



The Phoenix Messenger

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Matter of Principal

Greetings from FFCA SHS @ MRU!

Our SHS school year is well under way and we are settling into our new location nicely. The learning curve has been steep as we navigate a new campus but the opportunities offered by being at Mount Royal University are unique and exciting for our staff and students. Everyone has tackled this newest adventure with the patience, understanding, and positive attitude that has come to be expected from FFCA folk.

Many clubs, such as Speech Club and Chess Club, have already begun meeting regularly and we look forward to more getting going over the course of the year. Athletics are in full swing with Volleyball and Cross Country already up and running. Drama (operating out of a proper theatre space) has also been off to a quick start with casting complete for our musical, The Little Mermaid. On top of all that, we have completed over a month of classes and students and teachers alike are starting to feel at home here at MRU.

Report Cards: SHS Term 1 Report Cards will be sent out electronically on October 27, 2022.

Learning Conferences: SHS Learning Conferences will be held online on November 3 & 4, 2022. Sign-up for conferences will begin on October 28, 2022 at 4pm. If you are new to the SHS this year (this includes our grade 9s coming from the middle school) you will need to set up a new account with SchoolSoft to book a conference. Creating a new account or accessing the webpage can be done using this [link](#).

It feels great to be back and we look forward to a year filled with growth and success.

Yours in education,

Joshua Symonds & Colin Marshall

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Dates to Remember

Sept 29 - Orange Shirt Day
 Sept 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day - No Classes
 Oct 11 Photo Retakes
 Oct 10 Thanksgiving - No Classes
 Oct 21 Casual Day
 Oct 27 Night of the Phoenix
 Oct 28 Report Cards (via email)
 Oct 28 PD Day - No Classes
 Nov 3 & 4 - Learning Conferences

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Parents requesting changes to bus stops **must** put their change request in writing (Bus Change Request Form) and email the form to the Transportation Department. Change requests for convenience and/or proximity to residences will not be considered.

Requests will be collected until the 15th of October and assessed according to the Transportation Parent Handbook in order to keep the ride times to a minimum. Requests for a second bus stop or a bus stop at a day care **will not be accommodated** but we can allow students to use a different bus route if space is available and there is an existing stop along that route. Students are assigned to their community routes as this is how we balance the student loads per route. Please notify the Transportation department immediately if you plan to use a stop other than your community stop.

All change requests will be accepted but not addressed until October/November (unless there is a safety concern) as per the parent transportation agreement that parents agree to when signing up for bussing.

All requests to provide or cancel bus service must be sent by email to the Transportation Department. No changes to bussing can be done at the campus level.

Please see the Transportation Website for further information.

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MYBUSSTOP INFORMATION



All of the Southland buses have GPS units installed so you will be able to see where your child's bus is at any point during its scheduled route. If your child rides the bus, please sign up for our monitoring system. All information is erased each summer so you will need to sign up again.

Check Edsby for the NEW school code for your campus. Ensure you add the AM and PM routes if your child rides two-way. See the website for additional information and to register: <http://www.mybusstop.ca/>.

ATTENDANCE: HOW TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE

When a child is going to be late or absent from school, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to inform us of the reason for the late/absence *before 8:00 am if possible*.

- ♦ Our preference is for you to email the campus office at shs.office@ffca-calgary.com.

Please be sure to include the following information:

- date of absence
- first and last name of your student
- the reason they will be away



If your child will be leaving school early, they MUST sign out with the office (EC2003) *before* leaving.

****Please note that not all absences are considered *excused* under the government rules. Your email to the office *may still result in a call going home informing you of your child's absence even though you have sent us a message*. We do still require notification of your child's absence and you can then disregard the automated message.**

If you received an automated call home and you believe your child was marked incorrectly for a block, your child must speak to their teacher to have this updated.

PHOTO RETAKES

SHS Photo Retakes are on **Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

This will include students who were absent on original photo day.

Please ensure your students arrived in their Gala uniform.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR - Mr. Raji Samra

International University and Student Travel Expo

Calgary's *Study and Go Abroad Fair* is occurring on Thursday, September 29th, in-person at the BMO Centre at Stampede Park from 11 - 4 pm MST.

