

# Sturgeon Spirit

OCTOBER, 2011



Kindle the Spirit

at Sturgeon Comp



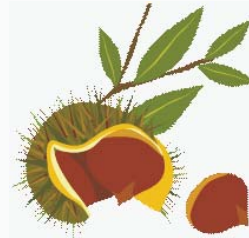
## School Fees

Please pay your child's school fees as soon as possible.

These fees are critical for the operation of our school and are NOT optional. They do not cover all expenses, but they help to defray the high cost of general supplies, software, library maintenance and costs related to curriculum.

We ask for your continued support and co-operations in paying these fees.

Payments can be made with a credit card by calling our finance department at 780-973-3301 or sending in a cheque. If you need a copy of your child's fee invoice, please call the school.



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High School**

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David Amiot

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Ron Pollmann

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## Picture Retakes

Mark your calendars!! Retakes will be done on **October 27th** from **10:00 am to 10:30 am**. Order forms are available in the General Office.



## What's happening in CTS Foods?

The **Foods 10** class has been very busy planning, preparing and evaluating their products made in the kitchen. The emphasis is on cooperative teamwork, safety & sanitation, measurement and proper use of kitchen equipment.

### Foods 10: Taco Lab



Demi Duperron, Ashley Rubis, Mitchell VerBeek



Ashton Patrick, Randi Hayley, Carly Brown



Jettah Dean, Chelsey Tychkowsky

The **Foods 20** classes have been learning how to combine nutrition and creativity in the preparation of salads and sandwiches.

### Foods 20: Sandwich Lab



Kyle Duckering, RJ Benn



Stephanie Skorija, Vickey Fata, Fallon Foers



Emily Ullman, Emily Rodgers

The students in **Foods 30** have been developing creativity and flair while learning the techniques of tempting and artistic food presentation.

### Foods 30: Fruit Pizza Lab; Garnishing



Spenser Sydor, Liam Collins



Micheal Charbonneau, Ben Pelletier



Roxi Jaenen, Cara Antonioli



# CONNECTING WITH PARENTS

## About Assessment and Technology

SEPTEMBER 2011

Welcome back to another exciting school year in Sturgeon School Division. We are in the third year of our school improvement projects (A.I.S.I) and in this month's edition of 'Connecting With Parents' we would like to focus on how schools can communicate more effectively with parents about how their child is progressing, and share a technology tip that relates to how teachers are using new instructional technologies with their students.

### Improving Communication between School and Home with the Report Card and Online Portal

Last year we introduced new division report cards for all grades 1 to 12. Teachers and parents were invited to provide feedback on the report cards and we have taken that feedback and made some changes that are intended to communicate better about how your child is progressing.

Our next step (this year) will see some teachers and some schools in the division break down your child's overall grade into how they did in each unit, strand, theme or outcome on the report card. By showing the breakdown parents can see where the child is being successful and where he or she might be struggling with particular content.

In addition, parents can go online and check on their child's progress by going to the Power School Parent Portal (<https://pschool.sturgeon.ab.ca/public/home.html>) and logging in. This will give parents access to detailed information about their child's progress such as grades, attendance, missing assignments, etc. It is a great way to be informed as teachers are updating it every couple of weeks. If you need assistance getting logged in or have questions please contact your school for more information.

### 21st Century Learning, Technology Integration in the Classroom, and Digital Citizenship

As the school year begins, there is a renewed commitment to use a variety of instructional technologies (Promethean boards, document cameras, projectors, video conferencing, web 2.0 tools, wikis, blogs, online media, etc.) to create a classroom that fosters critical thinking and problem solving, creativity, communication, and collaboration.



To further our focus on the responsible uses of technology, we will be assisting your child in becoming an active digital citizen through the safe use of technology. For additional information and resources regarding the nine elements of digital citizenship please visit:

<http://www.digitalcitizenship.net>

Please contact Mark Lockwood or Amanda Dorosh at Central Office regarding any additional assessment and technology questions/comments.



