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Spring Break: Japan Trip

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Memorial Parents & Guardians,

Happy Spring!

I hope you all had a wonderful spring break. It's a little gloomy out there today but the nice weather should be just around the corner. :)

It's also the time of year when we are deep into planning for next year. At this point in time parents should have tended to two important tasks.

• Completed 2024-25 online registration for next school year OR advised MCHS if your child will not be attending next year. (Parents of graduates, you are finally off the hook on this one!)

Had conversation with your student and completed course selections for next year online. That is new this year! Parents and students can sit together and complete course selections together. It is a great opportunity for conversations about life in the future.

THE BIKEATHON!! It is one of Memorial's premiere events each year. What a huge success!! We had more riders and more money raised for the Alberta Cancer Foundation again this year. The final total raised was over \$50 000!! Way to go Memorial!! While an event like this takes a team to pull off, gratitude goes out to Mrs. Thomas, Miss McGonigal, and Mrs. Richardson for taking the lead on this fantastic experience.

We welcomed back four international trips following spring break. It is great to see the world truly opening up for students. Groups went to Spain and Portugal, Japan, Germany and Austria, and Disneyland. What an experience! Thank you to the many teacher chaperones who gave up their spring breaks to supervise!

We are at about the halfway point of the semester. Check in with your kids regularly. PowerSchool is a parent's best source of information. With some effort, communication (if needed) and optimism, we can all get to the end of the school year successfully.

Ms. Jensen, Principal



MCHS General Information

APRIL KEY DATES

01 - Easter Monday - No School

02 - Sign up for Grad Performance in the Music room

04 - Badminton @ MCHS

06 - Ribbon Skirt Making Session 9am-4pm

08 - Jersey Day (Blue Jays first home game)

08 - G&G Exec Meeting 6:30 pm

09 - Belonging Assembly - Blk 2 - Guest speakers Dr. James Makokis & Anthony Johnson

10 - Course Drop Deadline

10 - Mens and Jr. Boys Handball @ MCHS 4-9pm

09 - Women's Handball @ MCHS

15- Ribbon Skirt Making Gathering Field Trip St.Peter the Apostle School

16 - Women's Handball @ MCHS 4-9pm

18 - Grad Assembly Blk 3 large gym

19 - Grad Ceremony Auditions - sign up deadline

19-21 Camp He Ho HA Climate Retreat Field trip

19 - Anime Movie Night - 3:45-9:15pm

22 - School Council - 7:00 pm

23 & 24 - MCHS to host PSD Visual Arts Celebration

25 - Rotary Pancake Breakfast

26 - Valedictorian - Deadline April 26

BELL SCHEDULE

Mondays:

Block 1 8:30 - 9:55 am

Block 2 10:00 - 11:25 am

Lunch 11:25 - 12:25 pm

Block 3 12:25 - 1:50 pm

Block 4 1:55 - 3:20 pm

Tuesdays-Fridays:

Block 1 8:30 - 9:45 am

Block 2 9:50 - 11:05 am

Lunch 11:05 - 12:05 pm

Block 3 12:05 - 1:20 pm

Block 4 1:25 - 2:40 pm

Torch Time 2:45 - 3:20 pm

MAY KEY DATES

01 - Initial Grad List Posted

01- 04 Business Class Competition Saskatoon University Field Trip0

03 - MMIWG2S Red Dress Day (May 5)

04 - Memfest - Anime Convention 11am-4pm

06 - G&G Executive Meeting - 6:30

06-09- Parkland County Athletics Badminton Championships at MCHS

06-10 - Mental Health Awareness Week

07 - Acheson Business and Trades Career Tour - High Schools

08 - Hats On For Mental Health

12 - Mother's Day

10 - Grad Speech Meeting/Applications (noon in the conference room)

10-11 - QSA Sidewalk Painting (rainout date May 24/25)

14 - Grad Ceremony Auditions - music room during the lunch hour

17 - PD Day - No Classes

20 - Victoria Day

22 - Metis Sash & Eagle Feather Teachings

- 3:30-7:30 Library

27 - LAST School Council - 7:00 - Feeder School Parents Invited

31 - Final Grad List Posted

Marauder Mania - Musical Chairs



MCHS GRADE ADMINISTRATOR & COUNSELLOR TEAMS

GRADE 10 - MR. COGHILL/ MS. COX

GRADE 11 - MS. FISK/ MS. MAZEREEUW

GRADE 12 - MS. JEWELL/ MRS. NUIJENS

Follow us on social media:











MCHS General Information

PowerSchool



This is our parents' primary way to check in on their child's marks/assignments, update contact information, and pay fees.

