



# The Phoenix Messenger

FFCA South High School

## Matter of Principal

Dear FFCA SHS families,

We have been back in our own building for a few months now and staff and students are settling in nicely. Having access to things like lockers, being able to permanently set up classrooms, and having more PE opportunities on site have been greatly missed over the past year. Since the beginning of the school year, we have also hosted volleyball games, an Open House (over 200 guests attended!), a Post-Secondary Fair, School Council meetings, and our Night of the Phoenix Awards Ceremony which all bring a much-needed sense of community back to FFCA South High School.

As we approach our November Break, it is a great time to start thinking ahead to the January exam period and to take stock of how courses are going. Reflection and communication are keys to success, and we want to encourage and motivate all our students to do their very best in all their pursuits. Our first report card was sent to families electronically on October 26th and our first round of parent teacher interviews are scheduled for November 2nd & 3rd. This is a great time to discuss learning strategies such as study skills and test taking skills with students and staff.

On the topic of communication, we are looking to move toward Edsby as the primary way that we contact parents and families. Please take a moment to confirm that all parental accounts for your family can log in and access Edsby and manage their notifications. This will help all parties get timely information such as busing delays or involvement updates.

Thank you very much for your partnership with FFCA SHS,

Sincerely,

SHS Administration

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## Dates to Remember

- Nov 2 Remembrance Day Program
- Nov 2 Learning Conferences - 1:20 end of day
- Nov 3 Learning Conferences - No classes
- Nov 6-10 School Holiday—No School
- Nov 24 Casual Day

## Your Wait List Application: NOVEMBER 1 - 30, 2023

**IMPORTANT:** If you have an address or grade change to make, see the RENEWAL FAQs on the website or [click here](#).

You can renew your application by following these steps:

- Go to the FFCA website, [www.ffca-calgary.com](http://www.ffca-calgary.com). Scroll down and click on the Waitlist Quick link
  - Go to the [Online Waitlist System](#) link
  - o Enter your email address (ID) and your password
  - o If you cannot remember your password, click on "Forgot Your Password?", enter your email address and answer your challenge question. An email will be sent to you with your new password.
  - Click on the Update and Renewal Gateway.
  - You should see your child/ren listed. The status does NOT mean anything. Please ignore it!!
  - Click on the Update/Renew link
  - o Confirm your information on each screen. Fields with a red asterisk are required.
  - o You cannot change your child's name, date of birth or gender. You'll need to upload a picture of either the birth certificate or name change certificate, then email the waitlist coordinator with the requested change.
  - To update your address, click Yes below your old address
  - o Enter your new address, then upload an Address Verification Document
  - ☐ You are required to provide Home Address Verification. All documentation must be uploaded by November 30th to complete the renewal AND have your child included in the upcoming year's admission process.
  - ☐ To update your student's grade, click No below the listed grade and enter the grade you are applying for.
  - ☐ Upload a report card for grade verification by November 30th to complete the renewal.
  - Enter the sibling information IF the students are actual siblings and one student currently attends an FFCA campus.
  - Now you will do the actual renewal on page 60-79%.
  - Enter your electronic signature and click "I confirm" to agree that all your account information is correct and you want to Renew the application for the coming school year.
  - Click Save and Next
  - Confirm that you have completed this student
  - Now click Continue, and you will see a pop-up with further information
  - You will receive a confirmation email shortly from [registrations@foundationsab.com](mailto:registrations@foundationsab.com)
  - o Please add that email to your address book so that it isn't sent to your junk mail or blocked entirely (especially if you use Gmail)
  - o Each student will receive an individual confirmation email
  - o If you change your address or student's grade, you will receive an email once the documents have been verified.
- That could take weeks. The date/time that you complete the renewal will be recorded in the timestamp, not the date/time that the documents have been verified.
- You will now be redirected back to the list of your students. The status will say "Pending," but that does not mean you haven't completed the renewal. Additionally, when you log back in, it will likely say Your Action Needed. Please ignore the status!
  - If you have more than one child, continue to the next child to renew the application until all your children have been renewed.
  - Click Logout

For further information and step-by-step instructions with screenshots, see the RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS & FAQs on the website or [click here](#)