**5<sup>TH</sup> Annual**

**“NAMAQ IN NOVEMBER”**

**CHRISTMAS GIFT AND  
TRADE SHOW**

*Please join us on*

**Saturday, November 5, 2011**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m**

**NAMAQ COMMUNITY HALL**

**NAMAQ, AB.**

***Once again, we have brought together a great group of vendors who are anxious to show you all their new holiday products. They are sure to pique your interests with new tastes, smells, designs, and fashions!***

***Free coffee and free entries for a Seasonal gift basket.***

*It is your support at these events that allows us to continue our efforts to bring you quality products, friendly advice and knowledge about what we sell. Thank you.*

***School Council***

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the SCHS staff room. However, due to Thanksgiving on October 11<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7:00 p.m.

***Board Meetings***

The Board of Trustees meet the 4th Wednesday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Board Office in Morinville (9820 - 104 Street). Members of the public are invited to attend.

**SRC**

**SRC** is a student lead group filled with elected members and volunteers. We are lead by teacher reps, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Ruthford and Ms. Tiong. As part of SRC we organize events for the the students to gain “School Spirit”! The events include BBQ’s, dances, theme days and the always popular **OKTOBERFEST**. We also hold a community Remembrance Day ceremony for Sturgeon County. None of these events would be possible without our wonderful team of student volunteers. If you’re interested in becoming part of the team, meetings occur every Tuesday at lunch in room 404.

SRC got off to a great start!! We hosted “Kabob Day”! It was a great success. We would like to give special thanks to M&M Meats in Namaq Centre for giving us a great deal on the kabobs!

SRC is always in need of business donations/ sponsorships from the community. Without the support of our community, the fun SRC events at SCHS would not be possible. If you think you would be able to donate ANYTHING that you think we could use, please contact us at the school (780-973-3301).

October events will include:



- **Pumpkin Pie Day (Oct 6<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Donair Lunch (Oct 19<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Oktoberfest (Oct 31<sup>st</sup>)**
- **Halloween Dance (Oct 27<sup>th</sup>)**

Come out to the meetings and share your ideas!

SRC President - Meagan Parmiter

# Sports

## VOLLEYBALL

### Senior Girls

The sr. women's volleyball team is having a great season already placing in the playoffs in 2 tournaments. Our Captain Marley Broda has won a tournament All-star in the SFX tournament and our Assistant Captain Emma Gibson has won a tournament All-star in the King's College tournament. We are 1 and 1 in league play. We have played 42 games to this point and are just getting started! Come out and catch some of the action here at home, check the Metro Website or SCHS website for the schedule.

Ron Allen, Athletic Director

### **Roster:**

<b>Marley Broda</b>	<b>Sidney Lewis</b>
<b>Kennedy MacLowick</b>	<b>Miranda Honey</b>
<b>Amy Speers</b>	<b>Jori Victoor</b>
<b>Mikelle Champagne</b>	<b>Katlyn Schiewe</b>
<b>Dani Kieftenbeld</b>	<b>Emma Gibson</b>

## FOOTBALL

### Junior Bulldogs

The Bulldogs have started the season with three straight wins over the Salisbury Sabres, St. Francis Xavier Rams and the Archbishop O'Leary Spartans. They are presently tied for first place in Pool B with the Paul Kane Blues. The battle for first place takes place on Tuesday, October, 4 at Riel Park (5:00 p.m.).

### Team members:

Chance Auger	Nathan Kremer
Jamie Ball-Hudson	Kevin Neate
Roderick Barrett	Bryce Patterson
Tim Burgher	Wyatt Paziuk
Curtis Deck	Keith Tomlinson
Jacob Ford	

## RAP/WORK EXPERIENCE

### **OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION**

Sturgeon Composite High School offers opportunities for students to learn and earn credits in a number of Off-Campus programs include the following:

**Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)** - available in trades such as plumbing, welding, cooking, etc.

