

Sturgeon Spirit



Kindle the Spirit

at Sturgeon Comp

MAY, 2008



Dress Code

With the warmer weather upon us, students are reminded of the school's dress code which states:

In keeping with the philosophy of Alberta Education, we strive to help our students become productive citizens who are ready to enter the work force or are ready to pursue post-secondary education. As a result, students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect and to dress appropriately for a school/work place setting.

- (a) Footwear must be worn at all times in the school.
- (b) Students must not wear clothing or accessories that have sharp points or edges.
- (c) Students must not wear clothing or accessories that are offensive or depict illegal or immoral behavior.
- (d) Students must wear clothing that covers their chest, back and midriff (no spaghetti straps or strapless/off the shoulder shirts).
- (e) Shorts and skirts must be a reasonable length.
- (f) Make-up must be appropriate for the work place.

The final determination about modesty and/or appropriateness of dress lies with school staff.

Students who are inappropriately dressed will be asked to change, or a parent will be contacted to pick up the student or bring them a change of clothing.

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High School**

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Summer Work Experience

Students who have part-time jobs and will be working over the summer may be eligible to earn high school credits as they learn and participate in their employment duties. Ms. Ferri is available in the Student Services office on Tuesdays to meet with students to discuss this summer work experience opportunity.

If you would like more information about our Work Experience Program, please contact Ms. Ferri @ 222-5008.



News From The Office

Final Exams

June 2008

Thursday, June 12.....	9:00-11:30 a.m.	English 30-1/30-2 (Part A)
Friday, June 13.....	In-Class	English 10-1/-2, 20-1/-2 (Visual)
Monday, June 16.....	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Social Studies 30/33 (Part A)
Monday, June 16.....	In-Class	Social Studies 10-1/-2, 20/23 (Essay)
Tuesday, June 17.....	In-Class	English 10-1/-2, 20-1/-2 (Essay)
Wednesday, June 18.....	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Biology 30 (Part A)
Wednesday, June 18.....	9:00-11:00 a.m.	English 20-1/-2
Wednesday, June 18.....	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Biology 30 (Part B)
Wednesday, June 18.....	1:00-3:00 p.m.	English 10-1/-2
Thursday, June 19.....	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Pure/Applied Math 30 (Part A)
Thursday, June 19.....	9:00-11:30 a.m.	Science 10/14
Thursday, June 19.....	1:00-3:00 a.m.	Pure/Applied Math 30 (Part B)
Thursday, June 19.....	1:00-3:30 p.m.	Science 20/24; Physics 20
Friday, June 20.....	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Chemistry 30 (Part A)
Friday, June 20.....	9:00-11:30 a.m.	Pure/Applied Math 10; Biology 20
Friday, June 20.....	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Chemistry 30 (Part B)
Friday, June 20.....	1:00-3:30	Pure/Applied Math 20
Monday, June 23.....	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Physics 30 (Part A)
Monday, June 23.....	9:00-11:00	Social Studies 20/23
Monday, June 23.....	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Physics 30 (Part B)
Monday, June 23.....	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Social Studies 10-1/-2; Chemistry 20
Tuesday, June 24.....	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Science 30 (Part A)
Tuesday, June 24.....	9:00-11:30	Math 31
Tuesday, June 24.....	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Science 30 (Part B)
Wednesday, June 25.....	9:00-11:30 a.m.	English 30-1/30-2 (Part B)
Thursday, June 26.....	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Social Studies 30/33 (Part B)

Note: *Students are permitted an additional one-half hour to complete their **DIPLOMA EXAMS**. Buses will be doing their regular runs during exams and departing from Sturgeon Composite @ 3:35 p.m.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS REWRITING A DIPLOMA EXAM AND/OR RETAKING THE COURSE. Students will be able to write their first diploma exam in any subject free of charge, but all subsequent attempts (**including retaking the course**) will be considered rewrites and students will be charged rewrite fees and must complete a rewrite application form. The fee to rewrite is \$25.00 plus G.S.T. or \$26.25, for each diploma examination. Students rewriting exams in June must submit their application, along with their cheque, to the SCHS general office by April 14, 2008th. Students submitting applications after this date will be responsible for mailing their payment to Alberta Education. Deadline for applications to Alberta Education is April 16th. Cheques must be made payable to the **Minister of Finance** or paid by a major credit card.

