

Hello WRM families and community,

As we head into Easter Break, the pace at W.R. Myers isn't slowing down! Baseball, Rugby, and Badminton seasons are in full swing, keeping our athletes busy and energized.

We're also looking forward to connecting with families this spring. On April 30, we'll welcome parents of students transitioning into Grade 9 and 10 for another evening of helpful info and connection. These nights are a great opportunity to stay in the loop—we hope you'll join us!

We are hosting a Spring Fling Dance on May 1 from 7-9pm. We are excited to see lots of students having a good time dancing!

An important update on our modernization: while progress continues, the timeline has shifted slightly. The good news? The delay is due to some exciting upgrades being added to the project—like a brand new full-size elevator in the 1949 wing, making our school even more accessible for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We're truly grateful to be part of such a supportive and engaged school community.

Take care,
Adam Hughes
Principal, W.R. Myers High School



Athletic Director

April showers bring May flowers...well not at W.R. Myers!!

April and May brings more school sports!!

We are wrapping up our badminton season for our grade 9's and senior high athletes. We had many athletes represent us at tournaments, divisionals and zones. Our badminton team is getting stronger every year!! Big thanks goes out to community member Daryl Bennett for all the time he puts into our badminton team.

April and May brings us our Baseball and Rugby regular season play. Did you know our baseball team has won Tier III Provincials two years in a row? Yes they have!! While it seems like our rugby team goes to provincials every year. They have too many provincial championships to count!!

And let's not forget about Track and Field. Our track team will be starting practice after Easter Break, listen to announcements for details.

And if you are like me...you are already thinking volleyball.
Our SV boys and SV girls will be having open gyms starting in
June. There is no coasting to the finish line with athletics at
Myers!!

HCP UPDATE



Dear H.C.P Parents and Guardians,

As we get ready for Easter break, we also want to share some exciting events coming up in May!

<u> Highway Cleanup – May 3</u>

On Saturday, May 3, we'll be doing our annual highway cleanup. This is a big fundraiser that helps support our graduating students. It's also a chance for Grade 9 students to earn money toward their Calaway Park and year-end camping trips.

If you're a parent and would like to help out, please contact Mr. Dupuis.

Graduation Ceremony - May 9

We'll be celebrating our Graduates on Friday, May 9 at 7:00 pm in the W.R. Myers gym. Everyone in the HCP community is welcome. We hope to see you there!

Career Learning Opportunities

Career planning is an important part of what we do at H.C.P.

- On May 6, some of our Grade 11 students will visit Medicine Hat College to take part in hands-on learning focused on Science, Technology, and Engineering careers.
- On May 27, our Grade 8 and 9 students will tour the trades school at Medicine Hat College to see what working in the trades might be like.

Mother's Day Tea - May 7

May is a time to celebrate all of the amazing moms in our school! We invite all moms to join us for a Mother's Day Tea on the afternoon of May 7.

H.C.P Mom's Group - May 14

Our next HCP Mom's Group meeting will be in the afternoon on May 14. If you'd like more information, please contact the office.

H.C.P Olympics - May 26

On May 26, we'll be holding a fun afternoon called the H.C.P Olympics. It will be a chance for students to work together, develop friendships, and build school spirit. More details coming soon!

Grade 9 P.A.T - May 29

Our first Provincial Achievement Test (P.A.T) for Grade 9 students will be on Thursday, May 29th. We know many families will be celebrating Ascension and may be away. Students who are absent will write their PAT on Monday, June 2 instead.

We hope your family has a wonderful Easter break, and thank you for your continued support in your child's learning and success.

Grad



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

- WALKING PARTNERS: Use the form in Google
 Classroom to tell us who your walking
 partners will be for the Grand March.
- Last day to buy Banquet Tickets is April 29th.
- Reminder that all school fees and grad fees must be paid before table selection on May 1st.
- If you haven't already done so, please complete the "Yearbook Submission" Google form in Google Classroom.



After a 4 year hiatus, the APEX Youth Awards are back!