**Green Certificate Program** - farming training, including equine, dairy, cow/calf, crops, etc. is available

**Military Reserve** - reserve program (afternoon spring sessions) offering basic training may be applied for

**Health Internship** - students may apply for summer programs in health care facilities

**Work Experience** - part time job experience credits available to students with part time jobs

Students who are involved in or interested in the above programs are reminded to see Ms. Teresa Ferri in Student Services on Mondays or Wednesdays, or contact her at 780-222-5008.

### Senior Bulldogs

The Bulldogs presently have a record of one win and two losses in the Carr Conference. Their win was an exciting come from behind victory over the St. Albert Skyhawks. The final score was 13-10. Their next game is Thursday, September 29 at Foote Field (7:30 p.m.) as they take on the Austin O'Brien Crusaders. They finish the season with games against the Paul Kane Blues and Archbishop Jordan Scots.

### Team members:

Kent MacPherson	Matt Savoie
Logan Petty	Darek Skinner
Morgan Pocock-Demary	Kevin Zylstra



# Graduation

**Sturgeon Composite High School**  
**Graduation Ceremony 2011**  
**May 19, 2012 at the Winspear Centre 1:00 pm**

**2011-2012 Grad Committee**

**Grad Chairpersons**

Jacqueline Diakur and Karlee Walters

**Pictures Coordinator**

Raelynn Benn

**Theme and Decoration**

Ashley Teixeira and Michelle White

**Public Relations and Program Coordinator**

Athena Fedorus and Cathryn Thomson

**SRC Liaison**

Meagan Parmiter

**Banquet and Dance Liaisons**

Kaitlynn Martinell and Kayla Tipping

**Grad Advisors**

Ms. S. Speer and Ms. K. Jewell  
sspeer1@sturgeon.ab.ca or kjewell@sturgeon.ab.ca

**Staff**

Ms. S. Piper  
Ms. N. Woodford



**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY:**



October 20-21, 24-25 Grad Clothing Sales  
November 1-3 Grad Fees and Pictures Fee Collection  
November 21-25 Grad Pictures  
February 15-17 Grad Pictures Retakes  
April 16-18 Grad Ceremony Tickets Sale

**IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY A STUDENT:**

- MUST pay the \$60 grad ceremony fee by November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The fee will increase to \$75.00 after November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The fee is charged to provide each graduate with a diploma cover, Lifetouch photo on the Winspear stage, their picture in the composite picture posted in the hallway and published in the local newspapers, ticket to grad ceremony, and a light lunch at the Winspear.
- MUST have completed 80 credits by the end of Semester I and be enrolled at SCHS in the courses necessary to complete his/her graduation requirements in semester II.
- Shall be responsible for providing documentation by February 28<sup>th</sup> for any work experience and/or special projects in progress and filing a detailed timeline to fulfill requirements. Students must have demonstrated diligence towards completion of requirements.
- Shall be responsible to ensure that all credits from correspondence and Distance Education courses are completed and graded by February 28<sup>th</sup> of the graduating year.
- Shall demonstrate a positive attendance and performance record and fulfill the expectations of a student at SCHS.

# Graduation

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DAY OF GRAD:



- Please note for making hair appointments, booking limousines, etc on May 19, students need to be at the Winspear NO LATER than 11:00 am for rehearsal. All performers, speakers and readers will be required to arrive at grad for the 10:00 am rehearsal.

## INFORMATION REGARDING GRAD PHOTOS:



- **All graduating students** are required to have a grad photo taken.
- Photos will take place November 21-25. **All grads** are required to book an appointment to have a picture taken. Retakes are scheduled for February 15-17.
- We will be collecting a \$20 sitting fee if you intend to purchase Lifetouch photographs; the session is no charge if the student is only having the photo taken for the yearbook. **This cheque must be made out to Lifetouch.**
- Boys are required to wear a white or light colored dress shirt with a tie. Lifetouch supplies the cap and gown for the pictures.
- Appointments will be taken, and grad ceremony and photo fees will be collected by last name on the following dates:

A-K – November 1<sup>st</sup>

L-R – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

S-Z – November 3<sup>rd</sup>



- **PLEASE MAKE TWO SEPARATE CHEQUES OUT TO:**  
Sturgeon Composite High School for the ceremony fee (\$60.00)  
Lifetouch if you wish to pay for a sitting fee (\$20.00)

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Check us out on Facebook!

