

September 5, 2023

Important Dates

September 5 – First day for Grade 10s only

September 6 – First day for Grade 11s in the AM and Grade 12s in the PM

September 7 – First full day of classes and Grade 12 Assembly during Seminar

September 8 – Grade 11 Assembly during Seminar

September 14 – Grade 12 Grad/Post-Secondary Info Night

September 25 – New Student/Parent Info Night

September 27 – TCT – Classes begin @ 10:06 am

September 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day

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Welcome

We are in the 2023-2024 school year!

We have some staff members that are returning to our school this year as well as new staff members. So welcome back to Ms. Pam Arnason—Science, Mx. Catherine deBeaudrap—Social Studies, Ms. JoAnne Denis—Student Services, Ms. Kate Hallson—Social Studies, Mr. Alex Hughes Thomson—Science, and Mr. Neil Lindstrom—CTS. And a welcome to Ms. Aileen Peterson—Gr 10 Coordinator, Mr. Warren Moody—Gr 11 Coordinator, Mme Roberta Lux—Main Office, Ms. Faith Purse—Main Office, Mr. Keith Early—Student Services, Mrs. Rilla Granley—English and Social Studies, Mrs. Jenna Hackett—English, Ms. Kathy Klemp—Student Services and Mme H el ene Prud'homme—MLFA. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our staff members, both returning and new, as we work together to make this academic year a truly remarkable one.

On Thursday, September 14th we will be hosting a Grade 12 Grad Information Evening for our 2024 Grads and their parents/guardians.

For our new students and parents, we have organized an informative evening on Monday, September 25th. This event aims to introduce you to Spruce Grove Composite High School and the resources available to support your academic journey. We understand that starting at a new school can be an exciting yet challenging experience, and we are here to make this transition as seamless as possible.

As you read through this newsletter, you will learn 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.

The School Council is a way for you to become informed and consult on matters relating to SGCHS. Your participation is valued and important to the education of your child. All SGCHS parents and guardians are welcome to attend. We are needing a chair, vice chair and a secretary. Please await further information on where and when these meetings will be held.

Reminder: Please don't text your student during class time.

Cell phones can be a distraction and a disruption to classroom learning. We know back to school is hard and you miss them, but we need out student's full attention during classes. If you have an emergent issue, please call the main office, 780-962-0800.

Important Contacts

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Division Website	http://www.psd.ca/

SEMINAR: Self-directed learning time occurs Monday-Friday from 2:27 until 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.

TCT (Teacher Collaborative Time): Eight times throughout the year, classes will not start until 10:06 am. This is time for teachers to meet and collaborate on department goals. The school is still open for those who need to come. Attending students are assigned to supervised and designated grade level areas.

DLR (Directed Learning Room): The Directed Learning Room is supervised by Administration from 3:15 pm until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the library. 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 from 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.



SGCHS BELL SCHEDULE
2023-2024
REGULAR DAYS

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

STUDENT UNION DAYS:

