

## CHARLES SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL



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MESSAGE FROM  
**THE PRINCIPAL**

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We are nearing the quarter way point of the 2023-2024 school year and our leadership team is continuously reflecting on steps we can take to ensure success for all our students. One key element to this goal is to maintain a safe, caring, and welcoming environment in our school. Overall, we feel as though the atmosphere in Charles Spencer is positive, yet there is room for us to grow and there is one particular area where we would like to increase our focus.

Specifically, our leadership team feels as though, horseplay or “hands on” behaviour is an issue that needs some attention. This is especially true for a segment of our Grade 9 and 10 boys. During transitions, at lunch, and immediately after school when crowds are busiest in our common areas, some of our students have made roughhousing a part of their regular routine. Overwhelmingly, this behaviour is between friends and has no ill intent. The boys will stop when they are directly reminded by a supervisor, however their actions resume again when they are not being directly observed by our staff. Frequent reminders and redirection from our supervisors is not having the lasting change we would like to see in this area.

Simply put, we would like our students to keep their hands to themselves while they visit with their friends.

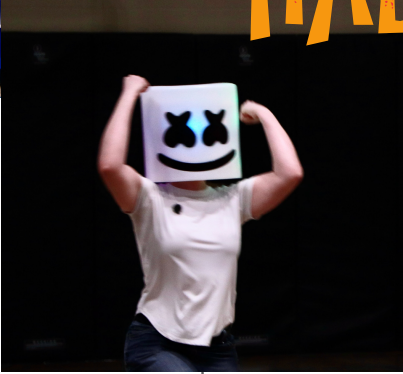
We would ask for our parents and guardians to have a conversation with their childrens reinforcing our expectation that students keep their hands to themselves when they are at school. Our classroom teachers will continue to support and remind our students of our behaviour expectations.

Your support as we strive to maintain the best possible environment at school is very much appreciated.



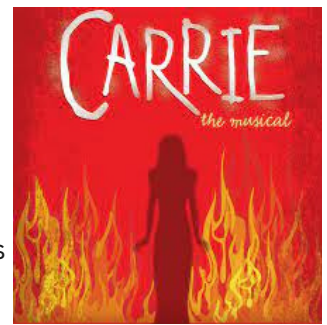
# BOO!

# HALLOWEEN



## CARRIE - The Musical

### A letter from the Director



Choosing a musical is no easy task as there are many things to consider.

Audience and student demographics, difficulty, orchestration, and diversity are a few. In this year's selection, I chose to focus on two things: the talent that we have at the school, and our core value of risk-taking. I understand that choosing such a macabre production is a risk that won't be well-received by every person, but what is important is that I am giving the students of Charles Spencer the opportunity to tell a different story; one that we haven't heard before. Of course, many are familiar with Stephen King's story of Carrie White, a misfit girl with telekinetic abilities who wreaks havoc on her senior prom, but this show puts the title in a whole new light.

I view Carrie: The Musical as both a 'Cinderella Thriller' and a meditation on womanhood. It is unique to other productions in that it does not have a resolution or satisfying ending; good does not ultimately triumph over evil. Despite the writers' decision to brand this show with an anti-bullying message fronted by the slogan "what does it cost to be kind?" Carrie does not provide a victorious ending. This production lends our female talent the opportunity to bring forth what they are truly capable of in a dramatic setting in a way that is unmatched by other musicals.

Sincerely,  
Daniella Ceron

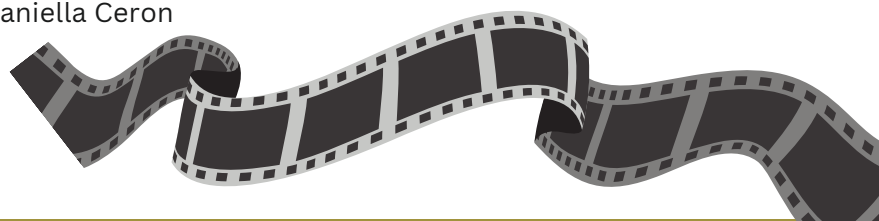
## GRADE 9

### TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Get ready for a day of career exploration, Grade 9s! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 1, 2023, because it's Take Our Kids to Work Day! This cool annual program hooks you up with parents, friends, and other volunteers who will give you a sneak peek into their daily work grind.

The program is all about helping you connect the dots from school to your future career path. So, check your inbox (and maybe your junk mail!) for a link sent by the school.

