# Spruce Grove Composite High School

April 1, 2022

Hello all. I hope you had a restful, refreshing Spring Break.

Just as we are transitioning to warmer seasonal weather, April also acts as one last transition for students as they end Quarter 3 and begin Quarter 4, the final term of the school year. As such, parents and students should be aware of, and plan accordingly for the completion of final assignments, projects and exams which provide important final indicators of student success and achievement. If you have yet to see the exam schedule on our website, please do so by visiting the following link - Q3 Exam Schedule.

April is also the month when administrative planning for the 2022-23 timetable and school year begins. As such, I am pleased to share that the upcoming school year will see the majority of SGCHS courses, including all core courses, be timetabled within a semestered system while allowing for some courses, such as our CTS courses, to continue within a quartered system as these particular courses saw rich benefits for our students when delivered in longer blocks of time.

This month will also see grade 10 and 11 students completing the course selection process for their grade 11 or grade 12 school years. This formal process will begin on April 19th and 20th with grade level assemblies or virtual addresses by grade coordinators and counselors to their grade level students. These presentations will provide important information related to course requirements, course selection planning and high school diploma requirements. Students will formally input their course selections online, at home through their PowerSchool account between April 20th and 29th. Parents/guardians and students can expect direct email communication on April 19th or 20th which more specifically outlines the course selection process and provides a copy of the virtual address and an online course selection video tutorial to guide students through their online course selection.

We strongly encourage students to begin their individual planning process by accessing in depth information on all SGCHS courses and streams through our Student Handbook's Section on **Registration** (starting on pg 28), consulting with counselors or researching potential post-secondary current teachers and programs to find out about required courses and competitive averages required for admission, and by accessing an online interest or skills inventory such as MyBlueprint. Additionally, please make sure your student has signed up for a myPass account, which is your student's direct, secure access to their accurate and up to date Alberta Education information. This account is required for marks, viewing diploma exam tracking high school credits, ordering transcripts, etc. Lastly, if your student is considering completing a course through <u>CFL's Summer School</u> programming please contact your grade level coordinator or counselor to ensure this choice best aligns with the student's 3 year high school plan.

Although it is always an exciting time to begin thinking about new goals and planning to achieve them, your students should not forget that the first step towards meeting next year's goals is to ensure their attention, diligence and overall work ethic is applied in a way that fulfills current goals.

Cam Robertson Assistant Principal & Gr. 10 Coordinator SGCHS



# Dates to Remember

April 1 - Band Concert 7pm April 4-13 - Final Exams (see exam schedule) April 14 - No school April 15 - Good Friday (no School) April 18 - Easter Monday (no school) April 19 - First Day Q4 April 19 - Grad Ticket Sales start April 28-30 - Drama Production *We Will Rock You* 

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# SGCHS Final Exam Schedule Quarter 3 2021-22 School Year

Students should plan to arrive at their exam location 15 minutes BEFORE exam start time!

Date/Day	AM/PM	SCHOOL EXAMS & LOCATIONS	AM/PM	DIPLOMA EXAMS & LOCATIONS
<b>April 4</b> (Monday)			9am	English 30-1, 30-2 Part A (Room: Library)
<b>April 5</b> (Tuesday)			9am	Social Studies/Etudes Soc. 30-1, 30-2 Part A (Room: Library)
<b>April 6</b> (Wednesday)			9am	English 30-1, 30-2 Part B (Room: Library)
<b>April 7</b> (Thursday)			9am	Social Studies/Etudes Soc. 30-1, 30-2 Part B (Room: Library)
<b>April 8</b> (Friday-AM)		Last Regular AM Class for ALL Students	9am	Mathematics 30-1, 30-2 (Room: Library)
<b>April 8</b> (Friday - PM)		Last Regular PM Class for ALL Students	1pm	Biology 30 (Room: Library)

