



September 1, 2022

Here we are officially in the 2022-2023 school year!

A huge WELCOME to all the new and returning Panthers!

We are very excited about the normal start we have had to this school year—a first in what seems like a very, very long time! It was fabulous to meet all our Grade 10s on Tuesday. We had so much fun watching them engage in games and enjoy our first hotdog lunch of the year! This large group combined with the Grade 11s and 12s who picked up their start-up info on Wednesday, has our student body checking in at over 1200! This is the largest we have ever been! We are grateful to have so many students and families with us!

While we are welcoming many new students to The Comp, so, too, are we welcoming new staff. Some of you may recognize Mrs. Esther Augustine, Mrs. Adina Belseth, Mr. Paul Danielsen, Mx. Catherine De Beaudrap and Mrs. Randi Jones from some of our feeder schools; we were lucky enough to snap them up this year. In addition, we also welcome Mr. Ian Bradford, Mrs. Michelle Fox Mr. Cole Knudsen, Ms. Michelle Langlois (semester two only), Mrs. Chantel McDowell, Ms. Timmerly Welsh and Ms. Erin Yeung to SGCHS.

As many of you are also new to SGCHS, I want to take the opportunity to familiarize you with our Student Absence Procedure. If your student is going to be absent, feel free to call the school, 780 962 0800; we have a 24 voice messaging system which can record the absence at any hour. You can also email our dedicated email address [sgchs.absence@psd.ca](mailto:sgchs.absence@psd.ca) at any hour.

Of course, with students in classes Thursday and Friday, we have hit the ground running. Later on in this email, you will see all our bell schedules; we have a few different ones for different days. We are starting the semester WITHOUT Seminar for the first three days so there is a bell schedule for that. Once Seminar is in place, we need our regular bells schedule. Our Student Union will be going back to hosting longer activities this year so we have a different bell schedule on those days as well; here, seminar is taken from the end of the day and added to

lunch for an extended lunch. The next bell schedule we have is for TCT Days. We are thrilled to have these days back on our schedule as we haven't been able to access them since before the start of the pandemic. On these days, classes don't start until 10:06 am. Students who rely on bussing for transportation will have supervised space to work. Our last bell schedule is the one used on our final exam days. Please note while our start time and end time will ALWAYS be 8:30 and 3:07, our lunch period will move around depending on which bell schedule is being used.

As you read through this newsletter, you will find out more about Seminar and TCT, as well, as DLR and our attendance pyramid, and how we use all these items to better our student learning experience.

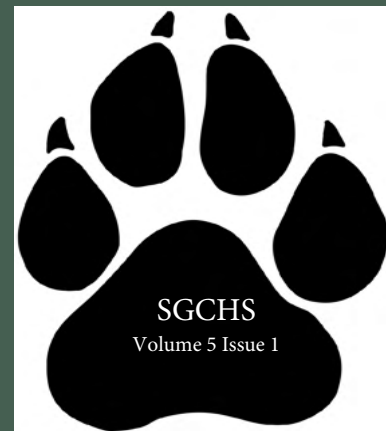
We have a couple of upcoming events which will be of interest. On Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 pm, we are hosting a Grade 12/ Grad Information Evening for our 2023 Grads and their parents/guardians. This event goes through Grad Requirements for an Alberta High School Diploma, information on Post-Secondary applications and process, and transitions to life after high school. We've scheduled this early so we can start the Grad 2023 year off on the right foot. As well, on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 pm, students and parents/guardians who are new to SGCHS are welcome to join us for more information on who we are and what we have to offer here at The Comp.

We do need something from you as we begin our 2022-2023 Ed Plan. Could all parents/guardians please complete the appropriate Grade level survey discussed further in this newsletter to assist us in fine-tuning our focus for the year? We have students' surveys going out a little later in the semester.

We know this is going to be a fantastic year!

