

THE MEMORIAL MEMO

THE TORCH HELD HIGH



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Marauder Parents -

Can you believe your kids are writing exams this week? It's been a good quarter and a good start up. The kids have fallen right into the routines and found their places in the school.

Halloween was a hoot with the kids decorating and dressing up. It's been great to see the activity of our clubs as the year has started up. We have seen the Rotary students and QSA students in the common area with different activities this quarter and the Book Club has the library packed on Thursdays. The Anime Club has already had their first movie night.

Fall break will be a good time for students to reset and rest up for a solid start to quarter two. Hopefully you will have some family time to have some conversations about how your child's education is going and potential future plans. Students signed up for a tool called myBlueprint in the first quarter to do a graduation check. We will be revisiting this a few times over the year to have students explore interest surveys, post-secondary information, career information. Feel free to jump on board with this sooner.

Just a reminder to follow up the email that was sent last week. Torch Time will be adjusted in Q2 so that the mandatory Monday Torch Time is integrated into the day. As well, there is no Torch Time in the first week of the quarter to allow courses to get established. Torch Time will begin the week of November 22.

Have a great fall break!

Ms. Jensen

Welcome



Mrs. Wagner has joined the MCHS team and you can see her smiling face next to Mrs. Campbell in the Main Office. Welcome Mrs. Wagner!

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

- 04 - Green & Gold Executive Meeting 6:30
- 05 - World Teachers' Day
- 06 - X-Country Zone Championships - Goldbar Park
- 07 - Wellness Field Trip - Change Adventure Camp
- 08 - PD Day - No School
- 11 - Thanksgiving Day - No School
- 12 - 2020-2021 Academic Awards
- 15-16 MCHS Jr. Volleyball Tournament #2
- 16 - King's University Open House
- 16 - Concordia Open House
- 16 - UofA Open House 1-4pm
- 18 - Municipal Government Elections
- 19 - School Picture Retakes
- 21 - Full Moon Teachings hosted at MCHS
- 22-23 Sr. Volleyball Tournament @ MCHS
- 25 - School Council Mtg - 7pm
- 27 - Local Pond Field Trip - Science
- 28 - Local Pond Field Trip - Science
- 31 - Halloween (Sunday)

BELL SCHEDULE FOR Q2

Mondays:

Block 1 8:30 - 11:25 am

Lunch 11:25 - 12:25 pm

Block 2 12:25 - 3:20 pm

Tuesdays-Fridays:

Block 1 8:30 - 11:03 am

Lunch 11:03 - 12:03 pm

Block 2 12:03 - 2:35 pm

Torch Time 2:40 - 3:20 pm

NOVEMBER KEY DATES

- 01 - Welcome Student Teachers!
- 01 - Fabrication Field Trip
- 01 - Q1 Last Day of Classes
- 01 - G&G Exec Meeting - 6:30pm
- 01 - Remembrance Day Ceremony - 10:30 (Virtual)
- 02-04 - School Based Exams
- 02 - English Diploma Part A AM
- 03 - Social Diploma Part A AM
- 04 - Math Diploma AM
- 05 - High School Turnaround Day
- 05 - English Diploma Part B AM
- 06 - MacEwan University Open House
- 07 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 08-12 - Fall Break
- 08 - Social Diploma Part B AM
- 08 - Science Diploma PM
- 09 - Biology Diploma PM
- 11 - Remembrance Day
- 15 - PD Day - No Classes
- 16 - Q2 First Day of Classes
- 16 - 19 - MCHS Basketball Tryouts
- 29 - School Council Mtg - 7pm
- 29 - Metro Swim Championship Meet

MCHS GRADE ADMINISTRATORS

GRADE 10 - MS. JEWELL

GRADE 11 - MR. COGHILL

GRADE 12 - MS. FISK



PowerSchool

This is our parent's primary way to check in on their child's marks/assignments, update contact information, and to pay fees too. Contact the school for your username and access ID at mchs@psd.ca. Activate and sign into your account on the [MCHS website](#) in the Parents tab. Please contact Mrs. Campbell at the office if you need assistance accessing your account.