Important Grad Information will be updated on the SCHS 2012 Graduation Ceremony facebook page.

\*Please note this page is administered and monitored by the school, and any inappropriate content is subject to the SCHS Student Expectations.

[facebook.com/schsgradceremony2012](https://facebook.com/schsgradceremony2012)

# Graduation



## GRAD 2012 INFORMATION REGARDING THE BANQUET & DANCE FOR SCHS

Following following information reflects a letter sent out early in October to the homes of grade 12 students regarding grad banquet and dance and fees and contacts as outlined below.

The banquet and dance committee has established the cost per grad for the evening:

### EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:

- A Banquet & Dance grad fee of \$140.00 per Graduate is due November 18, 2011. This price includes the grads banquet & dance ticket.
- The order in which this fee is collected, will reflect the grad's order in line when banquet and dance tickets are sold early next April 2012.
- Money will be collected at lunch break in front of the library on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- After November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the price will change to \$165.00 per Graduate.
- Final date to pay Graduation fees is February 6, 2012.
- Make cheques payable to: **SCHS Grad Banquet & Dance.**



We look forward to making this a memorable time for the graduating students, their families and friends.

Information with details on ticket sales and cost for the banquet & dance will be mailed in March 2012.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**THE BANQUET AND DANCE COMMITTEE IS COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE SCHOOL ORGANIZED CEREMONY.**

## SCHS GRAD 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE BANQUET & DANCE

EXECUTIVE CHAIR	JACQUELINE TIGHE	780.921.2202
VICE-CHAIR	DIANE PARMITER	780.973.3041
TREASURER	APRIL BOOKER	780.938.6152
ASSISTANT TREASURER	TRACEY CLARE	780.973.4552
SECRETARY	MARIA CAMPBELL	780.939.0130
BANQUET & DANCE CHAIR	KATHI SHEEDY	780.977.1902
BANQUET & DANCE VICE-CHAIR	CAROLE PUTINTA	780.923.9660
TICKET SALES CHAIR	ELAINE GADOURY	780.967.3500
TICKET SALES VICE-CHAIR	WENDY ANTONIOLLI	780.973.3333
PROGRAM CHAIR	SONIA FEDORUS	780.939.7781
	CORI JODOIN	
PROGRAM VICE-CHAIR(S)	CAROL MCLEAN	780.923.3020
	CAROL CAMPBELL	780.429.6878
SCHS SCHOOL LIAISON	ROSEMARIE KLUTHE	780.973.3301
STUDENT GRAD LIAISON	KAITLYNN MARTINELL	
STUDENT GRAD LIAISON	KAYLA TIPPING	
STUDENT BANQUET & DANCE CO-CHAIR:	TORI BARRETT	
STUDENT BANQUET & DANCE CO-CHAIR:	DALLAS KOZLOW	
STUDENT PROGRAM CO-CHAIR	TIA MCLEAN	
STUDENT PROGRAM CO-CHAIR	ROBYN FEDORIUK	

# SCHOOL POLICIES

Students were given a Student Agenda Book at the beginning of the year. This book is compulsory for all students and should be in their possession during school hours. This book covers:

- General Information
- Expectations for Students
- Student Fees
- Student Services and Information
- Student Activities
- Student Facilities and Services
- School Timetable
- School Calendar
- Healthy Interactions

At the beginning of each year we find it beneficial to remind students and parents of the Expectation for Students, and they are outlined below. We encourage parents to read, and become familiar with the remainder of the book.

