



# The Phoenix Messenger

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## Matter of Principal

South High School Families,

The end of the semester is always a chance to reset and take stock of what we have accomplished. Our students are participating in many activities and clubs including drama events, athletic events, and speech competitions. Production is in full swing on this year's musical, Mamma Mia, and our Grad Committee has been busy organizing and fundraising for their graduation banquet in June.

Our administration will be visiting the South Middle School in mid-February to speak with the current Grade 8 students about their transition to South High School. Included in this visit will be a session on the electives that are offered for Grade 9 students. Following this visit, the Grade 8s will be able to prioritize their elective choices and a Family Orientation Night will be held at SHS (dates TBD). Reregistration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin in early March.

With the start of our second semester comes new teachers and courses for our Grade 10-12 students and new electives for our Grade 9s. Schools often talk about resiliency and the ability to adapt to challenging and unpredictable situations. It involves having a positive attitude, being flexible, and having the capacity to develop strategies for overcoming difficult obstacles. Adaptability is the ability to adjust quickly to changing circumstances and environments. It involves being open to new ideas, being creative and resourceful, and having an open-minded attitude. Having both resilience and adaptability are essential qualities to help us navigate the uncertainty of life and embrace change. Building resilience and adaptability are important skills for dealing with the unpredictability of life and developing relationships with different teachers and classmates is an opportunity to build these skills.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to our admin team via email or Edsby and we will organize a conversation.

SHS Admin

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## Dates to Remember

- Jan 31.....Causal Day
- Feb 6.....Learning Conferences (2-8)
- Feb 6 .....Friday Schedule
- Feb 11.....Semester 2 Course Change Closes
- Feb 13 & 14.....PD Day (No Classes)
- Feb 17.....Family Day (No School)
- Feb 19.....Advisory
- Feb 28.....Casual Day



# RE-REGISTRATION

**Just a reminder that re-registration is starting soon at FFCA. Please look for the up-coming info regarding the process. This process will be completed online through the Power School Parent Portal.**

# OUTSTANDING FEE'S

**This is a friendly but important reminder that any outstanding fees for elective courses and extracurricular activities must be settled as soon as possible. Please note that re-registration for next year cannot be completed until all outstanding balances have been cleared. Timely payment ensures a smooth continuation of your student's academic journey and access to their enrolled activities and resources. To avoid any disruptions, we kindly request that you review your account and make the necessary payments at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to [shs.office@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:shs.office@ffca-calgary.com). Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.**

# COURSE CHANGES


**Exciting News: Semester 2 Course Changes Are Open!**

**Hey students! We've got some great news—Semester 2 course changes are now available! You should have received a Google Form in your student email account, where you can request changes to your courses.**

**This is your chance to adjust your schedule and make sure it's the perfect fit for you. Maybe there's a class you've been wanting to take, or a change you need to make—whatever it is, don't miss out!**

**Just a heads-up: course changes are only open until February 4, so be sure to check your email, fill out the form, and submit it before the deadline. If you have any questions or need help, reach out to your counselor or a staff member—we're here for you!**

**Take care, and have a fantastic Semester 2!**



**FFCA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**  
Performing Arts Department Presents


# MAMMA MIA!

**THE MUSICAL**

**Thursday, March 13, 7pm**  
**Friday, March 14, 7pm**  
**Saturday, March 15, 2pm & 7pm**  
**Sunday, March 16, 10am & 3pm**

**March 13-16, 2025**

Foundations for the Future Charter Academy  
South High School Theatre,  
**315 86th Ave SE, Calgary**  
Tickets: <https://cur8.com/projects/FFCA>