Dec 21, June 5

TCT DAYS: Sept 27, Oct 25,
Nov 29, Dec 20, Feb 28, March
20, April 24, May 29

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

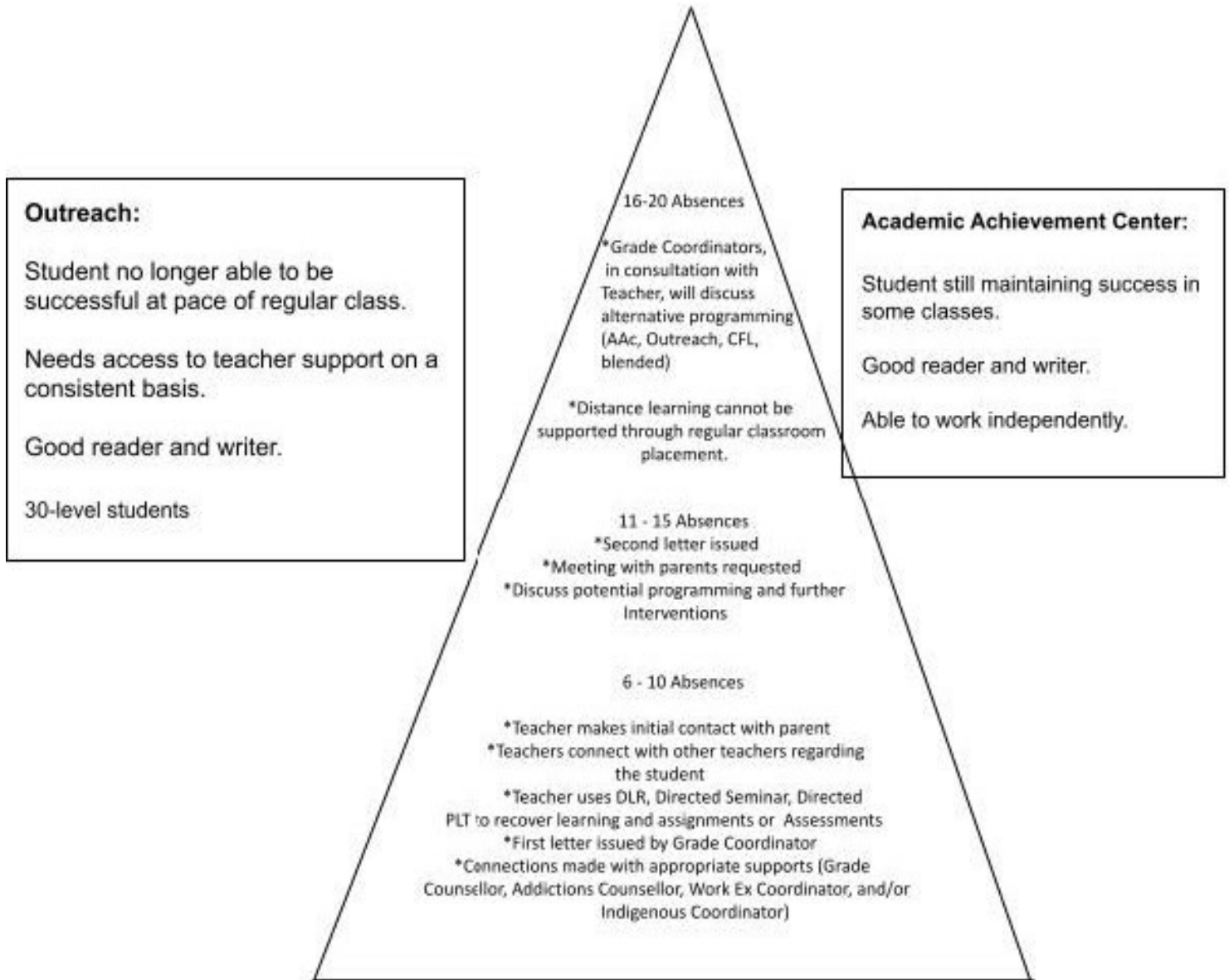
TCT SCHEDULE		
TIME	MIN.	BLOCK
<i>Warning Bell – 8:25 am</i>		
8:30 – 10:00	1 hour 30 min	TCT
10:00 – 10:06	6	Warning Bell
10:06 – 11:09	63	Block 1
11:09 – 11:15	6	Break
11:15 – 12:17	62	Block 2
<i>Lunch – 12:17 – 12:52</i> <i>Warning Bell 12:52</i>		
12:57 – 1:59	62	Block 3
1:59 – 2:05	6	Break
2:05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

EXAM DAYS: January 19-30 and June 14-27

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

Attendance Pyramid

Student absences and lates combined with a failure to keep up with the work does not result in successful learning. As such, SGCHS utilizes the following Attendance Pyramid to ensure the best opportunity for success.



Students who arrive to class/school 30 minutes or more after the bell will be marked absent. However, it is expected that students will be in class to avoid falling behind in their studies. The students who arrive late to class are required to attend the scheduled class for the remainder of the block. Only students who are arriving late for class because of an appointment with an administrator/counselor will be provided with an admittance slip.

Note: Where required SGCHS will report attendance to outside agencies i.e.: Probation Officer, Social Services, Child Welfare, Student Finance, Provincial Attendance Board, etc.