

**CHARLES SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL**

# **NEWSLETTER**



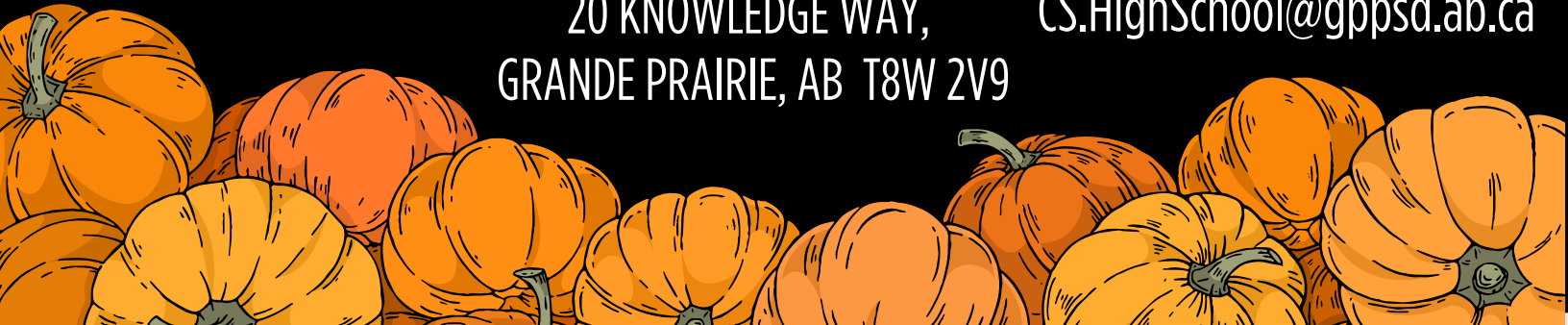
# **MAVERICK NEWS**

## **OCTOBER 2024**

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# The Principal



## OPTIMUM INSTRUCTION FOR ALL STUDENTS

At Charles Spencer High School success for every student is possible because our staff is committed to providing meaningful and engaging learning experiences for our students. The most essential element of our work is the instruction that takes place in classrooms each and every day. During our most recent professional learning day (September 20), one of the topics we explored was “Making Every Minute Matter.” Would you believe that our students are progressing through their learning outcomes more effectively at the beginning of this semester than we have experienced in recent years? These are early days, but we are already seeing benefits for student learning because there are fewer distractions in their classroom environment. As teachers, we are working to be responsive in our planning, so this found time is used in meaningful ways.

Optimal instruction is also made possible when students have a sense of belonging at Charles Spencer High School. There are so many examples of different ways we strive to make students feel welcome, cared for, and safe. We started the school year on September 3 to welcome our Grade 9 students, and we hosted a welcome assembly featuring guest speaker Jon Hansen. More than 100 student athletes are already participating in teams such as volleyball, cross-country running, and golf. We hosted a meet-the-teacher night that was mashed with our 10th anniversary celebration. And, this past week, we celebrated our Reconcili-ACTION week and Orange Shirt Day along with our Terry Fox Run.

Our newsletter contains highlights of our experiences as a learning community this past month and important information about upcoming events.

**Growth**

**Responsibility**  
**Perseverance**

**Risk Taking**





# **important** Links

**GPPSD CALENDAR**

**REGISTRATION**

**SCHOOL ENGAGE**

**POWERSCHOOL**

**CSHS WEBSITE**

**FACEBOOK**

**MY PASS**

**CASPERS CAFETERIA**



*Have fees to pay?*

**Please log into  
POWERSCHOOL**



**on your browser to check for outstanding fees.**

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





# COMPUTER

**SPECIAL OFFER**



# SALE

*We have some old, surplus computers available for purchase!*

**Who can express interest in purchasing these computers?**

All current students and staff

**What computers are available?**

View Specs and Get Computer Numbers [HERE](#)

Or Here: <https://tinyurl.com/3rk82ts6>

- 13 – Mac Computers with 21.5” displays
- 11 – Mac Computers with 27” displays
- 1 – Mac Laptop
- 12 – Alienware Computers



Forms are available in the office!



