

**WESTGLEN  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
2023-2024**



**STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND  
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**

*Together We Can Make Good Things Happen!*

*This agenda belongs to:*

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# WESTGLEN SCHOOL

*Educating the Hearts and  
Minds of Middle School Children*



## **Mission Statement**

Westglen will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging, and believing in them in a middle school setting.

## **Westglen Vision Statement**

Westglen will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens in a middle school setting.

## **Welcome from the Principal**

Mrs. Linda Pothier, a former Westglen teacher, said, "Promise me you will always see the good in every child." Attending middle school can be challenging, rewarding and fun. One of the goals we have for our students is that they will develop the skills and attributes necessary for them to be the kind of people we would want to "move next door" to us. Another one of our goals is to help students gain a well-rounded education combining academics, fine arts, physical activity and the opportunity to explore a variety of areas of interest. This handbook is designed to make you aware of the procedures, expectations and regulations of the school as well as provide information, which will make it easier for you to enjoy your experiences at Westglen. **All students should be familiar with the contents of this handbook.** Please read this handbook through completely. **Each student is expected to know and follow the procedures outlined in this agenda.**

## **In general, you will have a successful school year if you always do four things:**

1. Always make the best effort possible.
2. Always be considerate of others. Treat other students, school staff and guests with **RESPECT**.
3. Participate! Get involved in some of the many activities which are offered in our school.
4. Promise to always see the good in each other.

On behalf of the staff of Westglen School, I would like to extend this welcome to you and your parents.

Sincerely,

*Carolyn Massel*

Carolyn Massel, Principal



# Chinook's Edge School Division No 73

## 2023-2024 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar



AUGUST 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Aug 30-31 Professional Learning Day

FEBRUARY 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Feb 1 First Day Semester Two  
 Feb 9 Professional Learning Day  
 Feb 19 Family Day  
 Feb 19-23 Winter Break  
 Feb 22-23 Teachers' Convention

SEPTEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Sept 1 Professional Learning Day  
 Sept 4 Labour Day  
 Sept 5 Students First Day of School  
 Sept 22 Professional Learning Day  
 Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

MARCH 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Mar 8 Professional Learning Day  
 Mar 29 Good Friday

OCTOBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Oct 6 Non Instructional Day  
 Oct 9 Thanksgiving Day  
 Oct 20 Professional Learning Day

APRIL 2024						
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Apr 1 Easter Monday  
 Apr 15-19 Spring Break

NOVEMBER 2023						
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Nov 9-10 Fall Break  
 Nov 11 Remembrance Day  
 Nov 24 Professional Learning Day

MAY 2024						
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May 3 Professional Learning Day  
 May 17 Professional Learning Day (TPGP Day)  
 May 20 Victoria Day

DECEMBER 2023						
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Dec 8 Non Instructional Day  
 Dec 25-29 Christmas Break

JUNE 2024						
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Jun 7 Non Instructional Day  
 Jun 27 Students Last Day (noon dismissal)  
 Jun 28 Professional Learning Day

JANUARY 2024						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

Jan 1-5 Christmas Break  
 Jan 8 Students Return  
 Jan 31 Professional Learning Day

LEGEND	
	Professional Learning Day - no school for students
	Holiday
	Non Instructional Day - no school for staff or students
	Teachers' Convention - no school for students
	Significant Start and End Dates
	Breaks

# TIMETABLE



PERIOD	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
<b>1</b> 8:40 AM - 9:25 AM					
<b>2</b> 9:25 AM - 10:10 AM					
<b>RECESS 10:10 AM - 10:25 AM</b>					
<b>3</b> 10:25 AM - 11:10 AM					
<b>4</b> 11:10 AM - 11:55 AM					
<b>LUNCH 11:55 AM RECESS 12:10 - 12:40 PM</b>					
<b>5</b> 12:40 PM - 1:25 PM					
<b>6</b> 1:25 PM - 2:10 PM					
<b>BREAK 2:10 PM - 2:15 PM</b>					
<b>7</b> 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM					
<b>8</b> 3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	<b>STUDENTS TO HOMEROOMS</b>				
<b>DISMISSAL 3:10 PM</b>					

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

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## 1. ATTENDANCE

Students must attend school on a regular and punctual basis in compliance with the Alberta School Act. For students to be successful in school, it is necessary that students attend school and be **punctual**. The school keeps records of all absences and lates. Students, parents, and school staff need to work together to make sure that these are kept to a minimum.