Oh, and one more thing: On this awesome day, you won't have your regular classes. If you can't make it to the off-site program, you'll be chillin' at school with some study blocks.







# STUDENT CORNER



**2022-23 YEARBOOK**

*enjoy every moment.*

If you ordered a yearbook from 2022-23 they are now available for pick up!

*Let's GO!*

*Good TIMES*

*What a great year!*

**AUTOGRAPHS**

Ava Lyons, Arianna Lehr, and Malia Hingano got to shoot hoops with the NWP Wolves Basketball Women's team all through October! These three ballers brought their A-game and showed off the impressive skills of Charles Spencer's finest talent!



**CONGRATULATIONS EMILY DING**

Emily received a medal of excellence and a scholarship for having the highest mark for the Grade 9 piano exam in Canada this past academic year!

*conservatory CANADA*

## GRADE 9 SKI TRIP



Get ready to hit the slopes, **Grade 9s!** We're planning a sweet ski and snowboard escape to Nitehawk on Wednesday, December 20th. But, if you can't make it, don't fret, your usual classes will be waiting for you. Oh, and a friendly reminder to hand in your permission forms pronto! Students will bring home details and the permission slip soon!

## Student Learners Licence

### Study Group

Get revved up and ready to go! Flip through the Learner's Manual, zoom through flashcards, catch a ride with driving videos, test your skills with practice quizzes, and if you're still curious, hit us up with any questions! Starting November 7th - Room 163 - Tuesdays @ Lunch - See Dani in Student Services for more info!





# Dignity Drive October 1 - 31

@GPDignityDrive

The Sunrise Rotary Club is on a mission to spread love and warmth this October with their Dignity Drive campaign. Help them collect new socks and underwear for those in need. Keep an eye out for the yellow bags in different rooms, including the office, to make your donation. Your generosity will be shared between 5-6 nonprofits in our community, bringing immediate comfort to the vulnerable and homeless. Just a friendly reminder, the last day to contribute to this awesome initiative is November 4.

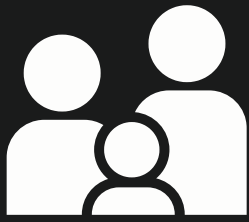


# PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



Students kicked off their day on a delicious note with the Thanksgiving "Gratitude" Pancake Breakfast during Advisory on October 12th. It's no secret that giving, receiving, and even witnessing gratitude can do wonders for our well-being, especially during tough times. So, the syrupy spread of pancakes served up a much-needed boost of gratitude and happiness to our student body.





# PARENT CORNER



## STUDENT ABSENCES

Is your child going to miss school? No sweat! Just give the school a heads up by:

1. Ringing the office directly
2. Dropping a voice message on the absence line (remember to mention if it's a full or partial day). These are checked all day long.
3. Sending an email over to the school.

If you forget to let us know, the absence will be marked as unexcused, and the cavalry (aka automated calls) will be sent out to you after school.

School Contact Details: Phone - 780-513-3200 or Email - [spencer.high@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:spencer.high@gppsd.ab.ca)

## HIGHWAY OF HEROES PROJECT

It's time to keep the tradition alive and build a breathtaking Highway of Heroes exhibit for Remembrance Day! Get ready to feast your eyes on the display in the trophy case and catch a glimpse of it during the assembly. And hey, if you have someone special you'd like to honor, we'd be honored to include them too! Simply submit their name [HERE](#).



## *School Council Meeting*

Wednesday, November 15 @  
6:00 p.m.



## *Fundraising Society*

Tuesday, November 7 @  
7:00 p.m.

Board Selection




## POWERSCHOOL

Say hello to PowerSchool, the ultimate tool for keeping tabs on your student's school life. Get a daily dose of the bulletin, stay on top of assignments, grades, and attendance, and even tackle forms online! And if you're having login woes, don't fret! Drop a line to the office at 780-513-3200 or shoot an email to [spencer.high@gppsc.ab.ca](mailto:spencer.high@gppsc.ab.ca).

## *For More Information*

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# INDIGENOUS

## Program Page



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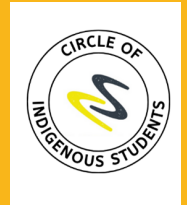
### INDIGENOUS FAMILY CIRCLE

Indigenous Families Circle – Monthly gatherings for Indigenous families to come together and share a meal, build connections, and voice their ideas for our Indigenous Education Framework. Cultural activities for youth – everyone is welcome! Please register via the QR code.



