



The Phoenix Messenger

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Matter of Principal

Dear SHS Students & Families,

Spring has finally sprung, and it is so great to have spent this year back at DNB. There are still all kinds of activities planned around campus such as our Athletics Awards, Performing Arts Gala, Choir Night, a visit from the SMS Grade 8 students, and our Graduation Ceremony & Banquet!

With the end of the school year around the corner, it's a good idea that everyone commits to finishing with success in mind. This is an opportunity for you to demonstrate your commitment, dedication, and resilience and to reflect on and celebrate your growth.

Taking care of yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally is very important at this time of year. While the demands of exams and final assignments can seem overwhelming, prioritizing your well-being will help alleviate the stress. Make sure you're getting enough sleep, eating nutritious meals, and engaging in regular physical activity. Take breaks when needed to allow yourself time to recharge and rejuvenate. Creating a study schedule that allows for time to review each subject is also important. Break your study sessions into manageable chunks. Stay organized and make use of helpful resources available to you. Don't be afraid to ask questions or seek clarification on any topics you're struggling with.

Mental and emotional well-being are also important. Healthy coping mechanisms for stress, such as practicing mindfulness, deep breathing exercises, or engaging in activities you enjoy are all good things to keep in mind as we approach the end of the school year. Reach out to your support network, whether it be friends, family, or counselors, if you need someone to talk to. You don't have to face these challenges alone and remember that success is not solely measured by your grades.

Lastly, it is time to congratulate the FFCA SHS grad class of 2024! Your dedication and perseverance have brought you this far, and we have no doubt that you will continue to accomplish great things in the future. Take pride in your achievements, embrace the challenges that lie ahead, and remember the lessons learned and the growth you've experienced along the way.

Wishing you all the best in your exams and a great summer to follow!

Sincerely,

Joshua Symonds, Principal Educator
 Colin Marshall, Associate Principal



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Dates to Remember

May 30	Choir Night @ SHS
June 7	Grad Walk
June 7	Athletic Awards Celebration
June 7	Neon Lights School Dance
June 14	Casual Day
June 14	Last day of semester 2 classes
June 14	Performing Arts Gala
June 17-26	Exams
June 27	Report cards
June 28	Grad

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. 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

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.

GRADUATION INFORMATION



Dear Grade 12 Families,

Our 2024 Graduation Ceremony and Banquet are fast approaching!

Please remember that the banquet is a Family Focused Event.

Do not miss out on this opportunity to create special memories with your graduate.

Graduation Ceremony:

Date:	Friday, June 28, 2024
Location:	Bethany Chapel, 3333 Richardson Way SW
Arrival Time:	<u>Graduates</u> are to arrive at 12:30 PM allowing time to pick up caps
Start Time:	1:30 PM (Doors open at 1:15 PM)
End Time:	3:30 PM
Cost:	No cost to attend the Ceremony

Graduation Banquet:

Date:	Friday, June 28, 2024
Location:	Carriage House, 9030 Macleod Trail South
Free Parking:	Parking Lot, NE corner of 90 th Avenue SE and Bonaventure Drive SE
Arrival Time:	5:30 PM, photo booth will be open 6:00 PM Graduate Grand March
Dinner:	6:30 PM Buffet Starts Speeches and Program during dinner
Dance:	8:30 PM – 11:00 PM
Cost:	\$85.00 per ticket plus GST and service charges

Purchase your tickets early before they sell out at this link

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/909990896267?aff=oddtcreator>



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.



Please be sure to include the following information:

1. first and last name of your student
2. date of absence
3. time student will sign in /out
4. 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.

1. Any absences reported after 9:00 am may not be reflected until the following day.
2. 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 unable to make these changes.
3. No changes will be made after 48 hours of the absence.
4. An extended leave of absence from school requires written notification 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.
5. Please **do not** use Edsby's "Planned Absence" button to report your child's attendance as this feature does not report your absence to the office or sync with Power School.

YEARBOOK

For those who have pre-ordered a yearbook, please take note of the following important information regarding collection:

- **For Students enrolled at SHS in 2024-25:** Yearbooks will be sent home with students who have placed an order as soon as they arrive, expected in late September 2024.
- **For Families without a Student at SHS in 2024-25:** If you have ordered a yearbook but no longer have a student at SHS, you can pick up your copy at SHS starting mid-October.
- We kindly ask that all recipients ensure they have made arrangements to **collect their yearbooks on or before December 20, 2024.**

We hope you enjoy flipping through the memories captured in the 2023-2024 yearbook!

YEARBOOK

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Please note 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 change 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 transportation 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

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FFCA SHS Exam Period – June 2024

FFCA SHS Exam Day Instructions:

Regular Exam Days are scheduled with Friday bus times. All exams will begin at 9:00 AM, and the majority of students will finish their exam well before 1:20 PM when the buses depart. Students who have completed their exam should have a plan to leave campus and return before the bus departure or arrange for their own transportation. Our preference is for students to arrange their own transportation, as we do not have suitable space or staff to supervise students if they finish early.

For the 2023-2024 school year, diploma (gr 12) and school-based final exams (gr 10-11) will be weighted at 30%. Course work is weighted at 70%. Grade 9 students will take PATs in May and June that will count as their final exams and will be weighted as 20%.

On exam days, students should be ready to enter the exam room at about 8:50 AM. They should bring with them only the things they will need for the exam (photo ID (school ID is encouraged), writing tools, 1 approved calculator (no case & only if needed), snacks/water (only water in computer labs), and anything else specified by their teacher). All SHS students have a locker assigned to them to store backpacks, jackets, boots, technology, and other belongings. Students with exam accommodations should discuss their writing location with Student Services.

