



The Phoenix Messenger

FFCA High School - North and South Campuses

Matter of Principal

Dear Parents,

This has been a different start of the school year. But now that we are slowly settling into our routines, the teaching and learning feel normal. Granted, we have to change many of our practices to make the school safe for all. Staff and students are doing everything that they can do to keep everyone safe. We are providing constant reminders to students so that it becomes a second nature to follow COVID-19 protocols. We believe that to keep the virus at bay we have to teach our students new ways of interaction and socializing so that this becomes a life skill for them. This will not only help them in school but in their day-to-day life. We want you to support the school in teaching these skills by reminding them at home.

We have completed course changes for the in-person students and everyone is slowly settling down in their classes. Students in online classes have started their core courses from Monday. The leadership and elective for grade 9 will start in the first week of Oct. With the high school split and online classes the high school is now operating in two different physical spaces and a virtual space. As we take a breath from the reactive mode to become proactive about our goals for this year, we are very intentional about maintaining the philosophy of "One High School, Two Campuses". The staff is working as one team to provide the best program to our students at each campus. The core of our charter is guiding us to prioritize academic excellence through character and Leadership. As indicated in our earlier communication, Mrs. Boyd is at the NHS and Mr. Lamb is at the SHS. I am devoting my time equally to each campus. Due to the COVID protocols, visitors are not allowed in the buildings but you can always reach out to us through phone or emails.

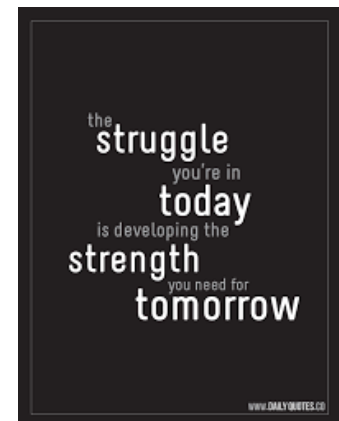
We want to acknowledge our gratitude to the Board, Central Office to guide and support us during the split and getting pandemic ready.

Please feel free to reach out to us whenever you have a question,

Yours in Education,
Bharati Singh
Susan Boyd
Doug Lamb

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Dates to Remember

- Oct 12 - School Holiday
No Classes / Building Closed
- Oct 15 - Early Dismissal (1:15 PM)
- Learning Conferences
(details to follow)
- Oct 23 - Casual Day
- Oct 30 - P.D. No Classes / Building Closed

HIGH SCHOOL COVID-19 PROTOCOL

Students Return to School following presence of COVID-like Symptoms

Any student reporting symptoms is to remain in self-isolation UNTIL:

1. they have a negative COVID-19 test result and symptoms have subsided, or
2. they have been advised by AHS not to be tested and symptoms have subsided, or
3. if testing positive for COVID-19, for at least 14 days and symptoms have subsided.

A student can return to school after a medical appointment provided the parent has informed the school in advance (via email or a phone call). Please make sure that you inform the school office about your child's appointment in advance.

North HSC – 403-243-3316
South HSC – 587-794-4250

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

The HS School Council AGM is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be via Zoom. The link for the meeting was sent earlier via email. Please attend the meeting to join the school council for the year 2020-2021.

SCHOOL SOCIETY AGM

The HS School Society AGM is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be via Zoom. The link for the meeting was sent earlier via email. Please attend the meeting to join the school council for the year 2020-2021.

HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AGM PARENT NOTICE

The HS School Council AGM is schedule for Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be via Zoom. The link is provided. Please attend the meeting to join the school council for the year 2020-2021.

Topic: HS School Council AGM Zoom Meeting
Time: October 14, 2020 06:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81146550302?pwd=VmFpUytaMFImckQxQUdvWE42Z2NmZz09>
Meeting ID: 811 4655 0302
Passcode: 6m845o

Sincerely,
HS Admin & Yogesh Patel, School Council Chair

FROM THE FFCA SCHOOL COUNSELLOR SHELLEY GERAN

This is an article from Ms. Geran, the FFCA H.S. career and educational counsellor. This year has brought many changes. I will be split between the two campuses. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday I will usually be at the north campus. I will be at the south campus on Wednesday and Thursday. The best way to reach me now for information and to see me will be through an Edsby message.

For Grade 12 students, you do not have to start post-secondary applications until later in October or early November. This gives students time to have better grade estimates. Unfortunately, there will not be a post-secondary fair or visits from post-secondary schools. Students should check out virtual open houses and information from the post-secondary websites. In Alberta, students will still apply through Apply Alberta and include mark estimates for all their Grade 12 courses. I'll try to continue to provide updates as I can. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we work through things.

