

THE MEMORIAL MEMO

THE TORCH HELD HIGH



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Marauder Parents -

Welcome back from Christmas break! I hope you and your family were able to find some rest and relaxation in the deep freeze that we had.

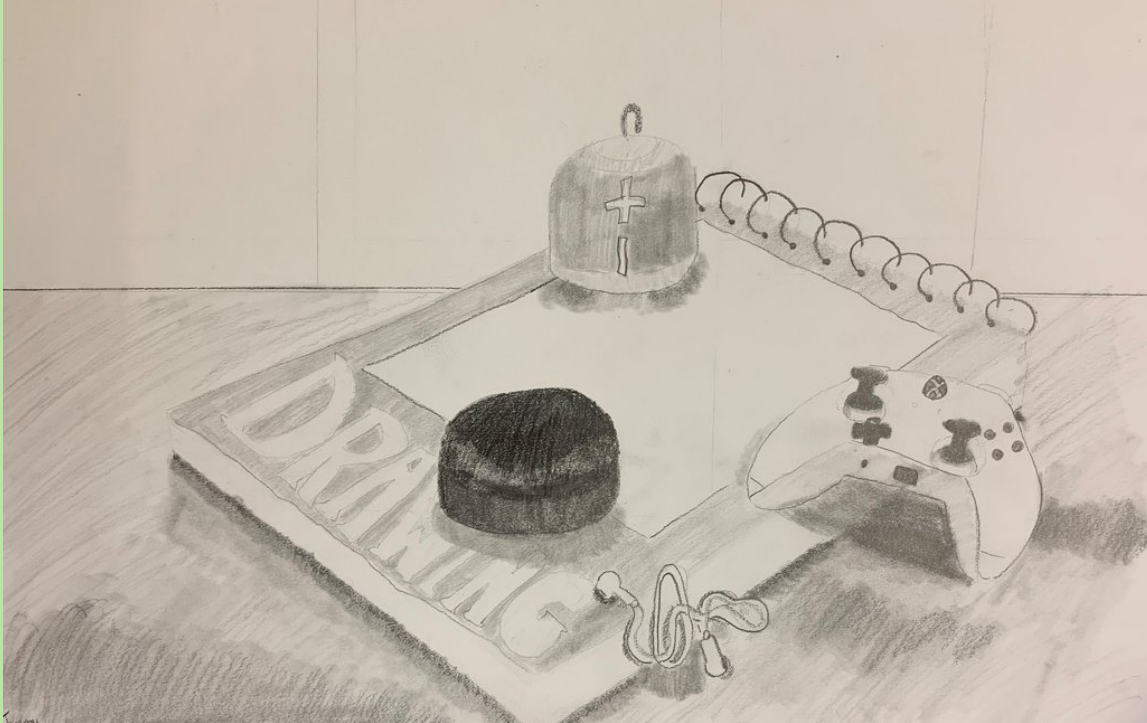
We are in the last couple of weeks of Quarter 2 so there will be lots of details for your students to address in the next couple of weeks. Please check PowerSchool and with your student, to ensure they are on top of things with tight deadlines approaching.

I would like to draw your attention to the work of our Let's Act Now student group. As a key part of the belonging work at MCHS, these students have been taking the lead in the development of what they are currently calling a Statement of Inclusion. It is in draft form at the moment. When this is finalized it will become Memorial's commitment - students, staff and the school as a whole - to create an equitable, safe, caring and inclusive school environment. There will be activities over the next few weeks to seek feedback before the statement is finalized. We are anticipating to roll out the finalized statement during the third quarter.

These next couple of weeks have much happening between finishing courses, adjusting our response to Covid once again and preparing for the third quarter. We appreciate your support for your students as we move forward.

Take good care. Stay healthy.

Ms. C. Jensen, Principal



**First Day of
Q3 -
February 1,
2022**

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

02-04 - Jr. Basketball Tournament J.P.P.
02-04 - Sr. Basketball Tournament Lillian Osborne
03 - Field Trip to TLC - LAWS
06 - Green & Gold Exec Mtg 6:30
07 - Q2 Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00-6:30 pm
09-11 Sr. Basketball Tournament Sturgeon Comp.
10 - Grad Fees Deadline
10 - QSA Movie Night
10-11 - Basketball Tournament Archbishop Jordan
11 - Robotics Competition
20-23 Christmas Activities
23 - Music Field Trip - Landmark Cinemas
24-07 - Christmas Break

