



"I'm ready for outdoor supervision on the coldest days we've seen in a long...long... time!!"



Important Dates:

Monday, February 3-5—Francofete and Book Fair

Thursday & Friday, February 6 & 7—Teacher's Convention—no students attend

Tuesday, February 4—Fr Immersion Kindergarten Open House in the Library

6-7:00pm

Wednesday, February 12—Eng Kindergarten Open House in the library 6-7:00pm/
Snow Club 2:45-7:30pm

Monday, February 17—Family Day—No students attend school

Tuesday, February 18—Spruce Grove Comp. Transition Mtg with Gr 9 FI Students
8:45-10:15am

Wednesday, February 19—Snow Club 2:45-7:30pm

Did you miss the deadline to order popcorn and juice for the Francofete movie on February 5th? No problem! There will be some extra popcorn and juice being sold in the gym right before the film for 3\$.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Please open hyperlink to access our Public Calendar of events:

<http://meridianheights.psd70.ab.ca/Events.php>

If you are not yet on the parent portal and or if there are any demographic changes to your profile please also ensure that you edit your information.





Greetings Grade Nine Students and Parents, Future SGCHS Panthers!

WE ARE COMING!

Yes, your Grade Coordinator/Counselor Team of Mrs. Nielsen and Mrs. Mennie will be visiting Gr 9 Students this month. During their visit, they want to familiarize you with both Core and Elective Courses.

What's the difference between these two types of classes? The easy answer is that Core courses are classes in the four main curricula—Mathematics, Language Arts (called English in High School)/ French Language Arts, Social Studies/Etudes Sociales and Science. Elective Courses are all the other programs available in High School including Career Technology Studies (CTS), Fine Arts, Modern Languages, Physical Education, Registered Apprenticeship Program, Social Sciences, Work Experience.

It is the correct balance of these two types of courses which will lead you to a High School Diploma, Post-Secondary Acceptance and/or the World of Work.

As a High School, our primary focus, of course, is to assist you in receiving your High School Diploma. There are very specific requirements needed to make this happen. This includes a total of 100 credits; English at the 10, 20 and 30 level; Social/Etudes Sociales at the 10, 20 and 30 level; Mathematics at the 10 and 20 level; Science at the 10 and 20 level; Physical Education at the 10 level; Career and Life Management (CALM); a minimum of 10 credits from elective courses; and 10 credits at the 30 level other than English or Social.

Of course, your Grade Coordinator/Counselor Team can help you to ensure you select classes to support both your Career and Post-Secondary aspirations, as well as your areas of interest.

Many of our students, for instance, take an introductory level of Cosmetology (hair and skin care), Construction, Foods and/or Mechanics and Fabrication (welding) because they want to learn the basics but they are not interested in a career in these areas. Others find, through taking these classes, they are on a path for the rest of their lives.

It's a great idea for you to come check out all we have to offer during our OPEN HOUSE on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020 from 6:30 pm through 8:00 pm. Our teachers will be on hand to speak to you about our various Departments, Programs and Opportunities. On March 19, we will have a First Time High School Parent Only Meeting here at The Comp at 7:00.

Thanks, again, to your school for allowing us some space in your newsletter. We appreciate the opportunity to reach out to you before you join us as grade 10s in the Fall of 2020.

Sincerely,



Ms. Cheryl Otto

Principal

Spruce Grove Composite High School

OPEN HOUSE @ SGCHS FEB 27/20
WE VISIT YOUR SCHOOL ON FEB 18/20
1ST TIME HS PARENT MTG ON MARCH 19/20



A message from Memorial Composite High School for our Grade 9 Students and Parents

We will be hosting an evening event for **“First Time Parents”** on **Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm** at Memorial Composite High School. This evening is meant for parents seeing their first child through high school. This will provide an opportunity for parents to become familiar with the school and meet the school administration and counsellors. Students do not need to attend the First-Time Parents meeting.

The **MCHS Open House** evening will be held at Memorial Composite High School on **Thursday, March 5, 2020 starting at 6:00pm**. Open House will start with a welcoming address in the large gym. All Grade 9 students are encouraged to attend the Open House evening with their parents in order to make their final course selections for Grade 10.

HELPING CHILDREN WITH LOSS & GRIEF

<https://www.smores.com/2zbyg-helping-children-with-loss-grief?ref=email-content#w-5487301639>

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SOCIAL



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LEARNING

Online Registration/Verification for 2020-2021

Online registration and verification for the 2020-2021 school year will open February 3! This process must be completed for every student each school year. Please check your email beginning February 3, 2020 for a message from “Power School Registration”. <noreply@noreply.psr.support.com> and follow the instructions in that email to complete the registration process.

