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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Marauder Families,

Both the holiday season and the end of semester one is quickly approaching, and December is the perfect time to reflect on the hard work and dedication our students have shown both in their studies and in their extracurricular pursuits. Our Murray students are truly inspiring, over the last three months they have excelled and made us all proud to be Marauders.

Our next Edsby update will be on **Monday, December 9th**. Please be sure to stay up to date by checking Edsby regularly. Communication between home and school is always a key to overall student success. Please keep in mind the last day of classes before the holidays is **Friday, December 20th**, and we will follow an alternate schedule with students dismissed at 1:05 p.m. School will resume in the new year on **Monday, January 6th**.

Winter sports are well underway with basketball and wrestling getting into full swing. Our talented Fine Arts Department continues to shine, with a fantastic band concert held last Wednesday evening. We also have our drama production of Neil Simon's *Rumors*, running from **December 3rd to 6th** with curtain going up at 7:00 p.m. nightly. It's inspiring to see our students contributing to the vibrancy of the school through their creativity and passion. We are also thankful for the support we receive from the entire Walter Murray community.

On behalf of the dedicated staff, I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season and all the best in the new year!

Proud to be your Principal, Dave Fisher

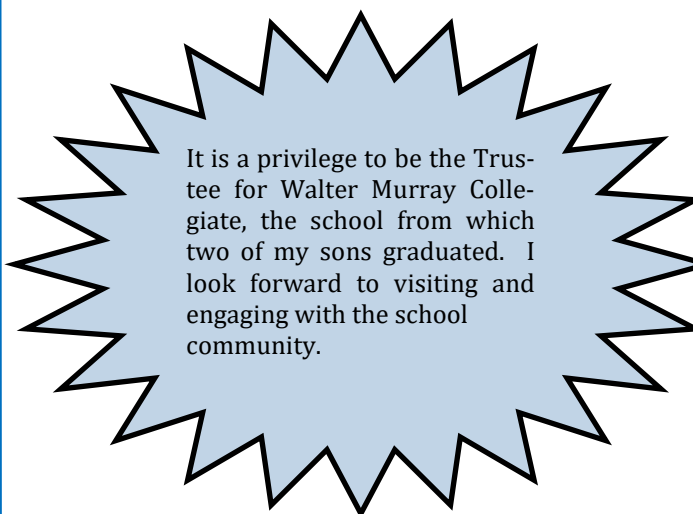
December 2024



Dec. 3-6	Rumours 7:00 p.m. Performances
Dec. 5	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
Dec. 20	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Holiday Break
Jan. 6	School resumes.
Jan. 13-17	Grad Photos
Jan. 22	Sage Open House 1:00 p.m.
Jan. 22-24	Final Assessments
Jan. 28-29	No School for Students (Semester Turnaround)
Jan. 30	Semester 2 begins
Jan. 30-Feb 1	MIT (Murray Invitational Tournament)
Feb. 13	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
	Open House 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 17-21	February Break (no school)

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It is a privilege to be the Trustee for Walter Murray Collegiate, the school from which two of my sons graduated. I look forward to visiting and engaging with the school community.



Kevin Schmidt
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Please access Student Services “WMC Counsellor’s Corner” in Edsby for information related to post-secondary admissions, scholarships, and transcripts. You can also find career updates from Saskatoon Industry Education Council (SIEC), career exploration tools, and general supports in the school and community. It’s open for all students and parents to join! Request an invitation through Edsby.

✳ Log into Edsby ✳ Click on the ‘groups’ icon ✳ Find group called ‘WMC Counsellor’s Corner’



Walter Murray Semester 1 Final Assessment Schedule

Grade 9 – Grade 12				
	Wednesday January 22	Thursday January 23	Friday January 24	Monday January 27
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Period 1 Assessment	Period 2 Assessment	Period 3 Assessment	Period 5 Assessment
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM		THURS. LUNCH ONLY: 11:00 to 12:30	LUNCH	
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Outcome Completion	Period 4 Assessment THURS. PERIOD 4: 12:30 TO 2:30	Outcome Completion	Outcome Completion
<p>Outcome Completion is an optional opportunity for additional time in classes for students to demonstrate their learning. Since this time may look different in each class, students should contact their teachers if they need additional time to attain course outcomes.</p>				

