

CHARLES SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday, March 12th 5 - 8pm
(In-Person Meetings)

Thursday, March 14th 4 - 7pm
(Phone Interviews)



March 12: 5-8 In Person

March 14: 4-7 via Telephone.

Available for sign ups:

Teachers, School Leaders (Principals), Academic Counsellors, Indigenous Liaison, School Social Worker, Addictions Counsellor, Social Worker, and a first ever in-person Power School Training for Parents

SIGN UP [HERE](#)



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Timeline for 2024-2025 Course Requests

Class Visits and Course Information

Grade 11s – March 11 & 12

Grade 10s – March 13 & 14

Grade 9s – March 18 & 19

Visits to incoming Grade 8s March 21-26

Grade 9 Open House – April 10 (6-7 pm)

Course Request Deadline – April 12

Principal's Message – Looking Ahead to Next School Year

We are gearing up to celebrate our current graduates and our new and returning students are looking forward to choosing courses for 2024-2025.

As you can see in the graphic above, our school leaders, academic counsellors, and other teachers specializing in high school completion will be meeting with all our current Grade 9, 10, and 11 students to help them choose the most appropriate classes. We will discuss graduation requirements, explain course selections, and answer questions directly from students regarding all their various choices.

How do I choose 2024-2025 courses if I am in Grade 9, 10, or 11?

- Staff will assist students with course selection during classroom visits on their scheduled dates using [PowerSchool](#). Students and parents can also review and make edits to course selections using [PowerSchool](#).
- DO NOT use the PowerSchool APP for course selection.
- Use a desktop or laptop computer and login to the PowerSchool website to select courses.
- PowerSchool will be open for students to make course requests beginning on Monday, March 4, 2024.
- PowerSchool will closed to course requests on Friday, April 12.

How do I choose 2024-2025 courses if I am coming to CSHS from Grade 8?

- CSHS staff will be making a visit to all our feeder schools, including Isabel Campbell, Derek Taylor, Montrose, and Aspen Grove between March 21 and March 28, 2024.
- Paper registrations will be sent home with all students following school visits.
- Students are required to return Grade 9 paper registration forms to their current school office ASAP.
- Grade 9 paper forms can be returned directly to CSHS during our Open House (below).
- CSHS is hosting an Open House for current Grade 8 students on Wednesday, April 10 from 6 to 7 pm.

What happens if a student does not make course requests by Friday, April 12?

- We need all students to have course requests before we can start building a timetable for 2024-2025.
- If incoming students do not have course requests by Friday, April 12, we make a "placeholder" timetable based on the student's current courses and record.
- Student's can request a meeting with an academic counselor at the end of August 2024 to make adjustments to their timetables.



**CHARLES SPENCER
HIGH SCHOOL**

2024/2025

Grade 9

(incoming Grade 8)

Open House

April 10

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to attend

Visits to incoming Grade 8
students at their school will
take place from
March 21-26
to discuss Course
Requests.

20 Knowledge Way

Important Links

[GPPSD CALENDAR](#)
[REGISTRATION](#)
[SCHOOL ENGAGE](#)
[POWERSCHOOL](#)
[CSHS WEBSITE](#)
[FACEBOOK](#)
[MYPASS](#)
[CASPERS CAFETERIA](#)

PLEASE LOG INTO

POWERSCHOOL

on your browser to check for outstanding fees.



Fees can be paid online, in person, or by calling the school.

SPIRIT WEAR



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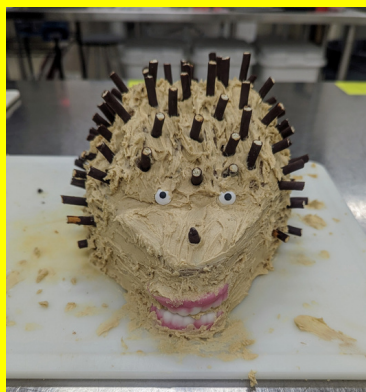
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Learning Commons



In Foods 20, our students have been quite busy baking up a storm! We are currently in our Cake and Pastry Unit and have been creating homemade pretzels, mini quiches and pumpkin pies, cream puffs and most recently Hedgehog cakes! Judged on presentation, creativity, effort, and theme, our winners did not disappoint!



TEXT AND LIBRARY BOOKS

All library and text books that are overdue must be promptly returned to the library. Failure to return books will result in a fee being added to students' account statements.