April 11 (Mon - AM)	8:30am	Etudes Soc. 10-1/10-2 - Schermbrucker (Room 209) Social 10-1 - Leithoff (Room 222) Social 10-2 - Bounds (Room 161) Social 10-2 - Finlayson (Room 217) Social 20-1 - Finlayson (Room 221) Social 20-1 - Rolfe (Room 218) Social 20-2 AM - Gamble (Room 219) Social 20-2 PM - Gamble (Room 223) French Lang. Arts 20-1/20-2 - Nielsen (Room 207)	9am	Chemistry 30 (Room: Library)
<b>April 11</b> (Mon - PM)	12:00pm	English 10-1 - Kowalchuk (Room 227) English 10-1 - Leduc (Room 230) English 10-2 - McLaughlin (Room 231) English 10-2 - Pocock (Room 233) English 20-1 - Young (Room 229) English 20-2 - McIlhone(Room 228) English 20-2 - Pocock (Room 226)	1pm	Science 30 (Room: Library)
April 12 (Tues - AM)	8:30am	Math 10C - Groenewegen (Room 328) Math 10C - Schofield (Room 301) Math 10-3 - Maxwell (Room 327) Math 10-3 - Finnigan (Room 160)	9am	Physics 30 (Room: Library)
April 12 (Tues- PM)	12:00pm	Math 20-1 - Fouquette(Room 325) Math 20-1 - Milne (Room 326) Math 20-2 - Chodzicki (Room 329) Math 20-3 - Petterson (Room 324) Math 30-3 - Groenewegen (Room 328)		

<b>April 13</b> (Wed - AM)	8:30am	Math 31 - Maxwell (Room 327) Science 10 - Langdale (Room 314) Science 10 - McGonigal (Room 308) Science 14 - Mahaffy (Room 321) Science 20 - Petryshen-Kozak (Room 310) Science 24 - Petterson (Room 301) Biology 20 - Strydhorst (Room 320) Chemistry 20 - Arnason (Room 323) Physics 20 - Langdale (Room 324)	
April 13 (Wed - PM)	12:00pm	Conflict Exams (Room 102b - CALM Room)	
<b>April 14</b> (Thursday)		Quarter Turnaround Day - No Exams	



This is a reminder that your large, printed PSD calendars are not accurate.

It probably feels like a long time ago, but please recall that in September, PSD changed the School Year Calendar to accommodate Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30th). The old printed calendar has May 19-20 as "students do not attend" and this is not correct. We cancelled the non-operational day on May 20th to move it to September 30; the PD on May 19th was moved to May 20th, and **May 19th (Thursday) is now a full instructional day.** We want to avoid any confusion for staff, students or families who may view this printed calendar--There are classes on May 19th. The electronic versions of the calendar have all been updated.



# <u>GRAD COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY</u> <u>JUNE 11, 2022 @ 1pm</u> <u>Edmonton Expo Centre</u>

As mentioned in previous newsletters and an email to grade 12 students and families, the three local high schools in this area--MCHS, SPACH and SGCHS--have chosen to continue with the consistency we established when we worked together on last year's Drive In Graduation Ceremonies for students at the Edmonton Expo Centre. This year, all three schools have planned Commencement Ceremonies which do not include a dinner and dance.

Over the last several years, more and more families have chosen to participate in the Ceremony portion and not the dinner and dance held afterward. As SGCHS and our sister schools always strive to be equitable and inclusive, we are committed to providing a Graduation Ceremony which celebrates this milestone for ALL students in a safe and caring way. Our school would be more than willing to work with and support a parent organized dinner and dance; at this time, no one has approached us to propose one for the Grad of 2022.

Currently, here at SGCHS, our student led graduation committee is working very hard with staff advisors to finalize details to provide entertainment, speeches and our traditional Grand March to showcase the Class of 2022 at our Ceremony on June 11, 2022. These students deserve to be the center of our attention as it is their Graduation Year.

TICKET INFORMATION: There are 2 rounds of online ticket sales:

- Round 1 of online ticket sales: April 19 at 9am May 15 at 11pm (limit of 10 tickets/graduate).
- Round 2 of online ticket sales: May 17 at 9am May 24 at 11pm (unlimited tickets).
- ALL tickets are purchased online at: <u>https://sprucegrove.inviteright.com/grad2022</u>
- Tickets are \$35.00 each and InviteRight charges a service fee of 4.9% + \$2.75 per ticket.
- Everyone, including Graduates, must purchase a ticket.
- General seating.
- Children 6 years of age and under are free.
- All sales are final, no refunds.

**<u>BABY PICTURE</u>**: Grads, did you miss the deadline? It's Not Too Late! Please email a **baby picture** with **your name in the subject line** and **an appropriate quote** to sgchsbabypics2022@gmail.com

**<u>GRAD LIST</u>**: The 2022 Grad list will be posted on Tuesday, April 19. Grade 12's <u>**MUST**</u> be on the grad list in order to purchase tickets.