Looking forward to working with you,

Cheryl Otto  
Principal, SGCHS



## Dates to Remember

- Sept 1 - First full day of classes
- Sept 5 - No School Labour Day
- Sept 7 - Grade 12 Assembly @ Seminar
- Sept 8 - Grade 11 Assembly @ Seminar
- Sept 15 - Grade 12 Grad Info Night
- Sept 15 - Jostens Rings @ Lunch
- Sept 16 - Jostens Rings @ Lunch
- Sept 20 - New Student/Parent Night
- Sept 28 - TCT @ 10:06am
- Sept 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day

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<https://urstore.ca/sgchs-panther-apparel>

## Important Contacts (780) 962-0800

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School Website <https://sgchs.psd.ca/>

Division Website <https://www.psd.ca/>

**SEMINAR:** Self-directed learning time that occurs Monday-Thursday from 2:30 pm – 3:07 pm. Students have access to their teachers for one-on-one or small group support. It is expected that students are in attendance at this time. The school day ends at 3:07 pm.

**TCT (Teacher Collaborative Time):** Eight times throughout the year, classes will not start until 10:06 am. This provides the opportunity for staff to meet and discuss their practice and address issues concerning the learning of their students. For bus students who cannot arrange a ride, there are large areas for them to work in until classes begin at 10:06 am.

**DLR (Directed Learning Room):** The Directed Learning Room is supervised by Administration from 3:15 pm until 5:00 pm on Tuesday through Thursday. Students can be assigned to DLR by their teachers and/or Grade Coordinator for a variety of things including missed assignments or exams, skipping class, etc.

SGCHS has in place a variety of processes for supporting student success, attendance and expectations. Students who are not responding to encouragement and support for improvements will be required to develop a personal success plan which may include: utilizing DLR, studying at home or attending our Academic Achievement Centre (InReach) or OutReach. Other appropriate programs are also available which will lead to student success. For more information, check out our Student Handbook on the website.



### Reminder: Please Don't Text Your Student During Class Time.

We know Back to School is hard and you miss them, but we need our students' full attentions during classes. If you have an emergent issue, please call the main office, 780 962 0800.

# SGCHS BELL SCHEDULE

2022-2023

## REGULAR DAYS

MONDAY – FRIDAY		
TIME	MIN.	BLOCK
<i>Warning Bell – 8:25 am</i>		
8:30 – 9:47	77	<b>Block 1</b>
9:47 – 9:53	6	Break
9:53 – 11:09	76	<b>Block 2</b>
<b>Lunch – 11:09 – 11:44 am</b> <i>Warning Bell 11:44 am</i>		
11:49 – 1:05	76	<b>Block 3</b>
1:05 – 1:11	6	Break
1:11 – 2:27	76	<b>Block 4</b>
2:27 – 3:07	40	<b>Seminar</b>

**NO SEMINAR:** Sept. 1, 2, 6 & Feb 1, 2, 3

MONDAY – FRIDAY		
TIME	MIN.	BLOCK
<i>Warning Bell – 8:25 am</i>		
8:30 – 9:57	87	<b>Block 1</b>
9:57 – 10:03	6	Break
10:03 – 11:29	86	<b>Block 2</b>
<b>Lunch – 11:29 – 12:04 pm</b> <i>Warning Bell 12:04 pm</i>		
12:09 – 1:36	87	<b>Block 3</b>
1:36 – 1:42	6	Break
1:42 – 3:07	86	<b>Block 4</b>

**STUDENT UNION DAYS:**

Dec 21, June 1

STUDENT UNION SCHEDULE		
TIME	MIN.	BLOCK
<i>Warning Bell – 8:25 am</i>		
8:30 – 9:47	77	<b>Block 1</b>
9:47 – 9:53	6	Break
9:53 – 11:09	76	<b>Block 2</b>
<b>Lunch – 11:09 – 12:24</b> <i>Warning Bell 12:24</i>		
12:29 – 1:45	76	<b>Block 3</b>
1:45 – 1:51	6	Break
1:51 – 3:07	76	<b>Block 4</b>