Guest



Frisbee Rob



Robert “Frisbee Rob” McLeod is a globally recognized motivational speaker, frisbee ambassador, and holder of 13 Guinness World Records. He uses frisbee to turn failure into a positive experience, instilling in children the significance of physical literacy, resilience, kindness, and self-awareness.

Frisbee Rob was a delightful addition to our school, bringing excitement and joy. The students were captivated by Rob's impressive tricks and skills, which motivated them to engage in Frisbee activities and encouraged respectful interaction among peers. Rob embodies the dedication and enthusiasm required to pursue one's aspirations. Thank you for coming to CSHS.



His cross-Canada tour honors his core life principle, “Always Give Your Best,” emphasizing personal excellence over competing with others. This philosophy has driven him to the forefront of his field, establishing him as a leading figure in physical literacy and personal development worldwide. Through his engaging style and interactive approach, he aims to inspire children, enrich physical education programs, and encourage educators to integrate more play into the classroom.



*Charles Spencer High School
Musical Theatre presents:*

Coffee House

*Wednesday, March
27th | 19:00*

Talent Show & Bake Sale

INDIGENOUS

Program Page



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Indigenous Liaison
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IMPORTANT DATES

Parent Teacher Interviews - March 12 & 14 - Dani will be available for parent teacher interviews (sign up link on page 3)

Indigenous Education Research Project - March 26 & 27 - we are looking for caregivers and student to participate in a research project! (See posters on page 12)

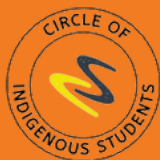
Indigenous Graduate Honouring - June 6 - (Information on page 12)

Alberta Health Services Indigenous Talent Presentation - March 12 - (Information on page 12)

Indigenous Family Dinner - Thanks to all the families who joined us for soup & bannock! It was great evening.



Circle of Indigenous Students - our group of future leaders met with NWP Circle of Indigenous Students for guidance on organizing our student circle. We look forward to collaborating with the NWP CIS team in the future. We still have lots of room in our circle - see Dani to sign up!



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Indigenous Graduate Honouring

Self-identified Indigenous Graduates are invited to participate in a special day to honour their school success!

Our day will include cultural teachings, performances, Graduate Honouring Ceremony, and lunch. Families are invited to join us on this special day!

Thursday, June 6, 2024

10:00 am Cultural Teachings
11:30 am Grand Entry & Ceremony
1:30 pm Lunch

Camp Tamarack
704081 Range Road 62, County of Grande Prairie



SCAN
to
Register



Indigenous Talent at AHS

We're committed to building an Indigenous workforce to improve health outcomes and patient experience for all Albertans. We are committed to ensuring that Indigenous Peoples have safe, high-quality, accessible healthcare that is culturally safe and culturally aware, and acknowledge that there is more work that must be done. AHS is proud to offer opportunities and paths for Indigenous Peoples to grow a career in healthcare.

March 12 - 11:30 – 12:00

Meet Indigenous Talent Recruiter Leona Small

- Summer Jobs for MNA Members
- Summer Start Health Care Aide Jobs
- Job Shadowing at GPRH
- Careers with EMS

SEE DANI TO SIGN UP!

ATTENTION INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

SHARE YOUR
VOICE

You are invited to participate in this project because your voice is important.

Charles Spencer High School, along with other schools across Alberta, are involved in a project to better understand how First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students approach course selection.

Students are invited to participate in a confidential focus group discussion to share their experiences, perspectives, and ideas.

Lunch is provided.

The student gathering will take place on **Wednesday March 27 at 11am.**

Please feel free to contact Dani Gillis, Indigenous Liaison, with questions by email at Dani-elle.Gillis@gppsd.ab.ca or phone 587-202-6364.

This project has been approved by the MacEwan University Research Ethics Board.

ATTENTION PARENTS & CAREGIVERS OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

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Parents and caregivers of Indigenous students are invited to participate in a confidential focus group discussion to share their experiences, perspectives, and ideas. This gathering will take place at Charles Spencer High School on **Tuesday March 26 at 6pm.** Food and beverages will be provided.

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GRADUATION 2024 INFORMATION



CSHS

20 Knowledge Way
Grande Prairie AB T8W 2K3

The second round of graduation letters will soon be distributed to the graduates! If you already received a congratulations letter in the first round, you will not receive another one. If you haven't received a letter yet, or received a letter indicating a different outcome, please check with the office once the letters are ready.