<u>GRAD FEE</u>: Each grade 12 student is required to pay the **\$44.00 Grad Fee** (included in school fees) if they haven't already done so. This fee includes:

- certificate and cover that each student keeps,
- 4 x 6 picture of the graduate crossing the stage receiving their certificate from Mr. Rose,
- souvenir grad gown, vee stole, cap and tassel that each student keeps. Please follow the steps below to order between March 28 May 5.

**SOUVENIR GRAD PACKAGE**: Students can order their souvenir grad gown package by logging onto <u>https://www.buildagrad.ca/sgchs</u> with their ASN # (can be found on PowerSchool). To complete this simple process, just follow the steps and complete the required fields by <u>May 5, 2022</u>. The gowns are shipped to the school and will be distributed to students at the end of May or beginning of June.

**<u>GRAD PHOTOS</u>**: If you missed having your grad pictures taken or require a retake, please contact Lifetouch directly at 780-437-2431 to have your picture taken in their Edmonton studio.

We are only a few months away from GRAD now. It's very important that you check our website regularly for all up-to-date information. If you have any questions regarding GRADUATION, please contact Mrs. Nullmeyer at <u>cindy.nullmeyer@psd.ca</u> or call 780-962-0800.

# **Stronger Together**



# Parkland School Division Family Supports Newsletter April, 2022

Dear parents and caregivers,

We all feel anxious sometimes, it can be useful in certain situations to get us going, meet deadlines and also to help us to remove ourselves from situations that are not safe. Sometimes anxiety can become a problem and it is important not to ignore it but to reach out for support. Community supports are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Vicky and Dena (Vicky Mamczasz -Family Support Facilitator, Dena Davis- Sunrise Supports Program Liaison)

Family Life
Family Life Psychology

## Anxiety with Joel Pukalo - Family Life Psychology - Stony Plain 780-963-7451

Free online webinars Low cost counselling for children and adults

Coping with anxiety can be challenging both for parents and their children. The first step to help our children better cope with anxiety is

learning to listen and support the unique needs of the child. Teaching our children to "be okay" with not being okay is an important first step. This creates openness and acceptance to process their emotions. We also need to help our children identify how anxiety impacts the way they think, feel, and act, to cultivate emotional awareness. Learning about how anxiety impacts the way we think and feel provides clues in areas where our children may learn new strategies to cope with anxiety. Emotional awareness can then lead to emotional regulation.

Anxiety Canada provides practical resources for parents and youth to help manage physical symptoms of anxiety, improve thinking patterns, and identify supportive plans to help our children face their fears. Your child may also benefit from working with a counsellor to develop an anxiety management program based on Anxiety Canada.

The following video and article provide parents with a practical understanding of how anxiety impacts a child's brain and body. https://www.anxietycanada.com/

### Fight Flight Freeze - A Guide to Anxiety for Kids



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfSbWc3O\_5M&t=4s

Fight Flight Freeze - Anxiety Explained For Teens



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpolpKTWrp4&t=1s



Presented by Parkland School Division in partnership with Alberta Parenting For The Future

Let's talk about anxiety - what gets it going, what keeps it going, and what you can do to find calm and relief from it. Kelly Pilke and Brenna McKerrall from Aspire Counselling and Psychology will give you all kinds of insights into what our brains, bodies, and behaviors have to do with managing anxiety.

April 14th 6:30-8:00 Register at: <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/calming-the-storm-and-mindfulness-registration-296904849397?aff=ebdso</u> porgprofile

# Check out this upcoming session -

Anxiety to Calm Anxious? Alberta Anxiety to Calm is an 8-week workshop grounded in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for **adults.** Challenge your thoughts, behaviours and emotions while practicing proven and effective skills to manage anxiety, learn about anxiety, and promote a sense of calm.

Offered in partnership with Westview Primary Care Network and Stony Plain Community and Social Development.

Wednesday, April 6 to May 25, 2022 6-8:30 p.m.

Ages: 18 and up Cost: Free but only 12 spaces available Location: Online Registration: For this program, please click here



# What is anxiety and when is it a problem?

#### **ANXIETY 101** (from Anxiety Canada)

Anxiety is normal. Everyone experiences anxiety from time to time. It alerts us to threats, protects us from danger and helps us reach important goals. For example, it is normal to feel anxious when encountering a bear on a hike, or before taking an important exam.