## GUIDANCE COUNSELOR - Mr. Raji Samra

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### TD Scholarships for Community Leadership (valued up to \$40,000)

These scholarships are awarded to students across Canada who have shown exceptional initiative in making a meaningful and lasting differences in their community. Each scholarship includes four years of tuition, \$7,500 towards living expenses, and offers of summer employment. Students must have a minimum average of 75%. However, the key criterion is outstanding community leadership. The deadline to apply for this award is Tuesday, November 15th, 2023. The application form and information is available at

<https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-banking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians>

### Alberta Out-of-Province Fairs

The Alberta Out of Province University Fair is happening next week and is a great opportunity to connect with recruiters in-person from many universities across Canada. Some of the universities that will be at this event include Waterloo University, University of Toronto, McGill University, Simon Fraser University, and the University of British Columbia. If you are planning on applying to a university outside of Alberta, I strongly encourage you to attend this event as it is open to the public. Please see the event dates below:

Monday, October 23rd

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Our Lady of the Rockies High School

Tuesday, October 24th

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Western Canada High School

Wednesday, October 25th

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Crescent Heights High School

Thursday, October 26th

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Centennial High School

Friday, October 27th

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: Strathmore High School

For the list of institutions attending, please see the links below:

Western Canada universities attending the fair-- [albertaootp.com/western-canada](http://albertaootp.com/western-canada)

Ontario universities attending the [fair--www.albertaootp.com/ontario](http://www.albertaootp.com/ontario)

Quebec & Atlantic Canada universities attending the fair-- <https://www.albertaootp.com/quebec-and-atlantic-canada>

## 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](https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/admission_information/internal_transfer_requests)

## Parent Council Update

Parent council is off to a great start this 2023/2024 school year. We have a full slate of board members, but we always welcome parents to join us at our monthly scheduled meetings. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, families, and students that took advantage of the opportunity to come out to our open house in October - it was well attended with over 200 attendees! Keep your eyes open for updates coming in the next month on fundraising opportunities. We have two terrific fundraisers coming up: gift cards for your holiday shopping and we're planning on expanding on the bacon fundraiser we ran last year. We truly appreciate all the help and participation that we get with these fundraisers. Last year they helped us to pay for half the cost of a new piano for the school, and this year we're taking a Wishlist from the teachers and will keep you updated on what the parent council will be helping out with for 2023/2024. Have a great fall break everyone!

## ATTEDANCE: 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. To report your child's absence, send an email the campus office at [shs.office@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:shs.office@ffca-calgary.com). Please be sure to include the following information:

1. date of absence
2. first and last name of your student
3. the reason they will be away

The student **MUST** sign out at the office before leaving the campus, they are not required to sign in when they arrive at school. An extended leave of absence from school requires written notification to the Principal Educator. Please send the email to [joshua.symonds@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:joshua.symonds@ffca-calgary.com). Once again not all absences are considered excused under government rules.

## Important Links for Parents

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### Responding to Medical Needs

We want to bring to your attention the updated FFCA's [Responding to Medical Needs, Administrative Procedures](#). Please note, it is the families responsibility to communicate to the school any medical needs your child may have and to advise the school how to properly respond to that specific condition. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

### 2023-24 Elective Fees

Thank you to our families, for your patience as we transfer from using the Family Zone program to new Rycor system. Should you have any questions regarding your elective fees or if you are having issues signing into your PowerSchool account, please email the office at [shs.office@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:shs.office@ffca-calgary.com).



### Uniform information

[https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important\\_information/uniform\\_information](https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/uniform_information)

### School Calendar

[https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important\\_information/calendar](https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/calendar)

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

### Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes



#### My Bus Stop

If your child rides the bus, please sign up for our monitoring system. All 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. **The code for your campus is available on Edsby.** 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/>.