## **ALCOHOL**

The use or possession of alcohol while under the school's jurisdiction may result in one or more of the following: transfer of the student to the custody of parents, suspension from school, expulsion from school, or involvement of law enforcement agencies. This policy is in effect for all school sponsored activities on and off school property.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Parents, the school community and the business community expect the school system to set the standards which will educate our students to become productive citizens, to maximize their potential and to be accountable. Parents/guardians must telephone the school at 780-973-3301 (24 hr.) to inform us of a student's absence. If a student is in the building or on school property, they cannot be excused/confirmed absent from a class by a parent. SCHS considers all unexcused absences as unacceptable as students cannot achieve their maximum potential nor develop employable skills without attending all classes in a subject. We will deal with unexcused absenteeism by the counseling of students and use of various consequences such as time-outs to provide a structured environment to catch up on missed work. In severe cases, where students do not respond to these efforts to solve the problem, suspensions and even expulsions can result. According to the School Action Section 13(5) a student is excused from attending school on a day on which the school is open if: the student is unable to attend by reason of **SICKNESS** or other **UNAVOIDABLE CAUSE**.

## **AVOIDABLE EXTENDED ABSENCES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR**

Parents/guardians sometimes choose to take students out of the school for extended periods of time for the purpose of vacations, working at a place of employment, or other avoidable reasons. In these situations, the school may not excuse these absences.

In the majority of situations, significant absences such as these will have a negative influence upon achievement and parents/guardians shall accept responsibility for these detrimental effects. Regular class attendance is essential for maximizing achievement.

In addition to this, Sturgeon Composite High School believes that the purpose of exam week is to provide formal time for the student to maximize their achievement on their final exams. Sturgeon Composite High School will not reschedule final exams for these avoidable extended absences.

If an avoidable extended absence is scheduled during the school year, the administration and the various subject teachers should be informed well in advance of the event. The teachers will advise the student of what course material will be covered during the absence. It will be the responsibility of the student to obtain notes and complete assignments which occur during their absence. Students may find this information through the use of 'homework buddies', teacher Moodle sites, electronic devices and other means. Although these procedures will help the student to reduce the detrimental effect of their absence, Sturgeon Composite High School believes it will not replace the positive effects of the "classroom experience" upon their achievement.

## **BEHAVIOUR**

A student shall conduct himself so as to comply with the following code of conduct:

- (a) Be diligent in pursuing his studies;
- (b) Attend school regularly and punctually;
- (c) Cooperate fully with everyone authorized by the board to provide education programs and other services;
- (d) Comply with the rules of the school;
- (e) Account to his teachers for his conduct;
- (f) Respect the right of others;
- (g) Keep lockers, school building and grounds, clean and neat;
- (h) Keep personal items in lockers or on person;
- (i) Adhere to school dress code.

## **CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Cell phones and other electronic devices continue to present an increased disruption to instructional time and raise issues associated with bullying and cheating. Therefore, a **CELL PHONE /ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY** has been instituted at Sturgeon Composite High School, effective until the end of exams in June.

**Cell phones, SMARTPHONES, MP3 PLAYERS, IP-ODS, AND SIMILAR ELECTRONIC DEVICES are PERMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

Students will be allowed cell phones in the cafeteria or outside at any time.

- NO cell phone use allowed in the Library at any time.
- Cell phone use will be permitted in the hallways between classes (at breaks).
- Cell phone use in the classroom will be up to the individual teacher's discretion. Some teachers allow students to use features on their phones to assist them in class. When this is not the case, it is advised that students should turn off their phones and place them on the top of their desks where they are visible.

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Violation of this policy will result in the device in question being immediately confiscated and turned over to an Administrator in the Office.

- **First Offence:** The device in question will be picked up by the student at the end of the day from the Main Office.
- **Second Offence:** A parent or guardian is required to pick up the device in question from the Main Office.
- **Third & Subsequent Offences:** In school community service or suspension.

If a student must be contacted for any reason during the school day, parents/guardians should contact the Main Office and the message will be relayed to the student. For emergencies only, the student will be contacted immediately in the classroom.

**Note:** Alberta Education Policy States that students may not bring cell phones and/or personal audio devices into the examination room.