Complete the form and turn it in at the main office by **Thursday, October 17, 2024**





# SCHOOL COUNCIL Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCT 16TH

6:00PM

HERE AT THE SCHOOL

Everyone  
Welcome!

Friends of Charles Spencer

## Fundraising SOCIETY

JOIN US RIGHT AFTER THE  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING!



Oct. 16th @ 7:00pm

For more information please contact

[Bryan.funk@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:Bryan.funk@gppsd.ab.ca) for more information

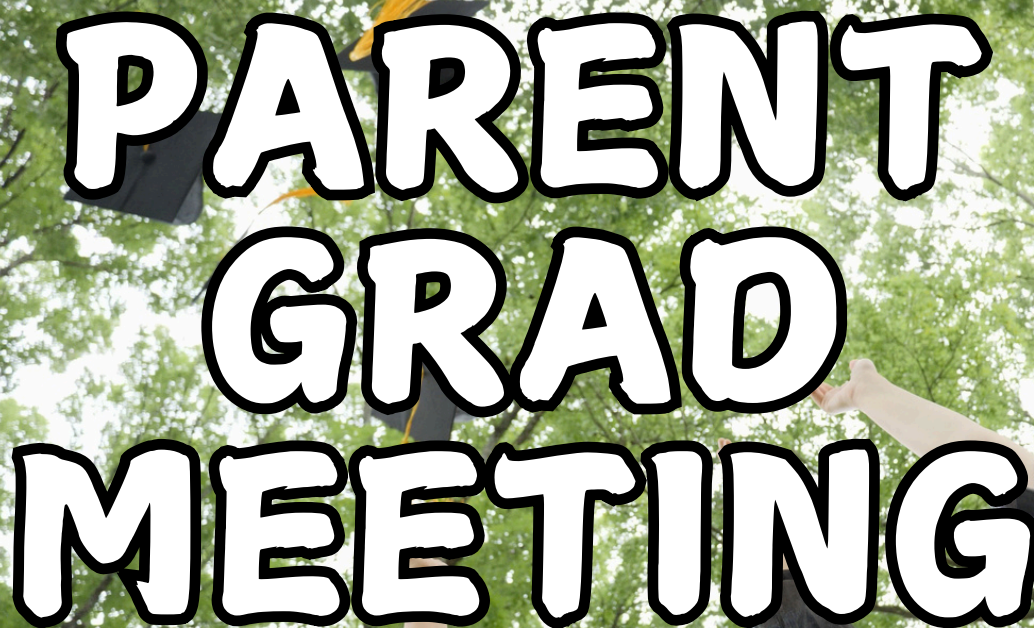




STUDENT *Grad* MEETING

**WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 2@2PM**

Grads will be meeting on the  
main staircase at 2:00pm



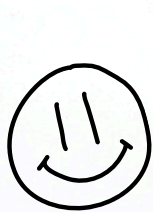
**PARENT  
GRAD  
MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 2nd  
6-7pm here at the school**



# YEARBOOK

If you ordered & paid for a Yearbook from 2023-24 they are now available for pick up in the office!



GOOD TIMES

What a great year!



MEMORIES



\*\*\*Yearbooks are **NOT** automatically added to students accounts unless they are in Grade 12.

ATTENTION PLEASE!

If you would like one added for the 2024-25 school year please let the office know!



# GOLF SEASON

Another successful season of  
golf for the Mavericks!



**Junior Boys** - This year we had one Junior Golfer - Zachary Laderoute - He competed at Zones in Fairview on Monday September 23 2024 and represented the school well, Zach placed 4th in the event. Well done Zach, we look forward to seeing what you can do in the next few years.

## Sr Team

This year the Sr. The Maverick Golf Team competed at the Zone Championships; it was a beautiful day on the links in Fairview We had a great qualifier, the men's team of Rylan Young, Grady Clarkson, Shea Fitzgerald and Jake Hildebrand-Hobbs played well and earned themselves a Bronze Medal, great work fellas. On the ladies side, Samantha Speck, Siobhan McGriskin and Saimaa Rawlyk led the field with a Gold in the team event, additionally, Samantha won first place shooting an 80 while Siobhan and Saimaa tied for Silver shooting an 85.

