

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February 2025



Greetings Marauder Families,

As we head into February and the start of semester two, planning for 2025-26 is already in full swing. The important course selection process will get underway in the next few weeks. Our plan is to hold a Course Selection Information Night on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. in our student cafeteria. Families will meet our Student Services team, who will highlight course choices at grade level and explain the selection process in detail. Families will also have an opportunity to ask questions and have conversations with our helpful staff. Starting Thursday, February 6th, students will input their choices during a scheduled class period within the school day. Staff will support students while making sure they are choosing their desired course at grade level. The accuracy of course selection is of the utmost importance. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school and ask for one of our knowledgeable Student Services colleagues.

The beginning of a semester always comes with welcoming new staff members to Walter Murray. We are excited to have Mr. Sean Hayes join us for semester two working in the Humanities and Resource classroom. We are also extremely fortunate to have Ms. Madison Kjargaard joining the team in our Practical and Applied Arts Department teaching commercial cooking. We are looking forward to their great work supporting our students and the entire school community.

Lastly, please keep in mind our next School Community Council meeting will take place on Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. prior to our Grade 8 Open House. As always everyone is welcome to attend SCC. We are looking forward to opening the doors to our outstanding school and showcasing our amazing programs and our dedicated staff to all future Marauders during Open House. We appreciate your help in spreading the word that Walter Murray is the place to be.

Proud to be your principal,

Dave Fisher



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Jan. 28	No School for Students (Semester Turnaround)
Jan. 29	No School for Students (Semester Turnaround)
Jan. 30	Semester 2 begins 8:50 a.m. <i>*See Edsby for your classes.*</i>
Jan. 30-Feb 1	MIT (Murray Invitational Tournament)
Feb. 4	Parent Course Selection Information Night 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria
Feb. 13	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m. SCC 6:30 p.m. Open House 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb. 17-21	February Break (no school) Grad Photos (book online)
Feb. 27	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
Mar. 7	Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:10 p.m. dismissal
Mar. 11	SCC 7:00 p.m. library
Mar. 13	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
Mar. 27	Early Dismissal 1:05 p.m.
Apr. 11	Multicultural Festival (a.m.)

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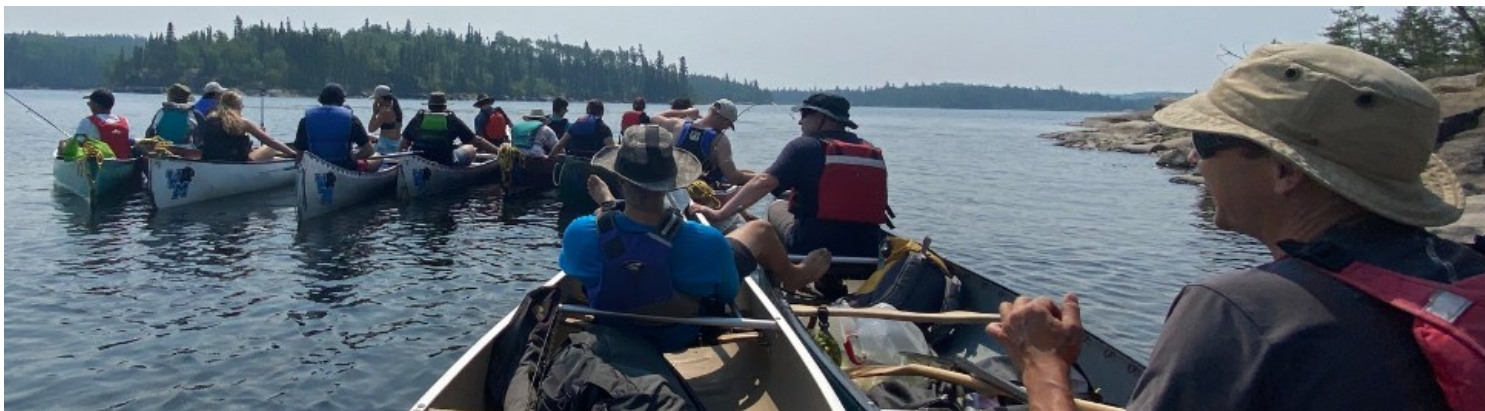
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CANOE CLUB: We are starting to dream of warmer days so we can get back out on the water. Listen to announcements for information about canoe club 2025. There will be a meeting early February to gauge interest for the spring!



International students from all SPS collegiates joined Centennial students on a skiing and snowboarding trip to Table Mountain.

Saskatoon Public Schools hosts international students in many of its collegiates and elementary schools. Some of our students are studying in Saskatoon with the intention of graduation, while others are here for short-term experiences. This semester, SIE had 10 students studying for the semester, three of which were enrolled at Walter Murray: Bennet B., Anna H., and Till S. Best of luck to these students as they head back to Germany at the beginning of February.

PHOTOGRAPHY 30 STUDENTS

The gallery in the photography lab is now showcasing the exhibit "Into the Dark". Each student has 2-3 pieces of work from their film photography portfolio displayed. I'm beyond proud of these students. Our 35mm cameras are no easy feat. Students captured these shots "old school", processed the film, and then exposed their negatives to create beautiful prints. If parents want to check it out, please consider coming by on the evening of February 13 during Open House.

Mrs. Fischl, Photography Teacher

It's back!

The Marauder Multicultural Festival!!

Don't miss this much anticipated event taking place on Friday, April 11th in periods 2 and 3.

Come and experience the food, fashion, and entertainment as we celebrate our diversity here at Walter Murray.

Want to be part of it all? Join the planning committee. Listen to the notices to hear when the planning committee will meet. See you soon! Kristi Janzen

*Walter Murray Graduation
Monday, June 23 @ 2:00 p.m.
Merlís Belsher, 2010 College Drive
Guests of graduates -
No tickets required and no assigned seating*

Keep up to date with Edsby WMC Class of '25 for updates on graduation timelines.

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SCAN TO LEARN MORE

Walter Murray had several outstanding performances at BRIT in mid January. Huge shout out to Ms. Chabot and the art department for capturing first place in the panel competition! Well done!

The Junior boys basketball team, represented by Lucas Hawley, Ali Said, and Noah Halstaad won the BRIT 3x3 competition - congratulations boys!

AND congratulations to Zach Hawley, who made the BRIT all-star team. In his three years of playing in BRIT, Zach has been named an all-star twice, and MVP once. He capped his BRIT career with one of the most outstanding performances in BRIT history - averaging over 35 points per game, believed to be the top scoring average in tournament history. Congratulations Zach!

This is the 40th anniversary of MIT, the Marauder Invitational Basketball Tournament. We are excited to celebrate our special guest Tom Sargeant, and his many contributions to the Walter Murray community. We have teams attending from all over the province, showcasing a high level of talent from 8 senior girls teams, and 8 senior boys teams. Tournament

dates are Jan 30 to Feb 1. Tickets can be purchased at the door, \$20 tournament pass, \$10 day pass. There will be a full concession all weekend.

Walter Murray Senior Girls play on Friday, Jan 31st at 10:15a.m, and the boys play at 1:15 p.m. We are excited to welcome grade 8's from our feeder schools to take part in the action!

MARAUDER INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL 2025 TOURNAMENT

For more information visit our tournament website or follow along on Instagram. Tournament website: <https://www.marauderbasketball.com/>

Instagram handle: @mitbasketball_tourney

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