

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

June 2025



Greetings Marauder Families,

As we enter the sunny month of June, we approach the conclusion of another successful academic year. This is a critical time for our students to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed throughout the semester. We encourage all students to prepare thoroughly and to seek support from their teachers whenever needed. Our final assessments begin for Grade 12 students on Monday, June 16th, with Grades 9–11 starting on Thursday, June 19th. Please review the assessment schedule, which is available both in this month's newsletter and on Edsby in the river at the top of the home page.

June promises to be an eventful and enjoyable month for our community. Our 6th Annual Car Show and BBQ will take place on June 6th, providing a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and celebrate through music, dance, and all things automotive. Additionally, the Canoe Club will embark on their much-anticipated trip from June 4th to 6th, we wish them a safe and rewarding experience on the water. On June 12th, we will hold our annual Athletic Banquet to honor the achievements of our dedicated coaches and student athletes who have represented Walter Murray with pride and Marauder spirit.

Finally, the big day, Graduation 2025 will be held on June 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at Merlis Belscher Place on the University of Saskatchewan campus. We are immensely proud of all our graduates and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments with family and friends.

We also want to extend our sincere gratitude to all parents and caregivers for their unwavering support throughout the school year. Your involvement in both academic and extracurricular activities has been truly appreciated by the entire Murray staff.

On behalf of the Vice Principals, Ms. Pasloski, Ms. Harbidge, and the entire exceptional staff, we wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Walter Murray.

Proud to be your principal, Dave Fisher

2025-2026 School Calendar

<https://www.spsd.sk.ca/schools/calendar/pages/default.aspx#/>

June 4-7	Canoe Trip
June 6	Car Show, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
June 16-25	Final Assessment Schedule (page 2)
June 19	Last day for Grade 12 students
June 23	Grad 2:00 p.m. Merlis Belsher
June 25	Last day for Grade 9-11 students
June 27	Grade 8 Orientation 9:30—11:00 a.m.

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Final Locker Cleanout— Friday, June 20

Students please remove all personal belongings (including locks) from your locker on or before Fri., June 20. Any items remaining in lockers after this date will be removed and donated to

Community Living. Please remember to remove your lock and return it in the fall to use on your new locker. Otherwise, the student must purchase a hallway lock for \$5 (used) or a new Walter Murray lock for \$10. ****Please note the school is not responsible for any items left in lockers after June 24****

**PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS AND
TEXTBOOKS TO THE LIBRARY ASAP!**




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2025 Walter Murray Final Assessment Schedules

Grade 12						
	Monday June 16	Tuesday June 17	Wednesday June 18	Thursday June 19	Friday June 20	Monday June 23
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Period 1 Final Assessment	Period 2 Final Assessment	Period 3 Final Assessment	Period 5 Final Assessment	Graduation Preparation	No Students Attend Graduation 2:00 PM Merlis Belsher Place 
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	LUNCH					
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Independent Assessment Preparation	Period 4 Final Assessment 12:30 – 2:30 pm	Independent Assessment Preparation	Outcome Completion		
<p>Independent Assessment Preparation is time allocated to prepare for assessments. Students do not attend school.</p> <p>Outcome Completion is an optional opportunity for additional time in classes for students to demonstrate their learning. Because this time may look different in each class, students should contact their teachers if they need additional time to attain course outcomes.</p>						

Grades 9 - 11								
	Monday June 16	Tuesday June 17	Wednesday June 18	Thursday June 19	Friday June 20	Monday June 23	Tuesday June 24	Wednesday June 25
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Period 1 Block Class	Period 2 Block Class	Period 3 Block Class	Period 5 Final Assessment	Period 1 Final Assessment	No Students Attend Graduation 2:00 PM Merlis Belsher Place 	Period 2 Final Assessment	Period 3 Final Assessment
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	LUNCH						LUNCH	
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Period 4 12:00 – 12:58 PM Period 5 1:03 – 2:00 PM	Period 4 Block Class 12:30 – 2:30 pm	Period 5 Block Class	Outcome Completion	Period 4 Final Assessment 12:30 – 2:30 pm			Outcome Completion
<p>Block Class is a normal class that is extended to 2 hours in length.</p> <p>Outcome Completion is an optional opportunity for additional time in classes for students to demonstrate their learning. Because this time may look different in each class, students should contact their teachers if they need additional time to attain course outcomes.</p> <p>NOTE: For any grade 11 student taking a 30 level course, the assessment will take place with their scheduled class. Refer to the Grade 12 assessment schedule for date and time.</p>								

Student Fees

Payment for school fees can be made at the office using cash, cheque (payable to Walter Murray), debit or online using School Cash Online (spsd.schoolcashonline.com).

NOTE:

All fees must be paid in full before . . .

- ⇒ Grade 12 students can participate in the graduation ceremony on Monday, June 23, 2025.
- ⇒ Grade 9, 10, 11 & 12 students please pay fees by Friday, June 6, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 306-683-7850.

Thank you to all families who have already paid their fees!

Athletic Banquet:

The Athletic Banquet will take place on Thurs., June 12th at 1:05 p.m. All athletes must RSVP by going to the Phys Ed office to access a QR code.

MARAUDER OF THE MONTH AWARDS

September - Elaine K.

October - Henry R.

**November - Medha S.,
Shreya S., Arthi N.**

December - Jiya B.

January - Mai T.

**February - Kate H., Tatsawi D.,
Shade A.**

March - Dannee S.