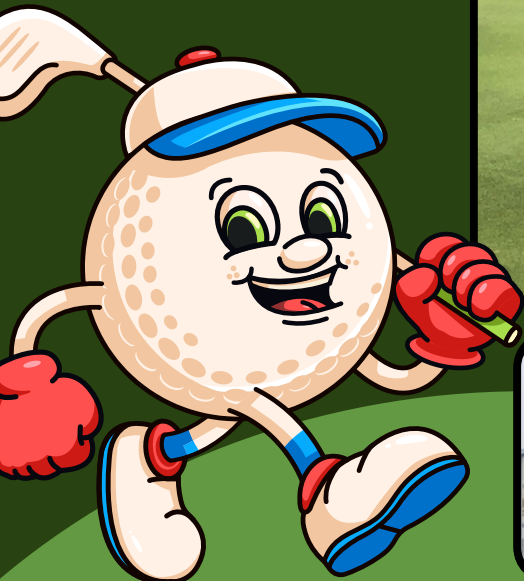




# GOLF SEASON



**Provincials** - Charles Spencer also hosted the ASAA High School Golf Provincials on September 23 and 24. We had over 200 of the best high school golfers competing at the Dunes Golf and Winter Club and the Grande Prairie Golf and Country Club. It was an amazing event, we were proud to welcome our guests and show off this beautiful city. Mavericks Boys team competed hard and placed 10th overall in the Men's competition. The Ladies team finished 4th overall and great results from Samantha Speck who finished 13th overall, Saimaa Rawlyk finished 15th and Siobahn McGriskin placed 18th overall.





# MEAN GIRLS

## HIGH SCHOOL VERSION

Music by  
**JEFF RICHMOND**

Book by  
**TINA FEY**

Lyrics by  
**NELL BENJAMIN**



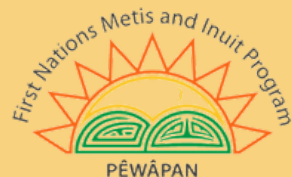
Students \$15, Adults \$20  
KMSC Law Performing Arts Theatre

