



Warner School

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November 2023 News

Horizon School Division
Principal: Bryan Pritchard

Principal's Report

November is always a busy month, from its opening days of Halloween recovery (please monitor candy intake), to first report cards, Parent/Teacher interviews, Remembrance Day, basketball startup, and a host of other events and curricular activities. As always, I encourage you to check in with the website calendar (<https://warner.horizon.ab.ca/>) frequently to keep aware of current and upcoming school events.

Here are a few of the highlights, with more items added almost daily:

- October 30 - 4 PM - high school basketball player/coach meeting for grade 10-12
- November 3/4 - Junior High Volleyball Zones - 8 girls teams from southern Alberta will meet at Warner for the South Zone Championship tournament
- Nov 8 - grade 11-12 will go to WR Myers for a college fair
- Nov 8 - grade 4-9 will have the Stay Safe Course for those who did not get a chance to take it in the spring
- Thursday, November 9, at 10:30 is the Remembrance Day Service. The community is welcome, invited, and encouraged to recognise this day with our students
- Nov 16 - Cardboard Boat Races and Report Cards sent home. Junior high will see percentage grades this year
- Nov 23 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- throughout the month - curling and basketball practices

Volleyball will wind down this month, and basketball for our junior and senior high students will begin. This is always an exciting time for many of our students and staff. Combine this with hockey starting up, and some families find themselves on the road nearly every evening. We are grateful for our group of willing and safe drivers, as the seasons cannot happen without them.

Thank you to all staff and parents that were able to fill Casino Fundraiser shifts. Your time and support go a long way for our students. Thank you as well to all who donated to and attended the Grad Supper and Academic Awards evening.

Warner School has been asked to promote the Corvette Raffle that the Warner Curling Club is committed to this year. If you are available to take a shift selling tickets during the week of Nov 6-10, please email me at bryan.pritchard@horizon.ab.ca and I can pass your name along to the Curling Club Board. In other curling news, we are building an inventory of clean, usable shoes and grippers for the student to help take their game to the next level. Running shoes are not intended for prolonged on-ice wear, as the soles will freeze and become slippery, so we want to extend a higher level of safety and security to our competitors. If you have a pair or two that you are in a position to donate to the program, please send them our way. Thank you.

Staff learning - our teachers have been spending time working with Lethbridge College in their STEM program. The purpose of this program is to apply curricular outcomes to hands-on activities. Many of these activities can then be applied to trades learning, and also to the value of using your hands to create. If you notice that there are no vehicles at the school on a PD day, then chances are staff is at the college doing this important work.

Academics - we have received results from our Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests and the Diploma Exams for Grade 12 courses. Warner exceeded the provincial average in 11 of 12 exams. This was a great set of results. We would like to commend our staff, students, and community on these results.

Finally, a website for all high school families to bookmark is <https://careerwiki.weebly.com/> The information that this site provides for Horizon students is diverse and incredibly valuable.

Have a great month.
Bryan

Around our School

Upcoming events:

No School: There will be no school in session on November 10th, 13th, 20th and 24th.

Remembrance Day Ceremony: We will be hosting our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Please join us in our gymnasium around 10:30am so we can begin our service to include the moment of silence at 11am. We look forward to once again hosting this important service.



Parent Teacher Interviews: Interviews will be held after school on Thursday, November 23, 2023. Further information and teacher availability and scheduling will be sent out at a later date.

Hot Lunch: November 7th, 2023-Pita Pit, November 14th, 2023-Booster Juice, and November 28th, 2023-Subway.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Warner School and Staff would like to send out a huge thank you to DieselR Corp for their very generous \$4000.00 donation, to use towards a school wide field trip!

We can't thank them enough for their support!



Warner School Council

The PAC AGM was held on October 24, 2023 Congratulations to the following for their continued commitment and support to our school: Chairperson-Denise Graham, Vice Chairperson-Nola Nagy, Secretary-Tracy Jones, and Treasurer-Nicole Miller. Next PAC Meeting will be held on December 5, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Around our School

Mystery Reader— Our pre-k, and grades 1-3 had a special guest come and read to them. Wilco Tymensen, Superintendent of Horizon School Division. Thank you for taking the time to read with our students.



Cardboard Boat Races:

Six Grade 10 Warner Students will be attending the Cardboard Boat Races at the University of Lethbridge on November 16. There they will be constructing a boat out of sheets of cardboard, packing tape and duct tape. These boats will support up to three students in the university pool.



Curling

Grade 8 - 12 students will be practicing from 3:45 to 5:15 on Mondays. These classes are set to start on November 6, 2023. League games hopefully start in January.

Grade 6-9 students have the opportunity to take curling as a CTF class on Fridays. These classes are set to start the end of November.

Grade 1 - 5 students will be hopefully be curling in their gym classes. Dates still to be determined.



Santas Workshop

Warner School will once again be hosting Santa's Workshop. Santa's Workshop is an opportunity for students to purchase Christmas gifts for their family members. All items are priced at \$1.00. All proceeds from the workshop are donated to the Warner Christmas Food Hampers. We are looking for donations of gently used, new or re-gifting items for the workshop. Please make sure all donations are clean. Donations of plastic or reusable bags, gift bags, tags, and tissue paper are also welcome. If you have any items to donate please bring them to the school or if you have any questions please contact the school (403)642-3931. The workshop will be held the first week of December. Thank you for your support.

Around our School

Early Learning

The month of October we celebrated Thanksgiving. Then we got geared up for Halloween by doing activities with pumpkins. We did turkey paper cutting, golf tee hammering and finally played in a “witches brew.” Can’t wait for our Halloween party!

We love having the high school boys join for our “movement time “in the afternoon. Also we did a awesome science experiment with baking soda and vinegar. The kids loved it!



Running Club

Our running club finished off the season on October 5 with the Trout Pond Trot in Taber. Everyone tried hard, had fun, and represented Warner School well. Great job, runners!



Around our School

Halloween -

The K-12 classes celebrated Halloween by participating in a school wide costume parade and then split off into groups for pumpkin carving. It was a fun filled afternoon of Halloween fun!!



Around our School

Headstrong Youth Summit 2023

This month, some of our 10th-grade students embarked on a journey by attending the Southwest Collaborative Support Services HEADSTRONG 'Stronger Together' Summit in Taber. This inspiring event revolved around the theme of 'Stronger Together,' where our students dedicated their day to absorbing invaluable insights from seasoned speakers. The summit delved into essential topics such as recovery, hope, resilience, and the importance of being brave, reaching out, and speaking up about mental health.

Our students, joined by our Wellness Coach Teraneal and FSLC Kim, have come together to brainstorm innovative ideas for activities that challenge stigma and promote mental wellness within our school community. These initiatives are set to gradually unfold in the coming months, so stay tuned for updates!



Around our School



SAVE THE DATE!

Dear families,

Mark your calendar! The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school!

So, save the date! Our Book Fair will take place on:

Friday, November 17 to Monday, November 27

Watch for news and times leading up to our Scholastic Book Fair!

Happy Reading!

In the Community



THE 4TH ANNUAL SANTA CLAUSE PARADE & FIREWORKS

DECEMBER 16TH, 2023

7PM

WE HOPE EVERYONE IS EXCITED AGAIN THIS YEAR TO COME
AND SEE THE BRIGHT LIGHTS ON THE FLOATS AND THE BRIGHT
EXPLOSIONS IN THE SKY!

WATCH OUT IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

FOR ALL THE INFO!