Attendance is recorded during periods 1 and 5. If students are absent and if the parents have not informed the school, the parents will be contacted. Students determined to be skipping will be referred to the administration for disciplinary action. Any student who leaves the school for any reason before the end of the day is to inform the office and be signed out by a parent.

The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and our answering service is on at all times for your convenience and you can also email [westglen@cesd73.ca](mailto:westglen@cesd73.ca). Excessive absences are reported to the Superintendent of Schools for legal action, if necessary, under the School Act. When a student is absent from school it is the **responsibility of parents to call the school office prior to 8:35 a.m.** at (403) 335-8700 and give the following information:

\* *Student's name*

\* *Student's grade & class or teacher (e.g. 7C)*

\* *Reason for absence*

## 2. LATES

After 8:40am, a student is considered late. If students are late for morning or afternoon attendance, they must report to the office for a "late slip". Students **MUST** have a late slip to be permitted into class after the bell. If you know your child will be late, please let the office know. Lates will be recorded on student report cards. Students who are habitually late will be subject to disciplinary action and possible loss of privileges.

## 3. PERMISSION TO LEAVE

If it is necessary for a student to leave school for any period of time during school hours (8:40am to 3:10pm), she/he must come to the office to **SIGN OUT**. Students must **first have parent permission** to sign out. This is to ensure the safety of the student. Students are not to leave during lunch hour unless they have a note or phone call from their parent to go directly home and back for lunch.

There is a SIGN IN/OUT BOOK in the office in which Westglen staff enter the student's name, *homeroom, reason for and time they are signing in or out*. It is very important that students do this so that their absence is officially recorded. A student returning to school following a period of leave (e.g. for a doctor's appointment) or a student who arrives late must sign back in, giving arrival time. **If a student becomes sick in class, the student must come to the office and office staff will contact parents to arrange student pick-up.**

## 4. MEDICAL EXCUSES

Any medical condition serious enough to warrant being excused from classes or any planned activity should be accompanied by a note from a doctor. Any change in a student's health during the year, which might affect his or her performance, must be reported to us to enable us to provide appropriate support.



## 5. TELEPHONE

The student phone is available in cases of emergency or if a student is sick and wishing to phone for parental permission to go home.

Students will not be called out of class except in cases of emergency. **Cell phones are to be turned off and locked in the student's lockers from first thing in the morning until the end of the school day.**

## 6. LIBRARY

Each class has scheduled library time. The library at Westglen School does not charge for overdue books and relies on the co-operation of students to return borrowed books on time. The loan period is 2 weeks and students may borrow up to 2 books at a time. Your language arts teacher will arrange a weekly library period as part of your reading program. All books must be returned by the end of June or paid for if lost or damaged. Students who owe library fees from previous years will have their privileges limited.

## 7. HALL LOCKERS

Students will be assigned a locker by their homeroom teacher. These lockers are school property and must be kept clean and uncluttered. Due to the number of locks being cut off and combinations being forgotten on a daily basis, Westglen Staff have come to a decision to have only school locks used on school lockers. The school will provide students with locks for a cost of \$10.00. Students can then keep these locks for the entire time they are at Westglen. If a lock is lost, the student will be charged a replacement fee. Office staff will keep a record of combinations in case a student forgets theirs.

Lockers are subject to periodic searches of a general administrative nature for contraband and rule violations. This may be done at any time without notice.

## 8. SCHOOL DANCES

School activities are intended to foster positive relationships between students. Dances are a privilege and students may lose this privilege. Students are reminded of appropriate behavior at dances and are able to attend as long as these expectations are met:

- a. These invited people must register with Mrs. Massel no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day before the dance date. Administration reserves the right to exclude any guest. Guests must be in good standing at their own school.
- b. Only students in grades 5 through 8 can be invited.
- c. Students doing the inviting are responsible for the behavior of those who are invited. Students will be asked to leave if there is inappropriate behavior.
- d. Students are expected to enter the school and stay inside the school during these hours unless they are leaving early or have to arrive late. Late entry is allowed only if you have made arrangements with the staff.
- e. Dances and other student council activities will only be held if an adequate number of chaperones volunteer to supervise.
- f. Students must have been in attendance that day (unless prior arrangements have been made).