These fairs offer a great opportunity for students to start planning for college and university next year. The fair has 35 colleges and universities attending from around the world. There are also prizes and seminars on several topics including finding the right scholarships for each student.



WHEN:

Thursday, September 29th
2pm - 6pm ET
Seminars: 1pm - 6pm ET



WHERE:

BMO Centre at Stampede Park,
Palominas A-H
1410 Olympic Way SE Calgary, AB

For more information on how to register, please visit <https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/calgary/>

Grade 12 National Scholarship Opportunities:

1. Loran Awards-- There are 34 awards available and valued at \$100, 000 over four years. Students must have a minimum average of 85% and demonstrate character, the promise of leadership, and a strong commitment to service in the community. The deadline to apply is October 12, 2022, before 8:00PM (Eastern Time). For information on how to apply, please visit it loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar/

2. Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarship Program-- There are 170 scholarships valued at \$10,000. Students must be involved in co-curricular and community activities and display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. There must be demonstrated financial need (net family income of \$65,000 or less). The application deadline is October 31, 2022, at 12:00 PM EDT (Noon). For information on how to apply, please visit <https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/provincial-programs/>

Becoming a Scholar - Loran Scholars Foundation

The selection of a Loran Scholar is unique in its attention to a young person's character. We believe that integrity, courage, grit and personal autonomy are better indicators of overall potential than standard academic measures.



Please note that we do not have our own FFCA Lost & Found at Mount Royal. The MRU Custodial staff take any lost and found items to the Security Office located at Wyckham House. It is just passed the Nickle Theatre entrance.

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

Communications between the high school and families are mostly done electronically.

Please take a moment to ensure that all your contact information is correct on the Family Zone (re-registration system).



Moving?

*****INTERNAL TRANSFER PROCESS*****

If your family is moving to a home that is outside the boundary of your child's current campus, your child may remain at that campus, but you will be responsible for transporting your child to and from school. Busing is not available outside the designated campus boundaries. If you require transportation, you will need to apply for an internal transfer to the campus designated for your new address. You may apply on or after the first day of school in the 2022/23 year and applications should be in place by March 1, 2023, to have the best opportunity to transfer for the 2023/24 year. The transfer requests are done through the Online Waitlist system. Internal transfer Requests will precede waitlist students (including priority status and siblings, but not including deferred priority). If the requested campus is unable to accommodate your student, there will still be a guaranteed seat at the current campus. Please see the following link for instructions to request a transfer through the Online Waitlist system.

Please note:

- transfers do not occur mid-year
- transfers can only occur if a seat becomes available in the requested campus (possible wait of up to 6 years)
- we may not be able to accommodate all children in the same family

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/admission_information/internal_transfer_requests

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our SHS Volleyball Teams
Wishing you all the best for a great 2022 Season!
Go Phoenix Go!

JV Girls

Rania B
Sadie G
Peyton G
Jessica H
Cameron M
Emery M
Angel S
Ana T
Claudia W
Eunice Z

Coach: Emalee G
Ms. Nijjar

JV Boys

Bilal S
James Z
Kael J
Chiweta A
Divjot D
Nevin J
Luka I
Deji W
Abeer J
Daniel T
Matthew D
AJose S
Miguel T

Coach: Joseph Z
Ms. Kent

SV Girls

Lola S
Antonia V
Kristelle D
Kaitlynn H
Tori H
Vera L
Paige F
Yen D
Katie F

Amul R (Equipment/Stats)

Coach: Kim D
Mr. Broughton

SV Boys

Charlie Roach
Brandon O
Teagan T
Vladi T
Oliver B
Arian R
Inny I
Nathan R
Harkrit D
Simon O
Shaan K
Myles D
Ryder M

Coach Matthew B
Mr. Anene



KEY STUDY GUIDES

To FFCA South High School Campus Parents or Students:

On behalf of our school, we would like to share with you the following information about student resources that are available from Castle Rock Research. At **FFCA South High School Campus**, we have been privileged to work with this Alberta-based company to access quality materials to support students, teachers, and parents.

To order print or digital products please visit:

<https://schoolorders.solaro.com/CR264>

To help reduce shipping charges, orders will be individually packaged, aggregated and shipped to the school for pick up by each student. Orders can be placed between **September 26, 2022 and October 7, 2022** with shipment following within a week after the closing date. For **SOLARO** digital orders, clients will receive an emailed confirmation for immediate activation.

