

Spruce Grove Composite High School

Parent Panther Press

September 5, 2025

Good day SGCHS parents and guardians and welcome to the 2025-26 school year!

I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. Although we may already be missing the long, less scheduled days of summer break, I think I can speak for many of you in saying that we are also quite pleased with the restoration of the familiar routines and rhythms of the start of another school year. This is the first Panther Parent Press message you are receiving and its purpose is to share timely information about SGCHS and its community as we progress through the year. You can expect to receive this message on Fridays, on a bi-weekly basis. Some weeks this message may be quite extensive, others perhaps not; however, with each message I will do my best to draw attention to the great learning and experiences that happen here at SGCHS as well as to provide you with a heads up on what is coming for your student or for you as a parent.

The year has started extremely positively for our students, especially for our Grade 10s. They had an exceptional first day, with the building all to themselves, on Wednesday. With a morning filled with structured, group activities that encouraged acclimatization to high school and to their new environment, a pizza lunch (a bit delayed for some, but pizza nonetheless) and an afternoon run through of their regular timetable. Thank you to all staff for their organization and involvement and especially to our Grade 12 crew of experienced Panthers for their leadership, guidance and support with our 10s.

If you've driven by SGCHS over the last number of weeks, you will have noticed new fencing, new signs and new machines visible in the field to our east. Hooray! Yes, construction has started on SGCHS's replacement school. PSD and SGCHS are excited to be working with Graham Construction through this important project that will see a much improved and modernized learning environment for our future SGCHS students, staff and community. With construction comes a busier overall site and property; please be cognizant of all signage and work that is happening and encourage your students to be aware as well. Just as in the past, I encourage parents/guardians who are picking up and dropping off students during the busy morning or afternoon rush to utilize areas close to but not on our site, such as the Aspenglen parking lot, St. Andrew's Church parking lot or the south alleyway. By doing so, you avoid the busy and delayed rush of traffic and your student enjoys the benefit of fresh air and a walk before or after school.

Lastly, thank you for your patience and understanding as grade coordinators and counselors process the many timetable change requests that accompany the start of a new school year. The Timetable Change Request form is closed as of today at 4 p.m. Requests will continue to be completed early next week, with the vast majority of timetables fully set by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Note that following each Principal's message will include additional information and upcoming dates. Do scroll down for further information.

Thank you and enjoy your weekend weather!

Cam Robertson
Principal
SGCHS

SGCHS School Council

SGCHS School Council's first meeting of the school year will take place on Tuesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in our Library/Learning Commons. All interested parents and guardians are encouraged and invited to attend.

Panther Athletics:

High School Athletic teams and individual sports are excellent opportunities for students to be involved in their school and with their peers in an extracurricular fashion, with some sports emphasizing high performance and others reflecting access for all skills and abilities. Panther Football and Volleyball is in full 'go mode' with our football team having their first regular season game at Jasper Place tonight, Friday, September 5, and Volleyball tryouts concluding today. Additionally, interested student golfers and runners attended an opening meeting today at lunch. If your student happened to have missed out on one of these meetings but would like to try out for the Panther Golf Team or join the Cross Country Running Team, they should see our Athletic Director, Rhonda Lang, for more information Monday morning.

Drumline & Theatre Arts:

Students interested in our Drumline and Theatre Arts after school programs are encouraged to attend information meetings next week. See dates below. Like athletics, these are excellent opportunities for students to build strong connections with students in a common area of interest and fine arts performance. Additionally, both programs facilitate the earning of credits outside of their regular timetable in curricular areas that open post-secondary doors and opportunities.

Grad 2026:

A SGCHS Grad 2026 Information Night will be held on Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. in our Large Gym. This is an important evening for all parents and guardians of Grade 12 students and includes information important to students in their final year of high school, including information related to graduation requirements, commencement, tracking graduation progress through grad lists, post-secondary planning, scholarships and bursaries, My Pass and more. Our Grade 12 Coordinator and Assistant Principal, Aileen Peterson, and Counselor, Sharla Nuijens, will lead this presentation. If you are a parent or guardian of a Grade 12 student, please plan to attend. Your student, although they will have been exposed to much of this information, is welcome to, and should, attend alongside you if they are able.

Additionally, a Parent-Run Grad 2026 Meeting will be held in our library on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. As Parent-Run Grad is separate from SGCHS oversight and involvement and independently organized by parents as one celebratory option for graduating SGCHS students to participate in, it is important that interested parents and guardians attend and be aware of how to connect to this organizational group.

School Start Up Information:

For those of you who may have missed this earlier communication or did not yet have a student enrolled, here is a link to the School Start Up Information that was shared within the last few weeks.

Parking and Dropoff:

A reminder that our student parking lot is only open to Grade 11 and 12 students. Students will receive their parking pass only after, first, registering their vehicle via this [Parking Registration Form](#) found on our website, and then reporting to the main office with their SGCHS Picture ID card. Possession of a parking pass does NOT guarantee a parking spot is available; it simply ensures eligibility for any grade 11 or 12 student wishing to park on site when parking spots are available. Any vehicles not displaying a parking pass, not registered, and/or parked illegally, may be towed and/or banned from the student parking lot.