School Fees Are Due

Please note that School fees are not visible on the PowerSchool App. Access to all information is only available through the [website](#). Please log in to your [parent PowerSchool account](#) or come into the school to pay your high school fees. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Miller at the Finance Office.

Reporting an Absence?

Please email mchs.absence@psd.ca or call 780-963-2255 and dial 1 anytime to leave a message. Please leave your child's full name, grade, and details of the absence.

Reaching Your Child At School

Cell phones can be a distraction and a disruption to classroom learning. Our teachers and your kids have worked hard together to come up with routines so that cellphones are not disrupting class. Here are some things for parents to know about communicating with their kids while they are at school.

- During class time, your child has most likely turned off the phone and put it in a pouch on the classroom wall. They may not be able to respond immediately.
- You can contact your child during their designated lunch hour:

Mondays: 11:25 - 12:25

Tues-Fri: 11:03 - 12:03

We appreciate your support in reaching your child directly to minimize disruption to classroom instruction. Of course, we are happy to assist in an emergency.

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“It isn't where you came from. It's where you're going that counts” - Ella Fitzgerald



MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Next School Council Meeting:
Monday, November 29 - 7:00 pm
[Join by Google Meet](#)

Next Green & Gold Athletics Meeting
Monday, December 6 - 6:30pm
[Join by Google Meet](#)

TORCH TIME - **UPDATE**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Starting in Quarter 2, Monday Torch Time is integrated into class time and therefore, Mondays will run on a full day bell schedule with dismissal continuing to be at 3:20 pm. This changes lunch time on Mondays to 11:25 am - 12:25 pm.***
- Tuesdays to Fridays will continue to have Torch Time scheduled from 2:40 - 3:20 pm and lunch will run from 11:03 am - 12:03 pm.***
- Students and the school are still accountable for the whereabouts of students until the end of the full school day. All students need to be signed up for a Torch Session every Tuesday to Friday through PowerSchool.***
- Parents and teachers can also sign up a student for a Torch Session. Students cannot unenroll from those sessions. There is a video below explaining to parents how they can sign their child up for a session.***
- If a student is in good standing (meeting the expectations of their teachers, parents, and themselves) and have all of their assignments submitted to a passing level, they may use that time for a personal interest Torch Session (Open Gym, Fitness Training, etc.) or sign up to be Off Campus With Parent Approval. Students are also encouraged to sign up for academic sessions if they wish to improve their marks.***

[Video - How to sign up for Torch Time using a phone](#)

[Video - How to sign up for Torch Time on PowerSchool Website](#)

MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation

Grade 12 - Grad Assembly (no link to website)
November 22, 2021, Virtual Presentation during Torch Time

Graduation Fees
Due date: December 10, 2021 [Graduation Photos & Grad Fee](#)

Graduation Photos
January 25-29, 2022

Graduation Photo Retakes
March 1-4, 2022

Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony [Ceremonies](#)
Saturday, June 25, 2022

Have you set up your MyPass Account Yet?

myPass is the self-service website for the education documentation of Alberta students. It is very important that all students set up their myPass account while in high school, but it is particularly important for Grade 12 students. This is the only way that Grade 12 students will find out their diploma exams marks.

Go to <https://mypass.alberta.ca> and "Sign in With an Education Account". Students require their Alberta Student Number (which can be found on PowerSchool) and a personal email address. Do not use your psdblogs account because it will be deactivated when you graduate. Please stop by Student Services if you have questions or require assistance.

