

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May 2025

Greetings Marauder Families,

As we welcome the month of May, it's hard to believe how quickly the school year has flown by. With only two short months of school remaining, students and staff are enjoying the challenges that come with the final push of an academic year, while looking forward to the many school events planned this month at Murray. Our school focus in May will turn to personal wellness. We have planned Wellness Wednesdays starting on May 7th with a wellness walk at the end of period 3. Students will have the opportunity to engage in wellness related activities during the lunch hour throughout the month of May. The initiative will conclude with a schoolwide carnival set for May 28th on our football field and we encourage all to attend and enjoy the Marauder spirit. All our students have shown incredible growth, resilience, and a deep commitment to learning throughout the school year. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, in athletic competitions, or through community service, they continue to make us proud. Thank you to our dedicated staff, whose passion and hard work create an environment of success and wellbeing, we are truly grateful for their extraordinary gifts.

A few May reminders, this Friday, May 2nd will be our next Parent Teacher Interview afternoon of the semester. The online scheduler for parents is open for booking in Edsby and we encourage caregivers to do so. Our next Edsby update of the semester will be available for students and families to access on May 12th at 3:00 p.m. Please continue to check Edsby regularly for student attendance and progress as keeping the lines of communication open with our families is imperative to the overall success of our students. Please keep in mind our next School Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at 7 p.m. The SCC is an excellent way to get involved, meet other families, and learn more about our outstanding Collegiate.

Proud to be your principal, Dave Fisher

Student fees are now past due. To view and pay your outstanding student fees please visit [SchoolCashOnline](#).

Methods of payment:

*By credit card online (School Cash Online) *By debit/credit/apple pay at the school (NEW) *By cash at the main office

Please Note: Students in Grade 12 must have fees **paid in full** to receive their cap and gown. Yearbooks are **no longer** available for purchase.

Our goal is to have ALL fees collected by May 31, 2025.

THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID THEIR FEES!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 28-May 2	One Acts Festival. Please see detailed schedule and locations in April's newsletter
May 2	Parent-Teacher Interviews 1:00-4:00 p.m.—Dismissal 12:10 p.m.
May 5	Driver Ed Noon Classes begin
May 6	Navigating the Tech Revolution 6:00-7:00 p.m. MGCI, or online
May 8	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
May 13	SCC Meeting 7:00 p.m. in library
May 15	Jazz/Dessert Night 7:00 pm
May 19	Victoria Day (no school)
May 22	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
May 27	Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
May 28	Carnival (Special X Schedule) -page 3
June 4-7	Canoe Trip
June 5-7	SAGE Edmonton Trip
June 6	Car Show, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
June 16-20	Assessment Week (page 6)
June 23	Grad 2:00 p.m. Merlis Belsher
June 25	Last day for Grade 9-11 students
June 27	Grade 8 Orientation 9:00—10:30 a.m.

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Parent-Teacher Interviews—Friday, May 2

Two-way communication between teachers, parents, and guardians is key to student success. Our final Parent-Teacher Interviews for this school year is on Friday, May 2nd. Students and their parent/guardians may be contacted by their teachers by phone, email, or request an in-person interview to discuss their student(s) progress between the hours of 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2nd. If a conversation is not initiated by the teacher, families are invited to sign up for an interview with their student(s) teachers from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please see the PTI information on the Edsby River for instructions on how to book.

Special Schedule for Parent-Teacher Interviews Friday, May 2

Warning Bell	8:45 a.m.
Period One	8:50-9:25 a.m.
Period Two	9:30-10:05 a.m.
Period Three	10:10-10:45 a.m.
Period Four	10:55-11:30 a.m.
Period Five	11:35-12:10 p.m.

Edsby Mark Update: Teachers will update an average percentage mark on Edsby by Monday, May 12.

If you have not already done so, please contact the school for an invitation to join Edsby. You can access/create a Parent Account to see your child's attendance record, report card(s), and class progress, including overdue assignments. Average percentage marks will be updated by teachers in a timely manner. *Please note that you must have an email and phone number on file. Please ensure your personal information is up to date!*

GRADUATION COUNTDOWN

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:

Valedictorian: See Mr. Schumacher in Student Services to pick up a nomination form. **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. **Check the WMC Class of '25" Group for updates!**

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Music News



Congratulations to the Gr.9 Band for a great performance at the Saskatoon Music Festival and receiving a second-place certificate in their class. Well done!

