# NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023

CHARLES SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL









### A Message from Our Principal, Jason Wall

#### Have a Wonderful Break

On behalf of all the staff at Charles Spencer High School, we would like to extend our best wishes to all our students and families. It is our hope that this holiday season is filled with rest, fulfillment, and many joyful memories. We would also like to wish everyone a happy New Year as we look forward to setting new goals and embarking on new adventures as the calendar turns to 2024.

#### **Preparing for Exams**

Students and teachers have been working hard to complete their various curricula and prepare for a successful finish to Semester 1. Grade 9 students will have their last day of regular Semester 1 classes on Wednesday, January 24. Students in Grades 10 to 12 will have their last day of regular Semester 1 classes on Friday, January 19. Below are detailed exam week timelines for both our Grade 9s and our students in Grades 10 to 12. Our final advisory for Semester 1, held on January 18, will focus study skills. We will share the details of this mini workshop with our parents in the New Year as well.









	All Grade	Grade 9 Exam Week Schedule 9s will have regular classes through January 24
January 19	9:00AM	French Language Arts PAT Part A Regular Grade 9 classes
January 22		Grade 9 Ski Trip (for students who signed up) Regular Grade 9 classes for other students
January 23	9:00AM	French Language Arts PAT Part B Regular Grade 9 classes
January 24	9:00AM	Math 9 PAT/Mathematique 9 PAT Part A (Block 1) Grade 9s not writing Math 9 have regular block 1 Last day of regular Semester 1 classes for Grade 9
January 25	9:00AM	Math 9 PAT/Mathematique 9 PAT Part B PE activities, study space, and teachers available for students who do not have Math 9 in Semester 1
	1:00PM	Study space and teachers available for students looking for support
January 26	9:00AM	Language Arts 9 Midterm (ALL GRADE 9 STUDENTS)
	1:00PM	Study space and teachers available for students looking for support
January 29	9:00AM	Science 9 PAT/ Science 9FI PAT PE activities, study space, and teachers available for students who do not have Science in Semester 1
	12:30PM	Student Career Convention (Open to All Students)
January 30	9:00AM	Social Studies 9 PAT/ Etudes Sociales 9 PAT
January 31		Semester 2 Begins

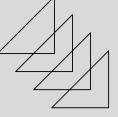
#### Grade 10 -12 Exam Schedule

Last day of Semester 1 Classes for Grade 10-12 Students – Friday, January 19
Semester 2 Classes begin on Wednesday January 31st

Date	Time	Course	
January 10	9:00AM	English 30-1/30-2 Diploma Part A	
January 11	9:00AM	Social Studies 30-1/30-2 Diploma Part A	
January 12	9:00AM	French Language Arts 30-1 Part A	
January17/18	In-Class	FLA 10 & FLA 20 Part A	
January 19		Last day of Semester 1 Classes for Grade 10-12	
	9:00AM	French Language Arts 30-1 Diploma Part B	
	9:00AM	English 10-1/10-2 & 20-1/20-2 Part A	
	12:30PM	Social Studies 10-1/10-2 & 20-1/20-2 Part A	
	12:30PM	Etudes Sociales 10 & 20 Part A	
January 22	9:00AM	Math 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam	
	9:00AM	Math 20-1/20-2	
	9:00AM	French Language Arts 10 Part B	
	12:30PM	Math 10C/Mathematique 10C	
	12:30PM	French Language Arts 20 Part B	
January 23	9:00AM	English 30-1/30-2 Diploma Part B	
	9:00AM	English 20-1/20-2 Part B	

# Grade 10,11,12 EXAM SCHEDULE CONT'D

January 31st		Semester 2 Classes Begin for all Students		
January 30	9:00AM	Science 30		
	12:30PM	Student Career Convention – Open to All Students		
	9:00AM	Science 20		
	9:00AM	Physics 20		
January 29	9:00AM	Physics 30 Diploma		
	12:30PM	Chimie 20		
	12:30PM	Chemistry 20		
January 26	9:00AM	Chemistry 30 Diploma		
	12:30PM	Science 10/Sciences 10(FI)		
	9:00AM	Biology 20		
January 25	9:00AM	Biology 30 Diploma		
	12:30PM	Social Studies & Etudes Sociales 10-1/10-2 Part B		
	9:00AM	Social Studies & Etudes Sociales 20-1/20-2 Part B		
January 24	9:00AM	Social Studies 30-1/30-2 Diploma Part B		
	12:30PM	English 10-1/10-2 Part B		



### The Digital Library



The digital library is always open even if the library is closed. Students can sign into the Destiny Library System and sign in using their school credentials.