**TCT DAYS:** Sept 28, Oct 26,

Nov 30, Dec 14, Feb 22, March

22, April 26, May 31

TCT SCHEDULE		
TIME	MIN.	BLOCK
<i>Warning Bell – 8:25 am</i>		
8:30 – 10:00	1 hour 30 min	TCT
10:00 – 10:06	6	Warning Bell
10:06 – 11:09	63	<b>Block 1</b>
11:09 – 11:15	6	Break
11:15 – 12:17	62	<b>Block 2</b>
<b>Lunch – 12:17 – 12:52</b> <i>Warning Bell 12:52</i>		
12:57 – 1:59	62	<b>Block 3</b>
1:59 – 2:05	6	Break
2:05 – 3:07	62	<b>Block 4</b>

**EXAM DAYS:** January 18-27 and June 15-27

EXAM SCHEDULE		
TIME	MIN.	BLOCK
<i>Warning Bell – 8:25 am</i>		
8:30 – 3:07		EXAMS

**Outreach:**

Student no longer able to be successful at pace of regular class.

Needs access to teacher support on a consistent basis.

Good reader and writer.

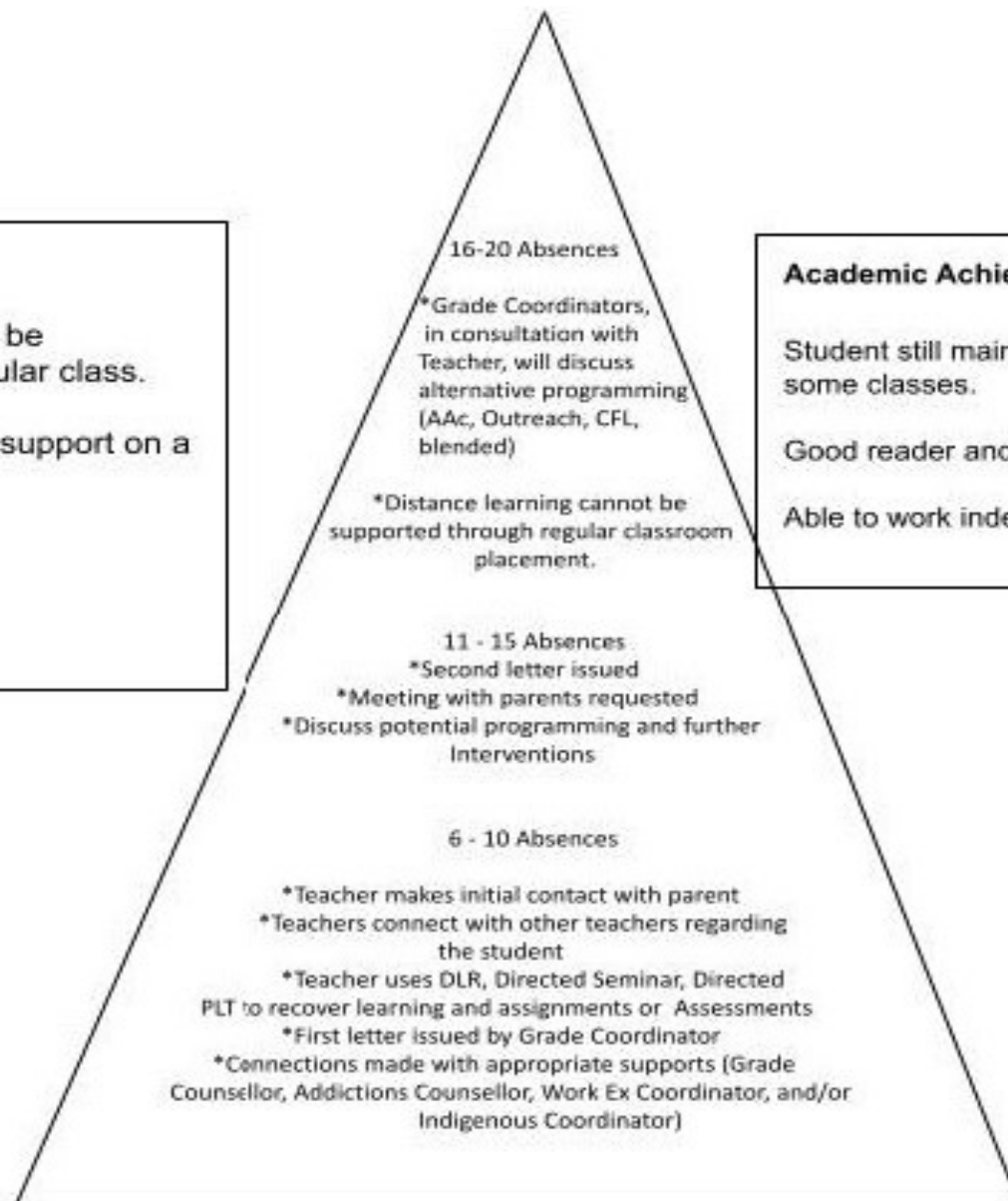
30-level students

**Academic Achievement Center:**

Student still maintaining success in some classes.

Good reader and writer.

Able to work independently.





**GRAD 2023 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**  
**JUNE 10, 2022 @ 1:00 pm**  
**Edmonton Expo Centre**

While this year's Future Grads were Grade 11 students, information went out regarding the three local high schools in this area--MCHS, SPACH and SGCHS--choosing to focus on Commencement Ceremonies which do not include a dinner and dance as our Grad Celebration.

Over the last several years, more and more families have chosen to participate in the Ceremony-only 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.



We are pleased a parent group has been established to organize an optional event for Grads and their families outside of the Commencement Ceremonies of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you are interested in joining this organizational group or just want further information, please contact Brenda Cryer at [sgchsparentrungrad@gmail.com](mailto:sgchsparentrungrad@gmail.com) or you can reach out via this Facebook page, [SGCHS Parent Grad Committee Class 2023](#). It will be quite an undertaking and much assistance will be needed.



## **PPANTHER AUXILIARY INFORMATION**

Panthers Auxiliary is a parent-run society which supports SGCHS sports teams and other student activities through fundraising. We are currently looking for new parent volunteers for the coming year.