## Night of the Phoenix Awards

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| Outstanding Male Athlete                       | Ryder M      | Most Improved Grade 9 Dramatist                 | Guntaj C    |
| Outstanding Female Athlete                     | Tori H       | Most Improved Grade 10 Dramatist                | Teagan T    |
| Outstanding Improvement by a Male Athlete      | Deji W       | Most Improved Grade 11 Dramatist                | Evan H      |
| Outstanding Improvement by a Female Athlete    | Aliyah Y     | Most Improved Grade 12 Dramatist                | Sen D       |
| Male Character in Sport                        | Charlie R    | Outstanding Grade 9 Dramatist                   | Sadie G     |
| Female Character in Sport                      | Elizabeth M  | Outstanding Grade 10 Dramatist                  | Ethan L     |
| Male Leadership in Sport                       | Phillip H    | Outstanding Grade 11 Dramatist                  | Cristina A  |
| Female Leadership in Sport                     | Tori H       | Outstanding Grade 11 Dramatist                  | Shaelyn M   |
|  |              | Outstanding Grade 11 Dramatist                  | Emalie T    |
| Outstanding Improvement in Art Grade 9         | Nikita D     | Outstanding Grade 12 Dramatist                  | Julianna G  |
| Outstanding Improvement in Art Grade 10        | Deji W       | Outstanding Drama Technician - Lighting         | Sen D       |
| Outstanding Improvement in Art Grade 10        | Ryan L       | Outstanding Drama Technician - Lighting         | Ben P       |
| Outstanding Improvement in Art Grade 11        | Elmedin L    | Outstanding Drama Technician - Sound            | Nathaniel M |
| Outstanding Improvement in Art Grade 11        | Logan D      | Outstanding Drama Technician - Stage Management | Yaren E     |
| Outstanding Improvement in Art Grade 12        | Owen O       | Outstanding Drama Technician - Stage Management | Thabi M     |
| Outstanding Grade 9 Artist                     | Madeleine T  | Outstanding Vocalist grade 9                    | Thabo N     |
| Outstanding Grade 10 Artist                    | Jacqueline H | Outstanding Vocalist grade 10                   | Mai M       |
| Outstanding Grade 10 Artist                    | Chris Z      | Outstanding Vocalist grade 10                   | Samuel A    |
| Outstanding Grade 11 Artist                    | Vincent V    | Outstanding Vocalist grade 11                   | Madison L   |
| Outstanding Grade 11 Artist                    | Jayde P      | Outstanding Vocalist grade 12                   | Julianna G  |
| Outstanding Grade 12 Artist                    | Rowan K      | Outstanding Vocalist grade 12                   | Jana K      |
| Art Dedication Award                           | Donique S    | The Performing Arts Dedication Award            | Ethan T     |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Art 9                | Madeleine T  | The Performing Arts Dedication Award            | Julianna G  |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Art 10               | Jacqueline H | VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CERTIFICATE            | Cael D      |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Art 20               | Patricia C   | VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CERTIFICATE            | Julianna G  |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Art 30               | Ash F        | VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CERTIFICATE            | Jana K      |
|  |              | VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CERTIFICATE            | Anphisa K   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Outdoor Education 9  | Angel S      | VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CERTIFICATE            | Owen M      |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Outdoor Education 15 | Kayser L     | VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CERTIFICATE            | Hina N      |
|  |              | VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CERTIFICATE            | Ethan T     |
|  |              | VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CERTIFICATE            | Gen M       |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Outdoor              | Diana T      | VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CERTIFICATE            | Sierra T    |



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| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Drama 9              | Angel S        | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD General Psychology 20         | Matthew D |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Drama 9              | Annya S        | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT  | Noor S    |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Drama 10             | Oliver B       | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT  | Peter F   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                               | Shaelyn M      | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>BUSINESS EDUCATION 15               | Erin P    |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Drama 30             | Julianna G     | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>BUSINESS EDUCATION 35               | Amy H     |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Advanced Acting 15   | Ethan L        | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT  | Quinn W   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Advanced Acting 25   | Shaelyn M      | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD New Media 15                  | Nina A    |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Advanced Acting 35   | Sierra T       | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT  | Adrian E  |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Musical Theatre 9    | Jack N         | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT  | Patrick C |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Musical Theatre 15   | Julianna G     | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT  | Rayyan A  |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Musical Theatre 15   | Madison L      | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD English Language Arts 9       | Laila B   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Technical Theatre 9  | Quinn W        | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD English Language Arts<br>10-1 | Ethan L   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Technical Theatre 15 | Eric K         | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD English Language Arts<br>10-2 | Sophia K  |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Technical Theatre 15 | Ethan T        | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD English Language Arts<br>20-1 | Jayde P   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Technical Theatre 25 | Yaren E        | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD English Language Arts<br>20-2 | Evan H    |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Technical Theatre 25 | Bisola M       | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD English Language Arts<br>30-1 | Kinda H   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Technical Theatre 35 | Sen D          | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD English Language Arts<br>30-2 | Kubra Y   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Technical Theatre 35 | Gen M          |  |           |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Technical Theatre 35 | Thabi M        |  |           |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Choir 9              | Louise-Angel F |  |           |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Choir 10             | Mai M          |  |           |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Choir 20             | Madison L      |  |           |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Choir 20             | Shaelyn M      |  |           |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Choir 30             | Ethan T        |  |           |