Sign into your account here. For a tutorial on how to use PowerSchool, please visit our websites "For Parents" tab. Please contact Ms. Reid, Mrs. Gemmill or Mrs. Girod at the office if you need assistance accessing your account.

Reaching Your Child At School

Cell phones can be a distraction and a disruption to classroom learning. Our teachers and your kids have worked hard together to come up with routines so that cellphones are not disrupting class. Here are some things for parents to know about communicating with their kids while they are at school.

During class time, your child has most likely turned off the phone and put it in a pouch on the classroom wall. They may not be able to respond immediately.

You can contact your child during their designated lunch hour:

Mondays: 11:25 - 12:25 Tues-Fri: 11:05 - 12:05

We appreciate your support in reaching your child directly to minimize disruption to classroom instruction. Of course, we are happy to assist in an emergency.

Reporting an Absence?

Please email <u>mchs.absence@psd.ca</u>
Please leave your <u>child's full name, grade, and</u>
reason for the absence.

If your student is <u>running late</u>, please get them to check in to the office.

Picking up your child up early?

Please be aware that our phone lines are very busy between 2:45 and 3:30. There have been significant hold times.

To avoid this, please call in earlier in the day to advise of the absence. This will help you and the office. Thanks so much.

School Fees

Please note that school fees are not visible on the PowerSchool App. Access to all information is only available through the <u>PowerSchool website</u>.

Payment Options:

- PowerSchool Fees can only be seen through the parent portal using a browser. Fees can't be seen through the phone app.
- Cheque Payable to Parkland School Division and may be dropped off or mailed directly to the school.
- Debit or credit Is available at the high school or Parkland School Division.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms.
Miller at the Finance Office.

MCHS General Information

School Council

Next Meeting:
April 22, 2024 @ 7-8:30 pm
MCHS Conference Room
All MCHS Parents Welcome!



Green & Gold Athletics

Next Green & Gold Executive Meetings: April 8, 2024 @ 6:30 <u>Gmeet Link</u>

Green & Gold Website

Parkland School Division

Stronger Together Newsletter

Latest Issue April 2024: Healthy Families
Explore this month's issue for a spotlight on
New beginnings as spring is upon us. And tons
of community resources and contacts.

Click here to view all Stronger Together

Newsletters from Parkland School Division
which includes learning opportunities in the
Strong Families series.



IVOLUNTEER SIGN UP - HAPPY VOLUNTEERING!

If you have any questions about your current point balance or those still required; please email: volunteercoordinator@greenandgoldathletics.com





IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Monday Torch Time is integrated into class time and therefore, Mondays will run on a full day bell schedule with dismissal continuing to be at 3:20 pm. This changes lunch time on Mondays to 11:25 am 12:25 pm.
- Tuesdays to Fridays will continue to have Torch Time scheduled from 2:45 3:20 pm and lunch will run from 11:05 am 12:05 pm.
- Students and the school are still accountable for the whereabouts of students until the end of the full school day. All students need to be signed up for a Torch Session every Tuesday to Friday through PowerSchool.
- Parents and teachers can also sign up a student for a Torch Session. Students cannot unenroll from those sessions. There is a video below explaining to parents how they can sign their child up for a session.
- If a student is in good standing (meeting the expectations of their teachers, parents, and themselves) and have all of their assignments submitted to a passing level, they may use that time for a personal interest Torch Session (Open Gym, Fitness Training, etc.) or sign up to be Off Campus With Parent Approval. Students are also encouraged to sign up for academic sessions if they wish to improve their marks.

<u>Video - How to sign up for Torch Time using a phone</u> <u>Video - How to sign up for Torch Time on PowerSchool Website</u>





We are in the process of submitting course selections with the future grade 11 and 12 students for the 2024-2025 school year. Students should receive their timetables in June. The Counsellors will be visiting grade 12 classes at the end of April or beginning of May to discuss Scholarships offered through MCHS and Community partners. A link will be provided at a later date so that the grade 12 students can apply for scholarships if they plan on doing post-secondary education.

In addition, students can explore information on scholarships offered by clicking on the ALIS website:

https://alis.alberta.ca/explore-education-and-training/pay-for-your-education/scholarships-and-bursaries/

If you need assistance with post-secondary options, career ideas, scholarships and/or personal matters please do not hesitate to make an appointment with Student Services.



