



The Phoenix Messenger

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Matter of Principal

As this school year draws to close, it is important to take a moment to reflect on our collective journey.

I am grateful for our students, for how they have risen to the challenges of learning during a pandemic, of restrictions that took away some of their most cherished activities, and of course the disruptions of moving locations twice in three years. Their positive attitude, dedication to learning, and consistent adherence to changing expectations was simply outstanding!

I am grateful for our parents and families, for their patience and flexibility as we navigated these uncharted waters. You deserve a big thank-you for supporting the SHS as we got established, and for keeping students home when needed and austing to all of the changing health restrictions; I think we easily set a record for number of emails home, but we also received a record number of messages of support and encouragement each time.

I am grateful for our staff, whose professionalism and tireless dedication greatly contributed to our success this year. Working with this team of educators has been inspirational, especially during the Herculean challenges posed by the High School split, global pandemic, staff shortages, fire, and transition to Mount Royal. Our staff's commitment to providing the best education possible, regardless of the location or learning conditions, deserves an enormous amount of gratitude.

With my new role as Principal Educator for FFCA's North Middle School next year, I can only hope for such exemplary staff, students, and families.

An easy school year without any challenges might at first glance, be the most desirable path for a school community. And I'm certain there's a strong desire at least for a more 'normal' 2022-23 school year.

But obstacles are both an inevitability in life, and a necessity for growth. There is no better teacher than adversity. Being able to overcome the challenges of the past few years, all while continuing to master new content and develop an array of skills, will provide us all with a bedrock of resilience; a true foundation for our future.

Take care, and have a safe and enjoyable summer,

Douglas Lamb
Associate Principal

Dates to Remember

July 1- August 24 - Summer Vacation Building Closed

Aug 26 Family Orientation

Aug 29 First Day of Classes (Day 1)
**School Photos STUDENTS MUST
BE IN FULL GALA**

Sept 5 Labour Day
No Classes / Building Closed

Sept 30 Truth & Reconciliation
No School



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Picture Day

August 29, 2022 is
School Photo & ID Card day
at South High School.

**Please ensure your student is in
full Gala wear for that day.**

(Formal Uniform Required
including Gr. 12 blazers)



FROM THE FFCA SCHOOL COUNSELLOR: MR. RAJI SAMRA

Employment Opportunity for Those 16 and Older

Camp Chestermere is currently hiring Seasonal Staff, people ages 16 and up, for July & August. Seasonal Staff can work anywhere from one week or up to 9 weeks throughout the summer. We can accommodate them based on their availability.

We are currently looking to hire for the following positions:

- Overnight Cabin Leaders
- Day Camp Cabin Leaders
- Kitchen Staff
- Work Crew

Compensation

Compensation for Seasonal Staff and Work Crew members includes a weekly \$100 stipend for high school students or \$150 for high school graduates, as well as access to camp facilities and activities during breaks, and a free weekend staff retreat near the end of the summer and meals throughout the week. There may also be opportunities for extra work hosting rental groups over weekends.

Work Experience

High School students who are looking for credits are able to obtain Work Experience credits.

Social Media and Promotion

For more information on this Summer, check out our promotional video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgvLgOBEp4g>

Alexander Rutherford Scholarship:

Grade 12s:

If you are attending a post-secondary school this fall as a full-time student, you can apply for the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship this August. The application can be found on the Alberta Student Aid website. Once your attendance has been confirmed at a school, a cheque will be sent to your home address. Please make sure you apply for this money that you have earned for working hard in high school! If you are taking a gap year, please apply when you decide to start your post -secondary studies. The money will be there for you at that time.

JOIN OUR TEAM AT CAMP CHESTERMERE AND

HELP CREATE A PLACE TO BELONG

WWW.CAMPCHESTERMERE.COM

STAFFING POSITIONS
AS CABIN LEADERS, WORK
CREW, & KITCHEN HELP
AVAILABLE FOR AGES 16+

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
THIS SUMMER & CHANGE
A CHILD'S LIFE!

APPLY ONLINE &
EXPERIENCE
SOMETHING NEW!



PE UNIFORM UPDATE



At FFCA-SHS, all PE students are required to wear FFCA logoed athletic apparel when in PE class.

PE students can purchase PE apparel for the upcoming school year 2022-2023 via the FFCA-SHS PE online store. The online PE uniform store will offer a variety of FFCA-PE apparel that students can choose to purchase. We strongly advise all students purchase two PE shirts, and two sweatpants so they have PE clothing for the full week.

Families can choose between having PE apparel delivered to the school for pickup during the first day of PE class or, for a fee, have the PE apparel delivered home.

2022-23 school year Grade 9 families that have paid the \$50.00 PE registration fee will receive a credit in the FFCA Family Zone that can be used for the upcoming school year fees (Electives, transportation, field trips, etc.)

There will be four store openings during the school year if additional PE apparel needs to be ordered.

