



The Phoenix Messenger

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Matter of Principal

Dear SHS Families,

While many of us are looking forward to spring, SHS is also preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. It's an exciting time with lots of learning as we all get used to our new systems.

On February 20th, the SHS admin visited SMS and the Grade 8 classes to share our GR 9 Elective [video](#) and answer any questions students may have about the SHS campus. Topics that the students came up with included lockers, off campus lunches, bell schedules, early dismissal Fridays, athletics opportunities, and more! It is always a pleasure to chat with future SHS students. We hope that the assurance of an FFCA South High School campus has reassured parents that this is the place to be for your students. Registration for FFCA SHS will open on March 4th, 2024.

Messaging about how to complete student re-registration will be coming shortly and this information will help us create our schedule for next year. This will be done within our new PowerSchool system, which will also be used for our course selection process later in the school year. Staying with PowerSchool, E-Reporting was recently launched, and parents and students can login through the [website](#) or the PowerSchool App ([Apple](#), [Android](#)) to see student progress. To get access to the App, you will need the District Code. This code can be found by logging into the desktop version of the Power School Parent Portal on the bottom lefthand side of the page.

Our Grade 9 Family Orientation will take place on March 7th at 6pm at the SHS campus. Any families of incoming Gr 9 students are welcome to attend. SHS Admin will share a short presentation and answer any questions parents may have about transitioning to FFCA SHS. We will also have staff and student representatives on site for the event. This will be an opportunity to see how the building's remediation has created a great space for our SHS students. Parents and students can explore the campus and get a feel for what it will feel like to join us next fall.

Regards,

SHS Admin



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Dates to Remember

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| March 4 –15 | Re-registration in Power School Parent Portal |
| March 15-17 | SHS School Musical |
| March 11 - 15 | Course Selections |
| March 22 | Casual Day |
| Mar 25 - Apr 5 | Spring Break |
| April 8 | First day of class after Spring Break |
| April 8 –18 | Spring Food Drive |



IMPORTANT Information 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. 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 2023/24 year and applications should be in place by March 1, 2024, to have the best opportunity to transfer for the 2024/25 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

MY BUS STOP INFORMATION



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-ways.

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.

FFCA HIGH SCHOOL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

As we continue our commitment providing a safe and caring workplace and learning environment for our students and staff we would like to share with our FFCA's Critical Response Plans.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our principal, Mr. Joshua Symonds

[Emergency Response Plans Administrative Procedures](#)

(Please select the link above to see our response plans)

ATTENDANCE: 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, please email the campus office at shs.office@ffca-calgary.com

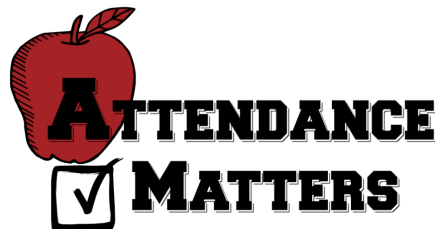
Please be sure to include the following information:

1. first and last name of your student
2. date of absence
3. Time away from school if for a portion of the day
4. the reason they will be away

Students **MUST** sign out at the office. They are not required to sign in when they arrive at school.

1. Please note that not all absences are considered excused under government rules.
2. Any absences reported after 9:00 am may not be reflected until the following day.
3. If you believe your child was marked incorrectly for a block, they must speak with that teacher for that class to have this updated, even if they had a guest teacher. The office is not able to make these changes.
4. An extended leave of absence from school requires a written request to the Principal Educator. Please send the email to joshua.symonds@ffca-calgary.com

Once again not all absences are considered excused under government rules.





Re-Registration Notice 2024-2025 School Year

It's that time of year again to re-register your child(ren) for the next school year.

- Re-registration opens: **Monday, March 4, 2023**
- Re-registration deadline: **Monday, March 15, 2023**

If you have any questions please email shs.office@ffca-calgary.com

COUNSELOR UPDATE– Welcome Ms. Hunnisett

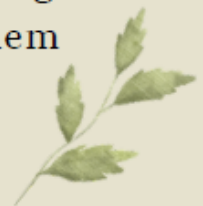
ACADEMIC GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR



Hello to all SHS families!

My name is Pamela Hunnisett (Ms. Hunni), and I am honoured and thrilled to announce that I am joining the SHS family as the new Academic Guidance Counsellor. I have been with FFCA for 18 years as an English and Drama teacher and, for the past couple of years, as the Inclusion Facilitator at the NHS. As a trained specialist in Career and Academic Advising through the University of Calgary's certificated program, along with 26 years of secondary education experience, I am passionate about supporting student success by discovering students' strengths and goals while helping them plan their high school academic and post-secondary journey.

