

Welcome to Semester 2

The month of January offered its own challenges with the cold snap that led to the cancellation of buses in PSD and a record 5 snow days. The January exam break is always a bit of an adjustment for our Gr. 10 students who are new to high school and majority of Gr.12 students writing their first set of diploma examinations. We commend our students and staff for braving the cold and doing their best to prepare for these exams. The final results for school awarded exams have been posted on PowerSchool for non-diploma and diploma courses, and diploma marks diploma course blended grades should be posted on myPass by the 3rd week in February. Please note that all students who have written diploma exams will need to sign up for a MyPass account to access their final marks issued by Alberta Education. If you don't already have one, please go to the Student Service Office for more information regarding creating your personal account. All high school students will need a myPass account to help track final grades and credits to confirm graduation requirements and access official transcripts. This is a step often neglected by graduating students and will require a secure password to access transcripts information before applying to post-secondary institutions. Get It Done!!!!

February 3rd will signal the start of semester 2 and we are encouraging all students to commit themselves to improvement in their studies as they progress towards the end of June. Our extra-curricular activities involving athletics and the performing arts will be busy competing and prepping for performances. We are inviting everyone to get connected through our website and show your Panther Pride in the stands.

The start of each semester at SGCHS offers the opportunity to rejuvenate our energy and recommit together to do our *BEST* as school community. We take pride in encouraging everyone to contribute to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment which supports a high level of engagement and a sense of belonging. On that note, we value your feedback as contribution to the yearly Accountability Pillar that will be shared with students, Gr.10 parents and staff over the upcoming weeks. We would love to hear from all stakeholders in our school community through completion of either online or a mailed copy of the survey. We are offering computer access and support at the school if you need to stop by to complete the quick survey. We would like to engage your voice in helping our team plan the direction for our school.

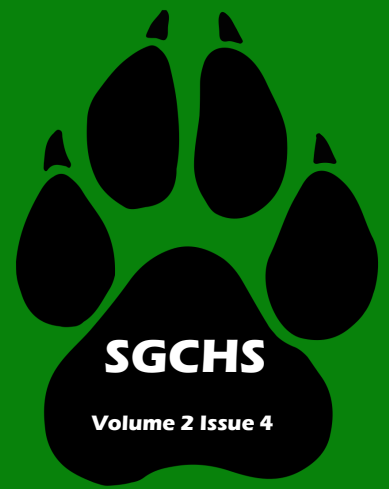
Good time management for our students is always the key to success in semester 2. The month of February will pass quickly with several short weeks ahead including Teachers Convention (February 6-7) and Family Day (Feb. 17th). We are committed to ensuring that every student experiences success and maximizes their learning potential. SGCHS will be hosting our annual Open House on February 27th (6:30-8:00) for Gr. 9 and new students attending in the fall of 2020 highlighting a number of programs in addition to our traditional high school academic pathways .

The online course request/change portal will be open until February 4th. Students who wish to make changes will need to connect with a Grade Coordinator/Counselor team via the school website. Important dates and deadlines will continue to be shared through Remind messaging for each grade level.

Enjoy the longer days ahead,

Mark Rose

Assistant Principal



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DATES to REMEMBER

- February 3 - Semester 2 starts
- February 6/7 - Teachers' Convention
- February 17 - Family Day
- February 18 - School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- February 25 - TCT
- February 27 - Grade 9 open house @6:30pm

STOP

MISSING TEXTS.

LOOK AROUND
YOUR HOME AND

HAVE YOUR STU-
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Prepping for Life After High School



Paul Harpe owns and operates Econolube here in Spruce Grove. He has been a strong support of our Work Experience Program, having hired many wonderful Spruce Grove Composite students over the years. Thanks, Paul! We appreciate your commitment to SGCHS!

If you are interested in working with us on Work Experience or RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program), please call 780 962 0800 and ask to speak to our Coordinator, Rob Killen and/or join us for our Information Evening on Wednesday, March 18.

GRADE 10 PARENT FEEDBACK REQUESTED

You should be receiving a letter from Alberta Education in the mail regarding our APORI---It's the information you need to complete a survey for our Accountability Pillar.

We need you to complete this as it is our Report Card. It allows us to know what you think we are doing well and where you think we need to improve. Students will be completing it in early February.



