals and local service clubs and businesses, we would not be able to reward our students with financial compensation for their efforts.



Our sports season is going great! The volleyball and triple ball teams are succeeding in so many ways and our cross country runners excelled by a mile! I recently overheard some of our students talking about how lucky they are to do all of the same sports one would find at a bigger school. This is thanks to the **dedication and volunteerism** of our coaches and parents. 😊 Look forward to our Athletics Awards to be held on November 5th at 10:00 in the Performing Arts Centre.

Parents with children in grades 4-9 may wonder what the purpose of options are in our school programming. Options or **CTF - Career and Technology Foundations** - is based on 14 outcomes identified by Alberta Education in order to allow students to explore their interests and passions as they learn about various career possibilities and occupational areas. We strive to offer students diverse opportunities as they seek to work towards exposure and understanding of the 14 outcomes you will find on the CTF link above. Our goal in offering things like pottery, cell phone photography, paper crafting, or media exploration is to provide interesting and unique ways to learn about becoming an effective and efficient employee and/or employer in the future. Plus, it's nice for the kids to take a break from the rigor and intensity found in the core subjects.

Something new to Warburg School is the winter **clothing swap**. During the day on November 19th, drop off your kids' clean, gently used clothes and boots. We will have tables set up so you can place these items into sorted areas. Then, during parent-teachers interviews from 4-7 that same night, come and pick out some



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new-to-you clothes for your own kids. You don't need to have brought clothes to take clothes. Please keep items to school aged clothes. All items left at the end of the night will be donated.

You all know that we are a Leader in Me (LIM) school. We are currently in year six of the LIM program.

BE PROACTIVE
BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND
PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST
I THINK WITH WIN
SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND
THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD
SYNERGIZE
SHARPEN THE SAW

This is something that the staff are really proud of. Near the beginning of October we had a LIM coach spend the day with some staff and student leaders. This was a great way to inform and rejuvenate both our veterans and new school leaders. Ask your child

what the 7 Habits are. We bet if your child is in grades 1-8, they will know them. (Our Ks are learning them this year.) The LIM school program is based on the business philosophies and teachings of Stephen Covey, author of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. There is an awesome Parent's Guide to the LIM program found on our school website. We see the **leadership qualities and potential** in your child. A great example of this was seen the other day as two grade 5 students were leading our elementary school assembly. These two were terrific emcees. They spoke clearly and concisely and were able to improvise and think on the spot; all of this composure while faced with our entire K-6 student body and many staff.

Please feel free to join in on the Warburg School **Parent Council meetings**. Over the years we have tried many different meeting times and days. It is just impossible to find one day that everyone can attend but if you are available on November 20th at 4:30 we would love to see you. We meet in the library learning commons and while we do try to follow the official Robert's Rules of Order for our meetings, we are pretty informal and love new input.

Elementary classes are planning their own Halloween activities. Check with your child's teacher about what is happening for this. All are welcome to attend the costume parade which will start at 2 PM. Constable Young will be in on Tuesday to remind us about safe trick or treating fun.

Our school is as busy as ever in November. Our Book Fair will be in the learning commons from the 18-20. Parent Teacher Interview are on the 19th. ****Don't forget to sign up for an interview time via our online appointment program. Info on this will be sent out soon.**** The clothing swap is on the 19th. Athletic awards are on the 5th. Remembrance Day Commemoration on November 8th @ 10:30. Field trips for grades 4, 7, 9 (more info coming). Volleyball and Triple ball are winding down, Europe and Grad fundraisers are happening, and basketball season will start.

As always, do call, email or set up an appointment if we can support you in any way with your child's journey at Warburg School.

On behalf of all of us,

Wendy Maltais



Don't forget to
bring in your
Jack-o-lantern
for the contest!