



WCI NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 12-14:** JV Boys and Girls Basketball Provincials.
- **March 16:** Gr.11/12 Physics Spaghetti Bridge Competition
- **March 19-20:** Leadership bake sale in support of the Canadian Cancer Society
- **March 19-21:** Varsity Girls host Provincials.
- **March 21:** Brain Bee
- **March 25-26:** Ski Trip
- **March 26:** Golf Dome/Hive field trip
- **March 27:** Crazy Olympics
- **March 28-April 4:** Spring break
- **April 8-10:** Grad photos
- **April 16:** Progress Conversations
- **April 22:** Envirothon Regionals
- **April 22-23:** Badminton Zones
- **May 11:** Inservice

Did you know???

Power School has a feature that allows students and families to see daily bulletins and announcements. On a phone, just scroll down to the bottom of the home screen and they should be there. This is all in our effort to keep our WCI families connected to school events and information.



2026 is Here!

Despite the cold weather and snow days Mother Nature has delivered, it has been a busy and productive time at WCI. We began January with the Grade 12 Provincial English Exam, followed by Grade 11 and 12 exams later in the month. Over the past two months, students have taken part in a wide range of experiences, including Festival du Voyageur, Ethics Bowl Regionals, basketball zone championships, post-secondary tours, hockey playoffs, fish harvesting, and more.

The semester change at the beginning of February brought both farewells and fresh starts, as students wrapped up first-semester courses and began new ones such as Global Issues, Anthropology, Outdoor Education, and Psychology. We launched Semester 2 with a school-wide assembly to celebrate student achievements, reinforce expectations, and set a positive tone for the months ahead.

Looking forward, there is much to be excited about at WCI. Upcoming field trips, the continued progress toward our paved track, engaging classroom learning, athletic seasons, a joint Relay for Life with other ISD high schools, and many other opportunities promise a full and rewarding spring. Thank you for staying connected through our newsletter. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to sharing more of the great things happening at WCI in the months ahead.

Celebrating Success at WCI

The Highest Academic Achievement:

Regretfully, this award was missed at our fall awards ceremony. A huge congratulations is in order for Kiera Schutz for attaining the Highest Academic Average for the 24/25 school year with an average of 99.5 %. Congratulations, Kiera!



Caring for Our Watersheds

The Caring for Our Watersheds contest is an educational environmental program for grade 7–12 students that encourages young people to think about the health of the water systems in their communities and to take action to protect them. Students in Environmental Science research their local watershed, identify an environmental concern, and then write a proposal answering the question, “What can you do to improve your watershed?” Finalists are chosen by community judges and compete for cash prizes for themselves and their schools, and there’s also funding and mentorship available to help turn good ideas into real-world projects. This year’s entries included ideas such as:

- Replace the gum sold in the canteen with a biodegradable, microplastic-free alternative.
- Organize a waste-free lunch initiative at elementary schools, with winners earning a field trip to Oak Hammock Marsh.
- Deliver educational workshops for elementary students on environmentally friendly household products and provide free eco-friendly samples for their families.
- Build a self-watering garden box to grow harvestable crops in the fall, helping the school increase its sustainability efforts.

Last year Kiera Schutz came in second place, winning \$900 for herself. At the same time, her project was implemented in the school. Now WCI has a different brand of soap in the bathrooms that is more environmentally friendly.

Ethics Bowl Competition

The Manitoba Ethics Bowl is a student-centred academic competition where high school teams from across the province engage in collaborative, respectful dialogue about complex ethical dilemmas. This year’s team studied a variety of challenging topics such as the ethics of weight loss medication, de-extinction and correcting children’s disabilities.



Academic Completion Centre

We have created a noon hour program where students go to complete missing tests/projects/assignments in a timely fashion. As a school team, we also feel that the ACC will help foster accountability in students who miss class and are required to catch-up.