## DRESS CODE

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.

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

The final determination about modesty and/or appropriateness of dress lies with school staff. Students who are dressed inappropriately will be asked to change; if they do not have a change of clothing, a parent will be contacted to pick them up.

## FIELD TRIPS

Students must assume responsibility for completing any work missed as a result of absence from classes while on field trips. Students who are attending field trips (including band tour) will be marked absent from the classes they are missing but will be confirmed by the office. Some teachers may refuse to grant students the privilege of miss-

ing their class for the purpose of a field trip. There will be no field trips during January or June to encourage students to focus on final exams.

## HOMEWORK

Students are personally responsible for obtaining and completing homework assignments when missing classes; alternate arrangements may be considered with an administrator's approval. Parents should be contacting the school to make arrangements to pick up homework for their child if they are absent for more than two days due to illness or other personal reasons.

## ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

It is the belief of SCHS that a drug culture is counter productive to the major purposes of an educational institution. Therefore, any students found in possession of, involved with, or using illegal substances will be dealt with severely and harshly. They may be brought to the Sturgeon School Division Discipline Committee with a recommendation of expulsion for a minimum of one semester. In addition, the student may be required to provide proof of external drug counselling before returning to SCHS. In the event a student becomes a repeat offender, the student shall be permanently expelled from SCHS, if the school personnel deem it appropriate. An administrator will contact the parents/guardians of students who appear to be under the influence of illegal substances while at school or school related functions.

## ILLNESS

If you have a serious illness, it is your duty to notify the school. In the event of illness during school hours, an infirmary is available for students' use. When practical, parents will be contacted to take students home. Upon entering or leaving the infirmary, students must advise the office staff. Parents are expected to inform the school of any medical conditions of their son or daughter.

## INTERNET ACCESS

Students registered at SCHS have the opportunity to access the Internet and the World Wide Web through the technology available at the school. Access to Internet is a privilege and to be used for sanctioned purposes only. Violation of Sturgeon School Division policy may result in loss of privilege and further sanctions if deemed necessary by the school.

## PARKING

Parking at SCHS is a privilege. Students must park in the student parking lot and in the designated parking stalls. Inappropriate student driving or parking behavior or littering from vehicles, may result in suspension of parking privileges. For fire safety and bus safety reasons, there is to be NO student parking or driving in the front bus parking lane area. From time to time students may choose to participate in activities which are counter productive to the needs of the school and student safety. Students who use their vehicles to use or distribute illegal substances, transfer other students to off school sites for the purpose of engaging in or witnessing fighting, conflicts, confrontations or operate their vehicles in an unsafe

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manner, will lose the privilege of parking their vehicles on school property and may also be suspended. There may also be the need to involve the RCMP. Only authorized vehicles are allowed in the vocational compound. Visitors may park in visitor parking which is connected to the student parking lot in front of the school; all visitors are required to check in at the office. NOTE: Students and visitors, who park in the parking lot, do so at their own risk.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

Sturgeon Composite High School and Sturgeon School Division cannot be responsible for loss or damage to personal property brought to school. This includes property such as, but not exclusive to, calculators, clothing, musical equipment, computers, vehicles, and backpacks. Personal property is to be kept secured in a locker or kept with the student at all times. Any items left unattended in public areas will be brought to the General Office and may be destroyed.

## SAFETY/FROSHING/HARASSMENT

For students to perform at their optimum level, they have to feel safe. Acts of physical violence, intimidation and harassment remove the ability of students to feel safe. Both the School's policy and the School Division's policy on "Harassment" recognize the severity of these types of infractions. If a student froshes or harasses another student which, (1) insults the student, (2) decreases a positive school climate and/or (3) results in damage to school, public or private property, then that person may be charged by the RCMP with "willful damage" or "mischief" and/or be suspended. Repeat or flagrant offenses may result in expulsion.

