

# REBEL ROUSER

## May 2025 Edition



W.R. MYERS HIGH SCHOOL

### Principal's Report – Adam Hughes

**It's been a fantastic month at W.R. Myers, filled with energy, achievement, and community spirit.**

#### **Student Life & Athletics**

**We kicked things off with a school dance that brought out around 115 students for a fun and safe evening—thanks to all who helped make it happen!**

**Spring sports are in full swing. We hosted both junior and senior high badminton tournaments, and our rugby, baseball, and track teams are keeping busy. Rugby and baseball held a great Fan Appreciation Night last month**

#### **Career & Enrichment Opportunities**

**Students have taken part in Career Exploration Days, STEM Day at Medicine Hat College, and the MHC trip on May 27. We also had students participate in the international PISA exam.**

#### **Fine Arts Highlights**

**The Band Trip to Regina was a great experience, and Music of the Night showed off our incredible student talent. Don't miss the Year-End Concert on June 4!**

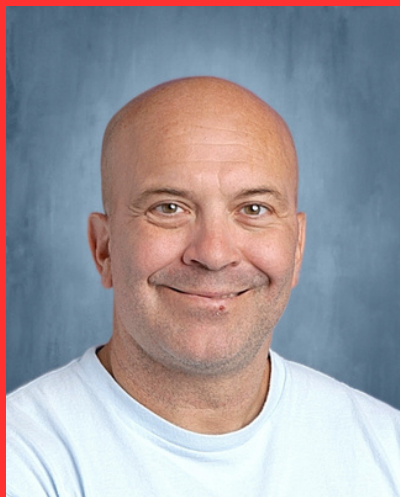
#### **Graduation**

**Grad weekend was a beautiful celebration of our students and their journey. Huge thanks to Nicole Cooney, Ashley Pulfer, Corrie Ilczynski, Stacy Setoguchi, Natasha Morgan, and the student/parent committee for organizing such a special event.**

#### **APEX Award Nominees**

**Congratulations to Brilynd Unser, Zuri Gardner, Tate Nakashima, Lilly Bennett and Nik Binnie for their APEX nominations. We're proud of you all!**

**Thanks again to our students, staff, and families for making this such a strong finish to the school year!**



# Athletic Director

**As the school year is coming to an end, we are still busy competing in Athletics!! Our baseball team is in the midst of finishing up another season and making a run at provincials. Our JV rugby program wrapped up another solid season. They competed in a tough league and ended up going to 3 tournaments again this season. While our SV team is looking to make another run at being Zone Champions and returning back to provincials. We also are in full on track mode with our grade 9 team and SV team competing at both divisionals and those who qualify, zones!!**

**We will be wrapping up our athletics this year with our year end Athletics Awards Night. It is scheduled for June 12, 6:00pm in the Myers gym. All coaches have been invited to present their team awards. Any athletes receiving an award have had an email sent home to their parents.**



# Band Trip

**The Band Trip to Regina was held April 14-16. The band performed at three different schools, including one that had a round gym! They also attended a performance of STOMP, which is a percussion group that plays everything except percussion instruments. Yes, they literally played the kitchen sink. And they went to the Moose Jaw Tunnels. Which were amazing. It was a great trip with 79 students. Thank you to the chaperones!!**





# Awards

**Congrats to Corbin Blindback on breaking the Canadian Squat & bench press powerlifting records a few weekends ago!**



[Helen Findlay Memorial Scholarship](#)

For a deserving Female Vocalist 16 years and under

**Zuri Gardner**



**Congrats to Zuri Gardner on winning an award at the Lethbridge Music festival!**



# APEX Awards



**Lilly Bennett, Zuri Gardner, Tate Nakashima, Brilynd Unser, and Nikolas Binnie were honored last week at the APEX Youth Awards Celebration. It was a much smaller, more personalized celebration which was held in the Dreddy Room of the Taber Police Station. Each nominee was presented with a gift from the APEX Committee, along with congratulatory letters from dignitaries including the Prime Minister of Canada. These five young nominees are excellent role models and you are so fortunate to have them as a part of your school community at W.R. Myers.**