All parents and guardians are required to complete the registration process by 4:30pm on March 20, 2020. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating. Any applications received after the March 20 deadline may not be processed in time for the first day of school.

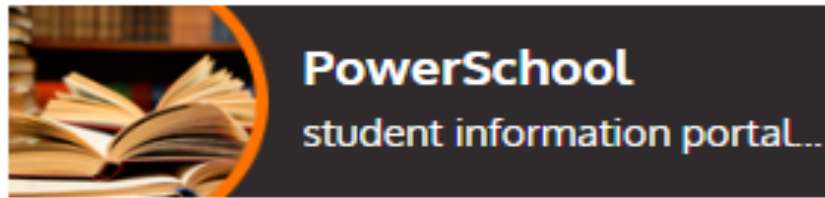
Payment arrangements for bus passes must be received through Parkland School Division’s online payment system (Rycor) or at the Parkland School Division Centre for Education on or before Friday, June 26, 2020 for students to be eligible to ride the bus the first day of school. Remember, if your child does not have a valid bus pass for the 2020-2021 school year, they will not be able to ride the bus.

For more information, including the registration process for new students and a list of important dates and deadlines, please visit <https://www.psd70.ab.ca/Registration.php>.



Parents please ensure that your children know if they are taking the bus or being picked-up after school so that end of day phone calls are not resulting in your children missing their bus. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PowerSchool



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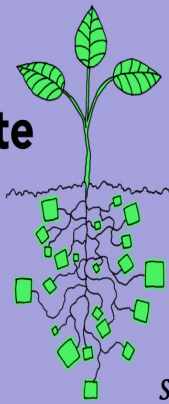
To set-up a new account, please go to our school website using a web browser, click on PowerSchool, create account and again create again.

This will allow you to pay your fees, access your child's Report Card and make changes to your personal information as needed.

Overdue accounts will go to collections.



Why do plants hate math?



Because it gives them *square* roots.



The Accountability Pillar is Underway

As you may be aware, schools across Alberta are in the process of implementing the Accountability Pillar Survey. If you are a parent of a student in grade 4 or 10, you will have received a copy of this survey to complete as well. We appreciate you trying to make the time to complete this survey. The data gathered supports us in many ways, including the development of our School Education Plan.

This year at Ecole Meridian Heights School, students in grade 4-9 will be completing this survey. We value the input of our students and are working to give them this opportunity to share their thoughts about our school. You can learn more about the Accountability Pillar Survey on [the Alberta Education website](#). If you have any questions about your child's participation in this survey, please do not hesitate contact Mr. Patras at the school.

FRENCH CORNER

1) CPF Alberta has a French Family Fun Weekend in Jasper February 28-March 1.

<https://ab.cpf.ca/french-family-fun-weekends/>

Our French Family Fun weekend in Jasper is coming up on February 28-March 1. This is an amazing weekend full of fun, meeting new friends and providing your children with opportunities to utilize their French language skills outside of the classroom. This year's parent speaker is Sarah Federation, a French immersion consultant for Edmonton Catholic Schools. The parent workshop session will focus on various ways that parents can support their children through the French immersion program by providing tips, strategies and resources. Please note that parents are not required to speak French. We hope to see you in beautiful Jasper!

2) CPF Alberta Casino Fundraiser.

This is an opportunity to travel to Calgary and raise funds for CPF.

Link is below

<https://ab.cpf.ca/blog/whats-new/casino-2020>

3) CPF PARKLAND Chapter meeting

March 3, 2020 at Meridian Heights. 6:30-8:00 pm.

Children welcome! More details to come on the École Meridian Heights Facebook page.

Want more info? Contact CPF Parkland Meridian Heights Liaison Marie Marsh at mtmarsh@outlook.com

Thanks so much.



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Fundraisers

PLAY TIME



MERIDIAN HEIGHTS
FAMILY GAMES NIGHT
2019-2020

A time to make relationships as we play and share stories.

Please bring your family's favourite game to
The Stony Plain Public Library
4613 52 Ave, Stony Plain

Thursday February 13th, 2020
Thursday April 2nd, 2020

6:00-7:30 pm

Your whole family is welcome.

Info: Sonia Houle or Tracey Cloutier

The French Tradition of the "Galette des Rois"

Students in Room 4Le discovered the tradition of the "Galette des rois", celebrated throughout France every year, on January 6th. They learned about the tradition and had the opportunity to enjoy a piece of this delicious almond cake together. Who found the "feve" in the cake? Our lucky Euan! He was crowned King for the day!