If you are interested, please let us know; our next meeting is scheduled for Sept 23rd at the school. You can also email me, [john.tucker@nerglobal.com](mailto:john.tucker@nerglobal.com) or Mark Rose, [mark.rose@psd.ca](mailto:mark.rose@psd.ca) for more information.

Thank you,  
John Tucker  
President Panthers Auxiliary

## Parent Input Needed for SGCHS ED PLAN

2022-2023 sees us enter year three of a three year Ed Plan.

The primary focus of the plan has been STUDENT SUCCESS.

In our first year of this three year plan, we asked parents what they believed are characteristics which make an individual successful in our society. We also asked what characteristics you thought we helped to build here at the school and which you thought we needed to focus on more. We asked you to rate us on how you thought we were doing with this.

Using data we gathered from parents, staff, students and the community as a whole, we determined the characteristics of success requiring our focus are: Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Communication. When individuals are able to do these four things well, they will achieve success. This is what we all want for our students

Over the course of our three year Education Plan, our staff has been doing professional development work on how to incorporate these four characteristics of success. The first year, primarily, we developed a common Problem Solving plan; we standardized common language for when we break tasks down and model how to use the strategies to solve problems in all subject areas. We began to explore the 3Cs (Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Communication). Last year, we continued to develop lessons and best practices for these Characteristics of Success in all classes so that students could begin to utilize them as they saw them modelled across all curricula.

This year will see staff continuing to model effective Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Communication while assisting our students to internalize these same characteristics to achieve success.