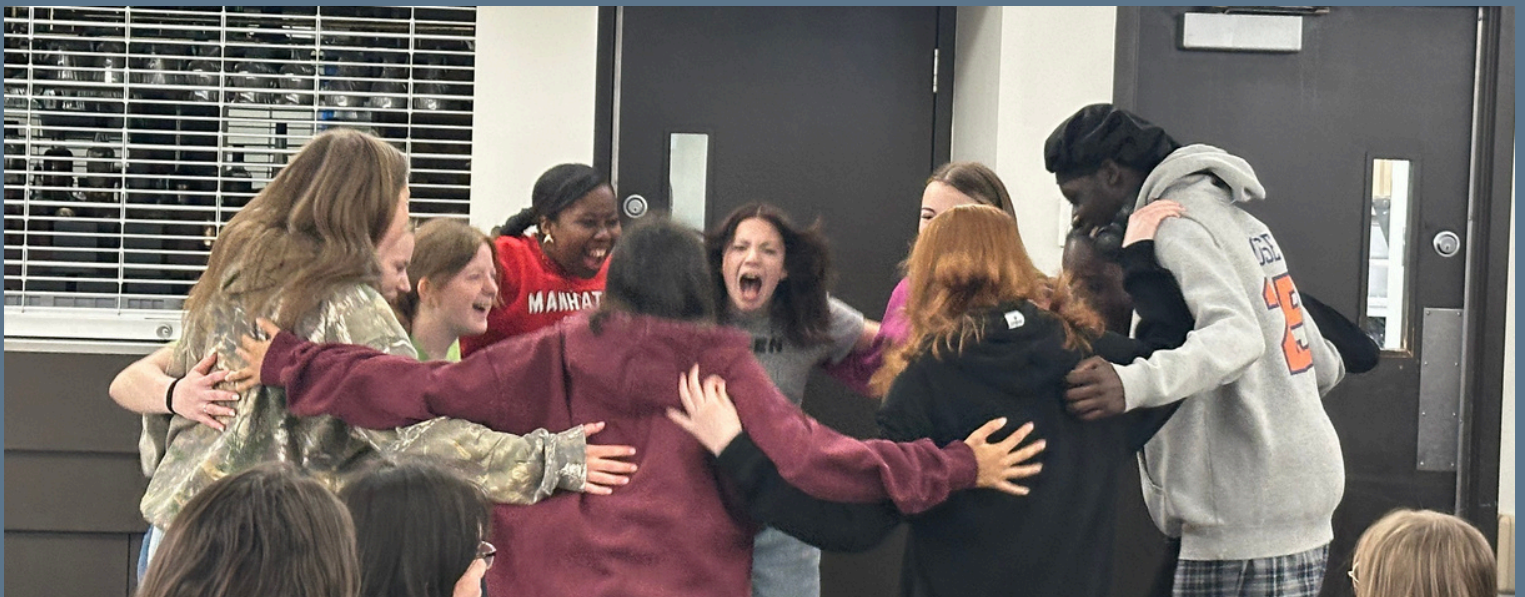
**Lilly Bennett and Tate Nakashima were two of our three bursary winners this year.**



# SAIL Conference



**SAIL (Southern Alberta Interscholastic Leadership) Team attended a student driven leadership conference on May 15 with students from southern alberta in grades 9-11 – heard from Keynote speaker Orlando Bowen – former CFL Player turned activist. Students then attended breakout sessions developed by leadership students from Southern Alberta on themes related to leadership that they may take back to their schools to foster their leadership programs. Students involved include: Zuri Gardner, Trinity Mukendi, Brooklyn Olsen, Tony Peters, Nancy Zacharias and Hilda Loewen.**





# Let's Support Nature



**Students of the Let's Support Nature Option this year have been learning about Conservation and efforts to protect the land and species that call Southern Alberta home. On May 12 we had a visit from a Fish and Wildlife Conservation officer Jason Lefrancois who shared a presentation on what his job entails. Students followed this presentation up with a day at the Calgary Zoo on May 13, in which we learned about their conservation efforts and got to explore the zoo afterwards.**