See you soon!



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The application for scholarships will open on March 18, 2024.

The deadline to submit the completed scholarship package is April 14, 2024.

To apply and view FFCA's Scholarship information please visit our website or click on the link below:

[South High School Scholarships - South High School \(ffca-calgary.com\)](https://ffca-calgary.com)

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS

ASC - Outstanding Character Scholarship (Two Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA Association of School Councils to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one for each high school campus, who have demonstrated outstanding character within the FFCA community as well as beyond. The winners of these awards will have shown the ability to consistently model the core character virtues of respect, responsibility, integrity, self-discipline and compassion.

ASC - Outstanding Leadership Scholarship (Two Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA Association of School Councils to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one for each high school campus, who have demonstrated outstanding leadership within the FFCA community as well as beyond. The winners of these awards will have shown the ability to consistently model outstanding character and influence others to do the same.

BOD - Pritchard-Poole Language Arts & Physical Education Scholarship (One Scholarship)

This scholarship is provided by the FFCA Board in honour of Mr. Jay Pritchard and Ms. Meredith Poole for their contributions to The Alberta Association of Public Charter Schools. It is awarded to an FFCA graduate who has shown outstanding character and performance in English Language Arts and Physical Education.

BOD - Shelley Schroh Memorial Unsung Hero Scholarship (One Scholarship)

The nominations for this award are made by staff only. This scholarship is awarded to a student who makes a significant contribution at school without being recognized or to someone who has overcome a significant challenge or difficulty. The winner of this award may be announced at the graduation ceremonies, or the winner may remain anonymous.

Edge Imaging - Yearbook Scholarship (Two \$250 Scholarships)

This award is provided by Edge Imaging to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one for each high school campus, who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication in the creation of the yearbook

Mind Over Matter - Mental Health Resiliency Scholarship (Two \$500 Scholarships)

This award is provided by Mind Over Matter Psychological Services to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one for each high school campus, who have shown exceptional resiliency to overcome a mental health concern.

NEE Campus Society - Excellence in Trades/Technical Scholarship (Two Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA Northeast Elementary Campus School Council to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one for each high school campus, who have demonstrated excellence in applied courses leading into a trade.

NHS Campus Society - Excellence in Language Arts Scholarship (Two Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA North High School Campus Society to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one for each high school campus, who have demonstrated Excellence in Language Arts interest and achievement.

NHS Campus Society - Excellence in Mathematics Scholarship (Two Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA North High School Campus Society to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one for each high school campus, who have demonstrated Excellence in Mathematics interest and achievement.

NHS Campus Society - Physical Education Scholarship (Two Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA North High School Campus Society to the graduating FFCA High School students, one for each high school campus, who have demonstrated outstanding character, leadership, and teamwork within the FFCA Physical Education Program. The student's skills and knowledge of the Physical Education Program are considered exemplary.

NMS Campus Society - Academic & Performing Arts Scholarship (Two \$750 Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA North Middle School Campus Society to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one at each high school campus, who have demonstrated excellence in academics and strong performance in a performing arts program.

NMS Campus Society - Academic and Visual Arts Scholarship (Two \$750 Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA North Middle School Campus Society to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one at each high school campus, who have demonstrated excellence in academics and strong performance in a visual arts program.

NWE School Campus Society - Valedictorian Scholarship (Two Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA Northwest Elementary School Campus Council to be given to graduating FFCA High School students, one at each high school campus, who have been selected by a committee of peers, teachers and administration from the high school as the valedictorian for the graduating class.

SEE School Campus Council - Excellence in Science Scholarship (One Scholarship for both)

This award is provided by the FFCA Southeast Elementary School Campus Council to be given to the graduating FFCA High School student who has demonstrated excellence in Science interest and achievement.

SEE School Campus Council - Excellence in Social Studies Scholarship (One Scholarship for both)

This award is provided by the FFCA Southeast Elementary School Campus Council to be given to the graduating FFCA High School student who has demonstrated excellence in Social Studies interest and achievement.

SHS Campus Society – A Balanced Life Scholarships (Two \$500 Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA South High School Campus Society to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one at each high school campus, who have demonstrated their ability to live a balanced life.

SMS Campus Society - Outstanding Service Scholarships (Two Scholarships)

This award is provided by the FFCA South Middle School Campus Council to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one at each high school campus, who have demonstrated outstanding service to the FFCA community and beyond.