**November 22-24**

Based on the Paramount  
Pictures film *Mean Girls*

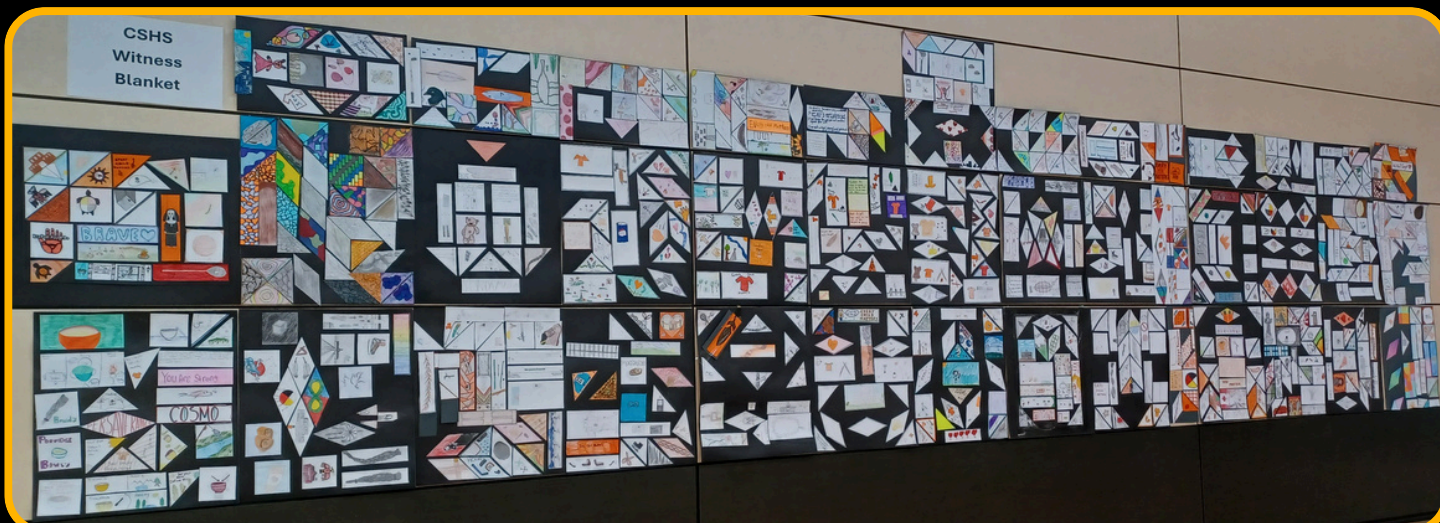


# INDIGENOUS PROGRAM PAGE



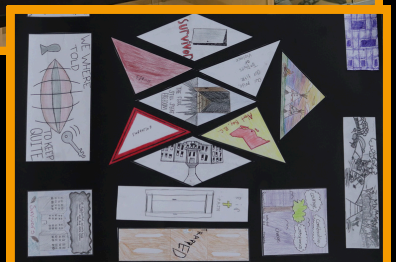
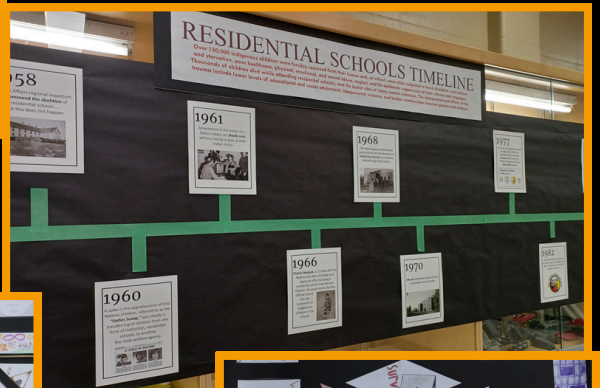
**Dani Gillis**  
Indigenous Liaison  
587-202-6364  
text or call  
Dani-elle.Gillis@gppsd.ab.ca

## Reconcili-**ACTION** Week!



## CSHS Witness Blanket







# Important Dates:

Indigenous Family Dinner: October 17th

[CLICK HERE](#)

to sign up by October 7th

## Join Us!

## Indigenous Family Dinner

### Tour the School & Learn About...

For Soup and Bannock

**THURSDAY**  
**OCTOBER 17TH**

CSHS GATHERING AREA

**6:00pm - 7:30pm**

- Indigenous Programs & Supports
- Indigenous Graduate Honoring
- Circle of Indigenous Students

Everyone  
is

*Welcome*

Inuit Day: November 7

Louis Riel Day: November 15

Red Dress Day: May 5

Indigenous Culture Day: June (TBD)

National Indigenous Peoples Day: June 21

## Are you Interested in...

Indigenous Mentorship Program

Indigenous Graduate Honouring

Circle of Indigenous Students



## Please see Dani for more info!



# Martinique Trip

## Information Session for Parents



**Wednesday, Oct. 2nd  
6pm in room M9  
Mme. Clayton's Room**

Fundraising possibilities will be discussed  
as well as cost and trip itinerary.  
*Please attend if you are interested in going.*

**CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH**

# CPF

**FREE**

## Membership

**PARENTS** & **TEENS 16 YEARS & UP**

- Workshops
- Scholarships
- Tutoring
- Resources
- Contests

**JOIN NOW**  
[cpf.ca](http://cpf.ca)



# GRADE 9 *Welcome* DAY!

Grade 9 students were very appreciative of having their first day of school all to themselves! A great time was had by students and teachers!



