

October 23, 2024

Important Dates

October 30 – Lifetouch Photo Retakes (Cafeteria)

October 30 – TCT Day – Classes begin @10:06am

October 31 – Halloween

November 7 – Fall Awards @7:00

November 8 – PD Day (No School)

November 11 – Remembrance Day

November 11-15 – Fall Break (School Closed)

November 18-22 – Bullying Awareness Week

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Home of the Panthers!

Greetings, All.

The 2024-2025 School Year kicked off with a Grade 12 Info Night, where students and their parents/guardians received valuable information about Graduation and the options available after high school. Life after High School was explored further on September 18 at the Post-Secondary Event held at the Tri Leisure Centre. This event brought together colleges, universities, and representatives from various career pathways. It featured informative opportunities for students to connect with institutions and programs that align with their future aspirations.

Additionally, we held our first SGCHS School Council meeting in September, where a new Chair and Vice Chair were selected. We are still looking for an individual who would be interested in taking on the role of Secretary. All parents/guardians are important members of SGCHS's School Council and are encouraged to actively engage in providing feedback and support to the school community, either by attending meetings, participating in surveys, or directly sharing their insights. More information on the SGCHS School Council can be found on our website [here](#).

September concluded with the observance of Truth and Reconciliation. Both staff and students took part in various Orange Shirt Day learning opportunities to promote understanding and awareness of Indigenous history and experiences.

There was so much excitement in October for our SGCHS community. The school hosted two major Volleyball tournaments, starting with the Dave Pysyk International Tourney which happened on October 11 and 12 for our Senior Teams, featuring teams from across Canada. Following that, the Junior Varsity (JV) Tournament on October 18 and 19. These events brought energy and competition to the school community. We are proud of all of our student athletes, coaches and families for their dedication and hard work this season.

On the artistic front, Ms. G's Musical Theatre Class is deeply involved in rehearsals for their upcoming production of Moana. This is a substantial production with the participation of roughly 80 students. In addition to the main performances, they will be offering matinee shows for feeder schools. Keep an eye out for ticket sales for the evening performances scheduled for December. Our bands and Drumline are also off to a great start, and our walls are beginning to fill with incredible student art.

Our SGCHS students are engaged in interesting learning experiences, whether in class or off campus. The English 30 students took in a fabulous production of "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the Citadel, our Biology 20 students took part in an outdoor field experience at South Cooking Lake, and we have a number of students heading to the Career Fair at WEM later this month. Students at SGCHS are also participating in the RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program), Building Futures are a variety of work experience opportunities. Our staff are working diligently to help students succeed and grow in all aspects of their educational journey, and our students are rising to the challenge!

We would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude for the continuous support and engagement of the school community throughout the year. The support and involvement of parents, guardians, and students play a crucial role in enhancing the school experience for everyone involved.

Important Contacts

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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.

Please click [October 2024 Stronger Together Newsletter.pdf](#) for the October PSD Stronger Together Newsletter.

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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.

From the Student Services Office

September has flown by with students settling nicely into routine and activities around here.

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POST SECONDARY VISITS

One of our main goals in Student Services is to give opportunities for our students to see what is out there after high school. We have many colleges/universities coming for visits in the next month so please take note and use this resource!

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POST SECONDARY VISITS CON'T

- Oct 3- Kings University- booth in lounge/1-1 during block 3
- Oct 8- U of A presentation in Horizon Stage during lunch
- Concordia University- booth in lounge/1-1 during block 3
- Oct 17- MacEwan- booth in lounge/1-1 during block 3

Sign up in Student Services for these 15 min appointments!



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FALL AWARDS

We always look forward to our Fall Awards ceremony where we get to celebrate the achievements of our students. If you are a business owner and would like to contribute or sponsor a scholarship/award for any of our students, please contact us. We love community partners!

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MAZY DAYS

Last Friday of every month, we get to host a wellness dog in Student Services. Mazy always has a great time visiting with our students. Here are some recent photos:



Food Security

In keeping with Parkland School Division's commitment to student success and well-being, we are once again working to promote healthy eating and create a positive food environment for all students. We would like to acknowledge the President's Choice Children's Charity *Power Full Kids* program in providing support for food security at SGCHS for the 2024-25 school year.



get up-to-date info by following us on IG (sgchs_student_services)

Senior Volleyball Teams



Junior Volleyball Teams



PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION

Celebrating literacy and our dedicated library staff.

Canadian School Library Day | October 21