Grade 10 - Ms. Cox

Grade 11 - Ms. Mazeereuw

Grade 12 - Mrs. Nuijens





Thursday, June 27, 2024 Edmonton Convention Centre

Time: 2:00pm

2024 Grad Handbook - Has been posted on the website and in the Grade 12 Google Classroom.

Graduation Requirements

Students are responsible for ensuring they meet the Alberta High School Diploma/KAE requirements to graduate and must be on the Final Grad List (posted May 30 in the Grad display case and the Grade 12 Google classroom) to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. Any students concerned about their eligibility to graduate must see Ms. Jewell (Grade 12 Administrator) or Mrs. Nuijens (Grade 12 Counsellor).

Grad Ceremony Performances

Graduates, are you interested in performing during your Graduation Ceremony? If so, please stop by the music room and add your name to the Grad performance sign-up sheet.

April 2: Sign-up sheet available in the music room

April 19: Deadline for sign-up

May 14: Auditions are held in the music room during the noon hour

June 20: Ceremony program rehearsal; 2:00 pm

Student Graduation Events (watch for the announcements)

Valedictorian Speech Application - Deadline April 26, 2024 Grad Speech Applications - May 10 meeting in the conference room during the noon hour Grad Song Voting - First round deadline April 26, 2024 Graduation Assembly - April 18 during Blk 3 in the large gym

Graduation Tickets

Ceremony ticket sales will run from June 1 to June 23, 2024. There will be two rounds of online ticket sales to provide everyone with an equal opportunity to purchase tickets. Graduates do not require a ticket if they are eligible to participate in the Ceremony.

STUDENTS MUST BE ON THE CURRENT GRAD LIST TO PURCHASE TICKETS

ROUND 1: June 1 @ 9:00 am through June 12 @ 11:55 pm (limited to 6 tickets per graduate)
ROUND 2: June 13 @ 9:00 am through June 23 @ 11:55 pm (6 additional tickets per graduate may be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis or until the maximum venue seating capacity is reached).

Tickets will not be available for purchase after June 23 @ 11:55 pm or at the door on the day of the Graduation Ceremony. <u>Ticket Prices: TBD</u>

Seating Policy: General seating will be used for this event, there are no assigned seats.





CONGRATS!

PROM NIGHT

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Heritage Pavilion, Stony Plain

TICKETS

- Doors Open at 7pm
- Close at 1:30am
- Appetizers & Finger Food
- Gr.12 + Guest (sign in/out)
 DJ, Dance & Photo Booth
- Refreshments



\$30/Ticket **Grade 12 student + Guest** Tickets on sale until May 30th

Thank you to those who have volunteered to make this evening a success!

Registration Reminder - 2024-2025

Course selections for the 2024-2025 school year begins after Spring Break In order for your child to receive their timetable in the Fall, they <u>must be registered</u>.

The registration deadline has now passed and will not guarantee transportation.



<u>Please note:</u> Any applications for transportation received after the deadline may not be processed in time for the first day of school. If your child does not have a valid bus pass for the 2024-2025 school year, they will not be able to ride the bus.

• Due to Alberta Government changing school busing in the province by adjusting the distance criteria used to determine whether a student is eligible for transportation effective September 1, 2024. Learn more in this news article on the PSD website.

How do I get started?

Visit https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/ and log into your parent account. Once inside the Parent Portal:

- 1. Select your child's name in the blue bar at the top of the screen.
- 2. Select the RSVP icon on the left side of the screen.
- 3. Begin reviewing all of your current Student Information we have on file, and follow the instructions on the screen to navigate through the various tabs in the form (Student Info, Address, Contacts, Medical, etc.).



I can't remember my login for the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

If you aren't able to retrieve your login credentials using the "Forgot Username or Password?" link on the Sign In page, please contact our school directly for assistance logging in to the Parent Portal.

Phone: 780-963-2255

Ex: 2 for Student Services or 0 for the Main Office

OR

Email: mchs@psd.ca

Coming Up!

Good To Know!

MONDAY: TORCH TIME TOPICS

April 1: No School - Easter Monday

April 8: Women in Trades

April 15: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

April 22: Earth Day

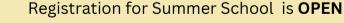
April 29: Science Careers

Here are the topics of upcoming Monday Torch Lessons. Please check in with your child in regard to what they have learned.

This is a great opportunity for a family conversation about values surrounding the topic.









https://cfl.psd.ca/programs/summer-school-homepage

Interested in taking a shop class this summer? Connections For Learning are offering a blended program in July. It provides the training for mechanics, construction, and fabrication that sets you onto the path to be eligible for grade 11. This program will give you the opportunity to choose which path is best for you. The first week students will be introduced to the introductory safety course mandatory for each shop. After that they can decide which shop/shops they wish to pursue and attain the necessary credits to be eligible for grade 11. You would achieve 4 credits in the course/courses of your interest and work through a credit redemption program during torch time over semester 1 in the following year. After achieving the final credit during torch time in semester 1 you would be eligible for that course in semester 2.

