

**CHARLES SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL**

# **NEWSLETTER**



*Lest We Forget*



# **MAVERICK NEWS**

## **NOVEMBER 2024**

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# The Principal



## Find Your Place at CSHS

One of our goals is to increase our overall sense of school spirit and sense of belonging. We often ask ourselves, how can we “bring the fun” all the while taking responsibility for our learning outcomes and required tasks? For many of our students this means connecting with their fellow students and supportive adults through a sports team or fine arts program here at CSHS. In our first quarter we have already had more than 150 of our students join one of our sports teams, including volleyball, cross-country running, golf, and football. There are also more than 45 students involved in various aspects of our fall musical Mean Girls: High School Version. We are all looking forward to seeing the production November 22-24. CSHS also has many clubs and volunteer opportunities that allow students a chance to develop skills and give back in various ways. One example of this was a student band (name yet to be determined) that performed a set of 90s rock classics on the stage during lunch hour – these students demonstrated tremendous skill (and risk-taking) judging by the audience’s raucous response, we cannot wait for their encore performance. We were also blown away by the number of students and staff who showed their school spirit by dressing up for Halloween and shared some laughs.

Charles Spencer High School is also a place where parents and community members can actively contribute in so many ways. Participation in parent-teacher interviews and communication with school staff is a vital ingredient to the success of our students. With so many sports teams, community volunteers make all the difference. Parents and community members also play key roles in supporting our fine arts programs. Our School Council, Friends of Charles Spencer Fundraising Society, and the CSHS GRAD Parent Committee are other examples of ways parents can be involved.



**At CSHS  
we want  
everyone to  
feel that  
YOU  
BELONG  
HERE!**

# GET INVOLVED



**ROCK**  
Your School



*School Spirit*



Bring the  
**FUN**



**YOU BELONG HERE**

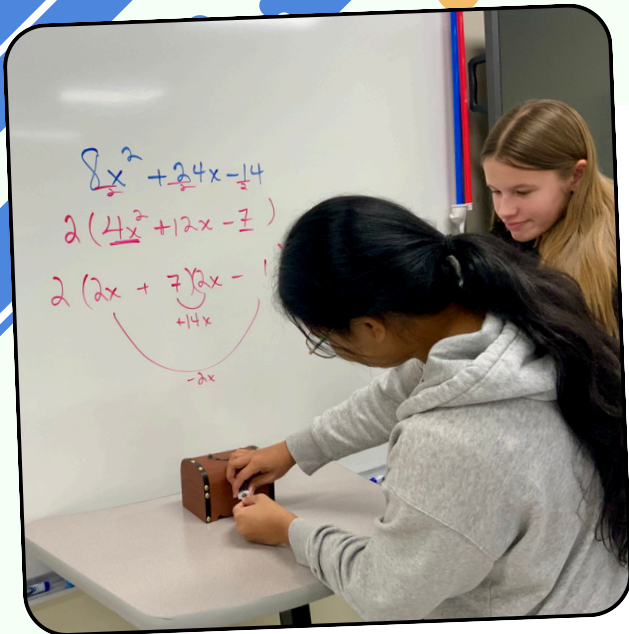
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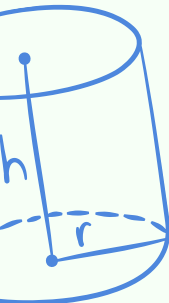


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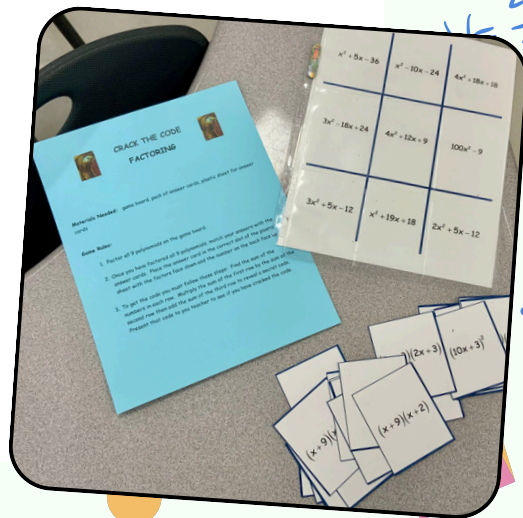
# OUR MATH 10C STUDENTS EXCELLED AT THE 'CRACK THE CODE' FACTORING ACTIVITY!



