

# REBEL ROUSER

## OCT 2024 Edition



## Principal's Report – Adam Hughes

Hello W.R. Myers Families,

October was a fantastic month for our school community, with so many highlights to celebrate and exciting things to look forward to!

Our varsity volleyball teams are showing great skill as they compete in league playoffs, and we're thrilled to share that our football team has qualified for provincials! We're proud of these student-athletes and grateful to their coaches and supporters.

A huge thank you to Arica Jensen, who has been so generous with her time, capturing all of these memorable moments. Arica's work on our yearbook, team, and grad photos is invaluable, and we're lucky to have her dedication.

With the school year in full swing, grad planning is already underway. If you're interested in helping out, please reach out to Nicole Cooney ([nicole.cooney@horizon.ab.ca](mailto:nicole.cooney@horizon.ab.ca)). It's a special milestone, and we welcome all the support!

We also held our Fall Parent-Teacher Interviews recently. For those who weren't able to attend or need further communication, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers. We're here to support every student's success.

Looking ahead, our second School Council Meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday, November 13 at 7 pm. We'd love to see more parents join us to share thoughts, ideas, and feedback.

An exciting development for W.R. Myers is on the horizon: the modernization of our school has been officially announced! Construction is set to begin in June, and we're thrilled for the updates and improvements to our school environment.

As we near the end of our first reporting period on November 5, marks and comments can be viewed on the Powerschool parent portal. If you do not have a parent powerschool account, please call the office on 403-223-2292 and we will set one up for you. Report cards will be mailed home at the end of Semester 1 in January & Semester 2 in June.

Thank you all for being a part of the W.R. Myers community. Let's make November another great month!

Warm regards,  
Adam Hughes  
Principal, W.R. Myers High School

# Academic Awards Night

W.R Myers High School is proud to announce

## The Beverley Emek Endowment Fund

Sponsored by the Mel and Raeghn Torrie family, the Beverley Emek Endowment Fund has been established to honour the many years of dedicated service and lasting impact that Beverley Emek made in the lives of her students during her career with Horizon School Division. Known for her exceptional ability to inspire and uplift students, Bev empowered those who felt academic success was beyond their reach, helping them realize their full potential.

The Beverley Emek Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating student, or students of W.R. Myers High School, who have demonstrated resilience in overcoming societal, personal, or academic challenges and who are pursuing higher education at the post-secondary level. This award celebrates the spirit of perseverance and the drive to achieve despite obstacles, embodying the values that Bev instilled in her students throughout her teaching career.

The recipients of the Beverley Emek Scholarship will embody Beverley's legacy of determination, resilience, and the belief that success is achievable for all.

This award will be open for application annually, and the recipient(s) will be selected by a committee including Mrs. Emek, alongside members of the W.R. Myers administration and staff. Through this application process, students will be asked to demonstrate how this scholarship will make a meaningful difference in helping them work toward their educational goals. The scholarship funds are to be used towards tuition at a post-secondary institution, supporting students as they pursue their future endeavours."

Mel and Raeghn have donated an incredibly generous amount of \$137 000 to establish this Fund. The Fund will be invested and its interest will be awarded each year to the successful recipients. On top of the generous initial donation we are pleased to announce that we will be holding a matching campaign. For all those who Bev Emek or other dedicated educators inspired, we invite you to contribute to this Fund so that more future students can benefit from the financial support to further their education. All money donated but the sponsors of this Fund will match other individuals in this matching campaign.

The Campaign will begin immediately and run until December 15, 2024. Please follow the link below or use the QR code to pledge. Once the Fund is able to accept donations, we will reach out to you with instructions on how to donate.

The first recipient of this award is Vickie Dueck and she was awarded \$13,600.



# Academic Awards Night cont.

The WR Myers Academic Awards Night is a celebration of the many academic accomplishments that Myer's students have made over the past school year. The cash awards given out would not be possible without the generous donations of our local families, organizations and businesses. The total amount that has been donated this year is just over \$27,000!!!

Attached to the certificates was a blank "Thank You Card", and addressed envelope. Students... please, please, please take a few moments to fill it in and mail this card to your award sponsor. We know how much they would appreciate it. Everyone loves getting happy mail!