# Finance and Economics Contest

Starting in December, SHS's Finance and Economics class participated in a nationwide stock market and investment contest. Students were given a hypothetical \$100,000 and granted live access to two U.S. markets and one Canadian market. Before the winter break, three of our groups were consistently ranked in the top 5 nationwide, demonstrating impressive skill in researching, buying, and selling stocks! Unfortunately, over the break, as students traveled and access to computers became more limited, some of that momentum was lost. Nevertheless, I am incredibly proud of the dedication and effort they showed in navigating



the world of stock trading. I'd like to give special recognition to Keaton D. and Zuhair R., who quickly entered the top 5 nationwide right from the start. Although their equity dropped later on, they set an excellent benchmark. The groups with the most consistent performances, however, were Hassib B, Matthew. B and Wren O. They remained in the top 10 for an extended period of time nationwide (!! ) and ultimately finished in the top 30 in Alberta. Lastly, I'd like to acknowledge Jack N. and Zaaryab S. for finishing in the top 100 in Alberta. We had many other teams fluctuating in the top 50 and top 100 both across Canada and Alberta. I am looking forward to seeing where our 2025/2026 Finance & Economics class finishes.



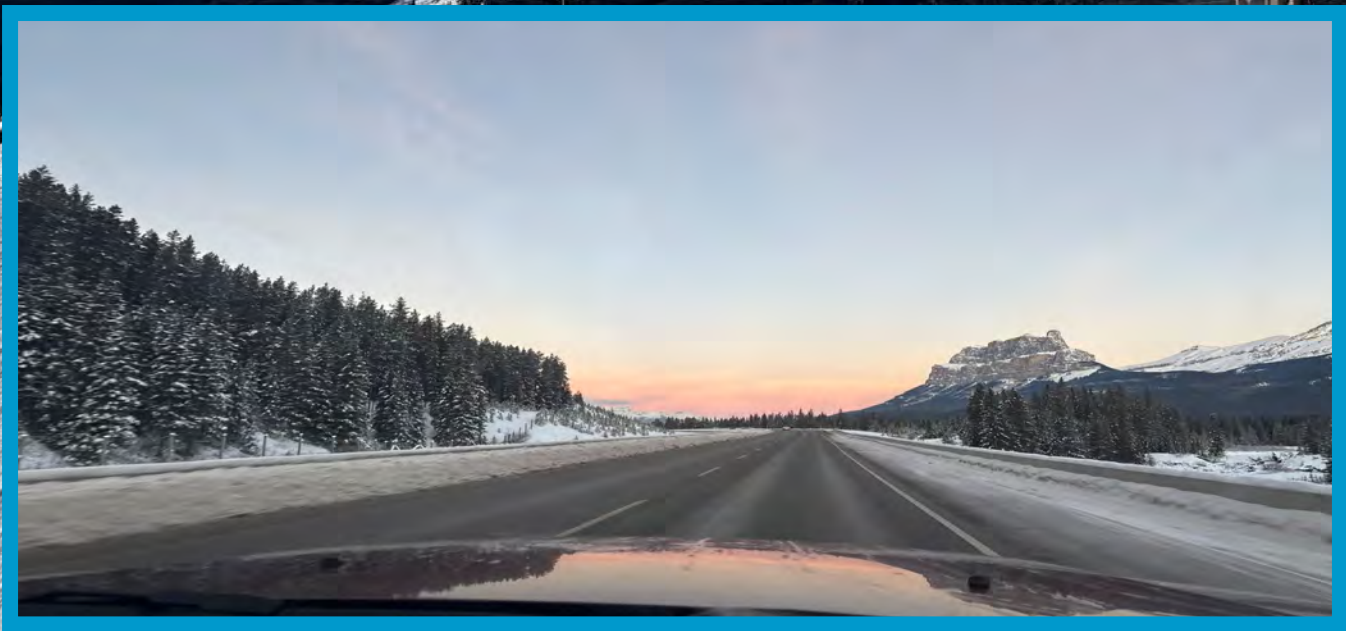
# OUTDOOR EDUCATION 25

Our semester concluded with an incredible three-day, two-night trip to the mountains, providing students with an unforgettable experience. The Grade 11 Outdoor Education class (Outdoor Ed 25) traveled to the Outdoor Learning Center in Kananaskis from January 8th to 10th. Students had the opportunity to learn snowshoeing, skiing, or snowboarding at Lake Louise Ski Resort, where we spent two exciting days. In addition to honing these skills, participants also gained valuable knowledge about avalanche safety and winter trip planning. The trip was action-packed and educational, serving as a highlight of the semester for our students. Another class will have the chance to enjoy the same experience next semester, scheduled from March 10th to 12th.



