

# REBEL ROUSER

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### Band Concert

Wed, Dec 13 – 7pm

### CHRISTMAS BREAK

Fri, Dec 22 – Sun, Jan 7

## Principal's Report

As we head into December, I would like to take a moment to thank our school community for everything they do. We have an exceptional group of students, parents and staff who all collaborate to make W. R. Myers a special place!

We appreciate all of the parents who were able to come in for Parent / Teacher interviews. We recognize that with everyone's busy lives, it may not have been possible for you to attend. If you were unable to come in or have further questions, please feel free to contact your child's teachers to set up a meeting. We are here to help.

I would also like to thank our volunteer coaches and all of the fans who have come out to support our athletes in the sports we have competed in so far. Basketball has just started and we had a fantastic turnout for our first home game last week. It is free to attend and we are running a concession for all JV and SV home games. I would encourage you to come out and support our program.

If you have questions or if I can assist you with anything, please let me know.

Scott Petronech

# REBELS FOOTBALL



The 2023 was one to be remembered. We went into the season with feeling confident, as we were coming off of the heels of a better-than-expected 2022 season. However a change in league structure added a bit of trepidation, as it meant that we would be facing the toughest schedule we had seen in many years. There was plenty of buzz around the team, wondering just how we would fare against the former higher-division teams.

For the most part, this team passed the test, tallying our first victory over Cardston in over 2 decades, as well as a gritty come-from-behind win against Catholic Central. Coupling those accomplishments with a decisive win over our biggest rival, Willow Creek had us flying pretty high at the mid-point of the season. A strange turn of events after that threw up a different sort of challenge that the team had to overcome. For a variety of reasons, multiple opponents were forced to cancel their games against us, and we ended up having to go 29 days between games. A layoff like that can completely derail a team, and a season, and it proved to be a real test of this team's mettle. They responded, and managed to again defeat Willow Creek to win our 3rd consecutive Zone Championship.

A win over Canmore in the Provincial Quarterfinals preceded a South Final rematch with Drumheller. Unfortunately, that's where our season came to an end, as despite putting forth one of the gutsiest efforts I have ever seen, overcoming multiple key injuries to shut down the Drumheller offence in the second half, we were unable to secure the win. Still, that mean we finished as Provincial Bronze Medalists once again, and finishing top 4 in the Province is a tremendous accomplishment. Overall, this season was tremendous success, and one that won't soon be forgotten.

(Coach Jason Jensen)



# SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

## GIRLS

The girls varsity volleyball team had a great end to a great season. We had a young team this year with only 3 of the players having played senior varsity before. The girls worked hard through some ups and downs but never gave up and peaked at just the right time. They gave it everything they had and played outstanding at 3A zones in Magrath and took 3rd place to win a bronze medal.

The three grade 12s, Kinlee Van Beers, Sadie Wright and Natalee Porter, were a huge asset to the team and will be missed next year. But each of them are moving on to new and exciting adventures and will do great things in the future. It was an amazing season and we are looking forward to seeing how far we can go next year.  
(Coach Candice Gibb)



## BOYS

This was only the second season in recent years that Myers had a Senior Varsity Boys Volleyball team. This inexperience led to not a lot of wins on the court, but to tremendous growth. The amount of improvement individual players and the team as a whole made this year was impressive. This team will be returning 6 of 8 players next year and looks to build on the previous two seasons.

The team played in the most competitive volleyball league in the province. The team competed in every match and always left it all on the court. The highlight of the season was a second place finish in the St. Mary's tournament, losing a tight gold medal match. The team's motto for the year was "rip it if it's there!" This team can't wait till next season starts, but is sad to say good bye to graduating players Carter Lee and Heston Bevans.