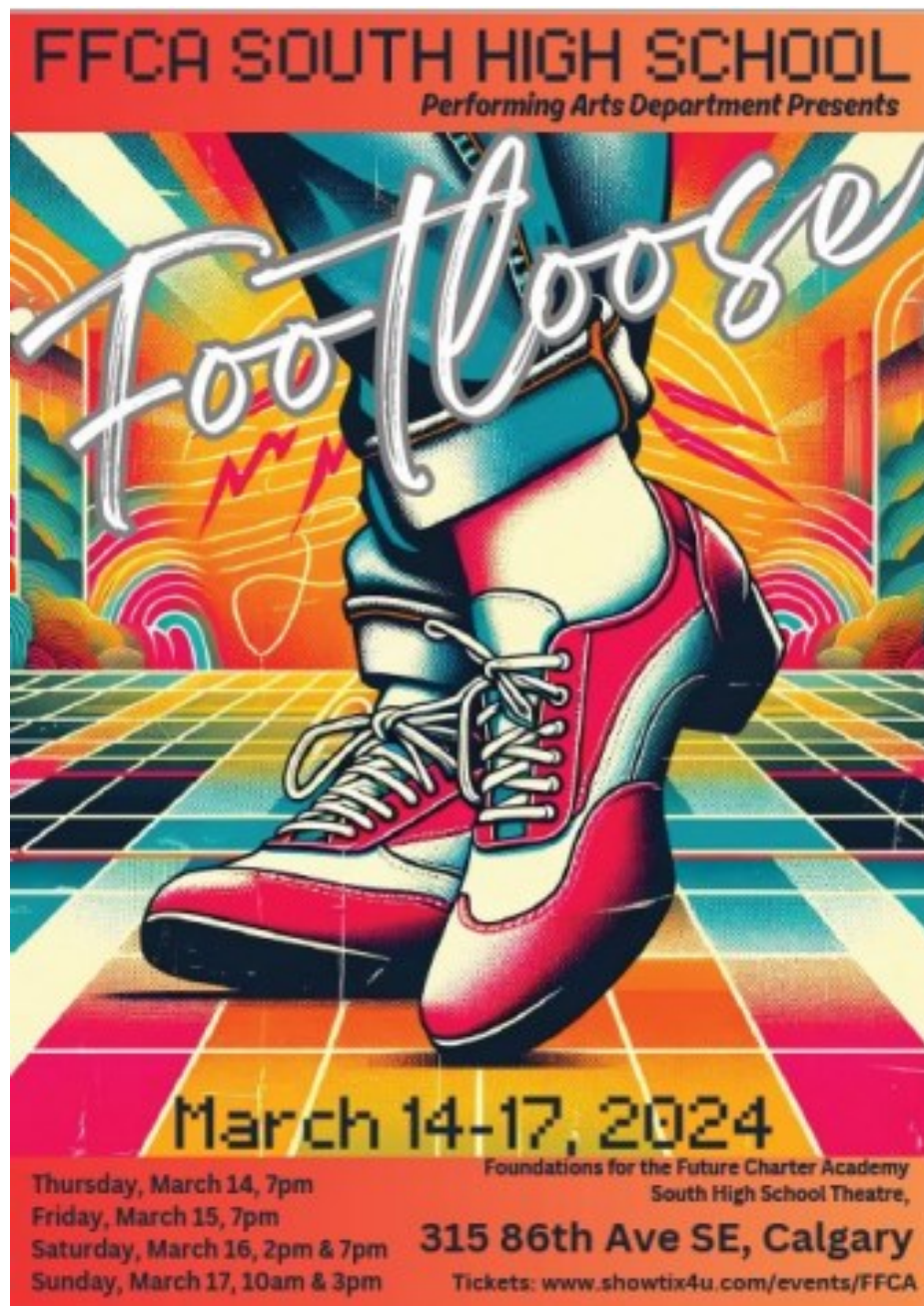
**SWE School Campus Society - Outstanding Academic Improvement Scholarship
(Two Scholarships)**

This award is provided by the FFCA Southwest Elementary Campus Society to be given to the graduating FFCA High School students, one at each high school campus, who have demonstrated exceptional perseverance leading to significant improvement in work habits, behaviour and/or academics.

FFCA South High School will be producing the musical "FOOTLOOSE!" at the south high school campus, **315 86th Ave SE**, from March 14-17! We are so excited! We are known for our professional musicals, and we know this production is sure to please! Filled with all things 1980s, this musical is sure to get your toes tapping, with songs from the original 1984 movie like, "Footloose", "I Need A Hero", and "Let's Hear it for the Boy". It is based directly on the 1984 movie, Footloose (with swoony Kevin Bacon), so if you want to determine if it is the right musical for your littles to attend, give it a watch.