April - Hania S., Annayea F.

May - Neve O'H., Gianna T., Lily M.

**June—Enna O., Faith W.,
Andrew W., Judah S.**

Andrew F

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Rev your engines, Marauders! 🚗

The 6th Annual Walter Murray Car Show isn't just any car show — it's the biggest high school car show in the province, drawing hundreds of guests, dealerships, and car clubs, all alongside live music on the mainstage, buskers, caricaturists,

balloon artists, magicians, and an epic barbecue.

It's a show built by the Murray family. We invite community and Marauder families to attend. It will be unforgettable!

Join us on Friday, June 6 from 11:30 to 1:30.

CANADA'S NATIONAL DEBATE COMPETITION

Ms. Kalesnikoff congratulates the following Walter Murray students for their outstanding showing at Canada's National Debate Competition held at the U of S. Specifically, congratulations to Joti Gokaraju and Sam Wardell for winning 1st place in all of Canada. Joyce Xu

and Ibrahim H. were ranked #4 nationally and Lucas L. and Afrukhta S. were ranked #8. Further top individual speaker in Canada was awarded to Joti, with Lucas placing 5th and Sam placing 7th. Never has a debate team from Saskatchewan ranked collectively as highly, winning the Provincial Debate Award out of all the provinces in

Canada. Many thanks are extended to Jenn Peak, Rafay Ahmed, and Anwyn Diakuw for their leadership and coaching of this amazing team. Congratulations!



Walter Murray Annual Multicultural Festival

Walter Murray had an amazing turn out at our Multicultural Festival on Friday, April 11th. Taking place in our gymnasium, the teacher supervisors, Mrs. Palmer and Ms. Janzen, reported that over 1,200 students and staff attended. Students worked very hard for several weeks preparing their displays, food,

and performances. It was amazing to see all the different cultures and performances from our students. There were 140 participants representing more than 15 different countries. We are looking forward to next year and hope to see even more countries and student participants.



Ms. Mudrik's Grade 10 Visual Art Class worked hard on Back to the 80's props for the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Jeans and Jewels Gala held on May 9th.

Music News

Congratulations to the Jr. Jazz Band, Sr. Jazz Band, and the student-led ensembles who performed at the Jazz and Dessert Night on May 15. All the groups sounded amazing! Thank you to all the friends and family who came out to support our musicians and enjoy some great music and to those who donated desserts – they were delicious!

Congratulations to all the bands and choir for a great concert on May 27. We are very proud of all our Walter Murray musicians and their achievements this year.



WMC SCHOOL GRADUATION ACTIVITIES 2025



TIMELINE OF GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Friday, June 13:** Last day for grade 12 regular classes. Final Assessments begin on Monday, June 16. **See detailed schedule on page 2.**
- ♦ **Monday, June 23:** Graduation Exercises at 2:00 p.m. at Merlis Belsher, 2010 College Drive. ****No tickets required to attend ceremony. No assigned seating (first come, first served)****



Last day of school for grade 12 students is Thursday, June 19TH. This is to ensure that all marks are calculated and submitted prior to the ceremony to ensure graduation requirements are met. All students, however, may attend the Grad Banquet and Dance regardless of graduation status. ***Please email wmcgrad2025@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding the Grad Banquet and Dance.***



1. Graduation Ceremony (In-Person Celebration) - We will be hosting our Graduation Ceremony at Merlis Belsher Place (2010 College Drive) on Monday, June 23, 2025, beginning at 2:00 p.m. We ask that all graduates come at 1:00 p.m. in their grad cap and gowns to line up for a 2:00 p.m. start time. There are no tickets required for this ceremony and graduates can have as many guests as they like in attendance. Seating is first come first served and parking is free. **The ceremony will be approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.**

2. Graduation Gown Distribution - We will be distributing gowns, stoles, caps, and tassels for students to keep. These will be distributed during the second week of June. We will let students know when they are able to pick them up. Students are required to bring their cap and gown to Merlis Belsher Place on June 23th. Details for gown pick up will be posted on the WMC Class of 2025 Edsby page.

3. Diploma and Documents - All graduates will receive a graduation folder with their certificate of graduation, formal letters of congratulations, and other documents during the graduation ceremony. If a student is unable to attend the ceremony, they can come to the front office during office hours and pick up their folder. The office is open during the summer: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please call ahead to ensure someone is available to help you (306) 683-7850.

4. Graduation Fees - All school fees need to be paid prior to graduation. These fees include the graduation fee that is used to pay for the cost of the cap and gown, graduation folder, and rental cost for the ceremony. Contact the Main Office regarding paying fees. *Please pay these fees by Thursday, June 19th.*

5. Edsby Grad Group - It is crucial that all graduating grade 12 students be connected to the Edsby Grad Group; *WMC Class of '25*. This is where all graduation and post-secondary information will be posted. Parents of WMC grade 12 graduates are also welcome to join the group. If not already done so, please contact Student Services for an invite.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

- Between gown fittings and yearbook signings, a quick reminder: graduating students lose access to their accounts after the school year ends.
- Students should export their files as soon as possible. Accounts are removed after *MySchoolSask* does its rollover or when the student is withdrawn.
- Exact timing varies, but once they're gone, they're gone.

Google data, such as *Drive* or *Classroom*, can be exported by [Google Takeout](#).

For [OneDrive](#), students can select their files or folders and click "Download" to save them.