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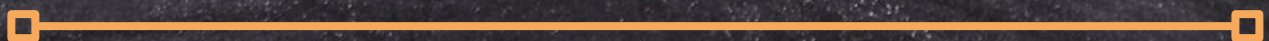
Post-Secondary Partnerships

Memorial students in Grade 12 have the opportunity to start their post-secondary journey early this year. Agreements have been made with several post-secondary institutions to take courses at no cost or minimal cost to students and their families. Students can take a large variety of courses in almost any area of study. The Institutions that are currently available are Olds College, Northern Lakes College, Athabasca University, Portage College, and Lakeland College. Other Institutions may come available later in the school year.

There are some pre-requisite requirements for these courses and it is important to set up a meeting with a counselor/grade coordinator to find out if a student is eligible. You can also set up a meeting with Mike Partington, the division coordinator who is at Memorial on Tuesdays. Check in with Mrs. Sorenson in Student Services to find out when you can book an appointment. If you are looking for an added challenge or just want to get a head start on your post-secondary learning, this might be the opportunity for you!



The Business Competition Club is currently meeting every Wednesday during Torch Time. Students are learning to "Crack a Case" so they can compete against other schools from across Western Canada in High School Case Competitions. Competitions are traditionally held in Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, and Vancouver. Students who are interested in business are encouraged to come out and check it out.



Welcome!

We have 3 student teachers joining us this Fall. Daniel Rubinstein, Mackenzie Hanna & Seana Batke. We hope they enjoy their experience here at MCHS!



**Mr. Rubinstein -
Science**



Ms. Batke - Phys Ed



Ms. Hanna - Art

Mrs. Girod has joined the office team. Welcome Mrs. Girod!



Student Teachers will be with us from November 1 - December 17, 2021.

2020-2021 MCHS Awards



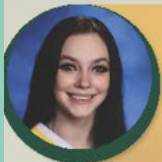
So much to celebrate! MCHS 2020-21 Awards took place in a covid-friendly manner this year. Our Subject and Major Awards recipients received their awards in a small ceremony that you can view [HERE](#). A copy of the program can be printed from our [website](#).

2020-2021 MCHS Awards



CONGRATULATIONS

Grade 12 Award Winners of 2020-2021
MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL



Shelby Miller

Governor General's Academic Medal
Town of Stony Plain Mayor & Council Award (academic)
Schulich Leader Scholarship (STEM award)



Katie Antypowich
Stony Plain Lions Club Award for Improvement (personal growth) & Parkland School Division Citizenship Scholarship



Dylann Baker
Drama 30 Award & Stony Plain Royal Canadian Legion Bursary (leadership)



Drexler Barendse
Constituency of Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland Award for Leadership in Business



Kenna Bauder
Parkland School Division Citizenship Scholarship



Leyvi Bruha
Video Broadcasting & Editing 30 Award



Hanna Brushey
Green & Gold Athletic Scholarship



Madeline Burvill
Parkland School Division Citizenship Scholarship



Kayla Dawe
Cosmetology 30 Award



Haley Dubrute
Parkland School Division Citizenship Scholarship



Keaton Fawns
Parkland School Division Citizenship Scholarship



Kennedy Feakes
Dr. Doktorow Health Care Professionals Award



James Fuhr
Lavare and Jack Lewis Award (agriculture) & Mart Contractor Construction Award



Jessica Good
Food Studies 30 Award & Parkland School Division Citizenship Scholarship



Robyn Good
Ron Steele Rotary Award (leadership)



Kayla Hansen
Hawking's Tinney LLP Commerce Award



Brynn Hardy
LW Kruger Award (athletics) & Parkland School Division Citizenship Scholarship



Mackenzie Henn
Elizabeth Spychka Citizenship Award



Keira Hoflin
Communication Technology 30 Award



Delaney Hunter
Maridian Masonic Lodge Bursary (leadership, citizenship)



Maddox Kern
Memorial Inclusive Education Achievement Award



Brynne Klein
Advanced German Award



Jarrett Kostiak
Parkland School Division Citizenship Scholarship



Annika Kwasnycia
Parkland School Division Citizenship Scholarship



Luke Majeau
Border Paving Award & Green & Gold Athletic Scholar
LW Kruger Award (athletics)
Partner Tobin Memorial Award