# Off-Campus

## Summer Work Experience

**Earn up to 10 credits towards your high school diploma for summer (June 1-July 22) work. August work hours will roll into students' fall semester next school year.**

**Add to your work experience on your resumé**

**Graduate with more than 100 credits to give yourself a buffer.**

**Use work experience to find out if your potential career is the one you really want to follow. Even if you first go to post-secondary after the work experience, many employers will remember you once you begin looking for full time jobs in your field.**

## WHERE AND WHEN

**Part time job placements (fast food, restaurants, retail, trades etc!)**

**Volunteer (hospitals, care homes, animal shelters, food banks etc.)**

**During school hours, after school, weekends, and holidays. You may not earn work experience credit for work between 10 p.m and 7 a.m.**

## HOW?

**Complete the required HCS 3000, 1 credit course. This may be completed online – talk to your school's CALM teacher or Bryan Pritchard to enrol.**

**See Bryan Pritchard (or your school secretary) to complete the off campus work agreement form. Your hours will count when you return the form either in-person or by email. You need to submit monthly hours in person, by email, or text a picture of them to Bryan. We encourage the emailing and texting in order to reduce paperwork. We can also provide you a timesheet if you need one.**

## EVALUATION

**You need to work or volunteer a minimum of 75 hours; this will give you 3 credits. If you work at more than one place we can combine the hours.**

**Bryan Pritchard, the off campus education teacher, will complete an evaluation with your employer.**

**Contact Bryan at [Bryan.pritchard@horizon.ab.ca](mailto:Bryan.pritchard@horizon.ab.ca) or text/call 587-370-7187**



## **Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)**

### **Benefits for Students**

**Get a head start on a trade. Most trades are 4 years in length and 1500 hours of work each year. Hours that students work in high school could count towards that first year and beyond.**

**Earn significant high school credits and earn while you learn.**

**Build your skill set and your resume. Even if you do not pursue the trade after high school, you developed a skill set of critical thinking, learning to work safely, following multiple instructions, developing a strong work ethic etc. that employers are looking for.**

**It's an opportunity to dovetail career paths and education types: for example, become an electrician (college) and an electrical engineer (university). What an excellent way of combining the practical and theoretical ways of learning.**

### **High School Credits – RAP**

**Up to 40 high school credits can be earned. This would be 1,000 hours of work. Students need to work a minimum of 125 hours which would give 5 credits.**

**You need to submit monthly hours in person to Bryan Pritchard or email/text a picture of them. We encourage the emailing and texting in order to reduce paperwork.**

**You must be 15 years of age and in grade 10 at a minimum to enter the RAP program. Students find their own employment. Apprenticeship is a large and personal decision – we do not force students on to employers.**

### **Information Links for students**

**Visit [www.tradesecrets.alberta.ca](http://www.tradesecrets.alberta.ca) for a detailed description of all 50 trades in Alberta**

**View business websites to see what the companies do.**

### **Green Certificate**

**The Green Certificate Program allows grades 10–12 students to earn up to 16 high school credits.**

#### **Possible specializations:**

**Beekeeper production Cow calf breed production Dairy production**

**Equine production Feedlot beef production Field crop production**

**Greenhouse production Irrigated field crop production Sheep production**

**Poultry production (with choices of broiler chicken, broiler hatching egg, table egg or turkey)**

**Swine production.**

#### **Description**

- Find a farm, ranch or greenhouse that will provide the hands-on training (this program is learning by doing). This training may occur on a home farm, etc.**
- Complete the required 1 credit safety course, AG 3000 – see your school's work experience practitioner (Bryan) or CALM teacher to gain access to this course.**
- Contact Bryan Pritchard to sign up for Green Certificate, and to arrange a farm safety visit.**
  - Receive the training manual, work, learn and have your skills signed off by your trainer.**
  - You must complete at least one test in a year. Tests are all oral and are given at set times throughout the year.**
- We are still accepting GREEN applications, with the hope of getting students the manuals before summer.**