# OUTDOOR EDUCATION 25

## TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS



# A letter from the Grad Committee

Dear FFCA Family,

The 2025 Grad Committee is thrilled to share our journey so far and the exciting plans we have to honor your amazing graduates. We know this milestone is a momentous occasion, not just for the students but for their families, friends, and all who've supported them along the way.

First, we want to express our deepest gratitude to Purdy's Chocolatier for hosting our Winter Fundraiser and to all the families who participated. Your generosity and support are invaluable to us, and we promise to channel that energy into creating a truly unforgettable celebration for your graduates.

**Reflecting on Our Journey So Far:** This year has been a whirlwind of activity! From weekly lunch sales featuring crowd favorites like Costco pizza and samosas (special thanks to our parent volunteers!) to selling freeze-dried candy generously donated by the LaChance family, every effort has been fueled by love and dedication. We also worked hard to organize and distribute Purdy's holiday fundraiser orders and even recycled school bottles to squeeze every penny we could toward our goals. These collective efforts have been a testament to the incredible spirit of our community.

**Looking Ahead:** We're overjoyed to announce that the **Carriage House Inn** will host our Banquet, while the **Ceremony** will take place at Bethany Chapel. The Ceremony is open to all, and the Banquet will be a magical evening featuring a DJ, a professional photo booth, illuminated letters, and a flower wall for picture-perfect moments. This will be a night to remember! In addition, our custom-designed **2025 Grad Hoodies**—crafted by talented committee members—will soon be available to order. We can't wait for grads to wear them with pride! Lunch sales aren't going anywhere, and we're adding new options like Eggos and Texas Donuts to keep things fresh and fun. We're also reaching out to local businesses for sponsorships and planning a community bottle drive (pending approval) to further boost our funds.

**A Special Reminder:** Grad photos are fast approaching! Book your session now at [Prestige Portraits](#) to secure your spot and capture this once-in-a-lifetime moment.

### Thank You from the Bottom of Our Hearts

None of this would be possible without you—the families, staff, and volunteers who make this community so extraordinary. Your contributions, whether big or small, remind us of the love and care surrounding our grads. We're honored to celebrate alongside you and make this a year to cherish forever. With your continued support, we're ready to make the Class of 2025's graduation a legendary celebration of their hard work and bright futures. Let's finish the year strong, together! With heartfelt gratitude,

The 2025 Grad Committee

## GRAD TIMES AND DATES

Grad Photos- Jan 23-28

Grad Walk- June 6

Graduation Ceremony and Banquet:

June 26, 2025

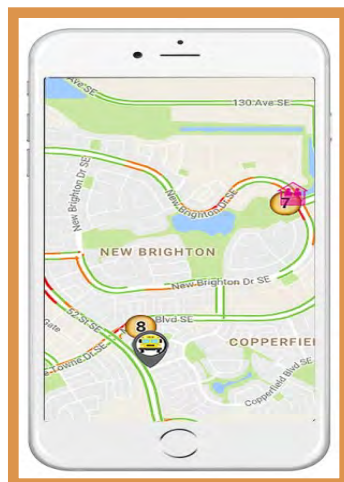
Ceremony: 1:30pm

Banquet Dinner: 7:00pm – 12:00am

CLASS OF  
2025



# MY BUS STOP



If your child rides the bus, please sign up for our monitoring system. All of our 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 there is a substitute bus due to mechanical issues, you will not be able to see where the bus is, but you will still see expected delays and dispatch comments.

**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/>.



# IMPORTANT LINKS FOR PARENTS

## Public Board Meeting Schedule

[https://www.ffca-calgary.com/about\\_us/our\\_board/public\\_board\\_meeting\\_schedule](https://www.ffca-calgary.com/about_us/our_board/public_board_meeting_schedule)

*\*Campus: This schedule can be provided in your newsletter, but please check monthly to ensure the date/time/location has not changed. Otherwise, share the link above so parents can look for the most up-to-date info on the website.*

## Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes

[https://www.ffca-calgary.com/documents\\_\\_publications/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](https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/uniform_information)

## School Calendar

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



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