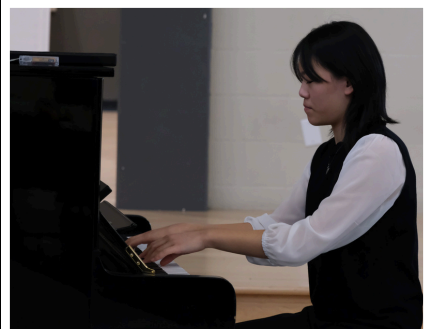
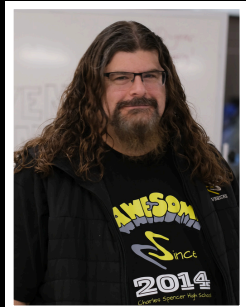
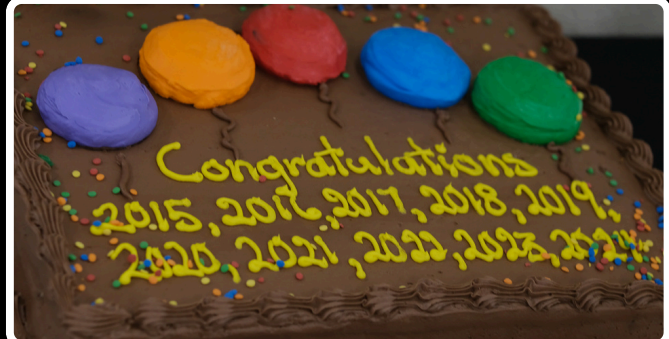
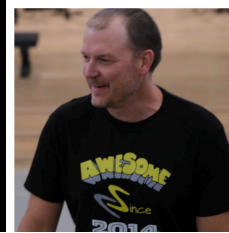


# AWESOME

## Since 2014

Charles Spencer High School

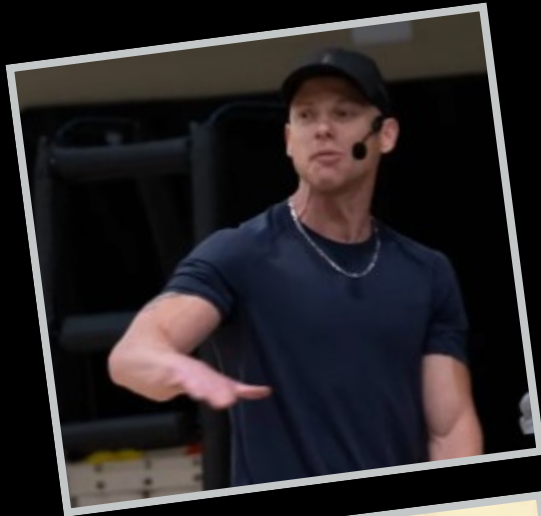
Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for our Meet the Teacher Night & 10th Anniversary Celebration. Parents of current students had an opportunity to meet our staff and we had a chance to catch up with staff members from our first 10 years.



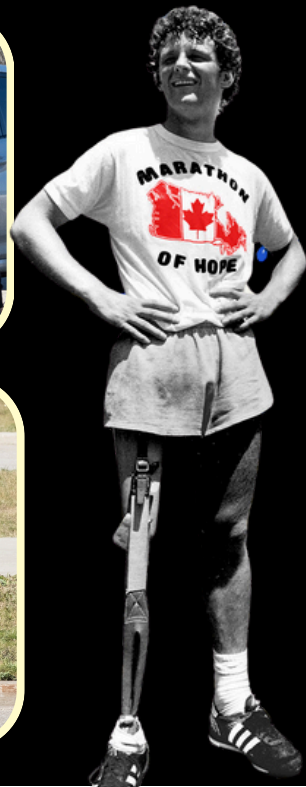


# We kicked off the year with an All School Assembly!

We had some silly fun involving some volunteer students dressed in inflatable MAV-rex costumes and dodge balls. Jon Hansen was our guest speaker. He challenge us to "Find our Greatness" and related his message back to our school's core values of growth and perseverance.