## SCHOOL BUSES

Buses are provided to transport all students to and from school. Parents who are not certain which buses serve their children should contact the Director of Transportation Services at 780-939-4341 or a toll free number 1-888-459-4062.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE/CANCELLATION OF BUS SERVICE

When the temperature is below -40°C at Garrison Edmonton or roads become impassable, as deemed by the bus drivers, an announcement may be made to suspend school bus operation. This announcement will be made on radio stations K-ROCK, Big Earl, Joe FM, CHED, CFCW and CISM on the evening or morning prior to suspension of bus service. Parents are advised to obtain the telephone number of the bus driver, in the event they have questions regarding bus service. If a storm arises during school hours, the decision to transport students home early is at the discretion of the bus drivers and the Director of Transportation, who are in the best position to know the condition of the roads. Bus cancellations can also be viewed on the Sturgeon School Division website ([www.sturgeon.ab.ca](http://www.sturgeon.ab.ca)) under quick links and "Transportation".

## STUDENT BEHAVIOR ON A SCHOOL BUS

If students misbehave while a passenger, the bus drivers may recommend that the principal

suspend students from riding the bus. The principal may decide on the duration of the suspension and will attempt to notify the parents of the suspension. If students misbehave while on the bus ride home, the bus driver is to inform the parents they are going to request that the principal suspend school bus privileges. The principal then decides on the length of the suspension and notifies the parents in writing. Bus drivers have the authority and responsibility to assign any student to a specific seat on the bus.

## SIGNING OUT

Students, who are required to leave for medical or dental appointments, or for any other reason, must sign out at the office. Students who become ill must report to the office as soon as possible and should not remain in a washroom or attempt to go home without checking in at the office. The parents of students who are ill are encouraged to inform the school by telephone. If students are required to be picked up during class time the adult driver must report to the office and request the student to be paged out of class.

## SMOKING

Sturgeon Composite is a Tobacco Free facility. All tobacco products are prohibited on Sturgeon School Division property and students who do not comply with policy may serve an out-of-school suspension, and if they are under the age of 18, be fined. NOTE: This includes the use of tobacco products in vehicles.

## STUDENT EVALUATION

Evaluation of students' work will vary because many evaluative methods are used at SCHS. Students will receive, from their teachers, an outline of the evaluation plan. Some of these include the following: quizzes, written and oral presentations, projects, laboratory reports, internet searches, school common exams, computer software projects and provincial exams. Within the introductory phase of each course, teachers give the students outlines of the content and the objectives of the courses. Students will also receive information on evaluation procedures.

## STUDY PERIODS

All students and teachers have a right to a quiet instructional setting. Study periods are intended for homework or quiet study in the library, the cafeteria or other rooms designated for general student use. Hallways are to be kept clear when classes are in session. Students are expected to remain at school but, if they leave the building during study periods, they assume complete and sole responsibility for their safety while out of the school. For safety reasons, students are not permitted to loiter in the parking lot (including being in vehicles) during class time.

## VANDALISM

We are proud of our school and want to ensure that vandalism does not occur. The willful and malicious destruction of property will not be tolerated. Students caught damaging school property will be required to pay for damages; may be reported to the police; suspended from school; or, in some instances, may be recommended

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for expulsion from school. Our students are our first line of defense and act as proud citizens of our school. We rely upon students to take ownership of the school climate and environment. Any student who wishes to report any type of concern or share pertinent information is encouraged to speak to one of the administrators or counsellors who will treat the information as confidential, and are in a position to respond accordingly.

## WEAPONS

Any student found in possession of a weapon, or replica of a weapon, whether on their person, in their vehicle, or in their locker or desk, may be suspended and/or recommended for expulsion: **NOTE: A weapon is anything used, designed to be used, or intended for use in causing injury or death to any person, or for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person.**

## Student Services

Thank you to all students and their families who attended our university and college expo on September 19th. The turnout was excellent and the representatives from the colleges and universities were very impressed with all of our students and the great questions that were asked. Below you will find information on upcoming Open Houses for different universities, colleges and technical institutes. The Open Houses are a wonderful opportunity to visit campuses and speak directly to advisors of the programs you may be interested in. Don't miss out! Also below is information on Scholarships available for this month. Take advantage if you can and apply. Many of these scholarships are not applied for and the money sits waiting for you.

