

REBEL Rouser

October 2023 Edition



Thank You

Scott Petronech - Principal

It is hard to believe that we are already into October. I hope all of you were able to have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with friends and family.

I am so grateful for the incredible school community we have! I would like to thank all of our students, parents, staff and community members for making W.R. Myers such a special place.

We have been having excellent community turnout for our football and volleyball teams. I also appreciate the number of people who were able to attend our Tri-School BBQ and Parent Council Meeting.

If you have any questions or require assistance, I would encourage you to contact our admin team or your child's teacher. We are here to support you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Academic Awards Night

Oct 12

PD Day - No School

Oct 20

TMS P/T Interviews

Oct 25-26

WRM P/T Interviews

Oct 26

Girls Volleyball Fan Appreciation Night

Oct 24

Picture Retake Day

Oct 27

Boys Volleyball Fan Appreciation Night

Nov 1

Modernization

Scott Petronech

Alberta Infrastructure has announced a Modernization for W.R. Myers. This is essentially Phase II for the entire complex. Phase I was an update of D.A. Ferguson several years ago.

At this time, we are in the early organizational phase of this project. Architects are in the process of obtaining plans of our current building before any discussions or initial planning occurs.

When the brainstorming begins, we will look to get feedback from parents, students and staff as to potential changes and upgrades.

Alberta Infrastructure is proposing that the modernization will include the Band room, Library, 3 Story (including cafeteria), X-wing and Shop. We have also proposed that these

upgrades must include the Foods room that is used by both D.A. Ferguson and W.R. Myers.

The footprint of the school will remain the same (same exterior dimensions), but will include updating the entire building (windows, ceiling, floor, electrical, air handling...).

Although timelines can change, Architects are projected to be working with the school until Nov 2024. These plans then need to be approved by the AB Government.

Typically, infrastructure projects that are approved for the architecture stage are approved for construction, but there are checks and balances in the process. Our hope is that construction will begin during the summer of 2025 with an optimistic completion date scheduled for the fall of 2027.

The initial projection is that somewhere between \$30 to \$40 million will be spent on this project.

Parent Council Meeting

Scott Petronech

I would like to thank all of the people who were able to attend the Parent Council Meeting to share their thoughts on the possibility of us rebranding our logo.

As mentioned that evening, more feedback will be necessary in order to get the full perspective of our stakeholders. No changes will happen for the 2023-24 or 2024-25 school years, but discussions will happen during 2025-2026 with our school community in order to determine if we want to move forward with rebranding that would align with our modernization.

Since that evening, I have had a number of people contact me to share their perspective. You are welcome to email, phone or set up a meeting if you would like to share your viewpoint.

Our next Parent Council Meeting will be on Nov. 8 at 7:00pm

Rebels Athletics

Adam Hughes - Athletic Director / Vice Principal

REBELS Athletics have gotten off to a great start for the 2023/24 school year. Myers has 4 fall sports on the go this year.

GOLF: Two Myers athletes competed in the Golf Zone Tournament. Zack Fehr and Evan Abela both competed on a cold windy day at Henderson Lake Golf Course in Lethbridge. Both battled the difficult elements and finished strong.



CROSS COUNTRY: The Zone Meet for Cross Country takes place in Pincher Creek on Oct 11. Myers is planning on sending a strong team of over 10 runners who hope to qualify for provincials. Good Luck REBELS!

FOOTBALL: The football team has had a very strong start to the season starting with a record of 4-1. Highlights include the first win over Cardston in nearly 20 years and a solid win over CCH from Lethbridge. The team is lead by a strong group of grade 12 leaders. The team is ranked in the top 5 province wide in their classification and are hoping to claim their 2nd Zone Championship in a row later this year.

VOLLEYBALL: For the first time in many years Myers has a Varsity Boys Volleyball team. Last year the only boys team was a JV squad. The team is growing and now there are two REBELS boys volleyball teams.

