

THE MEMORIAL MEMO



THE TORCH HELD HIGH



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Dear MCHS Parents,

It seems that each school year brings us something unexpected. For the past two years, it has been students! Many more than we expected! We still have a handful of students to check but our final count will very likely be over 1260 students. That's up over 150 students from last year and over 240 in the past two years. It's humming around here! It's that vibrant teenage energy that we love. :)

It has been great to start the year without any health restrictions. We were able to start on day one with the grade 10 assembly. The month continued on with sports teams starting up and clubs getting underway. There is plenty for students to do here at Memorial and it's usually involvement in the activities outside of classes that lead to those great high school memories that people look back upon. Please encourage your kids to find their people and join a group.

That said, Covid is still a thing. There have been a number of absences reported for that reason. If your student is sick, please keep them home. The key symptoms to watch are fever, shortness of breath and a new or worsening cough. We all want to be here and we all want to stay healthy. Please do your part to keep our environment safe.

The adjustment to semesters has gone relatively smoothly. For many of you parents, this will be a new routine for you. We really want to encourage you to check in with PowerSchool frequently just like you did with quarters. The pace of assignments will slow down a bit with a semester schedule but now there are four courses to manage so things can pile up. And if your child has even a teeny bit of procrastination in them, it's super easy to get behind. Our teachers issue assignments with due dates and a small window of time until the deadline when the assignment will no longer be accepted. Time management is a must, so please help your student with this. PowerSchool will pretty much give you all the information you need. Torch Time is our key intervention to help students stay on track.

We received word from Alberta Education yesterday that there has been an adjustment to Diploma exam weightings. This year the exams will be worth 20% of the final mark for those courses. It was indicated that they would return to the full 30% next year.

We are looking forward to a great school year! Thanks for coming along for the ride. :)

Sincerely,
Carolyn Jensen, Principal

MCHS General Information

AUG/SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

AUGUST

- 22 - School Office Opens
- 24 - 26 MCHS Athletics Volleyball Camp
- 29 - Green & Gold Meeting
- 30 - Grade 10 On-Site Registration - All Day
- 30-Sept 01 - Volleyball Tryouts
- 31 - Grade 11 & 12 On-Site Registration

SEPTEMBER

- 01 - First Day of Classes
- 05 - Labour Day - No School
- 08 - National Literacy Day
- 09 - Volleyball Team to King's College
- 12 - G&G Exec Meeting 6:30pm
- 13 - Indigenous Student Welcome Lunch
- 15 - Peru Informational Meeting 5:00 pm
- 15 - Meet the Staff Night 5:30 pm
- 15 - Green & Gold AGM 6:30 - 8:00
- 16 & 17 - Jr VB Tournament
- 22 - Outdoor Ed Field Trip - Hermitage Park
- 22 - Music Parents Assoc. Meeting
- 22 & 23 - Club Fair Event - lunch
- 27 - School Council AGM - 7pm
- 28 - Grad Parent Info Night - 6:30pm
- 29 - Marketing Field Trip - Freson Bros.
- 29 - Orange Shirt Day
- 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

MCHS GRADE ADMINISTRATOR & COUNSELLOR TEAMS

GRADE 10 - MS. FISK / MS. MAZEREEUW

GRADE 11 - MS. JEWELL / MRS. NUIJENS

GRADE 12 - MR. COGHILL / MS. COX

OCTOBER KEY DATES

- 03 - Shikaoi Student Visitation Day at MCHS
- 03 - Green & Gold Executive Meeting 6:30pm
- 05 - World Teachers' Day
- 05 - 06 Outdoor Ed Field Trip - Camp Warwa
- 05 - Cross Country Metro Championships
- 06- ELAA Post Secondary Event - TLC 6-8pm
- 07 - PD Day - No School
- 10 - Thanksgiving Day - No School
- 14 - Fabrication Field Trip - Academy Fabricators
- 14 - Anime Movie Night
- 14 - Olds College Open House
- 15 - The King's University Open House 10am-2pm
- 15 - University of Alberta Open House 9am-3pm
- 18 - School Picture Retakes
- 22 - Concordia University Open House
- 24 - School Council - 7pm
- 27 - Parent-Teacher Interviews 5-6:30pm
- 28-29 Sr. Volleyball Tournament @ MCHS
- 29 - Nait Open House 9am-4pm
- 31 - Halloween

BELL SCHEDULE

Mondays:

- Block 1 8:30 - 9:55 am**
- Block 2 10:00 - 11:25 am**
- Lunch 11:25 - 12:25 pm**
- Block 3 12:25 - 1:50 pm**
- Block 4 1:55 - 3:20 pm**

Tuesdays-Fridays:

- Block 1 8:30 - 9:45 am**
- Block 2 9:50 - 11:05 am**
- Lunch 11:05 - 12:05 pm**
- Block 3 12:05 - 1:20 pm**
- Block 4 1:25 - 2:40 pm**
- Torch Time 2:45 - 3:20 pm**

Follow us on social media:



MCHS General Information

The table provides information on the school fees that will be charged for the 2022-2023 school year. Invoices for fees were sent in September and are due upon receipt.