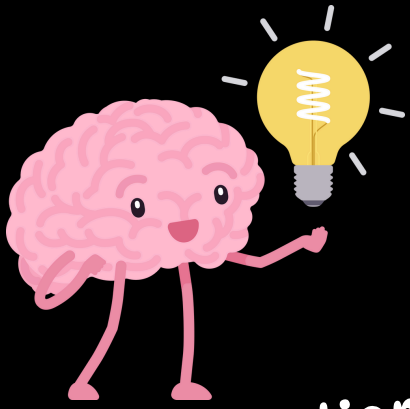


## Terry FOX RUN





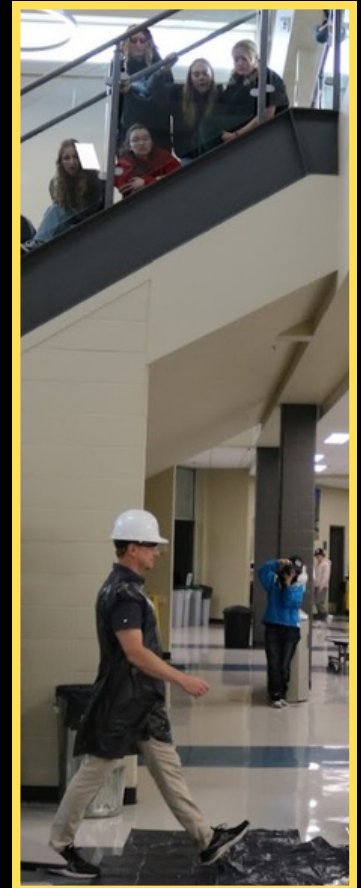
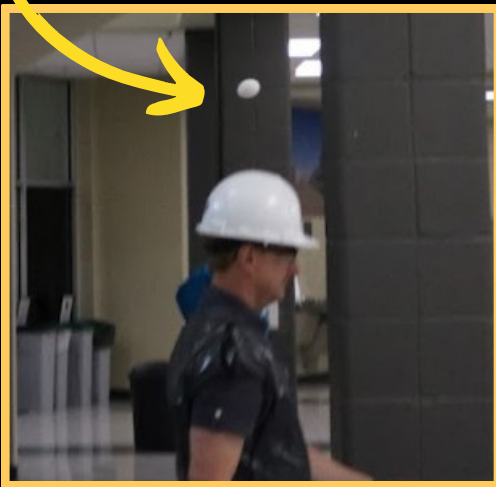
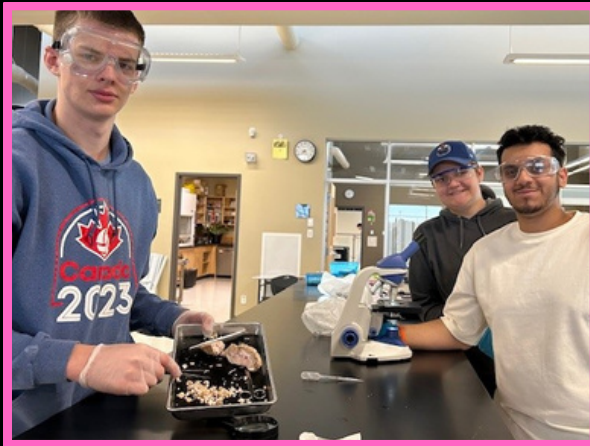
# SCIENCE *in action!*



Brain Dissection!



Egg Drop!



Physics 20 students discovering that time is the connection between accelerated vertical motion and uniform horizontal motion. Students were trying to properly estimate the horizontal distance away Mr. Gerlitz needed to be so that the falling egg and his head would meet in the same location.



# Academy Disc Golf





# Congratulations!



TO BOTH OF OUR GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS AFTER A HARD FOUGHT MATCH AT THE JR PHOENIX TOURNAMENT. YELLOW FINISHED WITH GOLD AND GREY FINISHED WITH SILVER. GREAT WORK!!

## Tutors Wanted

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TUTORING OTHER STUDENTS, WANT A PART TIME JOB? DROP YOUR NAME, PREFERRED MEANS OF CONTACT, SUBJECTS AND GRADES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TUTORING TO .....

