

# Sturgeon Spirit

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at Sturgeon Comp



September 2011

**W**elcome to Sturgeon Composite High School in Namao, Alberta, Canada!

Our mission is to inspire the spirit of lifelong learning. Our goals include creating an atmosphere of trust and support, establishing high academic benchmarks and successfully preparing students for both post-secondary studies along with rewarding careers in the technical trades. We strive to ensure all students maximize their potential, promoting mutual respect, academic excellence, cultural awareness, environmental consciousness, and physical fitness. In Sturgeon School Division, we are a family of professional learning communities with a continued emphasis on the development of positive, contributing members of society. Working together with parents, staff and community members, our students will develop the necessary skills to become caring and productive global citizens. Have a wonderful 2011 – 2012 school year!

*Mr. D. Amiot, Principal*



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## PowerSchool



### Parent Portal

- The PowerSchool Parent Portal will be up and running for parents and students to monitor progress by September 15, 2011!
- You can access the Parent Portal via the Parent Tab on the Sturgeon School Division website ([www.sturgeon.ab.ca](http://www.sturgeon.ab.ca)) or the web address below.
- Login details are the same as the 2010/2011 school year. However, if you do not have the appropriate login information, please contact Betty McGrath at Central Office at (780) 973-4341

<https://pschool.sturgeon.ab.ca/public/>

*Principal:*  
David Amiot

*Vice-Principals:*  
Ron Pollmann  
Kari Morgan



## *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.

## FEES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

We now accept VISA/Mastercard/Debit payments in the General Office (user fees will be applied)

Fees for the 2011-2012 school years must be paid on or before September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If you need to set up instalments or late payment options, please contact the finance office for approval.

<b>DIVISIONAL:</b>	<b>Instruction Materials Fees</b> <b>\$ 110.00 (per year)</b> (\$55.00/semester) (Includes textbook rental)	<b>COURSE:</b>	*Beginning Band      \$40.00 *Choral, Guitar or Vocal Jazz      \$40.00 *Concert Band, Jazz Band or Jazz Studies      \$80.00 Art      \$40.00 Ceramics (3 Credits)      \$40.00 Ceramics (5 Credits)      \$75.00 Communication Technology      \$40.00 Construction Technology (5 Credits)      \$40.00 Construction Technology (10+ Credits)      \$80.00 Cosmetology 10 (Includes kit)      \$40.00 Cosmetology 20 or 30      \$80.00 Fabrication Studies (5 Credits)      \$40.00 Fabrication Studies (10+ Credits)      \$80.00 Fashion Studies      \$40.00 Fitness (Dance)      TBA Food Studies      \$40.00 Food Studies-Culinary Arts 10      \$40.00 Food Studies-Culinary Arts 20 (5 Credits)      \$40.00 Food Studies-Culinary Arts 30 (5 Credits)      \$40.00 Mechanics 10      \$40.00 Mechanics 20 or 30      \$80.00 Physical Education 30 (Off-Campus)      \$180.00
<b>SCHOOL:</b>	General (Postage, SRC, Intramurals)      \$25.00 School Agenda Book      \$6.00 Technology Fee      \$25.00 I.D. Card      \$5.00 Math Workbook      \$10.00 German Workbook      \$10.00 Automotives Apprent. Prog. Materials      \$135.00 Locker      10.00 (5.00 refund at year end)		
<b>SPORTS TEAMS:</b>	Cross Country, Golf or Track & Field      \$20.00 Badminton or Curling      \$50.00 Rugby or Soccer      \$75.00 Basketball or Volleyball (Junior Team)      \$150.00 Basketball or Volleyball (Senior Team)      \$200.00		
<b>OPTIONAL:</b>	**Yearbook      \$45.00 (before Feb 24) \$50.00 (from Feb 25-April 30)		

\*Students who have their own instrument pay a fee of \$30.00.

\*\*If a student requests a yearbook refund, a \$5 admin fee will be withheld for requests made before Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and \$10 after Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*If any changes are made to fees, parents will be notified.

### *School Council*

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the SCHS staff room.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 17<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.

### Sturgeon AC Milan Soccer Club - Redwater

Currently seeking players to participate in their U18 indoor soccer.

For more information or further questions, please contact  
Lana Bollers at 780-801-0838.



**ATTENTION TO ALL GR 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING  
SCHS GRAD 2012!**



**SCHS Graduation Day will be on Saturday, May 19, 2012**

**CEREMONY INFORMATION**

The formal, and first part of the Graduation is a Ceremony which occurs in the afternoon at the Winspear. This part of the graduation celebrates the academic achievements of graduates and is planned and organized by a committee of SCHS Staff Advisors and an elected student committee.

