

# CHARLES SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL

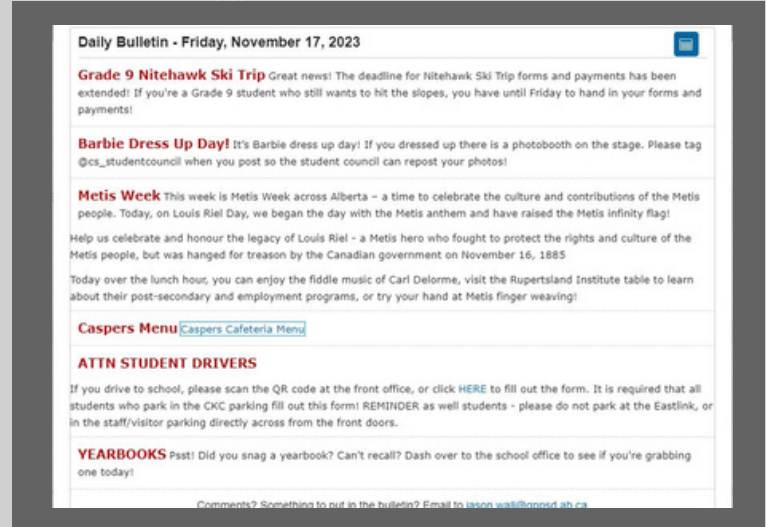


**NEWSLETTER  
DECEMBER 2023**

## Daily Bulletin



Hey! Did you know that CSHS has a secret weapon to keep you in the loop? Yes, it's the daily bulletin, the one-stop-shop for all things school-related. From the latest sports scores, to yummy cafeteria menus, to upcoming events, you'll be the first to know. Where to find this treasure map? Simply sign in to Powerschool and voila! You're in the know!



## Maverick Swag

Elevate your fashion game with our online clothing store! Get ready to strut your stuff with the Charles Spencer online apparel store, loaded with a huge selection of clothes, sportswear, trendy gear, and must-have accessories. Flaunt your pride, spirit, and support for Charles Spencer by wearing their epic gear. So, what are you waiting for? Dive into the treasure trove of Charles Spencer products, bursting with colors and designs that will give you major fashion envy!

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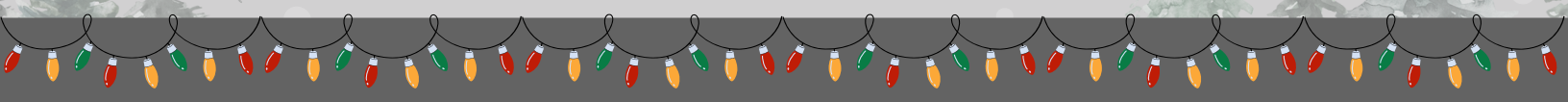
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# A Message from Our Principal, Jason Wall



## The Big Idea:

AI technologies pose both great challenges and tremendous opportunities related to student growth.



### Opening Thoughts

The artificial intelligence in our devices is changing our present-day lives. These technologies are embedded in our internet search engines, our entertainment, and in various forms of art. We have concerns about AI in the school setting, but we also recognize these new technologies present opportunities as well.

As educators, what are some of our concerns about AI?

- 1.If students misuse AI, they will miss out on opportunities to develop core skills such as literacy, critical thinking, and problem-solving.
- 2.It is an issue of academic integrity if students misrepresent AI-produced material (in whole or in part) as their original work.
- 3.In what ways can we teach students to use these technologies positively?

What are some common examples of AI tools?

- 1.[ChatGPT](#) (click the link) is probably the most famous. If you have not tried this software yet, I would encourage you to type an essay topic into this program. You will be amazed with what it can produce, almost instantly.
- 2.[Grammarly](#) is designed as a tool to enhance writing and identify errors in writing. This tool is more “educational” in the traditional sense as it can help students learn how to improve their existing work. However, students do not have access to tools like Grammarly when writing formal essays for Social Studies and English.

What are some potential opportunities for AI in education?

- 1.Students who understand and use AI effectively will be better prepared for employment and entrepreneurship. Future career choices will be shaped by AI technologies.
- 2.Teachers will have access to new tools to improve student engagement and perhaps even new strategies to provide feedback and individualized materials for learners.

Where do we stand right now?