The following resources are available with educational discounts:



◆ **The KEY Study Guides** - Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies courses across grades 3 to 12. **Grade 12 Math and Science KEYs have been updated to include questions from recently released Diploma exams.** \$20.00 per copy

◆ **Student Notes and Problems (SNAP) Workbooks** – Instructional content, practice exercises, and unit assessments covering the breadth and depth of select Science and Mathematics courses. \$20.00 per copy

◆ **Problem Solved** – All of the questions from the respective SNAP books are presented along with the detailed solutions.
Class Notes – An excerpt of each SNAP workbook that focuses students on the explanatory notes for each topic. \$11.00 per copy

◆ **SOLARO** - \$20.00 for an annual student license access up to 10 courses across all available grades and subjects, for 1 year use online or on mobile devices, more courses than are available in print, learn more at [View SOLARO Video.](#)



Thank you,

FFCA South High School Campus

SHS PERFORMING ARTS

FFCA is known not only for excellence in student academic achievement, leadership, and character development, but also for the Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Athletic Programs that guide students in developing skills outside the academic classroom.

The FFCA Performing Arts program seeks to meet the following goals:

- * Create an atmosphere of transformational leadership where students, in all productions, take on leadership roles in every aspect of the creation of quality productions, with support from specialist teachers, from Directing to Stage Management to Design.
- * Provide students with opportunities in performance and technical theatre that challenge and extend their expertise and creativity.
- * Establish a caring and nurturing environment for students to grow creatively and emotionally, building foundational relationships of support and trust where students not only succeed, but thrive!
- * Encourage a lifelong appreciation for theatre arts by allowing students to view, participate, and reflect on excellent work and learn how to experience the art.

FFCA Performing Arts provides students quality performance and learning opportunities, including:

- Musicals
 - AHSDFA One Act Plays (Alberta High School Drama Festival Association)
 - Class Acts, December and May, showcasing in-class productions from grades 10-12
 - Choral Performances from Concert Choir throughout the year at various locations and venues, including senior residences.
 - *Theatre Thursdays*, our lunchtime performance space where students from Drama 9-10-20-30 and Choir can showcase their works.
 - Teacher Assistant Positions (TAs). Students are selected to become teacher assistants in the program, offering leadership, direction, encouragement, and support for younger peers. A true community-builder.

Productions are selected with a vision to provide students with opportunities to participate in a variety of performance styles and play genres, study various forms of theatre literature through the ages, and to experience various leadership roles.

Reasons to Get involved with Arts:

The Arts programming at FFCA High School has been a pivotal cultural heartbeat in our school community for the past 17 years, providing hundreds of students opportunities for character development, leadership, and excellence.

FFCA Arts unifies community and belonging

FFCA Arts provide essential leadership opportunities, through grades 9-12 mentorship and collaboration in major projects

FFCA Arts provide opportunities for character development, which help build confidence, self-awareness, self-respect, self-discipline, organizational abilities, cooperation, collaboration, unity, fellowship, and resiliency.

FFCA Arts provide critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills, allowing students to take the time to be more careful, thoughtful, and thorough in how they observe the world.

FFCA Arts provides Excellence in Performance and Project Development

FFCA Arts improve individual well-being and mental health

FFCA Arts improve academic performance, especially in literacy and mathematics. Students engaged in arts learning have higher GPAs, standardized test scores, and lower drop-out rates. These academic benefits are reaped by students regardless of socio-economic status.

FFCA Arts spark creativity and innovation.

FFCA Arts drive the creative industries. The Creative Industries are arts businesses that range from nonprofit museums, symphonies, and theaters to for-profit film, architecture, and design companies. As well our students find careers in medicine, law, teaching, engineering, etc.

FFCA Arts have social impact.

BOARD UPDATE IMPORTANT LINKS FOR PARENTS

Important Links for parents

Public Board Meeting Schedule

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/about_us/our_board/public_board_meeting_schedule

Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/documents_publications/board_meeting_agendas_and_minutes

Uniform information

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/uniform_information

School Calendar

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/calendar

Please check the calendar throughout the year in case there have been changes