We need your input to help set our priorities for the year. Since some of you have been with us as we have worked through this plan, there are slightly different questions we have for you. If your student is in Grade 10 or is new to our building this year, please complete the [New or Grade 10 Parent Survey](#). If your student was with us last year, please complete the [Grade 11/12 Parent Survey](#).

# **A Message from Division Office**

## **COVID-aware Message**

SGCHS and Parkland School Division are excited that the World is Opening Back Up. 2022-2023 should finally start to feel like what a school year is supposed to feel like. While the pandemic is officially over, our new reality is that COVID-19 is here to stay.

With that being said, there are many measures that were previously implemented that just make sense to continue. Above all, we encourage anyone who is feeling ill to stay home from school. If you are exhibiting any of the key symptoms known for COVID-19, we encourage you to access one of the many test kits that are also available at the school. Meanwhile, PSD will continue the following:

- Hand sanitizer will still be readily available at all schools,
- Students will continue to be reminded of the importance of thorough hand-washing hygiene,
- School staff will ensure that appropriate cleaning of high touch areas will continue,
- The frequency at which air filters are changed in PSD has also been increased and air handling/ventilation equipment in all schools has been adjusted to maximize the number of air exchanges within the schools. All schools will operate filtration systems that meet or exceed the Minimum Efficiency Reporting Values (MERV) 13 air filtration rate, and
- Where practical, entrances and exits can be used to efficiently reduce crowding during high traffic times of the day.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. We look forward to a healthy and happy school year.

JOIN THE  
**YOUTH  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE!**

**\$500 BURSARY**  
AVAILABLE!



Attention Spruce Grove youth: if you are between 12-18 years of age, don't miss this opportunity! **Apply for a position on the new Youth Advisory Committee** to help coordinate and support youth initiatives, offer a youth lens for City youth-oriented programs and services, and provide recommendations to Council on matters that directly impact youth. Not only will this be an impressive addition to your resume, but a \$500 bursary is available! For full details or to apply, visit [www.sprucegrove.org/boards](http://www.sprucegrove.org/boards). **The application deadline is September 23.**

**Check out the  
VTRA: Fair Notice  
Process for PSD  
on the Division  
Website [here](#).**







**CANADIAN  
PARENTS  
FOR FRENCH**

 <p><b>CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH</b> <b>YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b> IS RECRUITING THE NEXT YOUNG LEADERS OR LEADERS IN TRAINING!</p> <p>The Youth Engagement Committee is a group that helps foster an advocative conversation between CPF and French speaking students. CPF seeks to improve our programs continuously and we want to ensure that the voices of French speaking students across the country are being heard. The YEC is a unique forum for dialogue to increase engagement within our community.</p> <p>To join the YEC you need to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between the ages of 16 to 25 (students under the age of 18 will require parental consent)</li> <li>• Passionate about French and French education</li> <li>• An innovative and ambitious leader or leader-in-training</li> <li>• Able to hold a position for 1 - 2 years</li> </ul> <p>Scan to apply!</p>  <p><b>CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH</b> ALBERTA</p> <p>AB.CPF.CA</p>	 <p><b>BECOME A LEADER IN FRENCH!</b></p> <p>Join us for some fun in the mountains! This family-friendly event includes a parent session, programming in French for kids, Monitor-in-training leadership course, bi-lingual entertainment and many family activities throughout. (subsidized costs for members)</p> <p>To be held October 21-23 in Canmore!</p>
<p><b>WHO ARE WE?</b></p>	<p><b>CPF Alberta</b> <b>Promoting &amp; Supporting French</b> Furthering bilingualism by promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn and use French.</p>

Please contact CPF Parkland President, Marie Marsh with any questions at [cpfparkland@gmail.com](mailto:cpfparkland@gmail.com) or find us on facebook for more info and events. <https://www.facebook.com/cpfparkland>