# Athletic Director

**Athletics at Myers has been buzzing this fall!!**

**Our cross country team wrapped up their season by first competing at zones!! It was quite a successful day, with our athletes competing hard and placing strong. We had 3 Rebel Athletes make the trip up to Grande Prairie for Cross Country Provincials. Conditions were tough for provincials, cold, wet and muddy: perfect for a trail run!!**

**Lily Dunlop placed 95th, averaging a 5:53km in the Intermediate Girls 5km. Karsyn Davis finished 81st, averaging a 4:26km in the Intermediate Boys 5km. While Kade Haslam finished 16th, averaging a blistering 3:23km in the Junior Boys 4km.**

**Big congratulations also goes out to our Football team. Our football team currently sits at 7-1 on the year, and are ranked #2 in the province for 3A schools. The boys have a big playoff game versus Willow Creek this Friday at Ken Mac Park at 7pm. Come on out and cheer them on!**

**There are also been alot of big blocks and swings on the volleyball courts this fall. All five of our teams have been competing in league and tournament play. Our grade 9 girls have won two tournaments this year and finished 2nd in league play. They are off to Irvine to compete at Zones this weekend. Our SV girls have played strong in every tournament they have competed in this year, with a 2nd place finish at the Double Blue tournament at St. Mary's. The girls finished first in league play and are starting playoffs this week. The JV girls have had just as strong a season. They wrapped up league play undefeated and have league playoffs this weekend at Prairie Winds. Our boys teams may not have had as many wins this season as the girls, but are hoping they are peaking at the right time. Our SV boys placed 4th in league play and start their playoffs this week. Our JV boys are also in league playoffs, travelling to Prairie Winds this weekend.**

**Go Rebels Go!!**

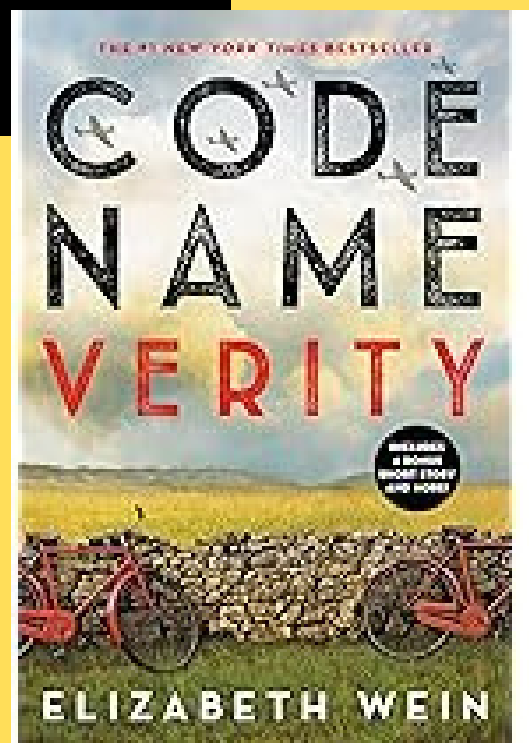
# Learning Commons – Library

**Book Club has started!**

**We're reading 'Code Name Verity'. It's a historical fiction novel that focuses on the friendship between two young British women in World War II: a spy captured by Nazis in German-occupied France and the pilot who took her there.**

**Pick up a copy in the library and join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, November 26 at lunch.**

**If you still have any overdue books please return them as soon as possible.**



# Grad



**This year's W. R. Myers Ceremony will consist of a Cap and Gown ceremony on May 23, 2025 followed by a Grade 12 Banquet on Saturday, May 24th.**

**There will be a mandatory Graduation Parent meeting in the school gym on Wednesday, November 20th. Information covered in the meeting will include:**

**Graduation Requirements**

**Graduation Ceremony**

**Grade 12 Banquet**

**Fundraising**

**Grad Fees are set at \$185 this year. Students can fundraise to pay down their fees.**

**The Bacon Fundraiser will run from November 13th to December 3rd. Students can earn \$19 per box towards their fees. The grad committee is also considering other fundraising opportunities.**

**A representative from Jostens will be here November 29th at 11 a.m. If you are interested in ordering a Graduation ring or jewelry, please feel free to go to [www.jostenscanada.com](http://www.jostenscanada.com) to place your order if you miss the in-person ordering day.**

# TMS (Now HCP) UPDATE



In the HCP program, we are excited to continue to provide free education through a cultural and faith based lens to our students. Parents and students are reminded that they can constantly see where their grades are at by setting up PowerSchool on their mobile device. Talk to the office if you have not been able to set this up yet.