MRS. AEBLY OR MRS. THIBEAULT IN STUDENT SERVICES





# Get your Gear Today!



THE MAVERICK MARKET HAS LOTS OF SCHOOL SWAG THAT YOU CAN PURCHASE AND TAKE HOME TODAY!

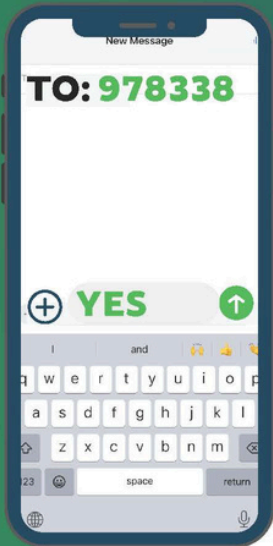
[OR CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE AND HAVE IT DELIVERED RIGHT TO YOUR DOORSTEP!](#)





# OPT-IN TO OUR TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

Our school uses the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages to legal parents' and guardians' mobile devices.



### SMSTEXT OPT-IN

Legal Parents and Guardians can participate in this service by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to **978338**.



### WHY OPT-IN?

Get the latest information from our school, wherever you are. This is the best way to stay connected with us.



### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

At a minimum, we recommend setting your SMS text messages preference for emergency communication, then adding on your additional preferences.

**TEXT "YES" TO 978338 OR SCAN THE QR CODE**



**Grande Prairie Public School Division**

**IF YOU HAVE ISSUES GETTING THROUGH TO REPORT AN ABSENCE BY CALLING THE SCHOOL, YOU CAN CALL SAFE ARRIVAL DIRECTLY AT...**

# 1-844-352-4191

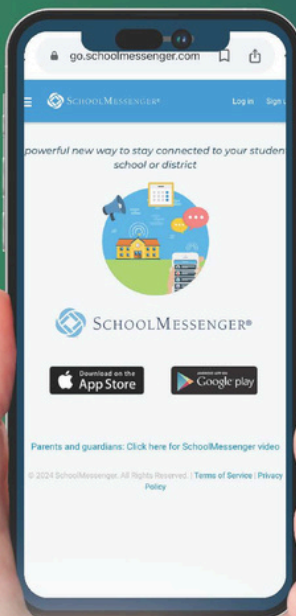


You can still email us with your student absences at:  
**CS.Highschool@gppsd.ab.ca** or simply call us at **(780) 513-3200** and wait to speak to a secretary.



## STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

Legal parent/guardians can receive phone calls, emails and/or text messages regarding school events, newsletters, student attendance, emergency information and other important news.



### DOWNLOAD APP/CREATE ONLINE ACCOUNT

Visit [go.schoolmessenger.com](http://go.schoolmessenger.com) to get app or create account.



### SET PREFERENCES

Choose how you want your notices so you never miss school information.



### OPT-IN FOR SMS TEXT

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### REPORT STUDENT ABSENCE

Report & schedule absences, and be notified of unexpected absences from school.

### GET STARTED TODAY! VISIT

[GO.SCHOOLMESSENGER.COM](http://GO.SCHOOLMESSENGER.COM) OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



**Grande Prairie Public School Division**



# Canadian Dental Care Plan

Accessible. Affordable. Essential.



## Eligibility

To qualify, you must:

- ✓ not have access to dental insurance
- ✓ have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000
- ✓ be a Canadian resident for tax purposes
- ✓ have filed your tax return in the previous year

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) will help make the cost of dental care more affordable for up to **9 million** eligible Canadian residents.



## How to Apply

CDCP Application Phases	
Group	Online applications open
Seniors aged 65 or older	Now (started May 1, 2024)
Adults with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate	Now (started June 27, 2024)
Children under the age of 18	Now (started June 27, 2024)
All remaining eligible Canadian residents	In 2025

Oral health care is important to your overall health and well-being. Regular visits reduce the risk of health problems.

In 2022, 1 in 4 Canadians reported avoiding visiting an oral health professional due to the cost.

Every Canadian deserves accessible, affordable and essential dental care.



For more details on the CDCP and eligibility criteria, visit [Canada.ca/dental](https://Canada.ca/dental)