Three \$1000 bursaries will be awarded to the top nominees. We had 5 nominees from W.R. MYERS - Good luck to each of you!!

The APEX Youth Awards were launched in 2002 by the Rotary Club of Taber and the Taber Times. These awards were created to recognize individuals that represented the best qualities in our youth from Taber and area; youth who unselfishly give of themselves in the service of others and who have shown resiliency when faced with adversity.



Brilynd Unser is a grade eleven student at W.R. Myers High School. Brilynd is known for his sense of humour, his willingness to lend a hand to others, his quiet strength and resiliency.

Jason Jensen, President of the Taber Football Association and Head Football Coach of the W.R. Myers Rebels has known Brilynd for over a decade and he says, "In that time Brilynd has stepped up over and over (without anyone asking him) to volunteer in any capacity needed. This is particularly impressive, considering the fact that he doesn't play football. He just loves being around the games and more importantly, just loves to help out in any way possible." Brilynd shows a great amount of selflessness, consideration of others, and constantly shows quiet leadership making him an extraordinary role model for his peers. He has volunteered to cover concession shifts for football games, allowing parents the opportunity to watch their player during the game.

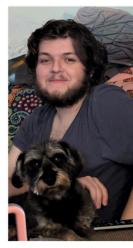
This past fall Brilynd faced a serious illness that led to an extended hospital stay at the Children's Hospital in Calgary. Despite the hardship, Brilynd

Brilynd Unser



remained positive, although the road to recovery has been long. He has been diagnosed with a very rare autoimmune disease requiring vigilant attention to his medication. W.R. Myers High School Principal, Adam Hughes says of Brilynd, "He fought to stay connected with his schooling, kept his spirits up and never once gave in to self-pity. He modelled perseverance." Hughes continues, "He carried himself with grace, grit and humility. He didn't look for recognition or sympathy. Brilynd is back to school, is on track with his schoolwork, and is back to working at the South Country Co-op Food Store. He has proven to be the definition of resilient.

Congratulations, Brilynd Unser on your nomination.



Tate Nakashima

Tate Nakashima is a grade eleven student at W.R. Myers High School. Tate is described as bright, funny, and empathic. His ability to communicate with both young and old is commendable. Tate takes time to engage in conversation with anyone. Tate has the ability to engage and make people feel

Tate is a dedicated air cadet at 225 RCACS - Taber Comets and is serving as the Cadet Squadron Commander, tasked with overseeing the squadron and facilitating communication between cadets and officers. His positive attitude and approachability make him a valued member of the cadet program and distinguishes him as an outstanding leader. Tate is working towards obtaining his small engine pilot licence.

This year Tate was honored with the opportunity to deliver an address at the Taber Remembrance Day service. The crowd was around six hundred people. Tate's address was well researched, thoughtfully written and delivered with such grace and confidence that you could hear a pin drop. Tate's skill in public speaking not only captivates listeners but also motivates them. Tate was all the talk on Facebook with many asking who the young cadet was that delivered the address and commending him on a job well

Tate also plays hockey with the Taber Oil King's and has been named the "Player's Player" for the past two seasons by his coach His coach, Nolan Kinniburgh says,



"Tate's enthusiasm for the team and the game made an enormous positive impact on the team."

Tate is also a member of the Myers Rebels Football team and is the skip of his W.R. Myers Men's Curling Team.

This year Tate volunteered his services to lead an extra-curricular French Club at Dr. Hamman School, Dr. Hamman School principal, Alyson Archibald says, "Tate's leadership, understanding, modeling and fluency of the French language along with his professional and engaging demeanor have greatly impacted student learning and achievement through this club."

Congratulations, Tate Nakashima, on your nomination!







