



The Phoenix Messenger

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Dear SHS Families,

As we approach the end of the school year and the arrival of spring, this is a time to reflect on your progress, celebrate your accomplishments, and make the most of the opportunities that lie ahead.

Did you know that FFCA offers scholarships to our graduating students? These opportunities are intended to:

- recognize and reward students who have distinguished themselves in a variety of school areas
- encourage attitudes and efforts towards excellence for all students
- develop appreciation of FFCA teaching and learning and character development
- encourage a sense of community
- value the pursuit of postsecondary

All of the FFCA campuses come together through ASC (Association of School Council) to sponsor scholarships. To learn more about the FFCA Scholarship Program click [here](#). FFCA SHS Scholarships.

Remember, academics are just one part of the equation. Developing strong character traits such as respect, responsibility, compassion, self-discipline and integrity can also play a critical role in your success. As you navigate the challenges and opportunities that come your way, focus on core FFCA virtues above alongside your academic pursuits.

We urge you to make the most of the remainder of the school year. Finish strong, stay focused on your goals, and continue to develop the skills and traits that will help you succeed both now and in the future.

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Dates to Remember

May 1	School Bus Driver Appreciation
May 3	Hats On! For Mental Health Day
May 19	PD Day - No classes
May 22	Victoria Day - No School
May 28	Casual Day



School Bus Driver Appreciation

The first Monday in May is set aside annually to show appreciation to the drivers. This day is recognized across Alberta to draw attention to the important role school bus drivers have in the lives of students! Our government values the efforts of school bus drivers throughout the province who transport approximately 300,000 students safely to and from school every day. This year, Monday, May 1, has been designated as School Bus Driver Appreciation Day – an opportunity for students, parents and staff of FFCA to recognize the vital function that school bus drivers serve in safely transporting our children to and from school.

Please join us in thanking our FFCA bus drivers
for their dedication and commitment on
Monday, May 1, 2023



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. 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

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

**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

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.

Hats ON! For Mental Health

On **May 3rd** we will be participating hats for Hats On! For Mental Health.

What is Hats on for Mental Health? On the **first Wednesday in May**, Albertans are invited to wear a hat to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. Participating schools will relax their hat rules and encourage students and teachers to build understanding by wearing hats to school.



SCHOOL COUNCIL & SCHOOL SOCIETY AGM

We will be having our South High School Campus School Society and School Council AGM in May.

Date: Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30pm

Location: Southeast Elementary (SEE) Campus - 9711 Academy Drive SE

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 send an email the campus office at shs.office@ffca-calgary.com. We would prefer you email rather than leaving a voicemail due to our situation at Mount Royal University.

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



Any absences reported after 9:00 am may not be reflected until the following day.

If you believe your child was marked incorrectly for a block, they must speak with that teacher for that class to have this updated. The office is not able to make these changes.

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.

Please note that not all absences are considered excused under government rules.

COUNSELOR UPDATE – MR.SAMRA

SAIT

SAIT Degrees Information Fair

Date: April 20, 6 – 8 pm

Location: Macdonald Hall and Heritage Hall, SAIT Main Campus

Did you know that SAIT offers Degree programs? It's true! Hear from a panel of academic chairs and learn more about SAIT's two-year and four-year degree programs:

MacPhail School of Energy
Bachelor of Applied Technology Petroleum Engineering

School of Business
Bachelor of Applied Business Administration
Bachelor of Business Administration

School of Construction
Bachelor of Applied Technology Geographic Information System
Bachelor of Science Construction Project Management

School of Hospitality and Tourism
Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management

Have a chance to meet and engage with our academic chairs one-on-one when you attend school-specific information sessions to get details based on your area of interest.

Registration is required. The event will begin with a panel discussion followed by the breakout info sessions. Please plan to arrive for check-in at 6 pm and stay for the duration of the event.

Please [click here](#) to register for this event.



Still looking for a school for the Fall?

Perhaps you are still undecided and looking for a school for the fall. Here are some Calgary post-secondary schools that are still accepting applications:

SAIT—check their website as to what programs are still open.

Mount Royal University—some programs have closed, but some are still open for applications. University entrance Option and Open Studies are good choices if students want a combination of upgrading high school courses and taking university-level classes.

St. Mary's University—still accepting applications until August. They are known for their small classes. Admission average is 65%.

Ambrose University—still accepting applications. They also have small classes and an admission average of 65%.

FFCA Scholarships (open to grade 12 students only)

Applications for the FFCA Scholarships are now available on our campus website. Please review the numerous awards and submit applications to the main office. The deadline for these applications is May 23. These scholarships will be awarded at the June commencement ceremony. Click here to view the [list of scholarships](#).

COUNSELOR UPDATE continued – MR.SAMRA

Grade 11 Matters

It is not too soon for students to start thinking about university in Grade 10 or earlier. The University of Alberta is conducting a virtual presentation to discuss the importance of the grade 11 school year and how it relates to students' future university successes.

Registration is available at uab.ca/recruitmentevents.

