

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

April 2025

Greetings Marauder Families,

Hopefully, with the last blast of March snow, April will be filled with sunshine and a steady melt. The past month has been another busy one at Walter Murray. Students and staff are enthusiastically representing our school in the greater community through athletics and the fine arts. Our grade 9 band students visited Regina and enjoyed performing provincially. The bands continue their out of school tour with the Seniors heading to Calgary and Banff in early April, and the grade 10 group will be on the road to Edmonton to showcase their skills later in the month. We are proud of all our students and our winter extracurricular performances. Both our Sr. basketball teams were crowned City Champions, in exciting fashion, and represented our school at Hoopla with pride. Our dedicated coaches now turn their attention to our spring offerings. Sr. and Jr. Badminton is already underway and soon golf and track and field athletes will be out competing for the blue and grey. Thank you to all our families for supporting your students in and out of the classroom. Your engagement and presence is greatly appreciated and is imperative in an educational partnership with the shared goal of student success.

A few April reminders, Thursday, April 17th will be our last day before the spring break and we will be following the alternate schedule with students being dismissed at 1:05 p.m. School will resume on Monday, April 28th with regular scheduled classes. We are also excited to celebrate our amazing school diversity in April with our annual Multicultural Festival on Friday, April 11th. Students will be able to explore the rich culture of our student body by engaging in the food and entertainment of the regions represented. You may have also noticed our first Edsby update of the semester was available Monday, March 31st for students and families to access. Please continue to check Edsby regularly for student attendance and progress as keeping communication between school and home open is imperative. As always, if you have any questions or require information on your student's progress, our teachers are more than willing to connect with you.

Our next School Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at 7 p.m. The SCC is always an excellent way to get involved, meet other families, and learn more about our incredible school community.

Proud to be your principal,
Dave Fisher

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 25-26	Gr. 9 Band Trip (Regina)
Mar. 27	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
Apr. 11	Multicultural Festival (a.m.)
Apr 13-15	Gr. 10 Band Trip (Edmonton)
Apr. 17	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
Apr. 18	Good Friday (no School)
Apr. 21-25	Spring Break (no school)
Apr. 30	Deadline to Order 24-25 Yearbook *All student fees must be paid*
May 2	Parent-Teacher Interviews Dismissal 12:10
May 8	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
May 13	SCC Meeting 7:00 p.m. in library
May 19	Victoria Day (no school)
May 22	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
May 27	Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
June 5-7	SAGE Edmonton Trip
June 6	Car Show
June 11-13	Canoe Trip
June 16-20	Assessment Week (details to come)
June 23	Grad 2:00 Merlis Belsher
June 25	Last day for Grade 9-11 students

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Walter Murray is excited to host our third annual intercollegiate One Acts Festival in partnership with Evan Hardy Collegiate and Marion Graham. Students will perform in and produce plays which will be adjudicated by professionals from the Saskatoon theatre community. All productions are student directed, designed, and produced! The festival will take place from **April 28 to May 2, 2025**, with each collegiate hosting one night of the performances. On the final day of festival week, awards will be handed out for acting, directing, stage management, tech, and theatre design. There will also be acting and production workshops, as well as individualized adjudications, for all festival plays and participants!

Festival Week Schedule: April 28 to May 2, 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Evan Hardy Collegiate Night 1 @ 6 pm	EHC Play Adjudications 4:30-5:30pm @ MGC Marion Graham Collegiate Night 2 @ 6 pm	MGC Play Adjudications 4:30- 5:30pm @ WMC Water Murray Collegiate Night 3 @ 6 pm	WMC Adjudications 4:30-5:30pm @ WMC DARK DAY – No Shows	*Dinner & Awards Ceremony EHC Theatre @ 5 – 6:30 pm *Celebratory Dance Evan Hardy Collegiate @ 7:30 – 10 pm *These events are for Festival Participants only.

Walter Murray Plays:

<i>Soul Stories</i> by Jocelyn Thiessen Director: Jocelyn Thiessen	<i>The Wings of Truth</i> by Haley Torres and Roxy Rieger Director: Haley Torres
<i>Mission 301: Earth</i> by Koha Mohammad and Zackary Gignac Director: Sarah Knowles	

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Ms. Barry, the wrestling coach, is proud to announce that there were 18 qualifiers to compete at the provincial championships in Regina on March 7th. The Marauder Wrestler results at SHSAA Provincials were as follows:

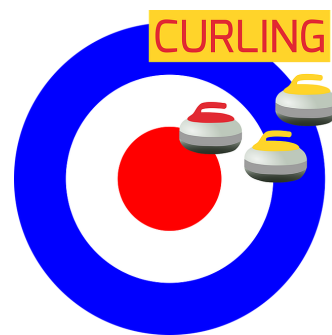


The boys' team finished 3rd in the province, and the girls' team finished 5th.

Shout out to the individual medalists:

- ♦ Bronze Medalists: Jill R., Elaine K., and Liam P.
- ♦ Silver Medalists: Jonah S. and Zechariah T.
- ♦ Gold Medalists: Wynn G., and Meagan S.

The end of March brings the end of another Curling season. Walter Murray was represented by three teams this year, consisting of 18 students. The Boys A team ended their season playing at Regionals in North Battleford. Throughout the season, the boys swept away the competition, and came in first in city finals. This is the first time Walter Murray has brought home gold in over a decade. A big thank you to Gwen Kaminski and Linda Lund, who helped out as community coaches this year.



Coach Britton



DEBATE TEAM: Hey Marauders! Did you know that our awesome Murray Debaters competed in the Saskatchewan

Debate Tournament and *SWEPT* the entire province in EVERY category.

Congratulations to Lucas L. and Afrukhta S. for winning first place. Lucas also placed first as top speaker; Joti G. and Sam W. placed second, and Joyce X. placed in the TOP Grade 9 speakers. Sam won second speaker overall, and Joti won third.

Thank you all for representing Walter Murray with dignity and honour. Good luck at Nationals. Ms. Kalesnikoff



A huge congratulations to our **Senior Boys' and Senior Girls' Basketball Teams** for winning **back-to-back city championships** in the most dramatic way possible!!!

Shoutout to **Coach Hawley** (boys) and **Coach Farmer** (girls) for leading their squads to victory. Countless hours of practices and games have been instrumental in developing these student-athletes on and off the court!

Mr. Taylor Johnson



By now you should have joined the Edsby "WMC Class of '25" Group, completed your Intent to Graduate Form, and taken your grad photos. Upcoming:

Friday, May 23rd: Grad write ups due. More information soon.

Friday, June 20th: Deadline for the Final Graduation List.

Monday, June 23rd: Graduation Exercises at 2:00 p.m. at Merlis Belsher Place, 2010 College Drive. Guests of graduates: no tickets required and no assigned seating. **Details to follow.**

Keep up to date with Edsby WMC Class of '25 for updates on graduation timelines.