Elections for the student committee will take place in the beginning of September. There are positions for: Grad Chairperson, Theme and Decorations Coordinator, Pictures Coordinator, and Program and Publicity Coordinator.

Grad Photos are scheduled for November. Students will book appointments in the fall for these pictures.

For more information regarding the Ceremony, please contact Ms. Speer or Ms. Jewell at 780-973-3301.

**BANQUET AND DANCE INFORMATION**

In order to plan a Banquet and Dance celebration, a volunteer committee of parents and students will need to be formed early in the year.

**\* MARK YOUR CALENDAR! \***  
**The first General Meeting is on  
Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 PM  
In the SCHS library**

In order to continue the graduation celebration after the ceremony with a Banquet and Dance a volunteer parent committee along with the help of volunteer grade 12 students must be formed. If you are looking forward to a Banquet and Dance on this memorable day, attendance of grade 12 students and parents is a must at the first General Meeting.

For further information regarding the Banquet and Dance, please contact Mrs. Kluthe in the office at 780-973-3301.

# Grad 2012 Banquet & Dance

The graduation banquet and dance is completely planned and organized by a parent committee with the help of grade 12 students. The ceremony portion (at the Winspear Centre) of the graduation is planned and organized by staff advisors and elected student representatives, this first and formal portion celebrating the academic success of grads is over by about 3 p.m.

If you would like to ensure that there will be a banquet & dance to follow and continue the graduation celebration as in past years; the involvement of a committed group of parents is required.

A banquet and dance organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, September 21, at 7 p.m. in the SCHS library.

It is at this meeting that committees of parents and students are formed to begin the planning process for the banquet & dance. Many parent volunteers are needed. If you have any questions regarding banquet and dance, please contact Rosemarie Kluthe at 973-3301.

## Senior Girls Volleyball

### CONGRATULATIONS



To the Sr. Girls volley ball team who made it to the championship semi final match in the King's College tournament this weekend. An

honorable mention to our Captain, Marley Broda, who served 14 in a row in a win over McNally, (15-1 in a third set). Also to our Assistant Captain Emma Gibson who was awarded a tournament MVP! This is a great start to the season.

This season's Sr. Volleyball team will represent SCHS in the Metro Premier conference as well as 5 exhibition tournaments to be held on various weekends leading up to city finals. You may want to catch a game or two, check the metro website for the schedule.

Head Coach - Ron Allen

### 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>

## CAFETERIA

Welcome back to school!  
For those new to SCHS we know you will love the school and for those returning we know you are happy to be back! At SCHS we work hard to provide students the opportunity to enjoy lunch at our school cafeteria. All food products are prepared in house by dedicated staff and students who work hard to provide a variety to the student population.



The cafeteria is open for breakfast, at breaks and at lunch from 11:35-12:25. We offer a full sandwich line, a variety of salads, as well as, a daily special. Cafeteria cards are available for purchase from the general office for \$20 (these will be available beginning Sept 30). These cards help to move the number of students through the cafeteria more efficiently. We welcome everyone to join us throughout the year. A general menu including prices is available on the school's website.

# Student Services

A new year has begun and with it are new opportunities for meeting with universities, colleges and technical institutes. We also have scholarships to help you with your post-secondary endeavors.

ELAA (Educational Liaison Association of Alberta)  
Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Come to our education expo in the south gym where you can meet the following post-secondary institutions:

University of Alberta	King's University College	Olds College
Grant MacEwan University	Lethbridge College	Academy of Learning
N.A.I.T.	Norquest College	Concordia University College
Red Deer College	Providence College	University of Regina
Marvel College	Ambrose University College	University of Saskatchewan
Mount Royal University	Canadian University College	Thompson Rivers University
Alberta College of Art & Design	Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre	

## Upcoming Scholarship Application Deadlines

Do you have a sister or brother who just graduated? Make sure they know about the Sturgeon School Division Scholarship. \$1000 is awarded to students who have attended a Sturgeon school in the year the scholarship is awarded. This student needs to have earned 30 credits. Also, this student must have an 80% average at the grade 12 level in 25 credits and be enrolled in a full-time program of studies within 15 months of graduation. Application deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Also available to recent graduates of grade 12 is the Lions Legacy Scholarship. \$500 is awarded to students who have demonstrated leadership qualities and display a commitment to his/her community through service work for youth groups, senior citizens, or non-profit organizations. Application deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

## RAP/WORK EXPERIENCE

Ms. Teresa Ferri will be available in the Student Services' Office (Room 312) on Mondays and Wednesdays to assist students with Off-Campus Education including on and off site work experience and apprenticeship.