Payment Options:

- 1. PowerSchool – Fees can only be seen through the parent portal using a browser. Fees can't be seen through the phone app.**
- 2. Cheque – Payable to Parkland School Division and may be dropped off or mailed directly to the school.**
- 3. Debit or credit – Is available at the high school or Parkland School Division.**

PowerSchool



This is our parents' primary way to check in on their child's marks/assignments, update contact information, and pay fees.

Sign into your account [here](#). Please contact Mrs. Campbell at the office if you need assistance accessing your account.

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.

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 [Powerschool 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.

SCHOOL FEES

School Culture	\$10
COURSE MATERIAL FEES	
Art 10	\$70
Art 20/30	\$80
ART 35	\$70
Communication Technology	\$44
Construction	\$75
Cosmetology 10 (5 credits)	\$32
Cosmetology20/30(10 credits)	\$65
Fabrication	\$80
Food Studies	\$60
LAWS	\$75
Mechanics	\$80
Outdoor Ed	\$70
Personal Fitness	\$40
Phys Ed 10 (5 credits)	\$80
Phys Ed 20	\$80
Phys Ed 30	\$80
Sports Medicine 15/25	\$60
Sports Medicine 35	\$65
Wellness 10	\$55

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: 11:05 – 12:05

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.

MCHS General Information

School Council

Next Meeting:
October 24 7-8:30 pm
MCHS Conference Room
All MCHS Parents Welcome!

Green & Gold Athletics

Next Green & Gold Executive Meetings:
October 3 6:30-8 pm [GMeet Link](#)
November 7 6:30-8 pm [GMeet Link](#)
MCHS Conference Room or Google Meet
[G&G Website](#)

Student Services

Parents & Students - please check out the [Student Services Google Site](#). You will find information on counsellors, scholarships, tutoring & more!

Parkland School Division [PSD News](#)

[Click here to download the latest *Stronger Together* newsletter from Parkland School Division](#)

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 2:45 - 3:20 pm and lunch will run from 11:05 am - 12:05 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](#)

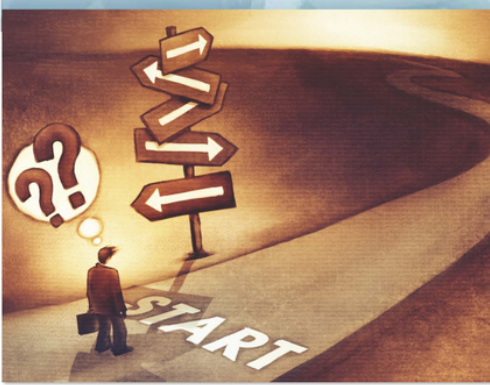
Coming Up



Parent Teacher Interviews are coming up! Keep an eye on our website and social media for upcoming information!

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Find your path



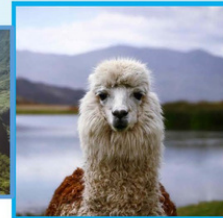
POST SECONDARY INFORMATION NIGHT

**TransAlta Tri-Leisure Ctr
6pm - 8pm**

Parents and high school students are invited to attend! Come and discover over 30 post secondary institutions in one convenient location. Get information about programs, tuition costs, scholarships, application process and more!



**We are going to
Peru: Cuzco, Machu Pichu and Lake
Titicaca
March 2023**



**For more information
contact Ms. Jewell at
dianne.jewell@psd.ca**



**School picture retakes
are on October 18.**

Great
News!



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Know!

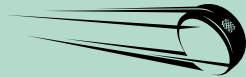
The LAWS program would like to thank everyone who bought apples this year. They sold 151 boxes!

All apples are hand packed into a 15 lb. box



THANK
YOU

The Spruce Grove Saints Hockey Team generously donated tickets. Students will have opportunities to win them throughout the season!



Parkland School Division VTRA Fair Notice



September 2, 2022 - The goal of Violence/Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) process is that every incident of youth violence in our communities be addressed. VTRA is early intervention – which is quite possibly prevention.

The process is initiated and managed by school administrators who have received VTRA training from the [Center for Trauma Informed Practices](#).



Grade 10 Welcome Day



T-Shirts



BBQ



Assembly

MEET THE STAFF NIGHT



BEST
STAFF
EVER

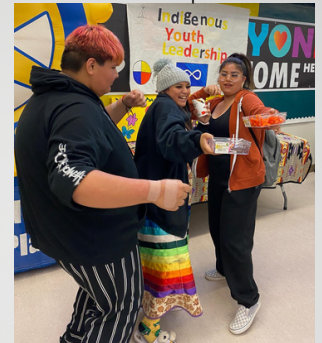
[Visit our website for a full list of clubs at MCHS](#)

MCHS CLUB FAIR

Robotics Club



Indigenous Youth Leadership Club



Rotary Interact Club



Environmental Committee



QSA Club



Anime Club



Harry Potter Club



Black Youth Club



More Than Just a Book Club



Watch Mr. Robert Play Video Games Club

Orange Shirt Day



National Day
**for Truth and
Reconciliation**



Graduation



Commencement is a very important milestone in your educational journey. Graduation is a time to look back at your accomplishments with pride, and strategically look ahead to your future.

