

Spruce Grove Composite High School

Parent Panther Press

October 3, 2025

Good afternoon SGCHS Parents/Guardians:

Canada's fifth National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was on Tuesday. I hope all of you were able to take a few moments to pause and reflect on the legacy of residential schools on Canada's Indigenous Peoples. Our students and staff were able to do so as they closed off the week last week, both through our Grade 10 Social Studies students coming together to view the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's *The Gifts We Carry* and through the school-wide wearing of orange on Friday. Thank you to all of our students for their thoughtful participation.

Yesterday, October 2, was Custodian Appreciation Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our excellent custodial team of Allison Strap, Allan Amarante, Sarah Bernadez, Marife Ogario and Ann Marie Rodriguez. Each is an integral part of the custodial team itself and also our school community! They truly do go the extra mile to ensure a clean, safe environment for staff, students and community members. If ever you have the opportunity to chat with one of these individuals, perhaps during an after school event or activity, please take a moment to thank them for the work they do.

Welcome to two new staff members over the last couple of weeks. Lesley Lindsay, as Educational Assistant, and Adam Bannister, as teacher, have recently joined our LAWS team and have been given an excellent Panther welcome by students and staff.

Lastly, with the likelihood of labour action beginning on Monday, October 6, SGCHS will be closed to students until further notice. All future communication during this likely labour disruption will come from Parkland School Division based channels. Please be attentive to past and future PSD communication for guidance over the coming days.

Enjoy this fall weather and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Cam Robertson
Principal, SGCHS

Student Services

The evening of Thursday, September 25 was very busy during the ELAA Post-Secondary Fair at the TLC. Thank you for coming with your student to connect with post-secondary representatives and engage in future-oriented conversations with your student.

Previously scheduled post-secondary presentations and “Lunch & Learns” are in the process of being rescheduled in light of the likelihood of next week’s labour disruption. Students are encouraged to access individual post-secondary institution websites in order to ensure awareness of valuable Open House dates. Attendance at these post-secondary events are very valuable as prospective students gain access to program-specific information and representatives and gain better insight into campus life.

School Council

The next SGCHS School Council Meeting is currently scheduled for October 21 at 7pm. Be aware, however, that this event may be canceled depending on the length of the likely labour disruption. School Council is looking for input regarding the types of information sessions you as parents/guardians would be interested in attending as the year progresses. Please contact the SGCHS School Council Chair, Kalena Feist, at sgchs.scchair@partner.psd.ca with any ideas, thoughts or questions on this or other school council related topics.

Grad 2026

The first Grad List of the 2025-26 school year has been posted. A reminder to all Grade 12 parents and guardians that updated grad lists are posted at intervals throughout the school year for student viewing. Be attentive to specific Grad List/Progress communication from our Grade 12 Coordinator, Aileen Peterson, and Grade 12 Counselor, Sharla Nuijens as we progress through the school year.

School Fees

For any students registered in SGCHS curricular programs, enrichment programs or extracurricular events or services with associated fees, PSD will be evaluating the impact on the program/event, its service levels and the overall cost to see if an adjustment in the fee is warranted **once the likely labour disruption concludes**.

SGCHS Social Media Accounts:

There is always lots happening in a large high school. Follow our main social media accounts to stay on top of it all:

SGCHS Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SpruceGroveCompositeHighSchool/>

Student Services Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/sgchs_student_services/

Panther Athletics Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/sgchsathletics/>

Panther Pride (Student Union) Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/sgchspantherpride/>