The ACC is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 110. Students are expected to attend ACC if they have missed a deadline on assignments/tests/projects. Not going, and/or not completing work may result in a ZERO (with notification from the teacher to home).





Métis Fish Harvest Experience

On February 26th, five WCI students joined students from CSC, TIP and TCI and travelled to St. Laurent to participate in a Métis fish harvest. After a ten-minute ride to the set nets in bombardiers, the students were able to watch and learn how commercial fishers have been harvesting fish on Lake Manitoba for generations. Those that wanted to were able to pull the net ropes and pull fish from the nets. Then, they were able to listen for the knocking of the jigger as a net was set. They came off the lake to a lunch of fish, chips, Bannock, coffee and hot chocolate. This event was the third land-based learning day that the Interlake School Division has provided for students, with a fourth and final day to come later in the school year.



One Manitoba Youth Summit

On Feb. 27, leadership students, Lexi Schutz and Olivia Fontaine, along with students from TCI and CSC attended a province-wide youth conference. The 2026 One Manitoba Youth Summit brought together students, educators, and leaders, including Premier Wab Kinew, to discuss community safety, mental health, and leadership.



Leadership Students Meet with Superintendent



Superintendent, Margaret Ward, met with leadership students to have conversations and input on data collected from Our School Survey. Students discussed engagement, belonging, high quality learning, and ideal learning environments.



Home Ec Cook Off Winners Declared



Cook-Off Winners in Home Ec. from Semester 1:
Gr 12- Chopped challenge winner goes to Payton, Leia and Casey for making a mouth-watering Sweet and Sour Chicken dish with a side of pasta salad
Gr 9/10- Cookie challenge winner goes to Sierra, Tanner, Maggie and Jessa for their scrumptious Skor Cookie
Gr 9- Pizza challenge winner goes to Kyle, Matthew and Parker for their delicious Chicken Bacon Ranch pizza

Fabulous job, everyone! You all impressed Mrs. Gulay!



Basketball Seasons Continue

The WCI basketball teams have had a successful season so far!

The JV Girls defeated Teulon in the Zone Championship to advance to Regionals, where they faced a strong Glenboro/Carberry squad. Applying consistent defensive pressure throughout the game, the girls came out on top and secured their spot at Provincials in Gladstone, March 12-14.

The JV Boys battled hard in the Zone Championship tournament, falling short in the finals against Arborg. They responded with determination at Regionals, showcasing their skill and teamwork in a decisive 90-54 victory over the St. Joachim Braves. The boys will travel to Carman for Provincials, March 12-14.

The Varsity Girls also claimed a Zone Championship title with a 55-31 win over Teulon. They now look ahead to hosting the AA Varsity Girls Provincial Basketball Tournament at WCI from March 19-21.

Congratulations to all of our athletes and coaches on their seasons so far, and best of luck to our teams as they compete at Provincials!



Boys Hockey

The Warren Wildcats boys' hockey season came to a close last week following a heartbreaking semifinal loss to the Lorette Scorpions in Game 3 of their best-of-three series. Although the Wildcats finished one win short of a return to the WSHL Finals, the team has plenty to be proud of after another successful season that saw a relatively young roster exceed expectations.

The Wildcats finished the regular season with an impressive 20-3-1 record, good for third place in their division and a first-round playoff bye.

In the quarterfinals, Warren faced the sixth-seeded Linden Christian Wings. The series opened with some adversity, as the Wildcats dropped Game 1 at home by a score of 3-1. Game 2 proved to be a turning point. Trailing 1-0 heading into the third period, the Wildcats rallied for five unanswered goals to win 5-1. Lexon Hogg ignited the comeback with the tying goal before Kael Ivany buried a penalty shot to give Warren the lead. Carrying that momentum into Game 3, the Wildcats delivered a dominant 5-0 victory on home ice in front of a loud and packed Warren crowd to claim the series.