**Anxiety is not dangerous.** Although anxiety feels uncomfortable, it is temporary and will eventually decrease. The sensations we experience in an anxious situation are designed to alert and activate us. They are normal and part of our body's natural response mechanism. Our body is smart enough to know when to "amp up" and when to "calm down."



**Anxiety is adaptive.** Anxiety helps us prepare for real danger, such as crossing a busy street. It can also help us perform at our best, and motivate us to study for an exam or practice for a big game. When we experience anxiety, it triggers our "fight-flight-freeze" response, and prepares our body to react. For instance, our heart beats faster to pump blood to our muscles, so we have the energy to run away or fight off danger. Without it, we would not survive. We need some anxiety.

**Anxiety is part of life.** Trying to eliminate anxiety from your child's life is almost impossible, and even if it were possible, we are not sure you will have created a life worth living for your child. As a result, this website has been designed to provide you and your child with information, tools, resources, and more, to help your child become an expert on coping with anxiety. Since anxiety is everywhere, one of the greatest gifts you can give your anxious child or teen is the confidence and skill to tolerate anxiety whenever it occurs, and to continue living his/her life anyway!

**Anxiety can become a problem.** Small doses of anxiety in certain situations are useful. However, when your child is worrying much of the time, avoiding fun activities, or refusing to go to school because s/he is scared or worried, anxiety has become a problem. Think of anxiety like fog: if it covers everything, makes it hard to see, stops you from doing what you usually do, and generally gets in the way, then it has likely become a problem

Although anxiety protects us in the face of real danger, it can become a problem when it...

(Anxiety Canada - Anxiety in Youth - https://www.anxietycanada.com/learn-about-anxiety/anxiety-in-youth/)

- Goes off when there is no **real** or immediate danger (e.g., like a smoke alarm that goes off when you're just making toast)
- Happens a lot
- Feels pretty intense
- Is upsetting and causes you distress
- Stops you from doing fun and important things (e.g., like going to school dances or parties, making friends or dating, getting your homework done, or getting a job or your driver's license.)



# Try the app

MindShift™ CBT - FREE

#### Mental Health Relief

Is anxiety getting in the way of your life? MindShift™ CBT uses scientifically proven strategies based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) to help you learn to relax and be mindful, develop more effective ways of thinking, and use active steps to take charge of your anxiety.

Get the tools to tackle: Worry, panic, perfectionism, social anxiety, phobias





https://www.anxietycanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CARD-for-Parents-and-Caregivers.

The difference between stress and anxiety:



Stress vs Anxiety (from TeenMentalHealth.org)

Stress (Le stress) (Click on the link to view the video)



**Healthy Together** ½ Day Camp – For Children in grades 1, 2, & 3 - A program that involves a series of age-based, group learning sessions that focus on healthy eating, positive physical activity and community engagement. Children will learn easy to use strategies to continue with their healthy lifestyle choices. March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 am.

**Take The Lead ½ Day Camp** – For Girls in grades 4, 5, & 6 - A program for girls that focuses on lifestyle choices to help them form healthy relationships. At the end of the session, they will take home a scrapbook. March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 am



Get your kids involved - check out programs at the Tri-Leisure. <u>https://www.trileisure.com/programs/</u>

Funding is available!! Your family may be eligible!

KidSport Parkland https://kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/parkland/

We provide grants to help cover the costs of registration fees so that all kids aged 18 and under in Parkland can play a season of sport. Our chapter accepts applications and administers grants of up to **\$300 per child/year**, for kids who live in Parkland, or in one of the other communities we serve.



### Check out the Stony Plain Youth Centre on Instagram

-call <u>(780) 968-3846</u> to find out more about **free** drop in and other programs





#### Red Cross Stay Safe! Program

This program teaches applicable and age-appropriate skills, while increasing and reinforcing a youth's capacity to improve their own safety.

Duration: 5-6 hours For Ages: 9-13 County Residents: \$15 per participant Non-residents: \$20 per participant

# **Red Cross Youth Programs**

How to register - call 780-727-3947 or go to www.parklandcounty.com/redcrossprograms



## Red Cross Babysitting Course

This course covers everything from managing difficult behaviours to essential content on leadership and professional conduct as a babysitter.