She may also be reached at

**780-222-5008**



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## Critical Information for Students in Applied Mathematics 30 for the 2011-2012 School Year

Applied Mathematics 30 will no longer be offered as of the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Therefore, students who have not successfully completed Applied Mathematics 30 before the end of August 2012 can choose to:

- Rewrite the Applied Mathematics 30 Diploma Examination. The final administration will be August 2014.
- Register and begin coursework in Applied Mathematics 30 prior to the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Some options for doing so may include using distributed learning materials in your district or through the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC). Students have one year from enrolment to complete the course.

*Note: The new course, Mathematics 30-2, available as of September 2012, is different from Applied Mathematics 30. Therefore, it is not recommended that students take Mathematics 30-2 instead of completing Applied Mathematics 30.*

*Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers, counsellors or school administrators regarding their options for mathematics courses that will support their interests and goals and help them be successful in meeting the mathematics requirements of their future plans.*

For more information regarding K–12 mathematics programs and resources, see our webpage at [www.education.alberta.ca/math](http://www.education.alberta.ca/math).

For more information on Diploma Examination Dates, see the Schedules and Significant Dates section in the General Information Bulletin at [www.education.alberta.ca/admin/testing/diplomaexams/diplomabulletin.aspx](http://www.education.alberta.ca/admin/testing/diplomaexams/diplomabulletin.aspx)

## Critical Information for Students in Pure Mathematics 30 for the 2011-2012 School Year

Pure Mathematics 30 will no longer be offered as of the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Therefore, students who have not successfully completed Pure Mathematics 30 before the end of August 2012 can choose to:

- Rewrite the Pure Mathematics 30 Diploma Examination. The final administration will be August 2014.
- Register and begin coursework in Pure Mathematics 30 prior to the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Some options for doing so may include using distributed learning materials in your district or through the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC). Students have one year from enrolment to complete the course.
- Register for the new course, Mathematics 30-1, which is available as of September 2012 as this course is similar to Pure Mathematics 30. The first regular administration of the Mathematics 30-1 Diploma Examination will be January 2013.

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of Alberta** ■

## NEW...AUTOMOTIVES APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM!!

The Sturgeon Composite High School Automotives Program is proud to be one of two schools in the Edmonton area to offer the First Year Automotive Service Technician Apprenticeship program!

Beginning in September 2011, grade 11, 12, and returning 12 students have the opportunity to enroll in the [First Year Automotive Service Technician \(AST\) Apprenticeship program](#). Students will, upon successful completion of the ASA 3400 modules, have the opportunity to write their First Year AST exam with Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training. The program consists of 16 weeks (one semester) of half- day instruction in order to meet the required hours of instruction.

This is a unique opportunity for students to get a “head start” on an automotive apprenticeship. The exam results are documented with the Apprenticeship Board and are retained for a period of three years. Students will have an advantage over others in that many employers prefer to hire individuals who have already completed First Year technical training.



*What are you going to do with your*

Learn

be Inspired

have Fun

Explore

Post-Secondary Education Expo  
at  
Sturgeon Composite High School  
on

Monday, September 19 from 7:00 – 8:30

University of Alberta  
Grant MacEwan University  
N.A.I.T.  
Red Deer College  
Marvel College  
Mount Royal University  
Olds College  
Concordia University College  
University of Saskatchewan  
Alberta College of Art & Design  
Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre

King's University College  
Lethbridge College  
Norquest College  
Providence College  
Ambrose University College  
Canadian University College  
Academy of Learning  
University of Regina  
Thompson Rivers University  
Centre for Arts & Technology

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Phone: 780-973-3301



## What's happening in CTS Foods?

The Foods 10 class has been learning about Kitchen Safety as well as Safe and Sanitary Food Handling Procedures. This knowledge is necessary before entering the kitchen lab to prepare food for themselves and others.



The Foods 20 classes have been studying about food-borne illnesses and the importance of food safety and sanitation training for anyone handling food in personal, as well as commercial, applications. They will put their knowledge to practice by safely preparing a variety of "high-risk" foods.

Foods 20: Appetizer Lab



Paul Guay, Brandi Andrusiak, Kyle Duckering, RJ Benn



Lisa Woywitka, Tyson Walters

Foods 30 students have been exploring a variety of methods of processing fresh foods by canning pickles, salsa, jams, jellies, marmalades and by dehydrating beef and fruit to make jerky and fruit leather.

Foods 30: Pickling Lab



Madison Quintal, Paige Marocco



Ben Pelletier, Micheal Charbonneau



Maria Dorward, Robyn Fedoriuk

**Did you know...** "Bon Appétit" is named after the French phrase for "Enjoy your meal"; it was started by M. Frank Jones in Kansas City in 1956. L. Eliuk

# Calendar of Events

September 14	Staff Meeting - Early dismissal (12:00 pm)
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