Please go to:

<https://public.education.alberta.ca/APOS/>

The deadline for you to respond is February 28th.

GRAD - JUNE 12, 2020



The school year is flying by. Semester one is in the rear view mirror and Graduation is coming very quickly. Please remember to check our website regularly for all up-to-date information on Graduation.

GRAD VIDEO: Watch for announcements and posters this month on how you can submit video footage for the Grad Video which is shown that evening.

BABY PICTURE/GRAD PICTURE: Now is the time to dig up your favourite baby picture, scan and email it to sgchsbabypics2020@gmail.com. Please remember to include your name in the subject line and an appropriate quote.

GRAD PICTURES: Many of our students can check Graduation pictures off of their list. You can expect to see your proofs within two weeks; please remember to check your email and mailbox. For anyone who missed having their pictures taken at the end of January, your next opportunity is on Monday, March 30 (PD Day).

JOSTENS: The ring/merchandise folks will be in our school on February 20 and 21 during lunch hour. Please look for them in the lounge or contact Angela at angela.moore@jostens.com or call her directly at 780-242-2168.

TICKET INFORMATION: Graduation takes place on Friday, June 12, 2020 at the Edmonton Expo Centre.

- Ticket prices for the Commencement Ceremony, Dinner and Dance are **\$90.00** each. This cost includes: the venue, meal, commencement ceremony, all audio visual (ie: large screens located throughout the venue), online video of the entire event you receive following graduation, the meal, decorations, DJ and photo booth.
- Tickets for the Commencement Ceremony and Dance are **\$35.00** each. This cost includes all of the above except the meal.
- InviteRight charges a service fee of 4.9% + \$2.78 per ticket.
- ALL tickets are purchased online at: <https://sprucegrove.inviteright.com/grad2020> from **May 1, 2020 at 10:00 am to May 22, 2020 at 11:00 pm**
- No limit on the number of tickets you can purchase (tables of 10).
- Everyone, including Graduates, must purchase a ticket in order to attend.
- All sales are final, no refunds.

If you have any questions regarding Graduation, please contact Mrs. Nullmeyer at cnullmeyer@psd70.ab.ca or call 780-962-0800.

January Athletes of the Month



Cade Tripp
Jr Boys Basketball



Jade Nesbitt
Jr Girls Basketball

These monthly athletic awards are sponsored by our local Boston Pizza located at 201 Calahoo Road, Spruce Grove!



YOUR CAREER



How to help your kids find their career path!

CHECK OUT THIS LINK!

<https://www.techlifetoday.ca/articles/2019/how-to-help-your-kids-find-their-career-path>

Online Registration/Verification for 2020-2021

Online registration and verification for the 2020-2021 school year will open February 3! This process must be completed for every student each school year. Please check your email beginning February 3 2020 for a message from "PowerSchool Registration Support" <noreply@noreply.psrsupport.com> and follow the instructions in that email to complete the registration process.

All parents and guardians are required to complete the registration process by 4:30pm on March 20, 2020. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating. **Any applications received after the March 20 deadline may not be processed in time for the first day of school.**

Payment arrangements for bus passes must be received through Parkland School Division's online payment system (Rycor) or at the Parkland School Division Centre for Education on or before **Friday, June 26, 2020** for students to be eligible to ride the bus the first day of school. Remember: If your child does not have a valid bus pass for the 2020-2021 school year, they will not be able to ride the bus.

For more information, including the registration process for new students and a list of important registration dates and deadlines, **please visit** www.psd70.ab.ca/Registration.php.

MLA Searle Turton is working on developing a "Youth Advisory Council" to make sure that the voices of youth are represented in the decisions he makes and his advocacy for the riding. The Youth Advisory Council will meet once every two months for 2 hours to discuss current issues and legislation that affects life in Alberta. This opportunity is available to all students between Grades 10-12 who attend a school in Spruce Grove or Stony Plain. If your students have any questions, please have them contact the Spruce Grove-Stony Plain Constituency Office at 780-962-6606 or Email :sprucegrove.stonyplain@assembly.ab.ca.
➔ [Registration & More Information](#)

Youth Advisory Council Applications Now Open!
For Spruce Grove-Stony Plain



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