



Warren Collegiate Institute 2015 Community Report



Literacy, numeracy, and intellectual engagement wrapped in positive and respectful learning environment was the essence of our school plan for this past year, and will continue to be the focus in 2015-2016. Within this large and exciting framework, we worked on the improvement of reading comprehension at all grade levels, daily emphasis on mental math fluency, authentic learning tasks that nurtured the students' intellectual engagement, and the continued cultivation of a school environment that lived respect, understanding, volunteerism, diversity, responsibility, commitment and friendliness. Did we achieve all our goals? The answer would be yes and no. We had improvement in all areas, but we will always strive to do better; to keep improving, to 'raise the bar'. Did we have literacy gains in reading? Yes, we did, and our pre and post RAD tests in grade nine proved this. Did daily mental math lessons improve student fluency? The classroom test results at every grade level show it did, but it's a skill that will continually need practice. Did our school environment project respect and a positive place of learning? Yes, and the *Tell Them From Me Survey* supported this. Was the intellectual engagement of our students nurtured through authentic tasks and witnessed in classroom and hallway discourse. It was and teacher observation and student feedback confirmed this. The many field trips, classroom projects, speakers, and school assemblies also spoke clearly to this goal of authenticity and relevance to the global community.

Our school goals aligned and will continue to align with the division's strategic goal plan for 2014-2018. Our school goals will not be achieved in one year or four years, but we will always work toward improving in every area, towards making each year more enriching and more engaging for students than the previous one, and every year more memorable than the one before in the most positive ways. Change is a guarantee in education and that is not in reference to curricula, but to the learning that takes place daily in classrooms and within each student.

Thank you to our High School Parent Council. Your support and help has resulted in so much for the school over the years. It is seen in the tennis court, the stage, the choir risers, and the chairs, to name but a few of school purchases in recent years that are a result of the work of our HiPAC. Your council member numbers may be small, but your support of the school is big!

As mentioned, change is a guarantee in education and at the end of this school year we will be experiencing many changes. After thirteen years in high school administration at WCI, and twelve as principal, Mr. Harvie has accepted the principalship of École Stonewall Centennial School. He will be missed, but we wish him happiness in his new position. Change also is coming to our teaching staff. Mrs. Scott, a veteran teacher of thirty-four years, of which the last fifteen

have been at WCI, has decided to close this career book and start a new one. Although she soon will be retired from teaching, the word is not part of her vocabulary! Her expertise in the last fifteen years has been seen in resource, in math classes, and in the gym where her enthusiasm and energy appeared boundless! Ms. Wuerch, our guidance and career counsellor for the past twelve years, is also retiring in June, but only from teaching in Manitoba. She has accepted a two year guidance position in an international school in Kuwait. She will be missed, but we know she is excited about the new guidance position that awaits her. We wish Mr. Harvie, Mrs. Scott, and Ms. Wuerch futures filled with happiness and wonderful experiences.

To our graduating class of thirty-four, we wish happiness and success in all that you do next year and in future years. You are about to embark on one of the biggest changes in your life journey. You will be missed, but we know that you leave WCI with the feeling that the “best is yet to be” and it is!

We wish all our school family and community a safe and happy summer!

See you in September!