### OPEN HOUSES

NAIT – Friday, October 14th | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. & Saturday, Oct. 15th | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. RSVP online for a chance to win an iPad2 – [www.nait.ca/openhouse](http://www.nait.ca/openhouse)

ACAD (Alberta College of Art and Design) – Friday, Oct. 21st & Saturday Oct. 22nd | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Get a chance to have your portfolio reviewed with internationally renowned artists and designers. Book your private portfolio review appointment at [acad.ca/admissions](http://acad.ca/admissions).

Concordia University College of Alberta – Saturday, Oct. 22nd | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

University of Alberta – Saturday, Oct. 22nd | 9a.m. – 4 p.m. Offering a number of Early Admission Workshops, where advisors will guide you through the application process and if early requirements are met, you will receive early admission on the spot. If you attend the Open House, you can also enter for a chance to win prizes such as a \$1500 tuition voucher! For more information, visit [ualberta.ca/openhouse](http://ualberta.ca/openhouse).

### Upcoming Scholarship Application Deadlines

Loran Award – This award offers between \$2000 and \$75 000 to the successful applicant who is in the graduating year of uninterrupted full-time studies in high school. Exceptions may be considered for those who have undertaken a gap year for academic pursuits or community service-based activities. Present a minimum cumulative average of 85%. Hold Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status. For more information and the application go to: [www.loranaward.ca](http://www.loranaward.ca) . Application Deadline: October 26th, 2011.

TD Canada Trust Scholarship – This award offers up to \$70 000 to the successful applicant who is in the final graduating year of high school. Applicants must complete an application form, an essay of up to 600 words describing one's community leadership involvement, a letter of recommendation from your school, three letters of support from your community, and a transcript of your academic record. For more information and the online application go to: <https://www.tdcanadatrust.com/products-services/banking/student-life/index.jsp> . Application Deadline: October 31, 2011.

Please come to Student Services for more information on scholarships and bursaries or go to the ALIS website at <http://alis.alberta.ca/scholarships>

# Calendar of Events

October 7	Professional Development - No classes
October 10	Thanksgiving Day - No school
October 12	Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal (12:00 pm)
October 27	Picture Retakes - 9:00 am
November 7	Parent-Teacher Interviews - 5:00-8:00 pm
November 8	Parent-Teacher Interviews - 5:00-8:00 pm
November 9	Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal (12:00 pm)
November 10	Non-Instructional Day in Lieu of Parent-Teacher Interviews
November 11	Remembrance Day - No Classes
November 22	Awards Night (7:30 pm)
December 14	Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal (12:00 pm)
December 23	Instructional (am) - Noon Dismissal
December 24	Christmas Vacation Begins
January 9	Classes Resume
January 11	Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal (12:00 pm)
January 31	Professional Development - No Classes
February 1	Semester 2 Begins
February 8	Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal (12:00 pm)
February 9	Teachers' Convention - No Classes
February 10	Teachers' Convention - No Classes
February 20	Family Day - No School
March 5	Professional Development - No Classes
March 13	Grade Nine Tours
March 13	Open House
March 14	Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal (12:00 pm)
March 21	Parent-Teacher Interviews - 5:00-8:00 pm
March 22	Parent Teacher Interviews - 5:00-8:00 pm
March 23	Non-Instructional Day in Lieu of Parent-Teacher Interviews
March 24	Spring Break Begins
April 2	Classes Resume
April 6	Good Friday
April 9	Easter Monday
April 11	Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal (12:00 pm)
May 9	Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal (12:00 pm)
May 18	Professional Development - No Classes
May 21	Victoria Day - No Classes
June 7	Athletic Awards (7:00 pm)
June 13	Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal (12:00 pm)
June 29	Last Day of Classes (Noon Dismissal)
June 30	Summer Vacation Begins



Note: Bold denotes changes