Tickets open for public purchase on Thursday, Feb. 8 at noon through our online platform: www.showtix4u.com/events/FFCA or the direct link <https://www.showtix4u.com/eventdetails/80606>

If you have any trouble purchasing tickets, here's a handy youtube tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnIL3JoF3qM>



Footloose Cast List 2023-24

Vocal Captains: Mai M (11), Sammy A (11)

Assistant Choreographer: Milana T (11)

Dance Captains: Shaelyn M (12), Madeline M (12)

Crew Chief: Bennet P (12)

Stage Managers: Bisola M (12), Kristelle D (12)

Student Directors: Cristina A (12), Annalise B (12), Braden L (12), Ananya P (12), Emalie T (12)

*Everyone will also be in the ensemble for opposite casts!

| Character | Boots Cast | Hats Cast |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Ethel McCormick | Milana T (11) | Annalise B (12) |
| Vi Moore | Ananya P(12) | Thabo N(10) |
| Ariel Moore | Emalie T(12) | Cristina A (12) |
| Rusty | Louise F (10) | Mai M (11) |
| Urleen | Polina P(11) | Shae M(12) |
| Wendy Jo | Kemi A (12) | Chloe M (9) |
| Misty (4 th friend) | Arianna D(10) | Jennifer F (9) |
| Lulu Warnicker/ Garvin | Madeline M(12) | Paige E (11) |
| Eleanor/ Bickle | Stephanie J-G (10) | Zina U(9) |
| Lyle/ Cop | Tami I (9) | Tami Ishola (9) |
| Teen/ Ensemble | Maddie T (10) | Maddie T (10) |
| Travis | Dawson M (12) | Charlie R (11) |
| Garvin in Mama Says | Charlie R (11) | Dawson M (12) |
| Chuck | Teagan T(11) | Dan L (11) |
| Betty Blast | Stephanie J-G (10) | Paige E (11) |
| Ren McCormick | Oliver B(11) | Braden L (12) |
| Rev Shaw Moore | Ethan L (11) | Sammy A(11) |
| Willard | Jack N (10) | Max I (10) |
| Coach | Charlie R (11) | Dawson M (12) |
| Wes Warnicker | Braden L (12) | Aurik H (11) |
| Cowboy Bob | Sammy A (11) | Ethan L (11) |
| Principal | Cael Dickie (Alumni '23) | Ms Glenney |

TECHNICAL THEATRE list of Students: These students run the technical aspects of every show/ every cast.**Grade 9**

Celia L
Kiera C
Sarah R
Anna C

Grade 10


Oliver R
Nour K
Semira C
Shogo N
Guntaj C
Cassidy T
Roham F
Ethan N
Dylan S
Vidette Q
Quinn W


Grade 11

Melina M
Chris Z
Veer K
Eric K
Lisa K
Chloe P
Sophia K

Grade 12

Kayden L
Kaitlyn H
Bennett P
Nathaniel M
Bisola M
Kristelle D
Amber A
Takumi KW

**FOUNDATIONS**
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Annual Spring Food Drive


Let's Make a Difference!

Food Drive Collection
April 8-19, 2024

Your generosity can help nourish the lives of those in need. You can assist with the campus-wide Spring Food Drive by sending non-perishables to school. This will go a long way in supporting families and individuals facing food insecurity in our communities. Let's show that when we unite for a common cause, we can create incredible change. Calgary Food Bank will be collecting and distributing all donations

Suggested Items
Canned Fruit
Canned Protein
Canned Vegetables
Pasta
Soup
Cereal

Online Cash Donations:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/99119>





SCREEN AGERS

FREE PARENT FILM NIGHT

When: March 5, 2024
Starting at 6:30 PM

Where: FFCA SWE - 898 Sylvester Cres

Join FFCA SWE, SMS, and SHS School Councils for an exclusive screening of **Screenagers: Growing Up In the Digital Age**. A thought provoking take on Tweens, Teens and their screens.

With Special Guest, Ms. Gina Grace, SMS School Counsellor, who will be offering valuable insights and guidance as we navigate the challenges of parenting in the digital age. Ms. Grace will also be on hand for a post-presentation Q&A session.

Don't miss out on this thought-provoking documentary by physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston! Explore the impact of screen time on kids' development and discover practical solutions for navigating the digital world.

Mark your calendars for an eye-opening journey into modern family dynamics and the challenges of technology. See you there!

For optimal learning, we kindly ask that this session be attended by adults only. Your full attention will ensure you derive the utmost benefit from the event. Thank you for your understanding.

RSVP TODAY at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/ffcaswe/1159555>