Lillian Bennett

Lilly Bennett is a grade eleven student at W.R. Myers High School. Darrell Bergmann, Athletic Director for W.R. Myers says, "Lilly truly has a magnetic personality that draws everyone closer to her." He continues by saying, "coaches always rave about how coachable Lilly is, her dedication to the team and how they wish they had a "team of Lillys." Chad McClenaghan, W.R. Myers Senior Varsity Girls Basketball coach says of Lilly, "I have had the privilege of coaching Lilly in basketball for five years, and in that time, I have witnessed her unwavering dedication, outstanding athleticism, and blossoming leadership." Lilly also plays volleyball and is a very skilled soccer player.

Lilly is very aware of how others feel and often goes out of her way to make other people feel

welcome and included Lilly has served as Class President for her church Youth Group and goes out of her way to make others feel like they belong. Lilly is responsible for conducting class planning meetings and helps to organize and run the planned activities. She also teaches lessons to her class of Young Women that range in age from fourteen to eighteen. She is always well prepared and thoughtful with the lessons that she gives. Lilly has a quiet demeanor that almost adds to her strong leadership ability.

Lilly is a student that works hard to balance her schoolwork with her extra-curricular activities Lilly is a very talented artist that is passionate about her creations and is always excited to see where the next project will take her.

Congratulations, Lilly Bennett, on your nomination for an APEX Youth Award







eleven student at W.R. Myers High School. With a positive attitude and outgoing personality, Nik falls into a leadership role naturally.

Nik joined 4-H when he was

nine years old and as a member of the Taber Corn Dawgs 4-H Club he participated in the canine project for a number of years where he trained his dog for agility and obedience. He also joined the Retlaw Prairie 4-H Club for a couple of years so that he could participate in the horse project and the small engine project. During his time in 4-H, Nik held executive roles as club president and treasurer. As president, Nik is in charge of running the meetings using the proper parliamentary procedures. Nik is an outstanding public speaker who has competed at the club, district and regional level. He has also participated in leadership activies, camps and symposiums at the district, regional and provincial level.

This year Nik decided to focus more on the sports that he loves, football and wrestling. Nik has been playing football since age eight with the Taber Rebels and has received multiple Rebels awards This year he was recognized as the Southland Football League's Most

Nikolas Binnie



Outstanding Defensive Linem Nikolas's athletic abilities spilled over into Wrestling and he contributed to taking home the 2023-2024 Provincial Banner. Nik has also decided to play baseball this year for the W.R. Myers team

The W.R. Myers wrestling team was in great need of a new mat for practice and hosting wrestling events. Nikolas used his creative abilities to brainstorm fundraising ideas and presented them to the team. The goal was set to be able to purchase a new mat early next season, however the wrestling team was able to purchase the mat this season and are looking forward to the possibilities of hosting events next season with their new equipment.

Congratulations, Nikolas Binnie, on your APEX Youth awards





Zuri Gardner



Zuri Gardner is a grade ten student at W.R. Myers High School. Zuri is described as being kind, caring, talented, and accepting of others. Zuri shows great passion for everything she

Zuri is very talented and is passionate about the fine arts. Her music teacher. Jaimee Jarvie has this to say about Zuri, "Every lesson she shows up ready to work hard and is constantly seeking growth. She takes criticism professionally, and is truly a joy to work with. Zuri is constantly performing gigs as a soloist and an ensemble member, and is already making a name for herself in the southern Alberta music scene. Zuri is a leader amongst her peers, and radiates positivity and encouragement in our voice

Zuri is an integral part of the W.R. Myers band program. Zuri had the opportunity to participate in the University of Lethbridge Honour Band, conducted by Ken Rogers. This prestigious ensemble featured some of the top high school musicians from Southern Alberta. Zuri represented her school with distinction.

Her artistic talents also extend to drama. She played the leading role in the W.R. Myers production of Almost Maine and performed in the Lethbridge production of Romeo and Juliet. She has inspired others by performing and encourages her peers to be brave enough to step onto the stage.

Zuri is also a member of the Taber Rugby Club, a member of the Southern Alberta Interscholastic Leaders and has attended leadership conferences with this group and a leader in her church youth group program.