(Coach Darrell Bergmann)

# JV VOLLEYBALL

## BOYS



This is the first year in the past five years that W.R. Myers has had both a JV and Varsity Boys Volleyball team. The JV Boys Volleyball team had a year full of growth and success. With a series of close matches, the team managed to claim second place at the Taber Christian Tournament. With steady improvement, by the end, the boys came to beat teams that they struggled to compete with in the beginning of the season. W.R. Myers Rebels Volleyball is excited to continue and find success in the coming seasons.  
(Coach Michael Johnson)

## GIRLS

As we wrap up an incredible season, we reflect on the valuable lessons and achievements that have defined our W.R. Myers JV girls' volleyball team this year.

Every player brought practice and match. Emphasizing the joy in what we do, we maintained a positive and motivated approach, significantly contributing to our overall improvement as a team.

Our team highlights were winning the silver medal at the Taber Christian High School Tournament and at the Milk River tournament. In our final game of the year, we showcased our growth, nearly winning a set against Medicine Hat High School with a competitive score of 25-23.

As we celebrate the achievements and growth of each team member, we look forward to building on these foundations in the upcoming seasons. The camaraderie, mental toughness, and love for volleyball will continue to drive our success on and off the court.

(Coach Darin Wight)







## **T1 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

**I'm so proud of the Grade 9 Girls Volleyball team! They have shown such growth this year, both physically and mentally. They set goals at the very start of the year and they worked so hard every time they were on the court at practice or games. I'm amazed looking back at video from the start of the year compared to the end; the strength, technique, court awareness, every aspect of their game has exponentially developed. They stuck together as a team and dug deep to the very end and brought home the 3J Zone Banner.**

**#Dora #Secret #Fearless #Goldfish IYKYK**

**Thank you to my players, their parents and our WRM community for all the love and support!!**

**"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." – Michael Jordan  
(Coach Cindy Kanamata)**

# GRAD UPDATE



**This year's celebration will consist of a Cap and Gown Graduation Ceremony on May 24th followed by a Senior Banquet on May 25th.**

**Fundraising Update: Our two fundraising events are going on now. The last day to purchase bacon from a Grad is December 3rd with pick-up on December 13th. Potato sales will continue until December 13th with pick-up on December 15th.**

**Grad Video: We will need 3-4 pictures ranging from baby or toddler to early elementary, middle school and high school. Your cap and gown picture will also be placed at the beginning of the sequence. If you have any group photos (pictures taken with multiple students in the grad class), we would love to use those as well! You can submit these photos through email to: [nicole.cooney@horizon.ab.ca](mailto:nicole.cooney@horizon.ab.ca) or bring them to the office to be scanned by December 21st.**

# TMS UPDATE

**In the TMS program, we are excited to continue to provide free education through a cultural and faith based lens to our students. We are encouraging students to develop habits of reading at home by creating a challenge to read 15 minutes at home, 3 times a week. Students who are able to meet this challenge will be entered into a draw for a prize.**

**In the TMS program, students have access to programs that help connect to future jobs. This includes dual credit programs (where students complete college courses while in high school) and trades exploration programs. We hope that as more students try these unique experiences, even more will wish to take advantage of them in the future. TMS parents can look forward to greater opportunities to engage with career learning in the Spring.**

**Finally, we have several fantastic activities planned as part of our annual Christmas celebrations in December. All TMS program parents are invited to our parent night on December 12 at 7:00. On this night, we will decorate Christmas cookies in addition to talking about how parents are feeling about the school year so far. Later in the month, students will participate in our annual in-school Christmas activities, including our student potluck and gift exchange. More information will be sent home on these plans in mid-December.**

# Calendar of Events- December

## December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Deadline to Order Grad Hoodies in the Office ODD	2
3	4	5 Grad Committee Meeting - Cancelled 6:30 pm	6	7	8 EVEN Career Corner Speaker: Architect 11:25 am	9
10	11	12	13 W.R. Myers Christmas Band Concert in the Gym 7:00 pm	14	15 ODD	16
17	18	19	20	21 Pancake Breakfast 8:25 am	22 No School- Christmas Holidays	23
24 Christmas Holidays	25	26	27	28	29	30
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**We hope you have an amazing  
Christmas season & we wish  
you all a fabulous New Year. We  
hope that 2024 is a fantastic  
year for us all. See you all on  
Jan 8, 2024!!**