Grad 2023 **Friday, June 30** **2:00 pm** **Edmonton Convention Centre**

Graduation Photos

Grad photos for the Class of 2023 are scheduled to be taken at Memorial from **January 23-27, 2023**. Photo appointment reservations will open on December 16, 2022, and can be booked with the [Lifetouch Appointment Plus](#) online scheduling system.

Brochures will be available in Student Services in December. Photo proofs will be mailed home; therefore, it is important that you provide Lifetouch with your current home mailing address when checking in for your appointment.

Please note:

- **Graduation fees must be paid prior to booking a portrait session** or the appointment will be cancelled. Graduation fees are due on December 9, 2022, and are payable in the school finance office or through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Students who wish to have a photo taken with their pet must schedule an appointment for a portrait session at the Lifetouch Studio in Edmonton by calling **780-437-2431**. Graduation fees must be paid prior to booking a session.

Parent Graduation Committee

The Memorial Parent Graduation Committee is a volunteer group that is anticipating hosting an event following the graduation ceremony. For further information please send an email to memorialgradcommittee@gmail.com.

MEETING - Hosted by the Parent Graduation Committee

An informational meeting for parents and grads will be held on October 25 @ 7pm in the MCHS common area (cafeteria).

Graduation Dance June 30th @ 7pm
Heritage Park Pavilion in Stony Plain



ATHLETICS

Marauders



Cross-Country Team



Golf: Cody Jolicoeur shot a 76 to qualify for ASAA Golf Provincials down in Black Diamond on Sept. 26-27. Good luck Cody!!!

X-country: They have started their meets leading up to Metro divisions in a few weeks all are hoping to qualify to Provincials mid Oct.

Football: The combine team made up of Spruce Grove High, Memorial and SPA athletes are having a great season so far. Come out to watch a game at Fuhr field.

Flag Football: The women's team is in their 3rd season and is looking to make a run in Playoffs this year.

Volleyball: All 6 teams are up and running and have started league. The JV teams played in our home tournament on Sept. 16-17. and competed well.

Good luck in your seasons!!



ATHLETICS

Marauders

Sr. Men's
VB Win
Against
SPA

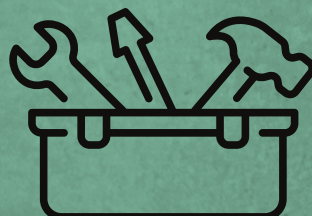


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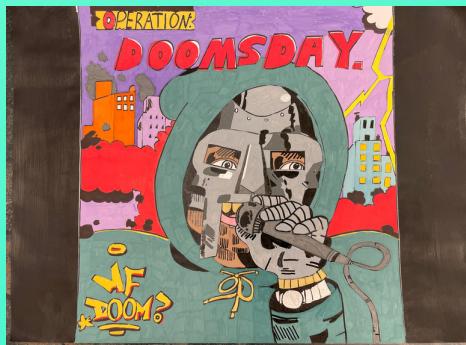
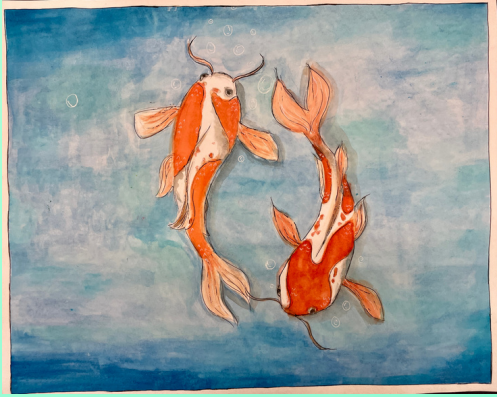


Fabrication 20 students have been busy building bike racks

CONSTRUCTION



MCHS ART



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Indigenous Community Resources



Check out the [Metis Nation of Alberta Website](#)



The Indigenous Sport Council of Alberta (ISCA) is a non-profit provincial multi-sport organization representing all First Nations, Métis, Inuit and non-Status First Nations peoples in Alberta. The ISCA prides itself in promoting sport, physical activity, recreation and leadership opportunities built on the foundation of culture and traditions of Indigenous peoples in Alberta.

Sign up for the ISCA Newsletter [here](#)



<https://www.ncsa.ca/>

Community Resources

[Stony Plain Public Library](#)

[Stony Plain Youth Centre](#)

[The Town of Stony Plain Community & Social Development Programs](#) including:

- 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](#)

- 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

We hope you enjoyed our newsletter