Emily Megill
Town of Shikaoi Award (Japanese)



Lexa Nielson
Parkland School Division Citizenship Scholarship



Kayla Paul
Art 30 Award



Madeline Person
Shiloh Chiropractic Clinic Sports Medicine Award



Heather Powell
Marauder Music Parents' Association Instrumental Award & Stony Plain Royal Canadian Legion Bursary (leadership)



Alec Sawyer
Canadian Parents for French FSL Award & French 30 Award



Julian Schmidt
Japanese 30 Award



Tracey Shipalesky
Computer Science 30 Award



Grady Sokulski
Fabrication 30 Award



Rayanne Sommerville
Marauder Music Parents' Association Choral Award



Miranda Suteau
Constituency of Spruce Grove-Stony Plain Award for Leadership in Social Action & Rotary of Parkland After Dark Scholarship (leadership)



Jady Svenningsen
German 30 Award



Travis Wagner
Stony Plain Tirecraft Mechanics Award



Alexandre Wilscam
Decker Award (academic, leadership) & Premier's Citizenship Award

We hope you picked up your copy of the October 22, 2021 Stony Plain Reporter that includes a celebration of our Grade 12 subject and major award winners!

★ Thank you to our Community Sponsors for their generous donations & ongoing support. ★

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Remembrance Day 2021



MCHS held its virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 1, 2021.





Rotary Interact Club

The MCHS Rotary Interact Club was busy in October!

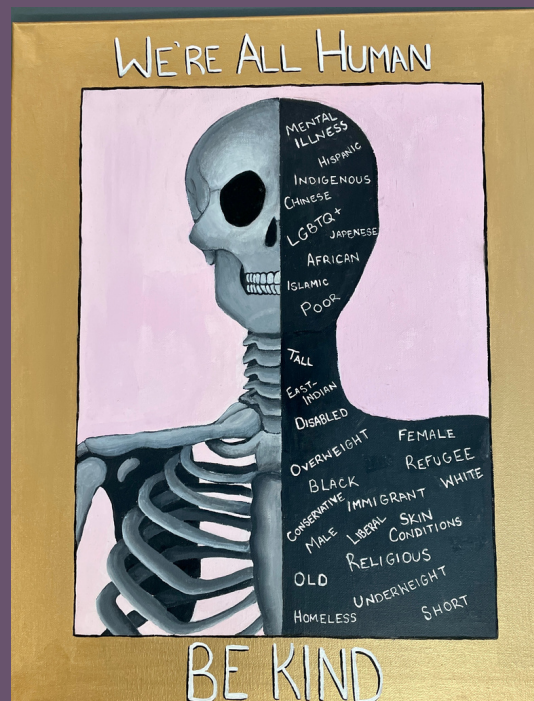
They held a fundraiser & collected winter clothing for Hope Mission and decorated the common area with halloween decorations made by the students.

The fundraiser for the Hope Mission Thanksgiving dinner raised \$600 providing 222 people with Thanksgiving dinner! Thank you to everyone who contributed to keeping this tradition alive. Great job Memorial!



MCHS HIGHLIGHTS

ART



CONSTRUCTION



ATHLETICS

X-country was a very fast sport as usual this year. So glad that students were able to take part in running this year. Gabe VanOene was able to qualify for Provincials in Red Deer and finished 22 out of 70 of the best runners in Alberta.

Women's Flag Football has also wrapped up for the year. They finished 5th out of 14 teams and had a wonderful experience playing football. Many of them are looking forward to next year already.

Volleyball season is finishing up here at the beginning of November. We had so many athletes wanting to play this year that we ended up running 2 JV mens and womens teams along with both our SR teams. 6 volleyball teams run by many of our staff is amazing to be able to do. Overall, the season has been great with a few of our teams winning tournaments and being successful in our league. Big thank you to all the staff coaches and volunteer coaches for their time and effort this year.