- 1.We expect that students will only use AI tools in collaboration with their teachers.
- 2.Teachers have tools to assess if student work contains AI assistance.
  - a.If a student’s work contains significant unexpected AI assistance – parents will be contacted and students will be expected to re-do their assignment.
- 3.Our English, Social Studies, and French Language Arts teachers can access a locked browser for formal essays and exams – including our written final exams. Our teachers are also working to integrate secure writing browsers into their classroom work and exams.

### Conclusion

We are looking forward to engaging with students, staff, and families as we continue to learn about AI.



# STUDENT CORNER



Qixia, a talented student at CSHS, tackled a massive task last quarter - revamping the cafeteria chalkboard menu as a special art project! Believe it or not, these boards hadn't been updated for a whopping 7 years. We are all over the moon to see a fresh new theme to work with and couldn't wait to see the finished masterpiece.



Check out this epic scene: Anthro 30s were deep in the throws of Settlers of Catan (the perfect way to practice agriculture Mesolithic-style!). Grade 9 whiz-kid Landon swoops in to show us the ropes, complete with a snazzy PowerPoint. Before we knew it, 9-12 were having a blast together! What a special day - Settlers of Catan, you've won our hearts!





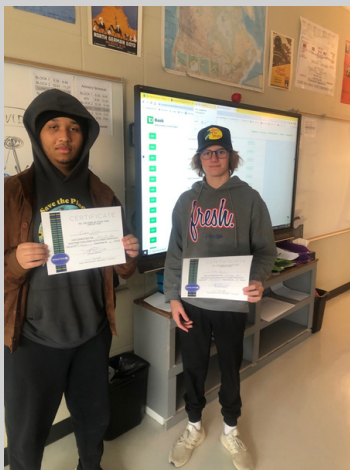
# GRADE 9 HEALTH

Who says November can't be outdoor class season? Certainly not Miss Harrison's Grade 9 Health Class! They took full advantage of the beautiful weather and tried to conquer The Human Knot challenge. Twisting and turning, the students gave it their all, attempting to untangle the seemingly impossible knot.



# INVESTING STRATEGIES CLASS

This quarter in our Investing Strategies class the students competed in a month long Stock Market Challenge. Congratulations to our future Investment Managers Caden Crocker and Hunter Ginnis. Hunter placed 2nd in the class with a tidy return of 2.1% and Caden finished 1st with an amazing 4.68% return. This is quite remarkable as the S & P 500 was down 3% the month we started. Both fellas beat the market and learned some lessons along the way.



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## Charles Spencer Interact Club

The Charles Spencer Interact club is a branch of Rotary, and is only for youth. It's a great way to get involved with the community, give back, and engage in positive interaction, as well as gain volunteer experience and hours for resumes. Moreover, each member is welcome to contribute at a level which suits them.

We support a variety of causes through creating fundraisers. These causes are chosen by all of our members collectively, and in running the fundraisers we learn how to manage money, time, people, and publicity. So far this year, we have raised money for Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer, and we are planning on donating to other causes later in the year.

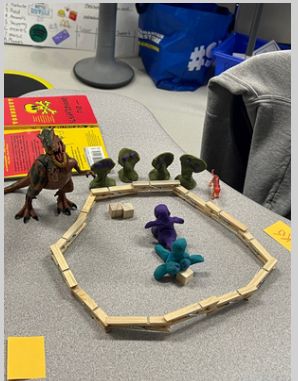
Additionally, we try to keep our members informed on volunteer opportunities outside our club. Our members have helped with the Halloween Spooktacular Fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Evergreen Light Show set up, the Dignity Drive, entered a Tree in the Festival of Lights, and much more!

Students are welcome to join at any point in the year, and we hope to see more members soon.



## English 30-1

Miss Harrison's 30-1s had a little competition today with our loose pieces boxes - they built models to represent Billy Pilgrim on the planet Tralfamadore in the 'human zoo'! Super fun, a little friendly competition!





# REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

A wonderful blend of students, staff, and special guests united for a moving Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, November 10th, one day ahead of the official November 11th commemoration.



Remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace.