Note: *If a student rewrites a diploma exam, without paying the fee, the new exam mark and final mark in that course will not appear on the student's results statement or on their official transcript. If a student cannot rewrite a diploma exam due to illness or compassionate reasons, the student is eligible to rewrite at the next diploma examination administration, or the student can have the fee refunded. If a student requires a refund for any other reason, a \$10.00 processing fee will be charged.*

Starting June 18th only students who have exams are to be at school. If a student has a morning exam, and they take the bus, they may choose to have silent study in the library, or talk and study in the cafeteria. All students must carry picture ID (school or Driver's license) to access the exam room, the library, or their lockers. Textbooks may be returned the day of exams on the trollies that will be in the front foyer attended by a supervisor.

Student Services

Post-Secondary

We held a workshop for several scholarships the last week in April. Students who did not attend the workshop but believe they qualify for the Alexander Rutherford or Sturgeon School Division Scholarship should stop by Student Services to pick up the application form. **Note: See below for NEW CRITERIA.**

We have three local scholarships that students can apply for. Deadline for all three is May 31st; these are the Dale MacMillan Memorial Scholarship for Community Leadership, Busby & District Lions Club Scholarship, and the Servus Credit Union Scholarship/Bursary.

More information is available in Student Services.

NEW CRITERIA

ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AS OF APRIL 1, 2008

Students who completed Grade 12 before April 1, 2008, will be assessed using the previous academic criteria. Students who completed Grade 12 after April 1, 2008, will be assessed using the new academic criteria as outlined below.

GRADE 10

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects - \$300
Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects - \$400

- One of: English 10-1, 10-2, Francais 10, 13 or 10-2 and
- At least two of the following:
 - Pure Math 10 or Applied Math 10
 - Science 10
 - Social Studies 10, 10-1 or 10-2
 - a language other than the one used above at the Grade 10 level, and
- Any two courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 10 level (1000 or 4000 series) including those listed above and combined introductory C.T.S. courses.

GRADE 11

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects - \$500
Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects - \$800

- One of: English 20-1, 20-2, Francais 20, 23 or 20-2 and
- At least two of the following:
 - Pure Math 20 or Applied Math 20
 - Science 20
 - Biology 20
 - Chemistry 20
 - Physics 20
 - Social Studies 20
 - a language other than the one used above at the Grade 11 level, and
- Any two courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 11 level (2000 or 5000 series) including those listed above and combined intermediate C.T.S. courses.

GRADE 12

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects - \$700
Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects - \$1,300

- One of: English 30-1, 30-2, Francais 30, 30-2 and
- At least two of the following:
 - Pure Math 30
 - Applied Math 30
 - Math 31
 - Science 30
 - Biology 30
 - Chemistry 30
 - Physics 30
 - Social Studies 30
 - Any one language other than the one used above at the Grade 12 level, and
- Any two courses with a minimum five credit value at the Grade 12 level (3000 or 6000 series) including those listed above and combined advanced C.T.S. courses.

C.T.S. Courses: Three one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 10 and Grade 11 level. Five one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 12 level.

To be combined:

- all courses must be from the same level e.g. Introductory, Intermediate or Advanced,
- courses can be from different streams or subject area, e.g. computer courses with welding courses, and
- marks will be averaged at the appropriate level.

NOTE:

- French and Francais are not the same course, and are not interchangeable.
- Only marks obtained before starting post-secondary study can be used.
- A course cannot be repeated after a higher level course has been taken in the same series.
- Averages are not rounded up for scholarship purposes.
- LDC courses are acceptable.