The Sr. Band had a great trip to Calgary and to Banff on their spring tour April 3-6. They performed at 2 elementary schools, enjoyed workshops as well as the Gondola and touring in Banff. Thank you to our amazing parent chaperones who joined us on this trip.

The Walter Murray Jazz Bands performed very well at the Saskatoon Music Festival at the start of April: The Sr. Jazz Band received a first-place certificate in their class – congratulations!

The Gr. 10 Band had an excellent trip to the Edmonton Cantando Band Festival April 13-15 where they performed at the Winspear Center, watched 2 amazing concerts and attended workshops. Thank you to the amazing parent chaperones who joined us on this trip.

The Walter Murray Jazz and Desert Evening will take place on Thursday, May 15, at 7:00 pm in the Walter Murray Auditorium. Stay tuned for ticket details.

Final Band/Choir Concert: Tuesday, May 27, 7:00 pm, in the Walter Murray Gym. Admission is \$5 adults. There will be a small concession available.



Saskatoon Public Schools (SPS) collaborates with the Saskatoon Industry Education Council (SIEC) in preparing students for future careers through various initiatives such as career fairs, skill boot camps and internship programs. SIEC is hosting a free parent presentation

by Dr. Shimi Kang, a Harvard-educated, award-winning neuroscience expert, bestselling author and professional speaker. Dr. Kang's presentation "Navigating the Tech Revolution" will provide tools for parents and guardians to support their child in a digital world. Dr. Kang will provide practical tips to help families harness the benefits of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technology while avoiding the risks of addiction, polarization and "toxic tech" (other harmful aspects of technology).

This event will take place on May 6 from 7-8 p.m. There are two ways to join:

- IN PERSON: Centennial Collegiate (160 Nelson Road)
- ONLINE: A link to join virtually will be sent to registered participants prior to the event

To register, [click here](#). Please note: there are a limited number of spaces - register today to avoid disappointment!

Alternate Education Program – Career and Work Education Placements

The following businesses and organizations partnered with our Career Work Education program to provide learning opportunities for our students:

- ♦ Life Outside Gear Exchange – Clarence Street
- ♦ Real Canadian Superstore – 8th Street
- ♦ Children's Place – Centre Mall
- ♦ Saskatoon Co-op Home Centre – 8th Street
- ♦ FreshCo – Market Mall
- ♦ Roots of Learning Daycare – Preston Avenue
- ♦ Saskatoon Co-op Food Store - Stonebridge
- ♦ Safeway – University Heights
- ♦ Saskatoon Co-op Gas Bar – Greystone (8th Street)

**Thank
You**

We appreciate their participation and commitment to the career and work education program. Without their involvement, the program would not be possible!

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SRC Events

The SRC is very excited to host our first Carnival taking place on May 28th! This event will be organized and orchestrated by all of the prospective 2025/26 Co-President candidates and held on the football field. Expect dunk tanks, hot dogs, prizes, water balloons, inflatables, and other awesome events! This event will be the conclusion of Wellness Wednesdays taking place throughout the month of May. See the exciting events planned for every Wednesday in May!

May 7th - Walk 4 Mental Health

During the last half of period three the school will participate in a **walk 4 Mental Health**. The Canadian Mental Health Association is also planning a big community walk downtown on this day that will end at Kinsmen Park for a community BBQ. We will join from south of the river! The SRC will be encouraging students to “Dress like a Marauder” and there will be prizes for best dressed. We want as many students dressed in their blue and grey walking the **Murray Mile** as we can between **11:45am and 12:15pm**. Mental health awareness information will be shared with students before the walk. Grade 12 classes will have an option to participate.

May 14th Marauder Wellness Fair

Booths will be set up by a variety of service providers regarding support available in the community and how to access. Booths will be setup for period 3 and over lunch. Students will be provided passports upon entering the event, which will be stamped by the service provider once they ask a predetermined question. Students will submit their completed passport to be entered into a draw after receiving four stamps.

May 21st - Wellness Activities

After the break we will be sharing a google form for students to sign up for **wellness sessions** that we will be offering over the **lunch hour**. Students may choose to attend the lunch hour sessions. The sessions will be approximately 25-30 minutes long, and prizes will be given!