Coming Up!

National Volunteer Week is April 14-20 Good To Know!





You're losing more than you think!

In high school, **two days missed** in a month is the same as missing **eight days of learning** in a month in Kindergarten to Grade 9 school.

By final exam time, absences can rob you of 20% of the learning from your course.

Be present. You belong here.







The Prescott Learning Centre School Council would like to extend an invitation to any interested community members to attend a presentation and discussion on the topic of Online Safety. Parkland RCMP Cst. and former School Resource Office Gord Marshall will share his experiences and provide useful strategies for parents and guardians for protecting children and young adults while online.

Where: Prescott Learning Centre, 340 Pioneer Road, Spruce Grove

When: Wednesday, April 3rd @ 7:00 pm

Who (can attend): The parents and guardians of children and young adults and any interested community members

No RSVP required, we hope to see you on the 3rd.

Sincerely, PLC School Council





Time Is Running Out To Purchase A 2023-2024 Yearbook!

You Have <u>Until April 26</u> To Purchase This Year's Yearbook! Buy A Piece Of Memorial History! Books Are \$48 And Can Be Paid Through Power School Parent Portal Or At The Finance Office! Remind Your Parents To Purchase One To Commemorate This Year! Especially YOU GRADS!!!

Buy NOW Before It's Too Late!!!

MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL AND ST. PETER THE APOSTLE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENT:

RIBBON SKIRT MAKING

<u>Who</u>: Open to any students who would like to make a ribbon skirt for MMIP/Red Dress Day (see Save the Date poster for the MMIP Walk on May 5, 2024)

When: Ribbon Skirt Making Session-Monday, April 15, 2024 9:00am-2:45pm (leave MCHS @8:30am, return by 3:20pm)

Where: St. Peter the Apostle High School in Spruce Grove TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED

<u>Cost</u>: \$50-please pay Ms. Miller at the front office

If you would like to participate, you will need to let Ms. Harbert know and get a field trip form signed from her as well as pay the \$50 fee to Ms. Miller.









NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Volunteer Appreciation Night April 17 6:30-8 p.m. | HERITAGE PARK | STONY PLAIN

Youth Volunteer Appreciation Night_(11-17 yrs)
April 19 6:30-8 p.m. | YOUTH CENTRE | STONY PLAIN

Volunteers are invited to a drop-in evening of music, mingling, and snacks. To learn more about National Volunteer Week visit stonyplain.com/volunteerweek









What Happened in

March??

MARCH KEY DATES

04 - G&G Meeting - 6:30

04-07 - Grad Photo Retakes

07- Entrepreneurship Class Field Trip to Stony Plain Safeway

10- April 8 - Ramadan

10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins (forward one hour)

12 - Gr. 11/12 MacEwan Field Trip 8:25-3:00

13 - Parent Teacher Interviews - 5:00-7:00

11-15 Counselor Visits to Gr. 10 & 11s re: 21-

22 Course Selection

14 - Outdoor Ed 10 Vertically Inclined Rock Gym Field Trip

15 - Rotary Bikeathon

17 - St Patrick's Day (Sunday)

18 - PSD Choral Celebration - 9:00 - Westview Baptist Church

18 - School Council - 7:00

18 - Community QSA Planning 4:30-6:30

20 - Indigenous Post Secondary Info Night 4:30-7:30

21-25 - Choir Trip to Disneyland

21-29 - School Trip to Japan

22-24 Gr. 10-12 Sait Calgary Field Trip

22 - PD Day - No Classes

23-04 - School Trip to Germany

23-02 - School Trip to Portugal and Spain

25 - 01 - Spring Break

29 - Good Friday



























THANK YOU!!



To all the staff, students, volunteers, and sponsors for our support with Memorial Composite High School's 7th Annual Bike-A-Thon!



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Taken place on March 15































Artisan Hour









The students in Artisan
Hour are ready for Spring!
They made some spring
themed eggs to celebrate
Easter and the warmer
weather.



Memorial Mania is a series of Staff versus Grad competitions occuring at MCHS. The Grads narrowly won the first event, Musical Chairs. The second event, Dodgeball, had a ton of participation from the Grad class. The grads clawed their way back to win the Dodgeball in the third game. Teachers are currently down 2-0 to the Grads, but I see a comeback in their future. The Memorial Event is the Amazing Race in April!