**MATH 10 PREP
Summer Program
Sturgeon Learning Centres**

What is Math 10 Prep?

Math 10 Prep is a provincially approved 5 credit course designed to reinforce the skills acquired in Junior High Math and to prepare for Grade 10 Math. Math 10 Prep will be offered in a small class setting. This course will be offered at the Sturgeon and Morinville Learning Centres from July 2 to July 29th, 2008. Students are required to attend all classes. Classes run 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tutorial is available until 1:00 p.m. each day.

Please register prior to June 13. Cost \$18.75. For more information call either the Sturgeon Learning Centre at 923-2443 or the Morinville Learning Centre at 939-4033.

Drama

Drama class and club had a busy, successful season this year. We participated in the Zone 3 One Act Festival in Ardrossan April 16, 17 and 18. Our students showed true "Sturgeon Spirit" in their performances and in their positive, friendly attitude throughout the festival. Shay Gale received honorable mention for "Best Supporting Actress" in her role as Heratio in Hamlette. Intentions, written by Chad Ingram, Mel Shwanke, and Julia Arnold, directed by Chad Ingram, Mel Shwanke, and Cody Norman, won "Outstanding Student Written" play. Congratulations to those mentioned and to the other directors and actors for all of the amazing performances. Well done!!

The following weekend, April 26, we hosted our Annual Dessert Theatre. We performed Hamlette, Intentions, and If Girls Asked Boys on Dates to an appreciative audience of family, friends, and teachers. Not only did our guests enjoy amazing theatre, they were also treated to delectable desserts. Thank you to Mrs. Reed and her Culinary Arts students for their help!

Four of our students, Mel Shwanke, Chad Ingram, Cody Norman, and RJ Daly, volunteered as victims for the Mock Disaster held at Sturgeon Comp on May 7th. We had the opportunity to experiment with gore make-up techniques to create realistic injuries. Can't wait for next year!

Mrs. Denega & Mrs. Welke

Library

How to protect your identity from online threats:

- Identity thieves can steal confidential or personal information by tricking people into using fake websites to purchase products or services. They can also capture confidential or personal information that is entered on unsecured websites.
- Shop only at websites that you know are reputable and trustworthy.

- Before you submit personal information on the Internet, ensure the site is secure by looking for:
 - an URL that begins with https:// (Note the "s")
 - a small lock displayer in your browser

Research and General Interest Links:

<http://www.eol.org/index>

- Encyclopedia of Life is an ecosystem of websites that makes key information about all life on Earth accessible to everyone. It is a continually evolving encyclopedia that increases our collective understanding of life on Earth, and safeguards the richest possible spectrum of biodiversity.

<http://www.greendaily.com/>

- The way to live a more sustainable life

Selected May Holidays and Special Days:

- The Empire State Building opened, May 1, 1931
- Astronaut Alan Shepard the first manned space flight, May 5, 1961
- V-E Day, Victory in Europe (WWII), May 8, 1945
- Mother's Day! - May 11
- Victoria Day, May 19
- Charles Lindbergh began his historic solo flight, May 20, 1927
- The last Ford Model T automobile was made, May 31, 1927

Selection of new material in the library:

Fiction

1. 21 Proms
Short stories by 21 authors on the subject of prom
2. Big Burn by Lesley Choyce
Two teenage students fight for the beauty of the area they live in against a large chemical corporation. Their fight opens their eyes to the system and also makes it possible for them to understand their parents better. Marina and Steve fall in love as they work on eliminating the problem of pollution in the town's water source.
3. Everyman's Rules for Scientific Living by Carrie Tiffany
It is 1934 and aboard the 'Better Farming Train', an earthy romance develops between an idealistic scientist and a talented young seamstress. The unlikely couple settle in an impoverished part of Australia with the ambition of proving that science can transform the land. But with failing crops and another world war looming, they are forced to confront each other and the fragile earth around them.