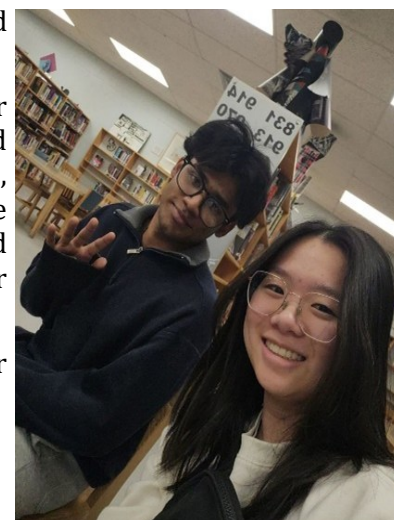
Here are your co-presidents for the 2024-25 school year – Jenna Xu and Arsalan Ahmed.

With multiple events and disruptions happening to life here at Walter Murray in the last few years, the SRC is trying to restore an era of fun and representation of the student body and its needs. Over the last few weeks, they visited classes at Walter Murray to introduce themselves, share a little about their interests and backgrounds, and allow some suggestions and feedback from the student body to improve their lives here at Walter Murray.

Want to see a spirit day or activity throughout the year? Throw your suggestions into the google form and they’ll try and make it a reality!

<https://forms.gle/9gaYPcuJp8hPVG446>

Mr. Peter Homer, Teacher



RUMORS



Rumors: A Play by Neil Simon

At a large, tastefully appointed townhouse, the Deputy Mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though it's only a flesh wound, Charlie Brock's self-inflicted injury sets off a series of events causing four couples to experience a severe attack of farce.

As their tenth wedding anniversary party commences, Charlie lies bleeding in another room, and his wife Myra is nowhere in sight. The first guests, lawyer Ken Gorman and his wife Chris, scramble to get "the story" straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

Recommended
for ages 12+

TICKETS & SEATING

- \$10.00 per person • Assigned seating • Today is the last day to buy tickets after school til 4:30 p.m. in the front entrance just outside the Auditorium.
- Tickets will be available at the door on performance nights.
- Doors will open 30 minutes prior to showtime.

PUBLIC SHOW DATES & TIMES

- Tues., Dec. 3 @ 7:00 • Wed., Dec. 4 @ 7:00
- Thurs., Dec. 5 @ 7:00 • Fri., Dec. 6 @ 7:00

Music News

Congratulations to all the Band students for their great performance at the Fall Concert on Wednesday, November 27. Our Walter Murray musicians have worked hard this fall, and we have had a lot of fun making music and sharing it at our concert. Thank you to the family and friends, teachers and administrators who support our musicians and come to the concerts. Congratulations to the following Walter Murray students who performed in Honour Band and Choir on November 1:

- ✦ Provincial Sr. Honour Band – Daniel K., Abby D., Enna O., and Ziqin Z. (Honour band scholarship received.)
- ✦ Provincial Sr. Choir – Graeme B., Roxy R., Caleb W.
- ✦ Jr. North Honour Band – Daniel T., Bu W-M.

These students did a wonderful job of preparing and performing over 2 ½ days of rehearsals and represented Walter Murray superbly.

Upcoming Band Events

Band Trips:

- Band 9: Optimist Music Festival, Regina, March 25-26
- Senior Band: Banff Music Retreat and Concert Tour, Banff, April 3-6
- Band 10: Cantando Music Festival, Edmonton AB, April 13-15
- Concerts: Saskatoon Music Festival March 2025, Times TBA
- Year End Concert: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

- We still need parent chaperones to volunteer for our band trips. Chaperones do not pay trip fees.
- Six parent chaperones for the Gr. 9 Band Trip to Regina, March 25-26. Email or Edsby message Mrs. Tilk.
- Three more Parent chaperones for our Sr. Band Trip to Banff, April 3-6. Email or Edsby message Mrs. Tilk
- Three parent chaperones needed for our Band 10 trip to Edmonton April 13-15 Email or Edsby message Mrs. Titus

Walter Murray upcoming events are posted on the Edsby calendar. If you don't have Edsby access, contact the office at (306)683-7850.