For all information
GRAD related, please
click [HERE](#)

CAP AND GOWN CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024

GRAND MARCH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024

GRAD BONDING



*Tight
and
Bright*

GRAD
FASHION
SHOW



Elegant

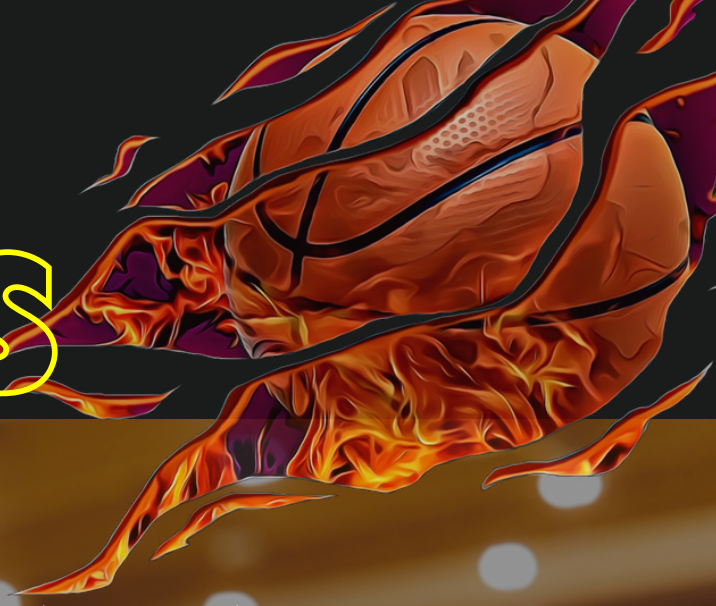
Grads stole the spotlight on Feb. 7th at the CSHS Main Stage for the epic Grad Fashion Show! Decked out in fancy threads from local shops, the high school models strutted their stuff. Huge shoutout to Mrs. Forsey and the Grad Committee for putting on this fab event!



What a stellar performance, everyone!!

*Big thanks to all the generous souls who donated to the Silent Auction.
It was a smashing hi*

CSHS SPORTS



they play UNSELFISH
they play TOGETHER
and they play HARD



A huge shout out to our JV Basketball Teams for their outstanding performance this year! Both the boys and girls teams showcased excellent skills and sportsmanship while representing our school at the provincial level. Their hard work and dedication deserve recognition, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Go team!



“How good can we expect to be if our best player is not our best teammate”

CARRIE

the musical



**PRESENTED BY CHARLES
SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL**

Location: KMSC Performing Arts Theatre 300
Arbour Hills Blvd

Director: Daniella Ceron

SHOWTIMES:

Thursday April 25, 2024 - 07:30PM

Friday April 26, 2024 - 07:30PM

Saturday April 27, 2024 - 02:00PM


Saturday April 27, 2024 - 07:30PM

To purchase tickets



or purchase in person at the
Grande Prairie Live Theatre

MARCH

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 4 | Academy 5 Athletics Ski Trip' | Academy 6 Athletics Ski Trip' | No Classes 7 for Student | No Classes 8 for Student |
| 11 | PTIs 12 IN PERSON | 13 | PTIs 14 PHONE INTERVIEWS | 15 No Classes for Student |
| 18 | 19 | School Council 20 Meeting 6:00 P.M. | In-Class 21 Advisory | 22 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | GOOD 29 FRIDAY No School |

LOOKING AHEAD:

- April 1-5 - Spring Break
- April 8 - Classes Resume
- April 11 - All School Assembly
- April 15 - FIRST DAY QUARTER 4
- April 19 - No Classes for Students
- April 25 - In Class Advisory
- April 25-27 - CSHS Musical



Greetings, wonderful parents! March is here, and we have a thrilling newsletter ready for you! Get a glimpse of upcoming events, important updates, and useful resources. Check out our Spirit Wear showcase, explore the Learning Commons, and mark your calendar for the Coffee House event. Exciting initiatives are in store for our Indigenous Program, and we have news about Graduation 2024. Our principal has shared insights on course selections and much more!

Hello, amazing parents! March has arrived, and we have an exciting newsletter prepared for you!

Explore a sneak peek of upcoming events, essential information, and links to valuable resources. Delve into our Spirit Wear display, take a peek at our Learning Commons, and save the date for our Coffee House gathering. Our Indigenous Program has some exciting plans, and we've got details on Graduation 2024. Our principal has a message for us regarding course selections, and so much more!!!