The excitement continued in the semifinals as the Wildcats took on the second-seeded Lorette Scorpions. Warren opened the series with a thrilling 5-4 overtime victory in Lorette. Layne Noren played the hero, scoring the dramatic tying goal in the final seconds of regulation before netting the overtime winner.

Despite two tightly contested games that followed, the Wildcats came up just short, falling 3-2 and 4-2 to end their season in the semifinal decider.

Throughout the playoffs, Wildcats captain Ty Olson led the team offensively with eight points, while Ashton Baldwin paced the club with four goals. In net, goaltender Mason Klassen delivered an outstanding performance, posting a remarkable .926 save percentage.

The Wildcats would also like to recognize and thank their graduating players-Liam Boonstra, Conaly Chrusch, Kael Ivany, Ty Olson, and Landon Tully- for their leadership and contributions to the program over the past three seasons.



Student Spotlight

In each issue of the WCI Newsletter, we will be featuring at least one student who exemplifies outstanding character, leadership, academic dedication, or school involvement. We want to celebrate students who make a difference! Nominations were submitted by staff.

This month, the Student Spotlight goes to....



Favourite Subjects: Math and Home Ec

Favourite Sport/Hobby – swimming, skating



At home, he likes to go on his Ipad or go for bike rides.

Kiefer is involved in Downhill Skiing and Speedskating for Special Olympics. He has attended three speedskating competitions this winter where he received three first place ribbons last race and one third place ribbon. He hopes to do well in Provincials for Speedskating next February.

Kiefer loves music. He loves to play the drums and has a good beat. He loves to make people laugh and always has a smile on his face. He loves being a student at WCI and likes working with Ms. Tracy. He volunteered his time at the canteen at WCI. His goal is to become a chef one day. He loves cats – has 4 cats (Dusty, Patrick, Libby and Beans). He has volunteered at Tim Hortons this year and last year where he decorated and sold donuts for fundraising for Special Olympics.



Girls Hockey

The Wildcats Girls Hockey team wrapped up their season competing in the MWHSHL Division 2 playoffs. In a hard-fought first-round series against Dakota Collegiate, the girls battled through two incredibly close games, with both games going to overtime. Despite coming up just short, the team showed tremendous determination, teamwork, and resilience on the ice.

The girls played some of their best hockey during the playoffs and represented our school with pride. It was a great way to close out the season!



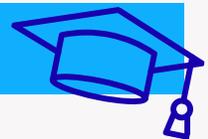
Track Project Update

We are excited to announce that the track will be asphalted this spring! This would not be possible without the huge support of families and community members from Warren and the surrounding area, and from the many grants we have successfully received. Your contribution, big or small, has truly helped see this project through, and for that we are thankful!

The WCI Parent Advisory Council (HIPAC) is running a Cranked Energy Bar fundraiser in April to top up support for the project. Stay tuned for ordering details.



Grad Corner



Ceremony- June 22 at 2:30 pm

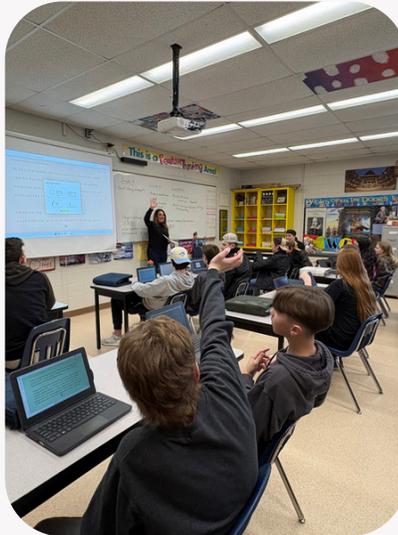
Save the date! Our grad convocation ceremony is at Access Arena in Warren and is open to the public.

Grad Pictures-



Grad photos will take place on April 8, 9 & 10, 2026. Students can sign up for their session using information from Mrs. Campbell. All graduates need to sit for a photo regardless of whether they are purchasing or not.

WCI in Pictures



"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." —E. E. Cummings

