

February News 2025

Welcome to Semester 2! The senior high students have started a new set of courses in their high school diploma pursuit and our junior high students have begun a new set of options. After a debrief of our first semester, teachers have identified some academic skills that they will be reinforcing with students to strengthen their skills. These include, assessment completion, review and reflection, and preparation for assessments through effective study skills. We will also be working on some foundational math and reading skills with students.

Our focus continues to be promoting student success and students have been given some tools and lessons on how to foster their learning. Please remember that **Attendance Matters!** Attendance is a key factor to student success. During consistent attendance, students receive instruction and guided practice for lessons and are able to participate in valuable classroom activities and discussions to support learning. The classroom time can not be duplicated through notes and assignments. Encourage and support regular and consistent attendance to maximize the learning opportunities for your student.

We look forward to working with you through this educational adventure.

Report Cards

The semester one report cards will be mailed out this week. Marks can also be accessed on the PowerSchool app/website. If you have any questions please contact the teacher through email, or by calling the school.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

The parent portal access is the perfect way to keep up-to-date with student assessment and attendance. If you do not have access to the portal for your students please contact the office.

Guest Speaker

We have a guest speaker scheduled to speak to all of our students this month. He is a former teacher that specializes in motivating and inspiring teens of all ages. Parents please check out his website for additional information: <http://www.jonhansenspeaks.com/parentvideo>

Citadel Trip

Any interested students have the opportunity to attend the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton to see “Frozen” on Wednesday February 26. We have 2 buses going so everyone that wants to see it should be able to. The forms will go home at the beginning of next week and the trip will be first come first paid/qualified. Students must be in good standing with the school to participate - fees paid, no behavioral concerns, and have course work completed to an acceptable standard. A huge thanks to Mrs Knott and Mrs Lundstrom for driving the buses!

Chemistry Field Trip

Ms.Swainston will be taking her Chemistry students to the Telus World of Science for some exciting Chemistry labs and presentations on Thursday February 27. More information regarding this will be coming home in the following weeks.

Ski Trip Date

The annual ski trip to Marmot Basin, Jasper will be held Thursday March 21. The ski trip forms will go home in a few weeks and the trip will be first come first paid/qualified. Students must be in good standing with the school to participate - fees paid, no behavioral concerns, and have course work completed to an acceptable standard.

Dinner Theatre

Dinner Theatre rehearsals are in full force! Rehearsals are every Monday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5 pm. This year the dinner theatre team will be performing "Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang". Watch for details regarding ticket sales in upcoming newsletters.

School Council - Parent Advisory Group

We will continue to meet as a parent advisory group for this year. The next meeting will be held Thursday February 27 at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend!

Post-Secondary Information

The application deadline for most post-secondary institutes is **March 1, 2025**. Students have worked on getting accounts for Apply Alberta and have created their profiles. After the release of diploma results in February, students may be required to update marks with the post-secondary institutes. Correspondence will only be done with the student through emails, so encourage your student to check the email and any on-line accounts they have for to-do list items. Any student who requires more assistance can make an appointment to see Mr. Serediak.

Scholarships

The school website has links to a number of scholarships. This is the time for students to begin gathering applications, reviewing requirements, writing essays and requesting reference letters as needed. We will be detailing a number of scholarships with the students and reviewing application package requirements in the coming months.

Breakfast Club

Each morning students have access to complimentary breakfast items. The menu varies daily and is always nutritious, delicious and served with a smile. We serve about 60 students daily. Thank you to Breakfast Club of Canada, Pembina Pipelines and Pembina West Co-op for their donations to our program. If you would like to help support the program, juice boxes and cereal are always appreciated.

Sports

We have 1 senior girls basketball team and we wish them luck as they wind up the season. We have 2 curling teams heading to Zones mid month in Slave Lake. Archery is in full swing with a scheduled competition in March. Soon after, Badminton and Handball teams will begin their seasons. Good Luck to all our athletes and thank you to the coaches and volunteers that make these happen.