Swimming is starting up with practices going in the morning at the Tri Leisure. If you are interested in joining the team please see Principal Jensen for more information.

Basketball Tryouts will start after the Fall break on Nov. 16-19.

Tuesday, Nov 16: Men 3:30-5:30 pm, Women 5:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 17: Women 3:30- 5:30 pm, Men 5:30-7:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 18: Women 3:30-5:30 pm, Men 3:30-5:30 pm
Friday, Nov. 19: Women 3:30-5:30 pm, Men 3:30-5:30 pm

Cross-Country



ATHLETICS



Volleyball



Swim Team



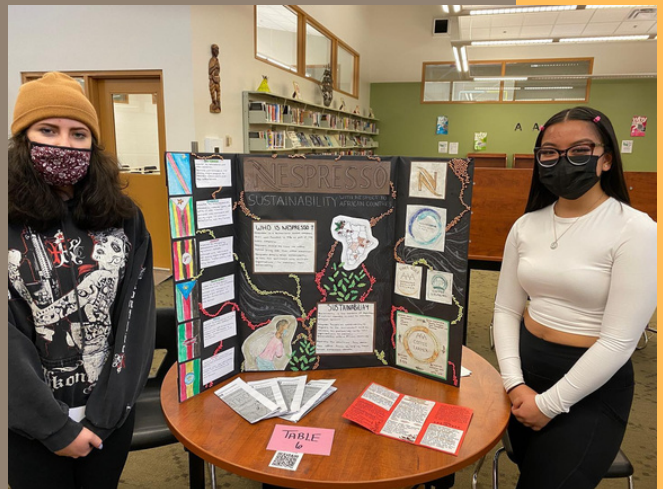
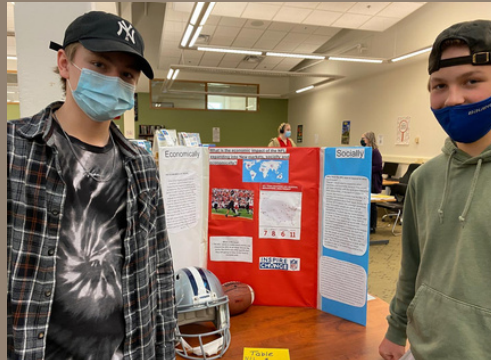
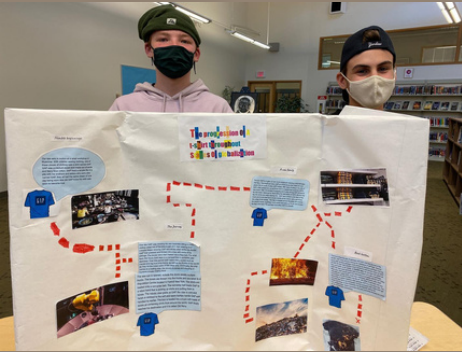
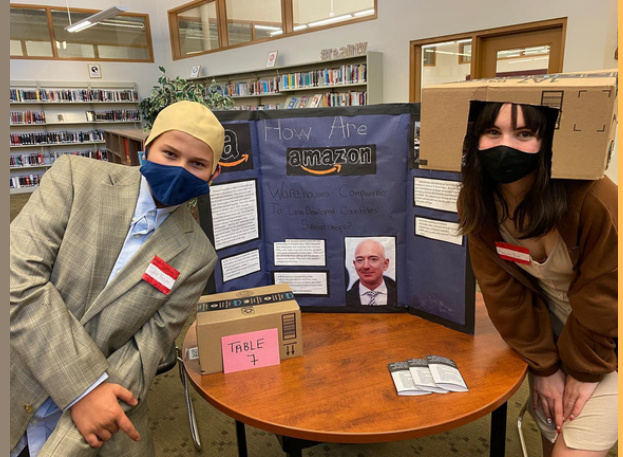
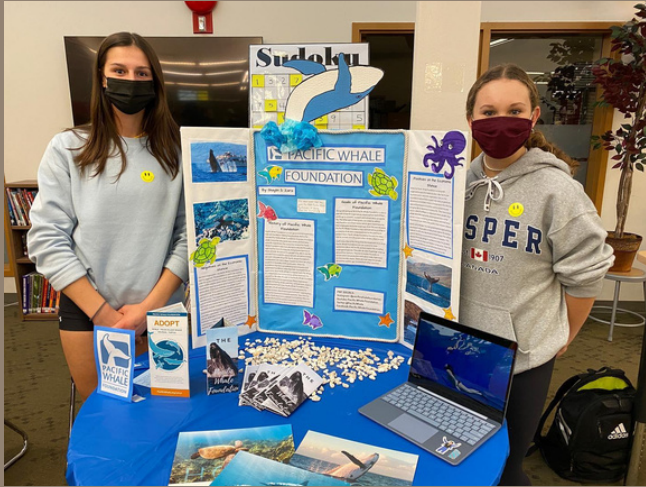
September Athletes of the Month
Madison Getzinger & Cooper Bourke