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Duration: 7-8 hours For Ages: 11-15 County Residents: \$20 per participant Non-residents: \$25 per participant

Wisdom From a Grandma -what I have learned

Now I know

- I don't have to fall into old patterns, I can learn and change
- My kids learned from EVERYTHING I did - not what I said
- My kids were ALWAYS listening
- If I lost it they lost it
- There is no shame in getting counselling - I wish I would have asked for help
- Time matters I should have spent more of it creating good memories



To register for programs go to - go to mysppl.ca

Stony Plain Public Library	MARCH READER
Tuesday, March 22 10:00am-12:00pm @ Border Paving Athletic Centre, 9 Tri Leisure Way #100, Spruce Participants bring your T-4 slips and Catherine will guide you provided. Limit: 10 participants Registration: https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/cityofs Presented by: FCSS FRUCE GROVE Presented by:	u through doing your own taxes online. Computers will be
Nintendo Switch Gaming Ages 9-12 Drop In! Wednesdays February 23-June 28 3:30-4:30pm Do you have what it takes to beat our Tech Coordinator in Smash Bros or Mario Cart? Chess Club all ages all levels Tuesdays, March 1-June 28 5:00pm – 8:00pm Drop In! Playing chess develops focus, analytical skills, and abstract thinking. Want to learn how to play chess? Already love playing chess but need new opponents? Discoveror rediscoverthis great game at this community hosted event.	Kids Without Limits   Saturday, March 26   1:30pm - 3:00pm Registration required   A once a month gathering of parents and caregivers with a FREE inclusive program for children and youth.   No School Day Events Ages 6-12   Spring Break Camp The Unbelievably Amazing Race!   Tuesday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 23   1:30-4:30pm Registration required   Crack the Codes!   Monday, March 28   1:30-4:00pm Registration required

#### **ACT Social Lab Digital Literacy Outreach**

Parkland County, Stony Plain & Spruce Grove are providing FREE computer literacy training.

For information on programs visit <u>mysppl.ca</u> or contact Leanne Knapp cell: (780) 264-1145 email: info.actcompclasses@gmail.com

The Community Compass and Stony Plain Public Library



## **Program Highlights:**

**Board Game Night** - Enjoy playing some of your favorite board games and tabletop games with family and friends We will highlight games that are a part of our expansive library collection. You can even borrow the games you like with your library card and play them at home!

Monthly, 1st Friday of the month February-June 4:00-5:00pm 1 April, 6 May, 3 June All Ages (10+ recommended) In-person, registered.

#### Virtual Art Program: Art Collection Adventure NEW

The AGA has over 6,000 objects in their collection. Students get a behind-the-scene look at how they store ALL of that art while uncovering a few gems hidden in the vaults. These 30-min artful conversations are facilitated by Art Gallery of Alberta online through Google Meet.

Thursday 24 March @ 9:30-10:00am Recommended for Grades K-3 School age kids, Homeschoolers and All Ages Online, registered

#### The Tech Bowl is back!

Splash into our Tech Bowl this season! Explore and play with some of your favourite tech such as OSMO, OZOBOTS, iPads, video game consoles and classics such as our retro tech.

Tuesdays 12-8pm, Wednesdays 3-6pm, Thursdays 3-6pm, Fridays 12-6pm

All Ages \*children under 12 must have caregiver on premises\* - In-person

#### No School Friday is back!

On Friday 25 March it's a no school day. There's no better way to spend it than at the library! We will be showing two movies\* throughout the day. The Tech Bowl will be open ALL DAY so come on by to create and explore!

First movie screening: 10:30am-12:30pm Second movie screening: 1:30pm-3:30pm \*Movies may have a PG rating and may not be suitable for all children. In-person, drop-in

#### Virtual Velyken' Ukrainian Pioneer Easter

Explore Easter traditions and join us for the holidays to learn how to make a pysanka. Take a step back in time to learn how Ukrainians in Alberta celebrated Easter 100 years ago, and learn how those traditions continue today. Presented by the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. Friday 1 April 1pm registered: <a href="https://sqpl.ca/events/special-events/virtual-velykden-ukrainian-pioneer-easter">https://sqpl.ca/events/special-events/virtual-velykden-ukrainian-pioneer-easter</a>





This workshop is designed for parents and caregivers as they navigate the tricky and sometimes supercharged teen years.