# SCHOOL RULES



## 1. Showing Affection

At Westglen we respond to community standards. Students, parents and staff feel it is inappropriate for students at a middle school level to exhibit romantic behaviors/physical contact such as holding hands, hugging or kissing while on school property or during a school-sponsored event.

## 2. Respecting Private Property

Students are responsible to the school for their behavior from the time they leave home until the time they return to their homes. It is therefore important that their behavior to and from school casts a good reflection on all the students at Westglen School. When walking to and from school please do not cut through private yards or lawns and obey crosswalk rules.

## 3. Gym & Change Rooms

The change rooms and gymnasium are out of bounds to all students **EXCEPT** when involved in physical education activities. All gym clothing must be kept in their classroom-assigned lockers. Students are allowed to use any the physical education equipment with the consent and supervision of a teacher.

## 4. Activities and Field Trips

A wide variety of school-sponsored outdoor trips, events and other activities take place every year. These include school dances, theme days, band trips, ski trips, grade 5 camp, band camps, etc. Parents are encouraged as guests or participants whenever possible. During all school-sponsored activities, students are expected to abide by classroom behavior expectations as well as any expectations specific to the activity. A student's previous negative behavior at school and on field trips may jeopardize their involvement in these extra-curricular privileges.

## 5. Participation

In order to participate in extra-curricular activities, students must have been present for the entire school day. In the case of pre-scheduled appointments, arrangements need to be made.

## 6. Inappropriate Language and Physical Behavior

To safeguard the emotional needs of our students and foster civility among our students, profanity of any type or language considered rude or vulgar will not be tolerated at Westglen School. Verbally abusive, insulting, or coarse language is not appropriate. This applies to both written communication (including email, chat and texting) and body language.

Pushing, shoving, wrestling, play fighting, teasing, or threatening others in any way, at any time, or any place, will not be tolerated and is a reason for being reprimanded with consequences.

## 7. Dress Code

School is a student's current profession; therefore, students are expected to wear clothing that is comfortable, clean and appropriate for a school setting. Skirts and shorts worn to school should be longer than the point which your fingertips reach when arms are relaxed at your side or quite close. Students must have their mid-section covered with clothing. No underwear is to be visible. Sides of shirts must be closed. Other types of clothing or accessories with obscene, questionable or suggestive sayings or graphics, and sunglasses, are not to be worn in school. Winter jackets, coats and hats are to be placed in students' lockers and not worn to class.

**Examples of inappropriate clothing include:** halter-tops, crop tops, spaghetti straps (must be at least three fingers wide), short shorts or any clothing that is overly revealing.

***PLEASE NOTE: STAFF WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON ANY QUESTIONABLE CLOTHING.***

Students can purchase Westglen athletic t-shirts throughout the year from the school office or through Student Quickpay. Once payment has been made, we will give your student their shirt at school. It is expected that all students will wear the official Westglen gym strip and clean inside running shoes for all physical education classes.

***INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SHOES ARE MANDATORY.*** Outside shoes are to be left at student entrances upon entering the building, or placed at the bottom of the student's locker. This is a courtesy to your fellow students, shows pride in your school and really helps out the custodial staff. This can also be a safety issue; shoes **MUST** be worn in the school at all times.

## 8. Bicycles, Skateboards & Scooters

Bicycles/scooters are not allowed in the back alley, on the sidewalks, near Ross Ford School yard, or the bus lanes. All bikes/scooters are to be parked in the bicycle racks located by the ball diamond.

The school does not assume responsibility for bicycles parked on the school grounds. We do provide bicycle racks where students can park their bicycles. Please make sure that bikes are locked. Students must stay off their bikes and away from the bike racks during the school day. Students not using the bicycle racks are to stay away from the bicycle area. Ross Ford bicycle racks are for Ross Ford students **ONLY**. Use of **skateboards and scooters** are prohibited on school property due to safety and liability issues. Students **MUST** place these items in their lockers first thing in the morning. **If the scooters will not fit into a locker, students must use the bike rack.** Please remember to wear protective helmets when riding your bike, skateboard or scooter.