Japan Trip Spring Break 2024

Memorial Composite High School and Spruce Grove Composite High School are taking 35 students to Japan! 14 students and 3 chaperones from SGCHS and 21 students and 3 chaperones from MCHS are going to be in Japan from March 21 to March 29, 2024. We will be visiting Tokyo, Hakone, Kamakura, Kyoto, Nara, Osaka and various sites in between We are all excited and looking forward to this wonderful opportunity! Here we go!!! Otanoshimi ni shiteimasu!!!





























Choir: Disney Trip















STUDENTS





David and Memphis have started their Work Experience at Pet Foods in Spruce Grove. They have been working incredibly hard cleaning, putting orders away and restocking shelves.

They're boosting morale at Pet Foods and it has never looked so clean.



OUTDOOR ED



Went rock climbing at Vertically Inclined! They got to do bouldering, top rope, and belay - and had a blast!









The Marketing class travelled to Safeway on Thursday, March 7 to learn how grocery stores use visual merchandising to sell products. During the visit, the students got a tour of the store to learn why grocery stores are laid out like they are, how displays are used to increase sales, etc. Thank you to Dave McBride (Manager of Safeway) for making this happen for our students.

The Memorial Business Competition Club will attend the SAIT Case Clash that will happen on March 23-24 at the SAIT campus in Calgary. Prizes for the competition are: 1st place - \$700, 2nd place - \$500, 3rd place - \$300. Members of the Business Competition Club include Barrett Ellert, Hunter Hollands, Jaden Van Dasselaar, Jeanne Kubota, Sierra Androschuk, Hailey Jantzen, Maria Verdugo, Quinlan Presley, and Elijah Wilfert. Any students interested in joining the club can speak to Mr. Stuckey in room 1068 for more information.

Thank you to our generous sponsors who support the Business Competition Club:

Kevin Mullane - Mullane Wealth Management (National Bank Financial)

Hawkings Tinney LLP

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We would like to thank the following businesses for their support













MARAUDERS ATHLETICS



Lane Williams, Ava Radke, Brodie Schutz and Logan Schutz have done it again, taking down one of the teacher teams in the final game.

The defending champs did not disappoint; congratulations to our back to back to back 3 on 3 intramural basketball champions!

Once again they will be eating pizza and the school will be paying for it. Well done to all of the students who took part in basketball intramurals and thank you so much for participating. A special shout out to our two staff teams, The Redeem Team and Science 4 Lyfe.

Next up, we have badminton intramurals running through April.





RUGBY WOMEN

Women's Rugby TRYOUTS

There will be 2 Rugby 7's teams running this year.

Indoor: Monday, April 8 & Thursday, April 11 from 3:30-5:30pm

Outdoor: Monday, April 15 from 3:30-5:30pm

All Practices and games will be on Monday & Wednesday so book off work

See Mr. Drolet for more information



Construction





Garden shed is getting close to being completed by the Construction 20 students. The Construction 10 students have completed their cutting boards and are now working on serving trays with plenty of table saw work. The construction 30 class are learning Aspire CNC so they can add designs to their hardwood table aprons before assembly.





FOOD STUDIES

Foods 20



Cheese and Herb Soufflé



Tomato Soup



Spanakopita



Blueberry Muffins



Chili - seasoning



Biscuits

Salon Services

Solid Color \$25.00
Highlights \$30.00
Highlights and Colors \$40.00
Haircut \$5.00
Style \$5.00
Updo \$5.00
Deep Conditioning Treatment
10.00

Facials \$5.00 Manicures \$5.00

Email: <u>Jessica.Gardner@psd.ca to book an appointment</u>

MCHS ART























Community Resources

Stony Plain Public Library

Stony Plain Youth Centre

The Town of Stony Plain Community & Social Development Programs including:

- Webinars
- Neighbourhood Connect
- Grief Support
- Support Groups (Living with Loss to Suicide, BILY Because I Love You, Caring Friends Bereavement Group)

<u>AHS Caregiver Information for the Edmonton Zon</u>e - contains the <u>Caregiver Education</u> <u>Team Newsletter</u>

<u>Community resource directory for the Town of Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and Parkland County</u>

Alberta Heath Services

- Find a doctor
- Find programs and services
- Find information and news about a range of health topics
- Stay informed about what is happening in your community

<u>Indigenous Community Resources</u>

Check out the Metis Nation of Alberta Website

Native Counselling Services of Alberta

The Indigenous Sport Council of Alberta (ISCA) is a non-profit provincial multi-sport organization representing all First Nations, Métis, Inuit and non-Status First Nations peoples in Alberta. The ISCA prides itself in promoting sport, physical activity, recreation and leadership opportunities built on the foundation of culture and traditions of Indigenous peoples in Alberta.



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