Destiny Library System provides the quickest and easiest way to get started with digital titles from our school. Students can simply log in using school credentials (student email & password) and instantly access hundreds of eBooks and audiobooks on virtually any device. Get started today at <a href="http://destiny.gppsd.ab.ca/">http://destiny.gppsd.ab.ca/</a>

One-tap borrowing and reading • Browse our titles or Search for a title, author, series... • Unified experience across devices • Read or listen online, or download to your device.



# PowerSchool Student Update

Recently, Powerschool made changes to the student password system, and as a result, the office can no longer access or retrieve current passwords.

If students know their password used before the update, the system will automatically prompt them to reset their password when they sign in. If they encounter any issues or the password does not work, they should visit the office, so we can assist them with changing it.

It's essential to remind them to save their new password, or they will have to go through the process of resetting it again.

# CHARLES SPENCERS GOT TALENT





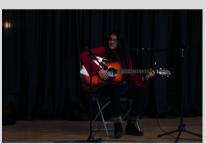
















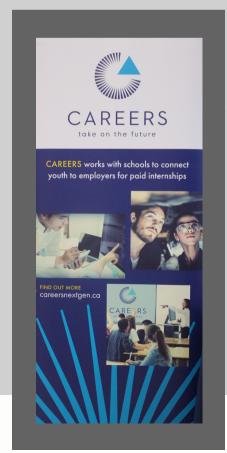




# CAREER FAIR

When: January 29th 12:25-3:30 pm Where: CSHS Gathering Area

Discover the numerous career opportunities available to you post high school by attending our event. Meet and engage with workforce specialists, entrepreneurs, educators, and professionals from many organizations.













# **GRAD 2024**



#### **GRAD FASHION SHOW**

Mark your calendars, fashionistas! The Grad Fashion Show is strutting its way into town on February 7, 2024! Stay tuned for the grand ticket reveal in the new year.



#### **GRAD WEAR**

Ready, set, shop! Score some grad gear today! You don't even have to leave the house, just click that button, and we'll ship it straight to your door!

**CLICK HERE TO ORDER** 



### **Grad Portraits**

Charles Spencer Graduation 2023-2024

When should I book my grad portrait session?

March 12th to May 3rd, 2024

Bookings start February 12th for the dates above.

\*\*Paguins\*\*

Phone: 780-532-2180 Address: 9913 100 Ave



## PARENT CORNER



#### Grade 9 Nitehawk Ski Waiver

As you may already know, the Grade 9 Ski Day has been postponed and rescheduled for January 22nd. However, we wanted to inform you of a recent change at Nitehawk Ski Hill. They have now implemented an online waiver system, which means that we need you to complete the online form to ensure your child can participate in the event. Although you have already completed and submitted the paper copy at school, we require you to complete this new form as well. Please follow the link provided here: Nitehawk Release & School Group Visit Pass (smartwaiver.com).

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter!

### School Council Meeting

There is no meeting scheduled for January



### Friends of Charles Spencer Fundraising Society

Next Meeting TBA



### **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@gppsd.ab.ca.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# INDIGENOUS

Program Page



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Save the Date! The GPPSD Indigenous Graduate Honouring will be held on June 6, 2024. Graduates will receive a letter detailing the event in early February! For more info contact Dani!

There are many Indigenous Scholarships and Bursaries now accepting applications. Indigenous students can book an appointment with Indigenous Liaison Dani Gillis to search opportunities and start applying!



Not sure what you want to do after high school?? Dani can also help you explore possible career paths. Drop in to see Dani in Student Services or call 780-513-3200 Extension 2847; Call/Text 587-202-6364; or email dani-elle.gillis@gppsd.ab.ca



Indigenous families are invited to the Indigenous Family Circle (IFC)

At the IFC, we will share a meal, visit with other Indigenous families, have your voice heard, and have the opportunity to connect with your child's Indigenous Liaison.

January 15, 2024, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. @ École Montrose

This month's dinner will be Bannock tacos, dessert and refreshments, starting at 5:00 pm. The Circle, including a craft for youth, will follow.

Sign up before January 11th to reserve your free dinner. To register, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/3v07gnF">https://bit.ly/3v07gnF</a>

For more information, please email indigenous@gppsd.ab.ca







# JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	- Friday	
1	2	3	4	5	
8 First Day Back	9	10	11 In Class Advisory	12	
15	16	17	18 In Class Advisory	19 Last Day of regular classes for Grades 10-12	
22 New Date Gr 9 Ski Day	23	24 Last Day of regular classes for Grade 9s	25	26	
29 Career Day	30	31 First Day Semester 2			
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