Starting last month, we created a challenge to encourage students to develop habits of reading at home. HCP program students are encouraged to read 15 minutes at home, 3 times a week. Students who do this and get parents to sign off on the reading will be entered into a weekly draw for a prize. If we can get 70% of our program to successfully complete this challenge, there will be a whole program activity prize in the middle of December.

In the HCP program, we continue to look for opportunities for students to grow in their learning experiences. In addition to being able to access the amazing programming in WR Myers such as Shop, Textiles, Cosmetology or Media, HCP students have also explored different career enrichment programs organized by our amazing off-campus team. This includes the ability to explore 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. HCP 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 HCP 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.

# Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Opportunity

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS

## ODD FELLOWS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH, JULY 2025

77<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage for Youth [www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com](http://www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com)



**Attention grade 10 and 11 students!** Are you interested in an exciting experience next July, that will take you to Niagara Falls, Washington, D.C., and a week in New York? Enter our public speaking contest, because several Alberta High School students (one from Southern Alberta) will receive the expense paid trip in July. The trip takes approximately two weeks.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows are holding a public speaking contest to take place on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 2:00 pm** at our lodge hall located at 501 – 4 Ave South, Lethbridge. The **Winner** will receive the all-expense paid trip.

Travel arrangements have been organised by air travel out of Calgary joining other winning students and taking a bus trip from Philadelphia including side trips. The winners will be spending a week in New York visiting sites such as the Empire State Building and the 911 Memorial. The second week students will visit the Niagara Falls, the Capital in Washington as well as some other side trips. **The two-week trip takes place June 28 to July 11.**

### **Suggested topics for contestants to consider are:**

- Any aspect of the work of the United Nations.
- Any matter of International Concern
- Are governments meeting needs of a rapidly changing world?
- Any matter of national Concern

Contestants are required to find their own resource material and the speech must be between 7 to 8 minutes in length. Students must possess or obtain a valid Canadian passport.

To participate, students must be **at least 16 years of age at the time of the trip and under 18 years of age with one semester of high school left by September 2025.** Students must be interested in community, church and school activities and present attributes of co-operation and leadership.

**Who pays the cost?** The Oddfellows and Rebekah Lodges will provide all transportation, accommodation, and board. You get to stay in New York in special apartments set aside for this award. You will need a little spending money to help with entrance fees at attractions you may visit, souvenirs, shopping and refreshments. You must have a current Canadian passport.

**The Speech Competition will take place Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Lethbridge.**

**Interested students should complete the attached Candidates Experience Sheet and return it by Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, to Gordon Lowe, 2 Sunset Crescent, Lethbridge, T1J-5S1.**

**For enquiries: Telephone 403-315-0997, or email: [gmlowe@telus.net](mailto:gmlowe@telus.net)**

This award is one of the most significant achievements a student can obtain. The sights and activities experienced will have a lifelong impact. Application Forms are available in your school or from the email address above. Additional information is available from the local Odd Fellows

In this school, please contact: \_\_\_\_\_



# Halloween



# W.R. MYERS SCHOOL APPAREL STORE



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# Text communication



The Trusted Platform  
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## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number:

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: **978338**

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".



\*if your number is Canada-based.

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(For Canada-based numbers).

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# Calendar

## November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 School Based PD Day (No students)	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 EVEN	9
10	11 Remembrance Day - No school	12	13 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	14	15 ODD	16
17	18	19	20 Grad Parents Mandatory Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22 EVEN	23
24	25 PD Day (No School For Students)	26	27	28	29 ODD	30

## REPORT AN ABSENCE

If your child is going to miss any school or needs to leave early please notify the office staff using one of the three options:

**Phone** 403-223-2292

**Text** 587-370-3812

**Email** [wrm.attendance@horizon.ab.ca](mailto:wrm.attendance@horizon.ab.ca)