May 28th - Wellness Carnival and Co-president Speeches

The SRC will be planning and hosting a **Wellness Carnival** with games and hotdogs to wrap up the month’s events. See the **special X schedule** that will facilitate the co-president speeches and the carnival on this day.

SPECIAL X SCHEDULE Wednesday, May 28

Period 1 8:50-9:35	
Period 2 9:40-10:25	
Break 10:25-10:40	
Period 3 10:40-11:25	
Co-President Speeches 11:30—12:00	Grade 9, 10, & 11’s go to Gym 1. Pd 3 classes to the gym at 11:25am. Grade 9’s go to the Gym floor, Grade 10 and 11’s in the bleachers. <i>Grade 12s will be on extended lunch</i>
Lunch 12:00—12:25	
Period 4 12:30-1:15	
Period 5 1:20-2:05	
Carnival on the football fields and free BBQ	

We are excited to work with our students to raise mental health awareness and get them involved in some great wellness activities! We appreciate you helping us deliver the information and engage your students in this important subject!

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JUNIOR BADMINTON

The Junior Badminton team continued their demolition of the competition in the 2025 season with their third consecutive city championship! Crenshaw L. won gold in boys singles, Amal S. won silver in girls singles, and Keshav K. and Hridhay S. won silver in boys doubles. We had many other athletes compete and represent Walter Murray proudly at the city championships. All of our athletes tremendous dedication and improvement led to some extreme progress and development throughout the course of the season.

Congrats from coaches Mr. Nickel and Mr. Homer



Proud Coach, Josh Clarke, surprised lucky team members with a limousine ride to Prince Albert.

SENIOR POM TEAM

Our Co-President, Jenna Xu, announced that 23 Senior POM team members had a great season this year! They placed at every competition, even winning gold at Tommy Toe Touch. They ended their season with a third place finish at both provincials and cities. Coaches Jordan and Kennedy are very proud of how far the team has come this year and are excited for more next season! Congrats Marauders!

SENIOR BADMINTON

The Walter Murray Senior badminton team has captured the 2025 City Championship for the third consecutive season. This is the first time this accomplishment has ever been done in our school's history. Mr. Dowie is very proud of all the hard work and dedication from all the athletes who were a part of the team this year. Special Shout out goes to Drea O. and Katelyn L. for a silver in Girls Doubles; Lucas L. and George H. for a silver in Boys Doubles; Jenna X. and Danny H. for a silver in Mixed Doubles; and Felix L. for a Gold Medal in Boys Singles. All of these athletes have qualified for Regional Championships on May 3rd here at Walter Murray.

ARCHERY CLUB

Congratulations to our Marauder archers for their performance at provincials in Prince Albert on April 13. Twelve students travelled via limosine to the tournament, and there were nearly 800 archers in attendance all weekend! Seven students medalled in their respective categories.

U18 Female Barebow

- ♦ Nathan C. - silver
- ♦ Alma M. - Bronze

U18 Male Barebow

- ♦ Samson B. - Gold
- ♦ Daniel Y. - Silver
- ♦ Benjamin F. - Bronze

U21 Male Barebow

- ♦ Nathan W. - Gold
- ♦ Jacob C.-M. - Silver



All of our Marauders did absolutely amazing, and members of the greater archery community complimented us on our students' demeanors, performance, kindness, and hospitality.

It's great to be a Marauder! Coaches Josh & Carey

WRESTLING

At the end of April, we had 10 Walter Murray athletes compete in the Canadian Wrestling National Championships in Alberta, with two athletes placing in the top of their categories. Meagan S. and Elaine K. both won bronze medals. We also had five medalists in the Greco Roman Style wrestling category- Rennata B., Taya F., Wynn G., Saulomon S.P., and Meagan S. If you see these Marauders around the school, make sure to give them a shout out!


SKILLS CANADA—Saskatchewan Provincial Competition


Casey P. won silver for Precision (Secondary) Machining on March 27. Mr. Hiebert reported that she designed a milling machine using scrap aluminum and melted them into blocks, then cut them to size. She represented our school with distinction!

MRS. MUDRIK'S GRADE 10 VISUAL ART CLASS.

The class worked hard on Back to the 80's Props for the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Jeans and Jewels Gala that will be held on Friday, May 9th.

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>								