## 9. Phones:

Cell phones are to be turned off and locked in the student's locker when they arrive in the morning until they leave at the end of the school day. All contact during the day needs to be directed through the office phone.







# WILDCAT SAFETY

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## ➤ **Contraband Items**

Contraband items such as tobacco, e-cigarettes, matches, knives, pornographic, racist or sexist materials, weapons of any kind, throwing stars, fireworks, ammunition, alcohol or illegal drugs are not permitted on school property. This, of course, is not an exhaustive list and is only meant to serve as an example.

Contraband items will be confiscated. Students bringing contraband to school will be dealt with by administration and RCMP, if necessary.

## ➤ **Smoking, Consuming Alcohol & Using Drugs**

Westglen School has been recognized as a "Smoke-Free Work Space." Smoking, including e-cigarettes, is not permitted in the school or on school property. Students consuming or under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or illicit drugs will be suspended from school.

## ➤ **Valuables and Electronics**

Students are responsible for all electronic devices and personal property that are brought to school. They must be willing to take full responsibility to ensure items are not damaged, lost or stolen. Any valuables, devices and cell phones, are expected to be locked in the student's locker during the day. *If devices are being used inappropriately, they will be confiscated and kept at the office until the end of the school day. After a second offence, devices will have to be picked up by a parent.*

## ➤ **Posters**

The office must approve all promotional posters or advertisements before posting on designated bulletin boards.

## ➤ **Photos & Videos**

Students are **NOT PERMITTED** to take photos or videos of other students or staff with personal cameras or cell phones at any time.

## ➤ **Student Medications**

If your child requires medication, please bring it to the school office and fill out the required paperwork. Office staff will ensure safe storage of medications and proper administration to students. Include any special instructions if needed. (ie. Take with food).

## ➤ **School Visitors**

For the safety of our students, we request that all visitors, including parents, report to the office upon arrival. We will gladly assist you in finding your child or any staff member you need to see.

## ➤ **Volunteering at Westglen**

Anyone interested in volunteering at our school in any capacity (classroom or store helper, chaperone for field trips, camp, etc.) will need to complete a Criminal Record Check through the RCMP office. If driving other students to activities, a Driver Registration Form must be provided along with Proof of Valid Insurance showing a minimum of \$1 million 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability.

## ➤ Care of Property

Each student will be assigned a desk in each of his or her classes. It is the student's responsibility to keep this desk tidy and clean. Any damage to your desk should be reported to your teacher immediately.

Students and parents should be aware of the need for *marking all articles of personal property* with an *identifying mark*. Books, binders, P.E. clothing, pencil cases, boots, inside/outside shoes and all outer clothing should have the owner's name clearly marked.

All students have a responsibility to ensure that our school is kept clean and uncluttered (lockers, classrooms, hallways, and grounds). By choosing not to litter, dirty, or damage school property, students and staff cooperate to create a healthy learning environment and a school we can be proud of. If you see garbage, pick it up and throw it in a litter barrel.



**Vandalism** is defined as “**willful damage to or destruction of public or private property**”. Any vandalized property must be restored to its original condition or replaced. Vandalism is a crime and may be handled by the RCMP.

## ➤ Lost and Found

Students should check the lost and found box, which is located in the NE Bootroom for missing apparel. If you find any valuable articles, such as keys and watches, please bring them to the office. Please enquire at the office regarding any lost items. Lost and found items will be put out on display during parent-teacher interviews for parents and guardians to collect belongings.



All school fees can be paid online at Student Quickpay. You can access Quickpay from our westglen.ca or <https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook>. Payment can be made with Visa, Mastercard or Debit (except for RBC debit). If you have any issues, please contact [feesupport@cesd73.ca](mailto:feesupport@cesd73.ca) or the school office.



Download the PowerSchool app or find a link at westglen.ca under Quicklinks. Our district code is BPWW. Login to your parent or student account to see grades, attendance, report cards, teacher comments, and updates for SchoolEngage and Transportation. Your PowerSchool account needs to be updated annually and your student has their own account. If you need any help with PowerSchool, contact the school office or [lmackie@cesd73.ca](mailto:lmackie@cesd73.ca).

Westglen.ca is the best place to see upcoming events, calendars, newsletters and general information about our school.