Update:

The open house for the U of C will be held on Saturday, October 3. Please register on their website to attend the sessions. This is a virtual open house - you do not go to the campus.

UPDATE FROM CENTRAL OFFICE



Moving? ***NEW 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. Bussing 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. The deadline is March 1, 2021 to be considered for the 2021/22 year. If you would like to have your child on the internal transfer list for the 21/22, **the process has changed**. The transfer requests are now done through the Online Wait List system. Internal transfer Requests will precede all wait list students (including priority status and siblings). If the requested campus is unable to accommodate your student, he/she will still have a guaranteed seat at the current campus for 21/22. Please see the following link for the instructions to request a transfer on our new 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

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES - UPDATE

July 16, 2020

Dear Alberta Parents/Guardians,

These are extraordinary times, and Alberta Health Services (AHS) has had to temporarily shift some of our service delivery to meet new healthcare demands. As such, to slow down the spread of COVID-19, and to ensure health resources are available to support the urgent needs of all Albertans, **adjustments to some essential services have been made.**

Public Health routine immunization programs are considered essential and have continued in order to protect our population. During times of a pandemic, we are reminded of how important it is to be immunized to protect against vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and pertussis that are still present around the world and locally. However, some adjustments have been made:

- **Infant immunizations** (at 2, 4, 6 and 12 months of age) continue to be offered at all AHS public health clinics. These clinics include immunization, infant height and weight, post-partum depression screen and review of parental concerns.
- **18 month and pre-school immunizations** continue. These clinics include immunization, height and weight and review of parental concerns.
- **School immunization** series commenced in the **2019-2020** school year, which include delayed immunizations for all grades and immunization of Grade 6 and 9 students, were suspended because of school closures in mid-March.
- Temporary suspension of routine **adult immunizations.**

AHS Public Health is working to resume full immunization services as the Alberta COVID-19 Relaunch Strategy progresses.

- Routine childhood immunization appointments are proceeding as booked, and new appointments continue to be taken. These appointments are shorter in length, but ensure all Albertan children continue to be protected.
- School immunizations that were not completed in the 2019-2020 school year will be completed. Public Health will inform parents of the plan for completion of immunizations when confirmed with school and school jurisdiction
- Routine adult immunizations will be available as clinics are re-established. Public Health will follow up with individuals to rebook cancelled appointments, and take new bookings.

All programs and services provided by Public Health will follow physical distancing principles.

As Alberta's COVID-19 Relaunch Strategy moves forward, further updates can be found at Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services websites:

- www.alberta.ca/coronavirus
- www.ahs.ca/ncov

We greatly appreciate the understanding of our clients as we continue to triage staff and resources to respond to the most urgent and critical needs.

Dr. Nick Etches MD FRCPC

Acting Zone Lead Medical Officer of Health, Calgary Zone, Alberta Health Services

Medical Director, Public Health, Calgary Zone, Alberta Health Services

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD SEPTEMBER 2020

With the 2020-21 school year underway, your Board of Directors wishes to warmly welcome back students, teachers, and parents for another year of new opportunities to grow and learn together as a community. In spite of the many challenges we've all faced since the start of the pandemic, the resounding support and camaraderie among our school community has been seen, heard, and felt in many ways. It is incredibly humbling and validating to see the character and leadership of our school community in action, and we are all very proud to serve you.

We would like to take a moment to honour the life of a student from the South Middle School campus who tragically passed in the spring. Charli's family and friends are in our thoughts, and we wish to offer our sincerest condolences on behalf of our school community.

The health and safety of FFCA students and staff continues to be a top priority for your Board of Directors. Together with the Admin team at Central Office and staff across all of our campuses, we will evaluate and make necessary changes as new information becomes available and regulations evolve, and we will do our best to communicate changes in a timely manner. Other priorities for the school year ahead include maintaining the high quality of education provided across our campuses and online learners, further progression of the Montgomery campus rebuild, working closely with the government of the day to secure FFCA's longevity and growth plan, and improving communication and engagement among our Board and Society members.

If you're interested in learning more about the roles and responsibilities of FFCA's Board of Directors, we'd love to have you join us at our next public board meeting on Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30pm. A typical meeting is 1.5 - 2 hours long and includes updates from Board Committees, staff at Central Office, and sometimes from one or more campuses as well. Each meeting also includes an opportunity for participants in the gallery to ask questions as they relate to each meeting's agenda. Meetings are currently being held on Zoom, and the link to join will be circulated via email leading up to the event. Hope to see you there!