Triple P Teen Group will run Tuesdays, April 26th - May31st from 6 - 8 pm. (no group on May 24th)

Learn ways to help your teenager communicate well, develop healthy routines, follow rules and solve problems. Think of this session as a toolbox of ideas. You choose the tools you want to make your family life better. You can adapt the ideas you learn to suit your culture, beliefs and personal situation, using them to build better relationships with your child, solve problems, become a more confident mom or dad and give your child the best start to life.

Date and time

Tue, 26 Apr 2022, 6:00 PM - Tue, 31 May 2022, 8:00 PM MDT Location Family Connection Centre, 5600 50 Street, Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1P8 Register at: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/triple-p-teen-group-registration-294111574637?aff=ebdsoporgprofile



# **Teen Social Club**

This program is with Dochas psychological services and the main focus is to gather youth aged 14 - 17 together to build connections.

This program is with Dochas psychological services and is funded through the Alberta government community funding Application. It is for 14 – 17 year olds to gather in a social setting and build connections. Present will be a social worker and a provisional psychologist and a psychology practicum student. Through fun activities teens will build social skills and have access to mental health supports.

Location: Family Connection Centre, Stony Plain Register at: <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/teen-social-club-registration-204566101717?aff=ebdsoporgprofil</u>



Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta - Edmonton Chapter

Check out LD Edmonton for Social Skills Groups and for virtual monthly parent information sessions. (second and fourth Wednesday of the month)

For more information contact info@ldedmonton.com, call our office at 780-466-1011

Does your child struggle with friendships and social cues? Do they have difficulty with organizational skills? Trouble paying attention or staying on task? Do they have trouble managing their emotions?



On March 17th we have our SAFE (support & advocacy for everyone) meeting in our **new location 1A Fieldstone Drive St. Andrew's United Church**!







**B.I.L.Y** offers a **youth group** designed to work specifically with youth whose parents attend and participate in the parent group. To find out more call 587-588-8633.





Check out the Lighthouse Church Community Outreach Days on FB.



# **Offering help**

Offering a warm and nutritious meal on the second Friday of every month to those who would find it helpful in the Tri-Region Area

# Grandparents As Parents (GAP) group

Are you a grandparent raising your grandchildren? Check out the grandparents group!

Kathy (Facilitator) Stony Plain Senior's Center Friday Morning 945am-12pm Following REP program 780-963-3897 Check it out on facebook.

# **Caring Friends Grief Support Group**

Thursday, April 14, 2022 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Thursday, May 12, 2022 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2022 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2022 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, August 11, 2022 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2022 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 2022 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, November 10, 2022 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Address:

107, 4613 -52 Avenue View on Google Maps

Category:

Programs and Services

#### **Event Details:**

Caring friends is a confidential and informal bereavement support group lead by trained volunteers. Participants come together to share their grief experiences and learn about grief in a safe, supportive environment. The group meets the 2nd Thursday of every month from 7-8:30p.m. at #107, 4613-52 Avenue, Stony Plain. All participants are required to wear a mask. To learn more or register call 780-963-8583.



#### Something For Everyone!

Look below to see the incredible number of sessions that are being offered over the next couple of months. These opportunities are certainly something positive that has come from the pandemic. We hope you find something that sparks your interest and feeds your curiosity. All sessions are free and online.

#### Family 2 Family

Join **Glenrose clinicians** for an **online presentation, tips and resources** on topics that affect quality of life for children and families. Bring your questions and real-life scenarios! Parents and family caregivers only please.

#### Anxiety – Helpful or Problematic

April 20, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Sensory Regulation Strategies and Children with Varying Needs May 17, 6:30 – 7:45 pm For registration or <u>to receive</u> upcoming Family 2 Family calendars . Please call Charlene Prochnau at 780-735-7999 ext 15578 or email at PFRC@ahs.ca

#### **Caregiver Education Series**

#### Supporting Your Child with Structure and Routine

Providing structure and routine is one of the most effective means of promoting healthy development in our children. Learn how to use these strategies in your home and how to assist your child in daily transitions.

#### Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm Note: For caregivers of children grades K-6; <u>for adults only</u>. **Registration** 

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

#### To register, click HERE or go to: www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

#### **Community Education Service**

TO REGISTER: go to <u>http://community.hmhc.ca/sessions/?p=webex</u> and click on the poster tab by the session you would like to attend.