October Athletes of the Month
Danielle McGillivray & Gabe Van Oene



SOCIAL 10

Social 10 students presented their learning about businesses and organizations economic impact today in the learning commons.
#globalization #smartkids #greatwork



MCHS FOODS



BOO!

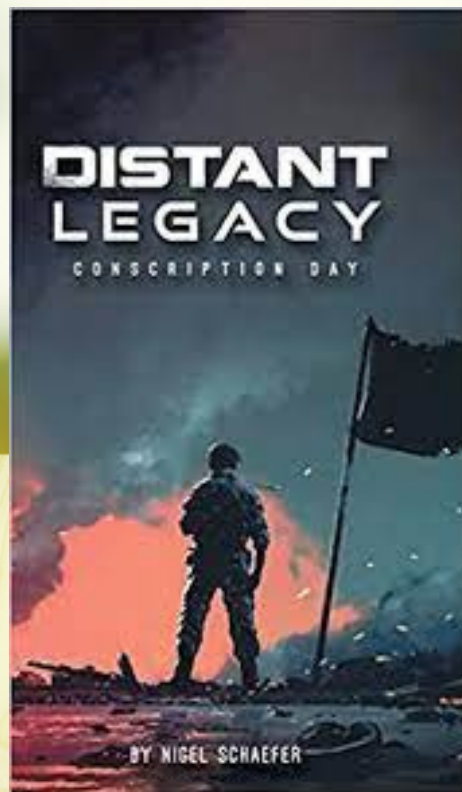




Other News

Nigel Schaefer graduated in 2019 from MCHS! He has written a book and is a young aspiring author who got the idea for Distant Legacy: Conscription Day from a dream he had about soldiers fighting an extended battle in a forest. He started writing and soon realized that being an author was his new life goal.