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| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Social Studies 9 | Parris Z  | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Physical Education 9 | Cameron M   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Kayser L  | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                               | Michael L   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Claire F  | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                               | Bisola M    |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Haneef M  | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                               | Tori H      |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Aliyah R  | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                               | Elizabeth M |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Ethan T   |   |             |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Mathematics 9    | Ethan W   | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                               | Angel S     |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Patrick C | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                               | Deji W      |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Victor D  | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                               | Aleesha R   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Ananya P  | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                               | Tori H      |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Elmedin L | HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                               | Cynthia C   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Omar K    | Outstanding Grade 9                               | Caiden L    |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Nicole W  | Outstanding Grade 10                              | Sophia K    |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Antonia V | Outstanding Grade 11                              | Jayde P     |
|   |           | Outstanding Grade 9 Dedication                    | Quinn W     |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT                           | Parris Z  | Outstanding Grade 10                              | Veer K      |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Science 10       | Patrick C | Outstanding Grade 11                              | Madison E   |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Science 20       | Elmedin L |   |             |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Science 30       | Aleksey L |   |             |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Biology 20       | Omar K    |   |             |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Biology 30       | Ash F     |   |             |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Chemistry 20     | Kayden L  |   |             |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Chemistry 30     | Omar K    |   |             |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Physics 20       | Jayde P   |   |             |
| HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT<br>AWARD Physics 30       | Nicole W  |   |             |





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| <i>Top Academic Grade 9 Student</i>             | <i>Quinn W</i>     | <i>Outstanding Grade 9 School Service</i>  | <i>Xyleena D</i> |
| <i>Top Academic Grade 9 Student</i>             | <i>Parris Z</i>    | <i>Outstanding Grade 10 School Service</i> | <i>Milana T</i>  |
| <i>Top Academic Grade 10 Student</i>            | <i>Chris Z</i>     | <i>Outstanding Grade 11 School Service</i> | <i>Braden L</i>  |
| <i>Top Academic Grade 11 Student</i>            | <i>Kayden L</i>    |  |                  |
|   |                    | <i>Outstanding Grade 9 Character</i>       | <i>Sarah B</i>   |
|   |                    | <i>Outstanding Grade 10 Character</i>      | <i>Chris Z</i>   |
| <i>Principal's Outstanding Dedication Award</i> | <i>Ethan T</i>     | <i>Outstanding Grade 11 Character</i>      | <i>Eldin G</i>   |
|   |                    |  |                  |
| <i>Outstanding Parental Service</i>             | <i>Emma H</i>      | <i>Outstanding Grade 9 Leadership</i>      | <i>Rania B</i>   |
| <i>Outstanding Parental Service</i>             | <i>Stephan D</i>   | <i>Outstanding Grade 10 Leadership</i>     | <i>Oliver B</i>  |
|   |                    | <i>Outstanding Grade 11 Leadership</i>     | <i>Aleesha R</i> |
| <i>Outstanding Parental Leadership</i>          | <i>Kerri-Lee C</i> |  |                  |
|   |                    | <i>Governor General's Medal</i>            | <i>Nicole W</i>  |
| <i>Outstanding Alumni Leadership</i>            | <i>Matthew B</i>   |  |                  |
| <i>Outstanding Alumni Leadership</i>            | <i>Abby M</i>      |  |                  |





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