# PARENT CORNER



DECEMBER MEETING

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH  
Grande Prairie Chapter

TRAVEL CLUB

Join Us

Quebec Trip 2024

Open to  
Grade 9-12 Students  
in French Immersion, Francophone  
& FSL Programs

Email: [cpfgrandeprairie@yahoo.ca](mailto:cpfgrandeprairie@yahoo.ca)

DECEMBER  
12  
TUESDAY

DESIGN WORKS CENTER

7:00 PM

## CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

Canadian Parents for French is a national network of parents, volunteers, and advocates dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.

### *School Council Meeting*

There is no meeting scheduled for December



### *Friends of Charles Spencer Fundraising Society*

Wednesday, December 13 @  
6:30 p.m.



## 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).

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# INDIGENOUS

## Program Page



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The Grande Prairie Firefighters Charitable Foundation's 12th Annual Sparky's Secret Wish campaign is accepting nominations. Fill out the form to nominate your family or a family you know! ([CLICK HERE](#))



Nomination deadline is December 7



CSHS celebrated Louis Riel Day on November 16 with a performance by Metis fiddler Carl Delorme and a visit from the Rupertsland Institute



Save the Date! GPPSD Indigenous Graduate Honouring is being planned for June 6, 2024! Our event will include a special ceremony, cultural performances, and a family meal. All Indigenous students are invited to participate – see Dani for more information.

Planning on attending Post Secondary???

Visit Dani for information on scholarships and bursaries available for Indigenous students including:

[RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth](#)

– Applications open November 22, 2023 – February 7, 2024

The RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth will award 20 scholarships annually valued up to \$10,000 each per year (up to 4 years) to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students across Canada demonstrating strong academic performance and community involvement.

[Alberta Blue Cross Indigenous Scholarships](#)

– Deadline January 31, 2024

The \$1,500 awards are based on scholastic achievement, financial need and community involvement. Scholarship recipients are selected by an external committee with expertise in academia and Indigenous education.







# GRADUATION 2024



## Grad Letters

Hour graduation letters are here, fresh outta the oven on November 3rd! All those left unclaimed have been sent packing straight to you, so check that mailbox!

**[DIPLOMA EXAM DATES -  
CLICK HERE](#)**

**NEED TO KNOW HOW TO SIGN  
IN TO MY PASS?  
[CLICK HERE TO WATCH A  
SHORT VIDEO](#)**

**Hold your graduation caps tight! The grad web page is currently under construction. We're working hard on it and promise to have it up and running soon. Thanks for your patience!**

## Grad Bonding \*JERSEY DAY\*



## Requirements for Graduating

100 credits including the following:

English Language Arts – 30 Level

- English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2

Social Studies – 30 Level

- Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2

Mathematics – 20 Level

- Mathematics 20-1, Mathematics 20-2 or Mathematics 20-3

Science – 20 Level<sup>1</sup>

- Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20

Physical Education 10 (3 credits)<sup>2</sup>

Career and Life Management (3 credits)<sup>3</sup>

10 credits in any combination from:

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses
- Fine Arts courses
- Second Languages courses
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Knowledge and Employability courses
- Registered Apprenticeship Program courses
- Locally developed courses in CTS, fine arts, second languages or Knowledge and Employability occupational courses

10 credits in any 30-level course (in addition to a 30-level English Language Arts and a 30-level Social Studies course as specified above)<sup>4</sup>

These courses may include:

- 30-level locally developed courses
- Advanced level (3000 series) in Career and Technology Studies courses
- 30-level Work Experience courses<sup>5</sup>
- 30-level Knowledge and Employability courses
- 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program courses
- 30-level Green Certificate Specialization courses
- Special Projects 30





# Maverick SPORTS



Our unstoppable Maverick squad from 9th grade brought the heat all the way to High Level and snagged the NWASAA 3J Volleyball Championship title! They aced it!



Our Mavericks Senior Teams rocked the house! The girls soared to gold and the boys brought home the silver. A huge shoutout to all the teams who showed off their killer moves at the Maverick Invitational - you delivered a volley-load of fun for everyone who came to cheer.



Congrats to the superstars of the court, the Mavericks Senior Boys! They just smashed the NWASAA 4A Volleyball, 2023 and are now wearing the crown of champions! Hats off to you, champs!



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Friends of CSHS  
Fundraising Society  
@ 6:30 p.m.

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Holiday  
Market  
6-8 pm

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(subject to  
change)

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**CHRISTMAS BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED**