Congratulations, Zuri Gardner, on your nomination







OUTDOOR ED







On April 17th Mr. Shimbashi took his Outdoor Ed class rock climbing at Coulee Climbing to wrap up our rock climbing unit. They had a fun time figuring out bouldering problems for the morning.





















DUAL CREDIT



DUAL CREDIT 2025-26

Scan this QR code to complete an application for dual credit courses with Lethbridge Polytechnic. The link to the course guidebook is in the Google Form. Read the course offering page in the guide to see which semester courses take place, and scroll further down to see course descriptions.



YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGIES

TABER CAMP

CAEERS is breaking down barriers and paving a path for women in skilled trades and technologies. Lethbridge and area students grades 10-12 interested will gain hands-on experience by participating in activities provided by local businesses and organizations who support young women in trade and technology related careers.

APRIL 22

COULEE CAFÉ, 4110 WESTVIEW PL 8:30AM - 4:00PM



REGISTER HERE

For more information contact Alicia at ahughes@nextgen.org



CAREERS take on the future



SCIENCE OLYMPICS



On March 27th, Mr. Shimbashi took four grade 9 students to participate in the Horizon School Division Science Olympics. Science Olympics is organized by the junior high science teachers in our division. This year the students prepared a wind turbine that could produce electricity for the competition. The students also competed in two surprise events that tested their skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

E-SPORTS

On April 5th Mr. Goudy and Mr. Shimbashi accompanied the eSports team to a tournament at LCI to play against the best Super Smash Bros Ultimate high school players in Lethbridge. We brought 15 players from our school. The tournament allowed Myers alumni Evan Runquist and Riley Payne to participate as well. Evan won the tournament. Ryan Couch placed 3rd, Dominic Thiessen placed 5th and Jackzon Clark placed 7th.



Course Selection

<u>Parents of Grade 8 and Grade 9 Students</u> <u>Navigating Your Child's High School Journey</u>

We are excited to guide your child through the course selection process for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year! Our goal is to support students in choosing courses that:

- Reflect their unique interests
- Support their individual learning needs
 - Align with future career aspirations
 - Meet graduation requirements

Important Dates;

In-school Student Presentations:

W.R. Myers Grade 9's: April 29th

D. A. Ferguson Grade 8's: April 30th

Barnwell Grade 9's: May 1st

- Students will receive a Course Request Form after presentations
- Teachers will provide recommended course streams

<u>Parent Information Sessions April 30th at W.R. Myers:</u>

6:00 pm: Parents of incoming Grade 9 students

7:00 pm: Parents of students entering Grades 10-12

Parent Info sessions

GRADE 9 - PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

W.R Myers will be hosting a parent information session for parents of students that will be entering grade 9 next year. The meeting will be on Wednesday, April 30 at 6pm in the Library.

GRADE 10 - PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

W.R Myers will be hosting a parent information session for parents of students that will be entering grade 10 next year. The meeting will be on Wednesday, April 30 at 7pm in the Library.



YEARBOOK





ATTENTION

PARENTS:

Our school yearbook is back and better than EVER!

This is the **LAST CALL** for those who want to purchase this special school keepsake for your student. **COPIES ARE LIMITED!**

BUY NOW

PRICE: \$50.00

DEADLINE: APRIL 25th

YOU NEED TO LOG ONTO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE TO PURCHASE A YEARBOOK!!



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The Trusted Platform for School Community Engagement

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 <u>CANADA-BASED</u> 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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Opt-In from your mobile now!



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 978338.

(For Canada-based numbers).

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Calendar

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Grade 12 Banquet Table Selection Begins Spring Fling Dance 7:00 pm	2 ODD	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 EVEN HCP Graduation	10
11	12	13	14 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16 PD Day (No School For Students)	17
18	19 Victoria Day - No school	20	21	22	23 ODD WRM Convocation 5:00 pm	24 WRM Grad Banquet 5:00 pm
25	26	27	28	29 ELA 9 PAT Part A	30 EVEN	31

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



WE WISH YOU ALL A WONDERFUL EASTER BREAK WITH YOUR FAMILIES!