# Grad



**Thanks to the following;**  
**The TANGO Foundation**  
**Cooper Equipment Rental**  
**UniFirst**  
**Central School**  
**Glennnda Valgardson and Deb Hansen**  
**Barnwell Parent Council**  
**Town of Taber**  
**Taber Vipers Swim club**  
**W.R. Myers Concert Band with Mrs. Andrea Makarchuk**  
**PE classes for decorating the gymnasium**  
**Mr. Lavoie for the pipe & draping frames**  
**Office staff – Stacy Setoguchi, Corrie Ilczynski, Natasha Morgan**  
**Admin – Adam Hughes, Nicole Cooney, Sean Dupuis**  
**Grad Parent Committee**  
**WR Myers Staff**



# HCP UPDATE



**Dear HCP Parents and Families,**  
**The end of the school year is coming quickly! We were proud to celebrate our four graduates at the HCP Graduation Ceremony on May 9. It was a great evening and a special moment for our students and their families.**

**May was a busy and exciting month! Students had the chance to:**  
**Explore careers in welding and electrical trades on a field trip to Medicine Hat College**  
**Compete in track and field**  
**Visit Fort Whoop-Up**  
**Celebrate their moms at our Mother's Day Tea**  
**Take part in our first-ever HCP Olympics**  
**Looking Ahead to June**

**We have even more fun and memorable events planned to close out the year:**

**June 4 – Junior High girls' trip to Lethbridge**

**June 5 – Junior High boys' softball tournament**

**June 16 – Junior High year-end field trip**

**June 18–19 – High School Camping Trip**

**June 23 – Grade 9 Camping Trip**

**Year-End BBQ – June 16 at 5:00 PM**

**All families are invited to our Year-End BBQ at the school on Monday, June 16 at 5:00 PM. Please bring your family, lawn chairs or blankets, and come enjoy a relaxed evening together.**

**Sundaes & Staff Farewells – June 18 at 2:00 PM**

**On Tuesday, June 18 at 2:00 PM, we welcome parents to join us for wrap-up sundaes and a chance to say goodbye to staff before summer begins.**

**Last Day of Classes & Exam Info**

**Junior High (Grades 6–8): Last day of classes is June 18.**

**High School (Grades 10–12): Students have exams on June 16, 17, and 18.**

**Students may leave after writing their exams each day.**

**Some diploma exams continue after June 18.**

**Students with missing assignments may be asked to stay during exam week to finish their work.**

**We look forward to seeing you and your family at the BBQ! Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.**

**– HCP Staff**

# Loans/Grants

## **Academic New Year is Here!**

**This email informs school administrators and staff of the major changes occurring in the 2025-26 funding year and provides information for specific groups of students attending upcoming programs at post-secondary institutions.**

## **Apply for Loans and Grants**

**Students can now access the following applications:**

- **2025-26 full-time application**
- **2025-26 part-time application**

**Refer students to the following resources to help them complete the full-time post-secondary application for financial assistance:**

- **How to apply**
- **Loans and Grants Funding Guide**
- **Full-time Application Worksheet 2025-2026**

**A resource called the Part-time Application Process helps students complete the part-time application for financial assistance. Refer students to the information on Section 5, which once authorized by a school official, must be returned to the student to ensure their information is complete before they submit their application.**

**Please note, students are encouraged to upload all required documentation with their initial application to avoid processing delays.**

## **2025-26 Program Updates**

**The What's New section highlights updates to the Alberta Student Aid program, policies and systems effective August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026. In addition, Alberta Student Aid has streamlined application processes and improved user experience for school administrators, staff and students:**

- **A signature by an Accessibility Advisor is no longer required on the Schedule 4 form. Contact information from the school official is sufficient. Screen Reader Accessibility is also implemented on the Schedule 4 and Disability Verification forms improving accessibility for the blind and visually impaired.**



- **Newly revised submission categories and other enhancements to the Upload eDocuments feature improves application processing times. Clarity added for students on how to complete and upload fillable forms.**

### **Resources for Schools**

**These resources have been updated to assist post-secondary schools in navigating the processes related to the Alberta**