#### March 25

#### Earth Play: The Benefits of Outdoor Exploration

#### 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

They don't call them the great outdoors for nothing! Getting outside is great for both mental health and physical health! This session will provide individuals with information about the benefits of risky play, exploration, and adventure for supporting positive mental health. You will leave this session with practical, age-appropriate ideas to get outside, get moving, and get messy as a family.

#### March 28

#### Part Two: Building Resiliency in the Family Unit

#### 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

How to talk to my child about substances & the impact of addiction on the family & self-care & accessing school and community resources.

#### March 29

#### LGBTQ2S+: What grandparents need to know and do

#### 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Grandparents and Elders play an important role in the health and well-being of the young people in their lives. You will build on your ability to help all of the youth in your life feel loved, safe and like they belong by learning about:

SOGIE related terms

- · Personal, family and cultural values
- $\cdot$  Health, education and social impacts of stigma
- Inclusive language
- $\cdot$  Safer family strategies

#### April 5

## Part Two: Building Resiliency in the Family Unit

#### 10:00 AM - Noon

How to talk to my child about substances & the impact of addiction on the family & self-care & accessing school and community resources.

#### April 11

#### ADHD & Executive Functioning: For Children & Youth

#### 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The session will be an overview of ADHD and how issues with impulsivity and/or inattention impact children's ability to manage their environments. The session will also explore the impact ADHD has on Executive Functioning and how it relates to managing everyday tasks, and meeting daily expectations at home and at school, including social, emotional, behavioural and academic demands.

#### April 12 Circle of Security Parenting- Building Secure Attachment

#### 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

What does my child need from me? How can I support my child's independence? Why do some of my child's behaviours affect me so much? Can parenting be less stressful?

The Circle of Security Parenting Program answers these and many other parenting questions. It is an attachment based early intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children. This presentation is designed to give parents an understanding of the goals of the program, help parents to make sense of their child's behaviours, learn strategies to support secure attachment with their children and make parenting less stressful.

#### April 13

#### **Brain Science: Sciences of Hope and Resilience**

#### 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

This session exists to support caregivers with the fundamental elements of brain science with a focus on the strengths of knowing how this can positively impact children and youth development. The interactive session will provide insight into brain structure and the stress response. In addition, we will explore adverse childhood experiences and Covid-19 as they relate to brain development, while providing information and strategies to build resilience.

#### April 21 Earth Play: The Benefits of Outdoor Exploration

#### 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

They don't call them the great outdoors for nothing! Getting outside is great for both mental health and physical health! This session will provide individuals with information about the benefits of risky play, exploration, and adventure for supporting positive mental health. You will leave this session with practical, age-appropriate ideas to get outside, get moving, and get messy as a family.



For more information, visit <u>www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca</u>

#### **Reach out for support**



Setting achievable goals can be a valuable step towards positive mental health. @togetherall have shared their tips for setting achievable goals for the year ahead. Togetherall is an anonymous online community to support your mental health, join today for FREE at https://bit.ly/31PTBBm using your Postal Code.

#### When it comes to mental health, now more than ever, every action counts. Visit letstalk.bell.ca to learn more.



<u>Register Here</u>

a free, province-wide online peer-to-peer mental health community that may be of interest to you

• FREE to ALL Albertans aged

16+ through a partnership with the Alberta Government and Alberta Health Services.

- A safe, online, 24/7 peer community where members remain anonymous to each other and can share their lived experiences with common mental health concerns.
- Registered mental health practitioners moderate and monitor the community to

ensure individuals are safe and feel supported. Moderators help signpost resources and escalate those at risk, but they do not provide 1:1 counselling or therapy.

 Access to self-assessments, resources and self-guided courses to help foster wellbeing.



One in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness or addiction problem - and nearly half of Canadians reported that their mental health worsened during the pandemic.

Supporting the mental health and well-being of Canadians, as we continue to face the uncertainty and challenges from COVID-19 and its variants, is a Government of Canada priority. Through PocketWell, a free app to the Wellness Together Canada (WTC) online portal – Canadians can access new resources, including a self-assessment tool and tracker that monitors mood and mental well-being.