Post- Secondary Updates

University of Alberta

Students can update their courses and marks in their [Launchpad account](#) if they have not yet received an admission offer to their first-choice program. The deadline to self-report new, final high school grades is April 30, 2023.

For further assistance, students can watch the [Course & Mark Update tutorial](#) (link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxyFNpcQ83k>)

Important Dates & Deadlines

April 30 - Deadline to secure a guaranteed spot in residence.

May 1 - Deadline to accept admission offers for most programs. Offer acceptance deadlines can be found in Launchpad.

University of Calgary

On April 10, 2023, all admitted students will be able to view the final average required to maintain their conditional offer of admission on their my.ucalgary.ca portal. To finalize admission, students must complete all grade 12 course requirements (or equivalent), maintain the competitive admission average within 3-5% and graduate high school.

The University of Calgary has released the final competitive averages for its fall 2023 programs. Please see the image below for more information:

Fall 2023 Competitive Admission Averages

Faculty/Program	High School Average (%)
Arts	
Dance, Bachelor of Music, Visual Studies*	74
Economics	76
Law and Society	79
Psychology	89
Sociology	78
All other programs	74
Cummings School of Medicine	
Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation	86
Bachelor of Health Sciences*	85
Haskayne School of Business	
Bachelor of Commerce	83
Kinesiology	
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Kinesiology	88
Nursing	
Bachelor of Nursing	91.8
School of Architecture Planning and Landscape	
Bachelor of Design in City Innovation	88
Schulich School of Engineering	
Bachelor of Engineering	87.3 (92.3 without Math 31)
Combined BSc Engineering and Bachelor of Commerce	92
Science	
Biochemistry	92
Biological Sciences Majors & Concentrations	88.5
Cellular, Molecular & Microbial Biology, Plant Biology, Zoology	95
Chemistry Majors & Concentrations	83.5
Computer Science Majors & Concentrations	88
Neuroscience	95.4
All other programs	79

Faculty/Program	High School Average (%)
Worklund School of Education	
On campus, 4 and 5-Year Concurrent Bachelor of Education	
Early Childhood Education (Elementary)	91
English Language Learners (Elementary)	88
English Language Arts (Elementary)	89
English Language Arts (Secondary)	92
Fine Arts (Elementary)	86
French (Elementary and Secondary)	84
Inclusive Education (Elementary)	85
Math (Elementary)	86
Math (Secondary)	91
Music, Drama and Visual Arts (Secondary)	90
Physical Education (Elementary and Secondary)	89
Second Languages (Elementary and Secondary)	84
Science (Elementary)	88
Science - Biology (Secondary)	92
Science - Chemistry (Secondary)	90
Science - Physics (Secondary)	89
Social Studies (Elementary)	88
Social Studies (Secondary)	91
Social Studies - Revitalization of Indigenous Languages (Elementary)	88
4-Year Bachelor of Education (Community-Based)	
Early Childhood Education (K-12)	75
English Language Arts (K-12)	75
Mathematics (K-12)	75
Science (K-12)	75
Social Studies (K-12)	75
Social Studies - Revitalization of Indigenous Languages (K-12)	75

DISCLAIMER: These averages are specific to the fall 2023 intake for students to finalize their offer of admission. Students applying for a future intake should consult the [admission requirements page](#) as these averages are in no way connected or predictive of the 2024 averages. To finalize admission, students must complete all [30-level course requirements](#) (or equivalent), ensure their final average has not fallen more than 3-5% (program dependent) below the competitive admission average required in their admission year and obtain their Alberta Grade 12 Graduation (or equivalent) by the end of June.

*and score on supplementary application (audition, portfolio or supplementary information)





High School Calendar 2023-24

August						
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September						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- August 21 PD Day - No Classes
- August 22-25 Organizational Days - No Classes
- August 28 Family Orientation
- August 29 Semester 1 Starts
- September 4 Labour Day - No School
- September 22 PD Day - No Classes
- September 30 Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Sat.)

October						
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November						
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- October 9 Thanksgiving Day - No School
- October 19-20 PD Days (TAAPCS Conf.) - No Classes
- October 26 Report Cards
- November 2 Learning Conferences - Early Dismissal
- November 3 Learning Conferences - No Classes
- November 6-10 Fall Break - No School
- November 11 Remembrance Day (Sat.)

December						
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28	29	30	31			

- December 1 PD Day - No Classes
- December 25-January 5 Winter Break - No School
- January 22-30 Exams
- January 31 Organizational Day - No Classes

February						
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- February 1 Semester 2 Starts
- February 1 Report Cards
- February 8 Learning Conferences - Early Dismissal
- February 15-16 PD Day - No Classes
- February 19 Family Day - No School
- March 25-April 5 Spring Break - No School

April						
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May						
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- April 18 Report Cards
- April 25 Learning Conferences - Early Dismissal
- April 26 Learning Conferences - No Classes
- May 20 Victoria Day - No School

June						
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July						
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- June 17-26 Exams
- June 27 Report Cards & Appeals - No Classes
- June 27-28 Organizational Days - No Classes