### **Student Aid program:**

- **Browse the Guides and Resources section of the Student Aid website.**
- **The Funding for Students with Disabilities Guide does not reflect the current academic year. The new guide will be communicated via email once its published.**
- **The Alberta Student Aid Policy Manual is a key resource for school administrators and staff to be aware of Student Aid policy, operations and processes. Alberta Student Aid relies on you to stay apprised of student funding policy and procedures as well as aspects of compliance and designation standards found in the policy manual.**

### **Student Aid Verified Accounts**

**All students must have a verified Alberta.ca Account to access the Alberta Student Aid system. Learn more at:**

### **Student Aid Verified Accounts.**

**School officials or their recruitment agents cannot fill out or submit applications for students. Ultimately, students are responsible for all information provided on the application.**

# MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD



**W.R. MYERS STAGE BAND  
AND CONCERT BAND  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025  
7 PM  
W.R. MYERS GYM**



## June 2025 Exam Schedule Grades 9-12

Date	Time	Subject	Exam
Thursday, May 29th	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	English	PAT Part A
Wednesday, June 11	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	English 30-1/30-2	Diploma Part A
Thursday, June 12	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Social 30-1/30-2	Diploma Part A
Thursday, June 12	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	English 9	PAT Part B
Thursday, June 12	In class	Math 10-3/30-3	FINAL EXAM
<b>Friday, June 13 - LAST DAY OF CLASSES</b>			
Friday, June 13	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Math 9	PAT PART A
Monday, June 16	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Science 9	PAT
Monday, June 16	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Chem 20	FINAL EXAM
Monday, June 16	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Social 10-1	FINAL EXAM
Monday, June 16	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	English 10 (HCP)	Part A
Monday, June 16	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	English 20-1/20-2	FINAL EXAM
Monday, June 16	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Social 20 (Dupuis)	Part A
Monday, June 16	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	English 10 (Furlanich)	Part A
Tuesday, June 17	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Math 30-2	Diploma Exam
Tuesday, June 17	9:00 AM - 11:40 AM	Math 9	PAT Part B
Tuesday, June 17	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Bio 20	FINAL EXAM
Tuesday, June 17	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Science 24	FINAL EXAM
Tuesday, June 17	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	English 10-1/10-2	FINAL EXAM
Tuesday, June 17	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Social 20 (HCP)	Part B
Tuesday, June 17	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	English 10 (HCP)	Part B
Wednesday, June 18	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	English 30-1/30-2	Diploma Part B
Wednesday, June 18	9:00 AM - 11:40 AM	Social 9	PAT
Wednesday, June 18	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Social 20-1/20-2	FINAL EXAM
Wednesday, June 18	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Science 14	FINAL EXAM
Wednesday, June 18	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Math 20 (HCP)	FINAL EXAM
Wednesday, June 18	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Math 10C	FINAL EXAM
Thursday, June 19	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Social 30-1/30-2	DIPLOMA Part B
Thursday, June 19	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Math 20-1/20-2	FINAL EXAM
Thursday, June 19	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Science 10	FINAL EXAM
Friday, June 20	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Bio 30	DIPLOMA
Monday, June 23	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Chem 30	DIPLOMA
Tuesday, June 24	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Physics 30	DIPLOMA
Wednesday, June 25	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Science 30	DIPLOMA

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Improvement Society with



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your purchase will be given to the Myers  
Society.

That money will be used by the society to  
improve our school!



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OUR  
SCHOOL**



# W.R. MYERS SCHOOL APPAREL STORE



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# Text communication



*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 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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your mobile  
now!**



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# Calendar

## June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Band Concert 7:00 pm	5	6 ODD	7
8	9	10	11 English 30-1/30-2 Part A	12 Social 30-1/20-2 Part A  Athletic Awards Night 6:00 pm	13 EVEN	14
15	16 Science 9 PAT	17 Math 30-1/30-1	18 English 30-1/30-2 Part B	19 Social 30-2/30-2 Part B	20 Bio 30	21
22	23 Chem 30	24 Physics 30	25 Last Day of School  Science 30 Diploma Exam	26	27	28
29	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)