Non-Fiction

1. Alternative resumes for teens 650.14 ALT
Resumes (Employment) Teenagers--Vocational guidance
2. House framing 694.2 WAG
House construction; Building--Design and construction; House framing.

D. Sharrun-Clark (Teacher-Librarian), S. Kinjerski (Media Tech.) and Doreen Provencal (Media Clerk)

Music

Thank you to those parents who worked our bingo in May. Your help is greatly appreciated.

As the end of the year approaches, students are to ensure all vests, instruments and music are returned when asked. All instruments including those being used at home for practice are to be returned for inspection and inventory. All vests must be returned for inventory also. Finally all music handed out in class must be returned so it can be sorted and returned to the library. If you are graduating we encourage you to donate your uniform shirt back to help us keep a few spares on hand. Also, if you have money remaining in your student account you must let us know what you want done with it – transfer to a friend or sibling’s account, or put it towards the SCAMPA general account to help all. These requests must be made in writing and be signed by a parent.

Summer instrument sign outs can begin once our fleet of instruments has been inspected and inventoried. If your instrument goes out for repair, you can be given instructions on where to pick it up in the summer if you need.

Upcoming events:

Monday, May 26: SCAMPA Annual General Meeting. All parents of students currently in band, choir, jazz band and small vocal ensemble are to attend. 7 PM in the library. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE.**

Friday, May 30: Jazz Band and Small Vocal Ensemble perform at Ochre Park School in the afternoon.

Tuesday, June 3: Final Concert and Music Awards Night. 7 PM, South Gym. Come out and celebrate our great year of music at this wonderful concert.

pm. The camp is open to players with minor football experience, returning high school players and those who are new to the game and are interested in high school football.

Camp Registration:

- Monday June 2nd (5:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
- Bellerose High (49 Giroux Rd. – St. Albert)

Cost:

- \$25.00 (non-refundable)
- All cheques are payable to the Bulldog Support Society

Bring with you:

- Alberta Health Care Number
- Legal guardian (must be present to sign the registration and medical forms)

Equipment will be provided at registration. Players must provide their own footwear and bring their own water bottle to camp. There will be a Sr. Football Jamboree held in Whitecourt Saturday, June 7th. Select grade 9’s may be invited to attend the tournament.

All equipment will remain at the school. Fall registration for the Jr. & Sr. High School teams will be in August, details to follow.

For those who are attending Sturgeon Comp. the school will provide bussing from Sturgeon to Bellerose for practices and games once their 2008 fall school program starts. Players are to arrange their own rides home after practise and games.

For further information contact:

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Lawrence Thenu – Bellerose (460-8490)

Sports



Bulldog Football – Jr. & Sr. Spring Camp

If you are:

- A graduating grade 9 student and will be attending either Bellerose or Sturgeon Composite High School this fall.
- Are presently attending Bellerose or Sturgeon Comp. High as grade 10 or 11 student.

You are invited to attend the Bulldog Spring Football Camp from June 3rd – 6th at Bellerose High (St. Albert) from 6:00 pm to 8:00

SRC

(Students' Representative Council)

Pennies for Patients was held from April 7th to 25th in order to raise funds for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. Each block 1 class collected spare change in an attempt to raise the most money for the society. The winning class will be awarded a pizza party courtesy of SRC. Currently the money is being totalled and the winning class will be announced in the next two weeks.

Battle of the Bands, hosted by SRC and AXE Music, will take place on May 12th from 3:45 and 6:00 pm. Come out to cheer on your favorite student band.

The end of the school year is coming up soon and exams are around the corner. This means that we will be saying goodbye to the Students' Representative Council members of this year. Look for the announcements in the future for information about voting on the nominees in the upcoming SRC elections being held on Thursday, June 5. Make your vote count!

Any student attending Sturgeon Composite High School next year is welcome to join SRC. Meetings run Tuesdays at lunch in the Art Room. Have ideas about what events should happen? Join SRC and make a difference in our school spirit!

Ayla Radies
Publicity Director