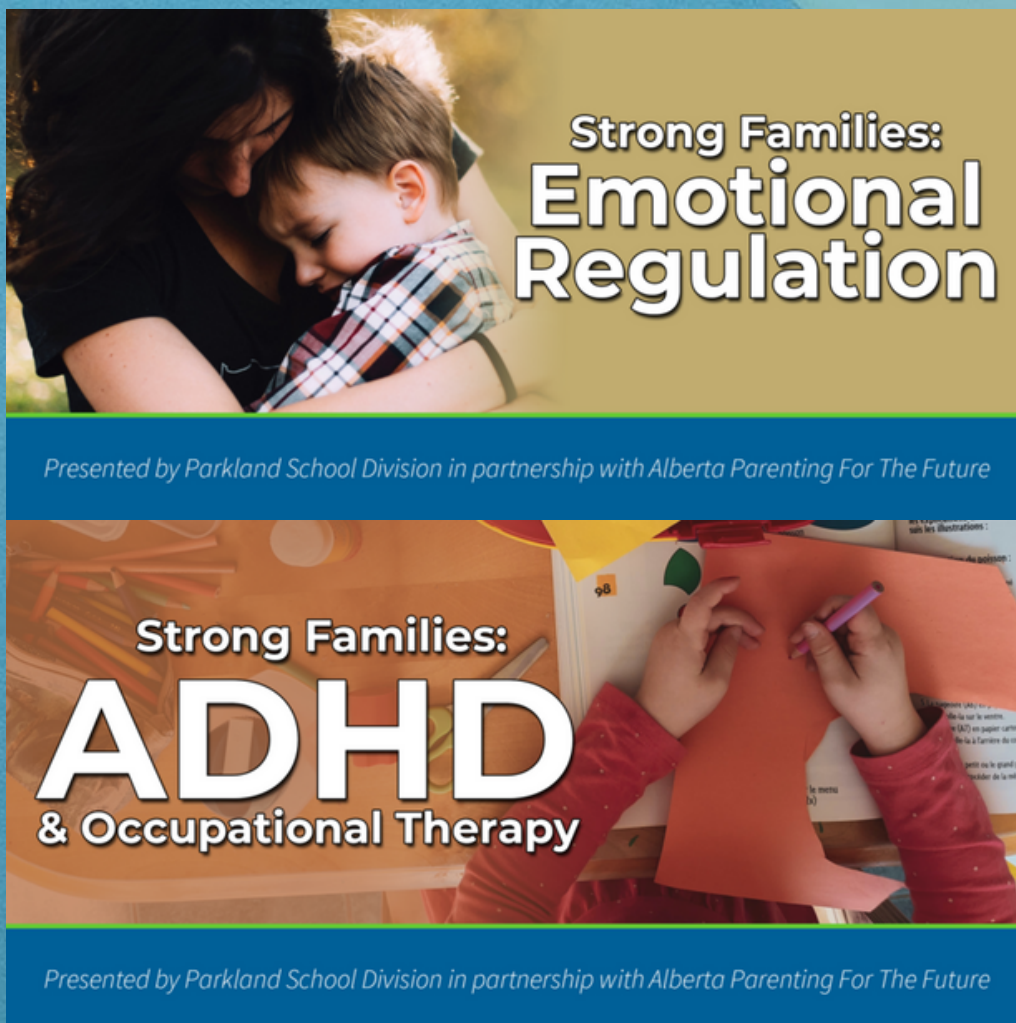
Here's his [website](#).



Parkland School Division Resources

[Click here for the latest Stronger Together Newsletter from Parkland School Division](#)

Strong Families - November Sessions
Please **register early** to reserve your spot!



**Strong Families:
Emotional
Regulation**

Presented by Parkland School Division in partnership with Alberta Parenting For The Future

**Strong Families:
ADHD
& Occupational Therapy**

Presented by Parkland School Division in partnership with Alberta Parenting For The Future

[PSD News](#)

[PSD Covid-19 Information](#)

Community Resources

[Stony Plain Library](#)

[Stony Plain Youth Centre](#)

[The Town of Stony Plain FCSS Programs](#) - Programs for Everyone include:

- Webinars
- Neighbourhood Connect
- Grief Support
- Support Groups (Living with Loss to Suicide, BILY - Because I Love You, Caring Friends Bereavement Group)

[AHS Caregiver Information for the Edmonton Zone](#)

[The Green Book](#) - community resource directory for the City of Spruce Grove, Town of Stony Plain and Parkland County

[Alberta Health Services](#) -all the information you need regarding Covid-19 and can also help you:

- Find a doctor
- Find programs and services
- Find information and news about a range of health topics
- Stay informed about what is happening in your community

Don't forget that the 811 Health Link can provide you with health advice from a registered nurse 24/7. Remember, in a medical emergency, always call 911 or visit the nearest emergency department.