JANUARY KEY DATES

10 - Return from Christmas Break
10 - G & G Executive Meeting - 6:30
14 - Field Trip - Legal Studies to UofA Law Building
14-15 - Jr. Basketball Tournament Sturgeon Comp.
21 - Field Trip-LAWS-St. Albert Bowling
24 - Q2 Last Day of Classes
24 - School Council - 7:00
25-27 - Q2 School Exams
25-29 - Grad Photos - Small Gym
28 - High School Turnaround Day
31 - PD Day - No Classes

*January Diploma Exams Cancelled

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

MCHS GRADE ADMINISTRATORS

GRADE 10 - MS. JEWELL

GRADE 11 - MR. COGHILL

GRADE 12 - MS. FISK

*Have you
checked your
PowerSchool
account
today?*

**School Fees for Q3 & Q4 have now
been posted.**

**Please check your [PowerSchool
account](#) for outstanding balances.**



PowerSchool

This is our parents' 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.

Activate and sign into your account on the [MCHS website](#) in the Quick Links 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

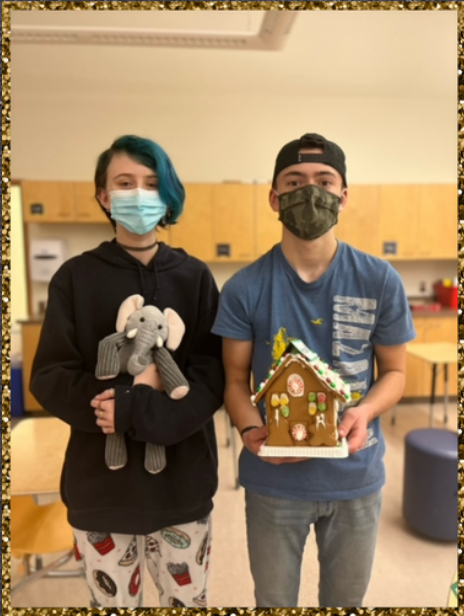
We appreciate your support in reaching your child directly to minimize disruption to classroom instruction. Of course, we are happy to assist in an emergency.

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*“Education's
purpose is to
replace an empty
mind with an open
one”*

- Malcolm Forbes

MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL



Next School Council Meeting:
Monday, January 24, 2022 - 7:00 pm
[Join by Google Meet](#)
For more information visit our [website](#)

Next Green & Gold Athletics Meetings: [G&G Website](#)
Monday, January 10 - 6:30pm
[Join by Google Meet](#)
Monday, February 7 - 6:30
[Join by Google Meet](#)

TORCH TIME

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- 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

GRADUATION PHOTOS
JANUARY 25 - 29, 2022

- If the student's Grad fee has been paid and an appointment has not been booked, please do so as soon as possible. Photo appointment reservations can be booked with the [Lifetouch Appointment Plus](#) online scheduling system.
- **Grad fees *must* be paid prior to booking a portrait session** or the appointment will be cancelled. Graduation fees can be paid in the school finance office or through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

Graduation Photo Retakes - March 1-4, 2022

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

Please check the MCHS website often to keep up with the most current information.

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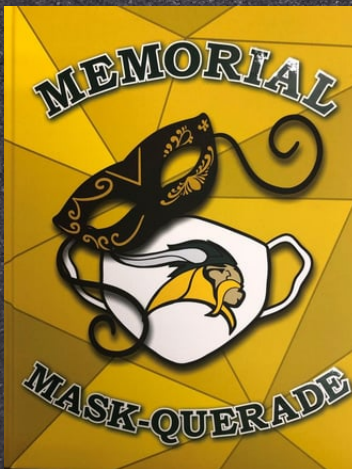
MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Parents - please check out our NEW Student Services Google Site. You will find information on counsellors, scholarships, tutoring & more!

New!



[MCHS Student Services](#)



2020-2021 yearbooks are now in! If you ordered and paid for one last year, you can pick up your copy in the Main Office.

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.

Kinsmen Christmas Hamper



Thank you to our parents, students and staff who all donated to the Stony Plain Kinsmen Christmas Hampers! The Kinsmen service project was able to assist nearly 2000 local residents for Christmas.



