

September 6,
2024

Important Dates

September 9 – Grade 11
Assembly during Seminar

September 10 – Grade 12
Assembly during Seminar

September 10 – Lifetouch
Catchup Photos in the Cafeteria

September 17 – School Council
in SGCHS Conference Room
@7:00pm

September 18 – Grade 12 Grad
Info Night at Horizon Stage @
7:00pm

September 19 – SU Food Truck
Day (Extended Lunch)

September 20 – PD Day (No
School)

September 25 – TCT – Classes
begin @ 10:06 am

September 30 – Truth and
Reconciliation Day (School
Closed)

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*Home of the
Panthers!*

Welcome to the 2024-2025 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. Shannon Dorward—Educational Assistant, Ms. Kristen Strickland—Lab Tech, and Mr. Ryan Wright—PE/Wellness. And a welcome to Ms. Adrienne Owen—Gr 10 Coordinator, Ms. Kristie Steinke—Main Office, Ms. Sharla Nuijens—Gr 11 Counsellor, Mme Shannon Waterman—Mathematics, Ms. Jena Cheng—Mathematics, Mr. Bill Sykes—Mathematics/Science, Ms. Arlee Oprechuk—Social Studies, Ms. Kyla Borchert—Social Studies, Ms. Rebecca Forbes—Music/English, Mme Janelle Inglis—FLA/Etudes, Ms. Devon McLeay—FSL/Social Studies/CTS, Ms. Autumn Henschel—Library Tech, Mrs. Laurisa Bartley—AAC Coordinator. 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.

As many of you are also new to SGCHS, we 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 and leave a voicemail. You can also email our dedicated email address sgchs.absence@psd.ca at any hour.

On Wednesday, September 18th we will be hosting a Grade 12 Grad Information Evening for our 2025 Grads and their parents/guardians at Horizon Stage.

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. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 7:00 pm in the SGCHS conference room.

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Important Contacts

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SGCHS Website <http://sgchs.psd.ca/>

PSD 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 as these are instructional minutes within the school day.

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 to support their learning and success in school. Students may be completing missing assignments, exams, or making up instructional time for unexcused absences or lates.

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.

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ATTENDANCE STAGES OF SUPPORT

STAGE 1

Teachers identify attendance concerns that may begin to impact student success.
Communication occurs with staff, student, family, and Grade Coordinator / Counsellor.
Interventions may include student Seminar and DLR.
Grade Coordinator issues "Attendance Letter 1" at 6+ absences

STAGE 2

Grade Coordinator requests meeting with family.
Discussion of alternative educational programming and development of support plan.
Grade Coordinator issues "Attendance Letter 2" at 11+ absences.

STAGE 3

Significant gaps in learning - ability to earn credit in question.
Grade Coordinator consults with family on alternative programming with
Connections for Learning or Academic Achievement Center.
Grade Coordinator issues "Attendance Letter 3" at 16+ absences

CONNECTIONS FOR LEARNING

Student is removed from the course.
Low attendance rates inhibit student learning -
success is best facilitated through distance
learning program.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTRE

Student is removed from the course.
Students possess strong independent reading and
writing skills and will be successful recovering credits
through AAC.

YOUR GRAD ORDER DAYS ARE:



**Monday and Tuesday
September 16 & 17
at lunch
in the student lounge**



**GRADUATES, DON'T MISS OUT
THIS IS YOUR YEAR!**



**DON'T FORGET YOUR
GRAD JACKET OR HOODIE**



**QUESTIONS ABOUT PAYMENT PLANS OR ORDERING?
EMAIL ANGELA.MOORE@JOSTENS.COM
PHONE 1-844-750-9050**

School Council
Tues. Sept. 17 @ 7:00

Grad AGM
Tues. Sept. 17 @ 6:30

GET INVOLVED