Download the APP from the Apple APP Store or Download the APP from Google Play

## Need **mental health** or **substance use** support? Help is just a call or click away.

Canada

### Call: 1-866-585-0445

Visit: wellnesstogether.cg

Text: Adults text WELLNESS to 741 741 Youth text WELLNESS to 686 868 Front line workers text FRONTLINE to 741 741 Indigenous Peoples – Hope for Wellness Help Line: 1-855-242-3310 hopeforwellness ca

Suicide Prevention Service: 1-833-456-4566 Quebec: 1-866-277-3553 (1 866-APPELLE)

If you are in immediate danger, call 911 or your local emergency line.

CANADA.CA/HEALTH

App Stores: PocketWell



#### Reach out for support in our community....

Youth Mental Health (Westview Primary Care Network) - call in for an appointment - 780-960 - 9533 ext 221 Community Connector - Michelle Enright - 780-217-4146 Stony Plain and Prabh Gill - Spruce Grove and Greater Parkland area 780-217-8701

Youth Mental Health - Northgate Walk In Clinic (AHS - now call in or virtual appointment)780-342-2700 MOBILE/AFTER HOURS CRISIS TEAM: 780-407-1000

AHS - Substance Use Therapist - Lisa Kimmerly - 780-868-1895

Parenting support (APFA) - Triple P Parenting 780-963-0549

Adult Crisis Response - 780-342-7777

Support Network Distress Line - 780-482-4357

Adult Mental Health Referral and Treatment - 780-424-2424

Parkland School Division - Family Support - Vicky Mamczasz - 780-668-7422



Substance Use Therapist Spruce Grove/Stony Plain and Area 780-868-1895 (text or call)



A 50-minute therapy session In-person or virtually Exploring possible issues & solutions 101-505 Queen St. Spruce

Grove, AB

# Youth Mental Health Clinic

# Walk in Service

Available to Youth 11-17

Fridays only: 10AM -2PM First come, first serve.

Book by phone: Day: Fridays Time: 9AM-12PM Phone: 780-960-9533 Ext. 221 Location: 101, 505 Queen St., Spruce Grove

#### www.westviewpcn.ca

# HELP FOR HARD TIMES TRI-REGION SUPPORT GUIDE

# WHO CAN HELP, WHERE CAN I GO, AND HOW DO I GET SUPPORT?

I NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE NOW (24H)
Distress Line 780-482-4357(HELP)
Addiction Helpline 1-866-332-2322
Child Mental Health (8am-11:30pm) 780-427-4491
Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868
Bullying Helpline 1-888-456-2323
Seniors Abuse Helpline
Family Violence Info Line 310-1818
Sexual Assault Center (9em-9pm) 780-423-4121
First Nations & Inuit Mental Health
Hope for Wellness 1-855-242-3310

I NEED IMMEDIATE HELP	Call 911
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Emergency Financial Assistance
Access 24/7 (Adults)
Addictions & Mental Health780-424-2424
Westview Health Centre780-968-3600
Child Intervention Services780-422-2001
Kids Cottage Crisis Childcare780-944-2888
Parkland RCMP825-220-2000
Poison Control 1-800-332-1414
NeighbourLink Parkland (overticel crisis help)
Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
Pay Forward Kindness (homeless supports)

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#### I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START?



24-hour information and referral line connecting you to social, health and government services.



or download **HelpSeeker**, onto your phone to find local supports and resources.

#### WHERE CAN I FIND A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT?

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George Spady (men, women)	780-424-8335
Women's Emergency	
Accommodation Centre	780-423-5302
Hope Mission (ages 16+, men, women)	780-422-2018
Youth Empowerment &	
Support Services (YESS)	780-468-7186
Salvation Army (Transitional Housing, \$1	2/day)

#### I NEED A DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTER

Alberta Council of Women's Shelters 1-866-331-3933

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George Spady	780-424-8335
AHS Detox Centre	780-427-4291
Youth Edmonton Detox	780-422-7383

## I NEED A SAFE CONSUMPTION SITE

## I NEED HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR ADDICTIONS

AND/OK ADDICTIONS	
Access 24/7 Addictions and	
Mental Health (aduits)	780-424-2424
Youth Addiction Services	780-422-7383
Access Open Minds (youth 16-25)	780-415-0048
Child and Adolescent	
Mental Health Services	780-342-2701
Westview PCN Youth	
Mental Health Clinic (ages 11-24)	780-960-9533

# I NEED HEALTH INFORMATION

Health Link Alberta (24/7) ......811

#### WHERE CAN I FIND FOOD? Parkland Food Bank

