CHEHALIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## How to Be in the Know in Chehalis School District

In the Chehalis School District, we want our parents to know what's going on. Whether it's the date of a special event at school, how your student is progressing academically or if they still have money in their lunch account, it's all important information because your student's success is important to us.
"As a parent of a Chehalis student myself, it is important for me to know how I am going to be communicated with and how I can get information about everything I need to know as a parent including bus routes, sports schedules, and most importantly my son's academic progress," said Dr. Christine Moloney, Superintendent of the Chehalis School District.
Below are a few of the most common ways that the Chehalis School District communicates with parents. These tools can help you be in the know.

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### Opt In for Info on Remind

Remind is the Chehalis School District's primary communication tool for students, parents and caregivers. On Remind, you can receive important Chehalis School District messages such as school closures, bus route changes and information parents need to know if an emergency situation happens during the school day.

In addition to receiving messages from the Chehalis School District through Remind, you can also:

- Receive messages from your student's school (including attendance notifications) as well as some individual teachers and coaches
- Send messages to the district, schools or individual accounts
- Get messages from Remind via text message or App notification

Throughout the Chehalis School District, there are hundreds of messages that are shared through Remind daily. Some are general messages shared with all District parents or with the parents of a specific building. But some uses of Remind are much more targeted. Kerri Chaput, W.F. West High School's College Prep Advisor, said she uses Remind as her primary form of communication with senior class students and their parents to help them stay on top of the myriad of information that is involved in a student's senior year.

Orin Smith Elementary School Principal Rachel Dorsey said all parents of students in her school should have received some messages by now. If you have not, please log into your Remind App and check to make sure you have the correct contact information and have allowed notifications from the App.

Parents at James W. Lintott Elementary (grades K-2) typically use the Seesaw App for communications and many choose to opt out of Remind to avoid receiving duplicate messages. However, since Remind is the district's primary form of communication with parents, it is important that all parents of students in grades K-12 look at their settings in Remind and make sure they opt in to messages from Remind in order to receive important information from the school district.
"We say 'don't opt out. You're missing out,'" said Orin Smith Elementary Assistant Principal Jonathan Fox. "You're going to want this one. It's a long term investment."

Click here to connect to Remind. If you need assistance getting connected to Remind, please contact your student's school office.

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### Skyward - a Tool for Parents and Students

Skyward is a system used by many school districts as a place to keep important information for students and families. There is a Web based version of Skyward, a link to which is located on the Chehalis School District website, as well as Mobile App for your phone. There is both a parent login for Skyward and a student login.

Some of the items parents can view on Skyward include:

- Student and family profile and contact information
- Gradebook and schedule
- Missing assignments
- Fines and fees and student lunch account balance

All new students registering in the district are automatically enrolled in Skyward. At W.F. West High School, all students log in to Skyward on Mondays during their Career & College Readiness (CCR) period to check their grades and missing assignments.
"We think it's important for students to see right where they are at and be able to set goals, make a schedule and be thoughtful about the week ahead," explained Principal Bob Walters.

Parents should also have a Skyward login but if you do not have one or have forgotten your login information, you can go to Skyward and choose "Forgot Login/Password" and a link to reset your access will be sent to the email address you have listed with the district. Janis Dobyns, Chehalis School District Electronic Data Systems Coordinator, explained that besides viewing basic information about their student's progress, parents can also set up alerts on their student's progress, for instance if their student has a completed assignment that scores below a certain grade.
"There's some reports that people can kind of go in and play with," Dobyns said. "We do really want to get our parents on (Skyward)."

At the start of each school year, all Chehalis School District parents should log into Skyward to fill out returning student information forms for their students. If you are a parent and have not done these forms yet, please take a few moments to log into Skyward and complete those forms. If your family's contact information changes at any time during the school year, it is important that you log into your Skyward account and change it there. If your student's school or teacher needs to reach you for any reason, they will use the contact information listed in your Skyward profile.

Click here to connect to Skyward. If you need assistance with your Family Access log-in please email familyaccess@chehalisschools.org or call your student's school office.

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### Other Useful Links

The Chehalis School District Website
Helpful district and school-specific information as well as online services can be found on our website at chehalisschools.org. Some of what you will find there includes:

- School lunch menus and lunch account information and forms
- Payment portal for fees and fines
- District News and school newsletters
- School year calendars and bell schedules
- Link to our Bearcat Connect alumni portal
- Links to Skyward
- Links to the District's Facebook and Instagram pages

Social Media
Following the Chehalis School District on Facebook and Instagram is a great way to connect with us and see images of some of the great things happening in our schools. We love seeing our community's comments, shares and likes on our many posts. In this fun environment, we hope you will tag us if you have great news about Bearcats of all ages to share.

Following us on social media or looking at the district website should not take the place of being connected via Remind or Skyward. Critical and time sensitive information such as school closures and bus route changes as well as parent instructions during emergency situations will be shared first via Remind and information specific to your student and their progress is only shared via Skyward.

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### Connect Over Coffee With Our Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Christine Moloney wants to talk to you! Coffee with Christine dates for the 2023-2024 school year are:

**Oct. 11**
**Nov. 28**
**Jan. 23**
**March 14**

All Coffee With Christine sessions are held 7-8 a.m. in the Superintendent's office in the main Chehalis School District Office, 310 SW 16th Street, in the same parking lot as W.F. West High School. Coffee with Christine is open to all parents in the Chehalis School District. This is an informal opportunity for parents to get to know Dr. Moloney as well as ask questions or make comments about their experience in the Chehalis School District. For more information or to reserve a spot in an upcoming session, call (360) 807-7200.

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