French 20

Bonhomme de Neige activity



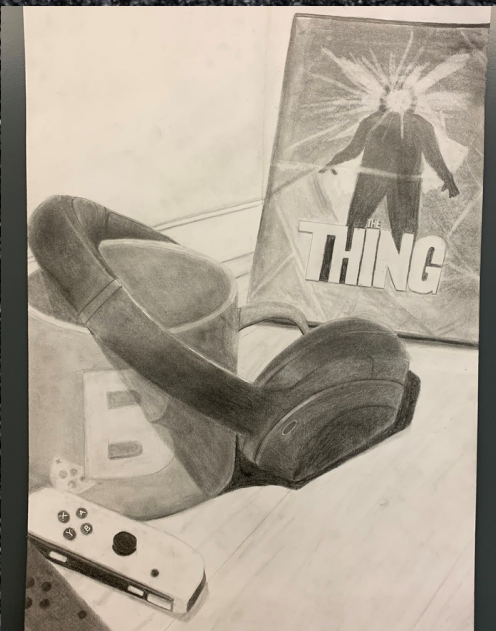
French 20

Chateau de Glace



MCHS HIGHLIGHTS

ART

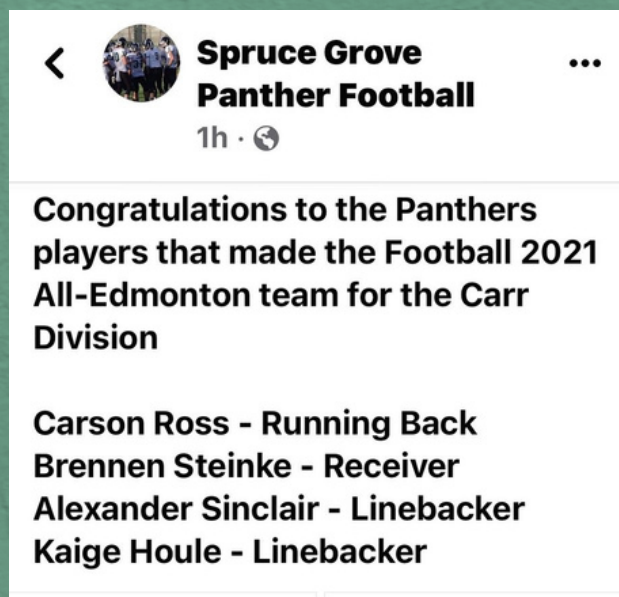


ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Emma Hansen and Kaige Houle for being selected as Athletes of the Month. Emma was on the Swim Team and Kaige was on the Sr. Football Team.



Memorial would like to congratulate the following Memorial students for their excellent contribution to the Panthers football team this season. The following students made the All-Edmonton team for the Carr Division.



CONGRATULATIONS

Josh Page was voted as one of the top 5 Football Allstars in Metro Athletics voted on by other coaches! Congrats Josh!

FABRICATION



The fabrication students made these beautiful ornaments and handed a few of them out on our last day before Christmas break. What a nice gesture and great work!

MEMORIAL BUSINESS



As a part of the Legal Studies class, students get to participate in a mock trial where students take on roles in the courtroom and complete a criminal trial from start to finish. The Legal Studies class has been given permission by the University of Alberta to use the Moot Courtroom in the Law Building for a mock trial on January 14, 2021. It is the first time we have been able to return since the COVID outbreak. Thanks to Student Legal Services for providing their assistance and access to the courtroom.

Students who are participating in the Business Competition Club continue to learn the case method so they can "crack" a business case. It is our hope that they will be able to participate in some competitions next semester. Students who are interested in joining can come to room 1068 during Torch Time to find out more.

MUSIC

MCHS Music was able to spread a little holiday cheer for friends and staff at MCHS, with a LIVE, in-person concert! And they absolutely ROCKED it — sang like angels, were super kind and encouraging to each other, spoke with poise, and took on leadership every step of the way! Complete with choralography and costume changes, it was a tiny taste of the concert experience we know and love.

~Mona Holton



Parkland School Division Resources

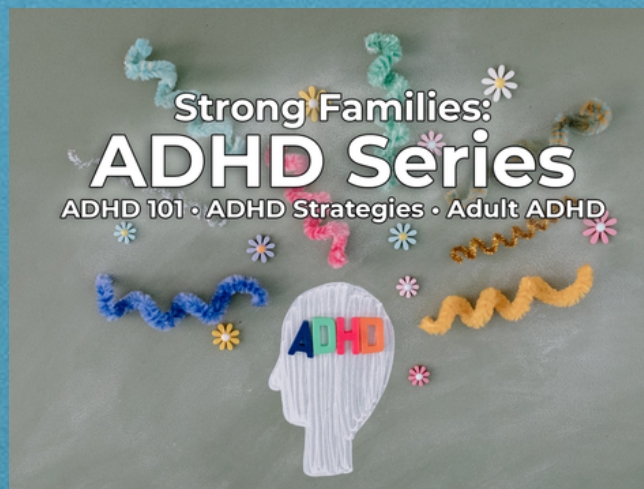
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[Click here for the latest *Stronger Together* Newsletter from
Parkland School Division](#)



Strong Families:

Please **register early** to reserve your spot!



[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](#) - contains the Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

[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.