Alberta Education is moving toward online standardized testing (PATs and diplomas) through a platform called Vretta. FFCA SHS will be using a hybrid of this program, along with the traditional paper booklets, for testing this year where grade 9 PAT students will have both formats in which to do their work for ELA, Science and Social Studies. Their responses will be entered in the Vretta platform. The Math PAT will be completed in the paper booklets. Vretta will also be used for the ELA 30-1 and ELA 30-2 Part A diploma exam.

In the schedule below, the section number for classes can be found in PowerSchool and Edsby. It is the last digit of the course code as seen here:

Mathematics 10C
MAT1791C54 @ Rm. 207

Please return textbooks to the Learning Commons on the day of your exam.

SHS Admin

JUNE EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday June 11, 2024

Exam	Class	Location
ELA 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma Part A	ELA 30-1: Section 2 ELA 30-2 This exam is on a regular school day with regular bus service (3:30pm departure).	Lab 140

Wednesday June 12, 2024

Exam	Class	Location
ELA 9 PAT Part B	ELA 9: Section 1 ELA 9: Section 2 ELA 9: Section 3 ELA 9: Section 4 ELA 9: Section 5	Room 210 Room 208 Room 143 Room 217 Room P303
SOC 30-1 SOC 30-2 Diploma Part A	SOC 30-1: online SOC 30-2: Section 1 This exam is on a regular school day with regular bus service (3:30pm departure).	Lab 140

Monday June 17, 2024

Exam	Class	Location
ELA 10-1	ELA 10-1: Section 2 ELA 10-1: Section 3 ELA 10-1: Section 5	Lab 142A Room 208 Room 203
ELA 20-1	ELA 20-1: Section 3 ELA 20-1: Section 4	Lab 140 Room 143
Math 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma	Math 30-1: Section 2 Math 30-2: Section 1	Gym

Tuesday June 18, 2024

Exam	Class	Location
Math 9 PAT Parts A & B	Math 9: Section 1 Math 9: Section 2 Math 9: Section 3 Math 9: Section 4 Math 9: Section 5	Gym
SOC 10-1 SOC 10-2	SOC 10-1: Section 3 SOC 10-1: Section 4 SOC 10-2: Section 3	Lab 140 Lab 142A Lab 142A
SOC 20-1 SOC 20-2	SOC 20-1: Section 2 SOC 20-1: Section 3 SOC 20-1: Section 4 SOC 20-2: Section 2 SOC 20-2: Section 3 SOC 20-2: Section 4	Room 143 Room 143 Room 210 Room 208 Room 208 Room 208
ELA 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma Part B	ELA 30-1: Section 2 ELA 30-2	Room 208

Wednesday June 19, 2024

Exam	Class	Location
SOC 9 PAT	SOC 9: Section 1 SOC 9: Section 2 SOC 9: Section 3 SOC 9: Section 4 SOC 9: Section 5	Lab 140 Lab 142A Room 143 Room 210 Room 208
SOC 30-1 SOC 30-2 Diploma Part B	SOC 30-1 SOC 30-2: Section 1	Room 203

Thursday June 20, 2024

Exam	Class	Location
SCI 9 PAT	SCI 9: Section 1 SCI 9: Section 2 SCI 9: Section 3 SCI 9: Section 4 SCI 9: Section 5	Lab 140 Lab 142A Room 143 Room 210 Room 208
SCI 10	SCI 10: Sections 3 & 5	Gym
BIO 20	BIO 20: Section 3	Gym
BIO 30 Diploma	BIO 30: Section 2	Gym

Friday June 21, 2024

National Indigenous Peoples Day NO EXAMS

Monday June 24, 2024

Exam	Class	Location
Math 10C	Math 10C: Sections 3, 4, & 5	Gym
CHEM 20	CHEM 20: Sections 3 & 4	Gym
CHEM 30 Diploma	CHEM 30: Section 2	Gym

Tuesday June 25, 2024

Exam	Class	Location
PHYS 20	PHYS 20: Sections 2 & 3	Gym
PHYS 30 Diploma	PHYS 30: Section 1	Gym

Wednesday June 26, 2024

Exam	Class	Location
Math 20-1	Math 20-1: Section 4	Gym
SCI 30 Diploma	SCI 30: Section 1	Gym



High School Calendar 2024-25

August						
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August 19 PD Day - No Classes
 August 20-23 Organizational Days - No Classes
 August 26 Family Orientation
 August 27 Semester 1 Starts

October						
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September 2 Labour Day - No School
 September 20 PD Day - No Classes
 September 30 Day of Truth & Reconciliation - No School

December						
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October 14 Thanksgiving Day - No School
 October 24 Report Cards
 October 25 PD Day - No Classes

November 7 Learning Conferences - Early Dismissal
 November 8 Learning Conferences - No Classes
 November 11 Remembrance Day
 November 11-15 Fall Break - No School

February						
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December 6 PD Day - No Classes
 December 23-January 3 Winter Break - No School

January 17-27 Exams
 January 28 Organizational Day - No Classes
 January 29 Semester 2 Starts
 January 29 Report Cards

April						
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February 6 Learning Conferences - Early Dismissal
 February 13-14 PD Day - No Classes
 February 17 Family Day - No School

March 24-April 4 Spring Break - No School

April 17 Report Cards
 April 18 Good Friday - No School
 April 24 Learning Conferences - Early Dismissal
 April 25 Learning Conferences - No Classes

May 19 Victoria Day - No School

June						
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July						
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June 13-25 Exams
 June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day (Sat.)
 June 26 Report Cards - No Classes
 June 26-27 Organizational Day - No Classes



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