- August 22, 2022
- Oct 1, 2022
- Dec 1, 2022
- Feb 1, 2022

If you have any questions please email Mrs. Glenney at Mariko.glenney@ffca-calgary.com

Link to the FFCA-SHS PE online store - <https://foundationsforthefuture-ffca-southhighschoolphoenixpejune22.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



SHS PERFORMING ARTS: MS. ARLENE ORCHARD

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 have social impact.**

Opportunities at FFCA SHS in Performing Arts:

1. Drama 9, 10, 20, 30 (within the regular day schedule)
2. Teacher Assistant (TA) for Drama (Work Experience 15-25-35). Open to students in grades 11-12
3. Choir 9-10-20-30 (Block 5, after school)
 - a. We have an excellent touring Concert choir, singing at various venues throughout the year.
 - b. For more information, please email arlene.orchard@ffca-calgary.com
4. Musical Theatre 9-15-25-35 (Block 5, after school)
 - a. This year, we will be producing *The Little Mermaid*, March 16-19
 - b. For more information, please email arlene.orchard@ffca-calgary.com
5. Technical Theatre 9-15-25-35 (Block 5, after school)
 - a. This year, we will be providing our technical theatre support in the creation of our musical, *The Little Mermaid*, March 16-19; various choir concerts, and Class Acts at the end of the year.
 - b. For more information, please email arlene.orchard@ffca-calgary.com



High School Calendar 2022-23

August						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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August 22-24 Organizational Days - No Classes

August 25 PD Day - No Classes

August 26 Family Orientation

August 29 Semester 1 Starts

September 5 Labour Day - No School

September 30 Day of Truth & Reconciliation - No School

October						
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October 10 Thanksgiving Day - No School

October 27 Report Cards

October 28 PD Day - No Classes

November 3 Learning Conferences - Early Dismissal

November 4 Learning Conferences - No Classes

November 7-11 Fall Break - No School

December						
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December 23-January 6 Winter Break - No School

January 19-27 Exams

January 30 Organizational Day - No Classes

January 31 Semester 2 Starts

February						
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February 2 Report Cards

February 9 Learning Conferences - Early Dismissal

February 16-17 PD Day - No Classes

February 20 Family Day - No School

March 27-April 7 Spring Break - No School

April						
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April 13 Report Cards

April 20 Learning Conferences - Early Dismissal

April 21 Learning Conferences - No Classes

May 19 PD Day - No Classes

May 22 Victoria Day - No School

June						
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June 16-27 Exams

June 28 Report Cards - No Classes

June 28-29 Organizational Day - No Classes

SHS BELL SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday			Friday		
BLOCK	Regular Days	Minutes	BLOCK	Regular Days	Minutes
COLLABORATION, TEACHER TIME	8:00 - 8:25	25 min	COLLABORATION, TEACHER TIME	8:00 - 8:25	25 min
1	8:30 - 10:00	90 min (88)	1	8:30 - 9:35	65 min
TRANSITION		5 min	TRANSITION		5 min
2	10:05 - 11:35	90 min (88)	2	9:40 - 10:45	65 min
LUNCH	11:35 - 12:20	45 min	Break	10:45 - 11:00	15 min
3	12:20 - 1:49	89 min	3	11:00 - 12:05	65 min
TRANSITION		5 min	TRANSITION		5 min
4	1:54 - 3:23	89 min	4	12:10 - 1:15	65 min
TRANSITION	3:23 - 3:30	7 min	TRANSITION	1:15 - 1:20	5 min
NOTE: BUSES DEPART AT 3:30			NOTE: BUSES DEPART AT 1:20		

BUSSING NEWS

Just a reminder that the bus routes will be created in July and posted on the FFCA website the third week of August. Please check for changes to your stop location and time.

Parents requesting changes to bus stops **must** put their bussing request in writing (Bus Change Request Form) between August and mid-October 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 received 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.

Susan Goldsmith

Director, Transportation Services Email: susan.goldsmith@ffca-calgary.com

Website: www.ffca-calgary.com > Important Information > Bus Information



SUMMER MYBUS STOP UPDATE



All information in the MyBusStop app is erased over the summer and the school code will need to be updated. The MyBusStop school code will be posted by your campus on Edsby in September. Please check Edsby in the new school year, once the parent accounts are re-activated. 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

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

South High School Campus School Council 2022-2023

Chair	Raymond Chow
Vice Chair	Ademola Mah
Secretary	Jaime Raison
Treasurer	Andrei Filonov
Partnership Coordinator	Stephan Dragomir
Parental Partnership Coordinator	Catherine Wang
Community Services Coordinator	Crystal Fenton
Casino Society Coordinator	Keri-Lee Campbell

South High School Campus School Society 2022-23

Chair	Keri-Lee Campbell
Vice Chair	Stephan Dragomir
Secretary	Raymond Chow
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Please note that our campus will be
closed from
June 30 - August 24.

We will **not** be
checking emails or voicemails until
August 25.

Have a wonderful Summer!