### CSHS CIRCLE OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Students are invited to join the CSHS Circle of Indigenous Students – Be the voice of Indigenous students at Charles Spencer, plan and facilitate cultural activities, gain valuable leadership skills! Monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month Starting November 8! See Dani to sign up!



### INTERNATIONAL INUIT DAY

Did you know.... November 7 is International Inuit Day! A day to celebrate the culture, history, and impact Inuit people have on Canada and the world.

·Metis Week – November 13 – 17, Check out the virtual activities and resources that Rupertsland Institute has to offer.



### LOUIS RIEL DAY

November 16 – Celebrate Louis Riel Day with Finger Weaving and Fiddles with Carl Delorme and visit the Rupertsland Institute table to learn about their employment programs, resources, and post-secondary funding! ·Louis Riel is a Metis hero and founder of the province of Manitoba, he fought to protect the rights and culture of the Metis people, he was hanged for treason by the Canadian government on November 16, 1885



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Join Rupertsland Institute in celebration of

# MÉTIS WEEK

WEEK OF LOUIS RIEL DAY (NOVEMBER 16)

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Login to Rupertsland's **RECC Room** each day to join in celebrating Métis Week together!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Live Online Event</b> <b>Métis Jigging</b> with Pamela Lashmore	<b>Live Online Event</b> <b>Métis Anthem</b> with Sarah Wolfe	<b>Live Online Event</b> <b>Red River Cart Stories</b> with Bernie Ouellette	<b>Louis Riel Day</b>	<b>Live Online Event</b> <b>Michif Language Learning</b> with Maureen Belanger
<b>Featured Resource</b> Online Jigging Contest	<b>Featured Resource</b> Flying the Métis Flag Activities	<b>Featured Resource</b> Red River Cart Activities	<b>Featured Resource</b> 6 New Visiting with the Land Videos	<b>Featured Resource</b> Michif Course and Resources Launch

To register, scan the QR code or login here:  
<https://rli.connectedcommunity.org/home>







# GRADUATION 2024 *happy* GRADUATION

## STUDENT GRAD COMMITTEE



This week our Student Grad Committee met again to discuss the possibilities and narrow down the choices for the Senior Class Formal and Red Carpet (Grand March). The Grad Committee and the rest of the Grad class have an opportunity to vote on the options October 31st and November 1st. The top 2 results will be taken to our Parent Grad Planning Committee at their next meeting which is Wednesday November 1st at 6:30PM. After that meeting we will be able to confirm with everyone the date and some more details for the Senior Class Formal and Red Carpet.

## GRAD BONDING DAY

On October 31st many of our Grads showed up in costume for Halloween and posed for their first Grad Bonding Day group photo. Next Bonding Day will be the 21st of November.

*We are working on a new Grad Website for 2023-24.*

*Hope to have it open very soon.*

## GRAD LETTERS

Grad Letters will be coming out this week. This letter lets the Grade 12's know if they are currently on track to graduate this year or if they need to see a counselor or Admin to make changes to their timetable or to improve attendance.



## GRAD FASHION SHOW

The Grad Fashion Show is being planned for the first week in February.

More information to come in November as they look for silent auction items and of course for students to be models for the event.



## GRAD CLASS FUNDRAISER

The Grad Class has a fundraiser that they need volunteers for. We are looking for 16-20 Grade 12's to help out with the Solution Services Family Christmas Party on November 18th at the Paradise in. The Volunteers would be working as helpers at some Christmas Craft tables. Solution Services is making a generous payment to the Grad class if we can get enough volunteers for the two hour shifts. This QR Code will take you to the signup page.



*Volunteers  
needed*



# Maverick sports



CHARLES SPENCER  
HIGH SCHOOL



## VOLLEYBALL



Charles Spencer Senior and Junior Varsity  
Volleyball Fundraiser  
Help support our Volleyball Athletes



MOM'S  
PANTRY



Get Yours in time for Christmas!!!  
Cookie Dough, Muffins, Cinnamon Buns, Perogies and Spreads



Deadline to order is November





**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

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Grade 9 - Take  
Our Kids to  
Work Day

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Last Day of  
Quarter 1

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1st Day of  
Quarter 2

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National  
Inuit Day  
Fundraising Committee  
Meeting @ 7

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Remembrance  
Day Assembly

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PL Day  
No School  
For Students

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School Council  
Meeting 6:00 p,m,

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Louis Riel Day

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**METIS WEEK**

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In Class  
Advisory

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# NOVEMBER

