



# Westpark Middle School January 2025

## 1 JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Parent Teacher Interviews in December. It is always so good to see everyone in the building.

We are off for the holiday break from December 20-January 5 inclusive. Students are back on Monday, January 6, 2025.



## 2 JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

Winter will be with us for some time yet, so please encourage your child(ren) to wear weather appropriate winter clothing. **Students are expected to be outside for lunch recess and PE up to -20 degrees.** We use the weather station at Westpark Elementary to determine the temperature. You can access that [HERE](#) or on our website.

Thank you to everyone who gave feedback on our newsletter format. We will continue with the monthly letter and shorter weekly updates.



## 3 JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

Unlike December, January seems to be a much more calm month. We don't have any major school events, just our typical athletics and house days. Basketball is in full swing and our Ski and Snowboard club will have its first days in January.



## 1 PARENT INVOLVEMENT

School Council and The Friends of Westpark held their last meeting of 2024 on November 18. We went over the School Results Report, which can be accessed [HERE](#), or on our school website. The meeting dates for the rest of the year are: January 20, February 24, March 17, April 28, and May 26. Meetings start at 6:30pm and are held in front of the Great Stairs.

Our School Council executive and minutes for past meetings can be found on our school [website](#).



## ATHLETICS

Basketball is up and running.

Please check the [Athletics Website](#) for the most up to date information.



## DROP OFF AND BUSSING

Parental access to the driveway is between **8:15am and 2:15pm**. Outside of those times, it is a designated **bus only area**. Please see [THIS](#) map which indicates appropriate drop off spots on 55th Avenue, as well as behind the school on 57th Avenue. **If there is a bus anywhere in the laneway or by the school, parents are not permitted access.**

There are two cross walks at either end of our property on 55th Ave. Please ensure your child is using those to cross the street. 55th is very busy during drop off and pick up and we don't want any accidents.

## CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

If you need to report a student absence, please call (403) 343-2737 or email [wmsattendance@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:wmsattendance@rdpsd.ab.ca).

To contact the school during the day, you can call (403) 347-8911.

It is imperative that you contact the office for absences, or if you need your child during the day. Students are not allowed their phones and in the case of an emergency, we want to make sure we can support your child.





# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Christmas Break - No School			
5	6 Return from Christmas Break	7	8	9	10 Wear House colours or swag	11
	Day #1	Day #2	Day #1	Day #2	Day #1	
12	13	14 HOT LUNCH	15	16 Ski/Snowboard Club	17 No School K-8	18
	Day #2	Day #1	Day #2	Day #1	HS Day #1	
19	20 School Council 6:30pm	21	22	23 Ski/Snowboard Club	24 House Competition Wear House colours or swag	25
	Day #2	Day #1	Day #2	Day #1	Day #2	
26	27	28 HOT LUNCH	29	30 Ski/Snowboard Club	31 LEAD Assembly- Wear House Colors or Swag	
	Day #1	Day #2	Day #1	Day #2	Day #1	



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April 29th 2024**

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**Tuesday evening** from  
**5:30pm to 7:30 pm**



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Student Centre**  
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