The High School Teams (JV and Senior) compete in the toughest league in Southern Alberta and are progressing nicely. The highlight of the regular season will take place on Oct 30 when the Senior boys and girls face off against cross town rivals St. Marys in the regular season finale. Last year the REBELS swept the night winning both the boys and girls games. This year we hope to do the same!

The Tier 1 Girls team has also gotten off to an excellent start going 3-0 in Divisional play as well as starting the year off strong in tournaments. The girls are hoping to repeat as Divisional and Zone Champions this year. The team has won 2 zone banners in a row and hope to win a third in early November.

DONATIONS: The school is looking to replace some of the REBEL basketball jerseys that have gone into disrepair over the years. If you know of any organizations or companies that would be interested in sponsoring the replacement of some of these jerseys please contact the school or email our Athletic Director Adam Hughes at adam.hughes@horizon.ab.ca.

GO REBELS!

Grad Update

Nicole Cooney - Vice Principal

This year's celebration will consist of a Cap and Gown Graduation Ceremony on May 24th followed by a Senior Banquet on May 25th. The Parent Organizing Committee has met once so far and is in the process of considering venues.

The Student Grad Committee has also met once and they have some fantastic ideas for the theme and grad hoodies.

The Grad Banner photos will take place on October 19th. Here are some "Do's and Don'ts" from Mrs. Jensen:

- Bring something to wear that you feel is representative of you!
- You can bring a pet, however your pet can only be here for the picture. Make arrangements to have someone who can bring your pet to and from the school.
- Please DO NOT wear WHITE
- Group photos are limited to 3-4 people.



CELL PHONE USAGE

As a school, we appreciate the benefits of electronic devices. They allow us to communicate with friends and family, we can research concepts, and decompress with games and media.

We also need to recognize that at times, these same devices can have a negative impact on student learning. Students can be distracted during class time with social media, texting/phone calls and games.

Our school expectation is that phones are away and not used during class time (without teacher permission).

If students are inappropriately using electronics at school, our Admin team has asked teachers to confiscate the devices and bring them down to the office where students can pick them up (to take home) at the end of the day.

If this happens repeatedly, we will contact home and ask parents to come into the office to pick up the phone.

TMS Update

Sean Dupuis - Assistant Principal

In the TMS program we are thrilled about the start of the new year and our ongoing commitment to providing free public education through a cultural and faith-based lens to our families. We have some new staff members in our program this year: Michael Johnson, a former WR Myers graduate, is now our Math teacher, Ashley Pulfer is our new Junior High teacher who will also be teaching English at WR Myers. Jillian Pickerell, another WR Myers graduate, continues her role in TMS, now as our full-time English teacher.

Our high school Physical Education class recently got the opportunity to explore the outdoors during our annual PE Hike at Waterton Lakes National Park. It was a great chance for students to strengthen their



friendships while challenging themselves on the hike. Additionally, we are looking forward to our Annual Fall Supper, a potluck meal for our families on October 18th held in the school gymnasium. The following week, TMS parents can schedule Parent-Teacher interviews on the evenings of October 25 or 26th by either calling the office, or sign up during the Fall Supper event.

We are looking forward to another great year!

Thank you



Dear School Community

We would like to send out a huge thank you to our parents, community and staff members who came out to help, eat and socialize. We are feeling so fortunate to have such a wonderful community of people to have a BBQ with. We would also like to thank Frito Lay for their chip donation, FCSS for the face painting and the balloon animals and Summit Motors for allowing us to use their BBQ. .



October 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
			Wear Green for World Cerebral Palsy Day	NO SCHOOL
9	10	11	12	13
NO SCHOOL			Academic Awards Night (7:00pm)	
16	17	18	19	20
				PD Day - NO SCHOOL
23	24	25	26	27
	Girls Volleyball Fan Appreciation Night	TMS - Parent Teacher Interviews	TMS / WRM - Parent Teacher Interviews	School Picture Retake Day
30	31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3
	Halloween	Boys Volleyball Fan Appreciation Night	Band Parent Meeting	Football vs Willow Creek (Zone Title) JV Volleyball League Championships (Girls at LCI, Boys at Magrath)