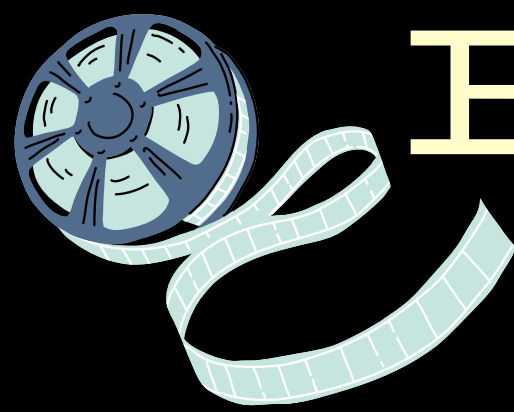
Math students here at CS enjoy doing their work on desks with whiteboard markers. It's a great way to assess formatively and students love it - it's a win-win for all.



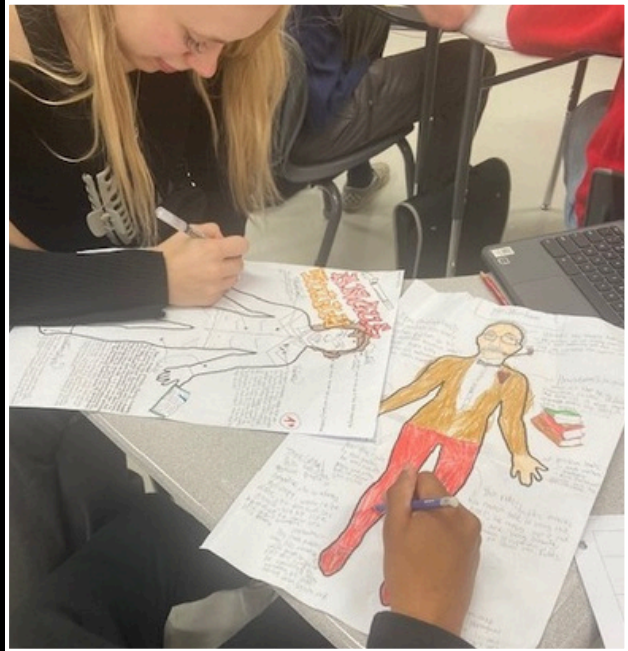
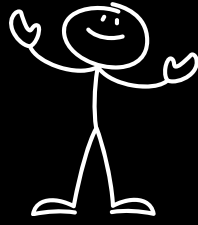
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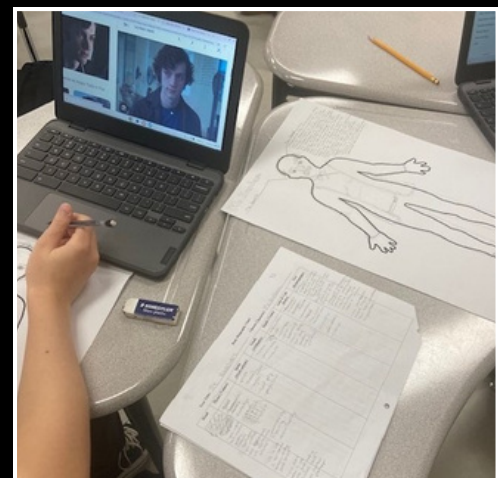
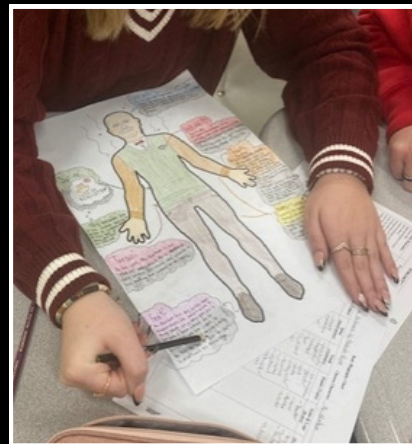
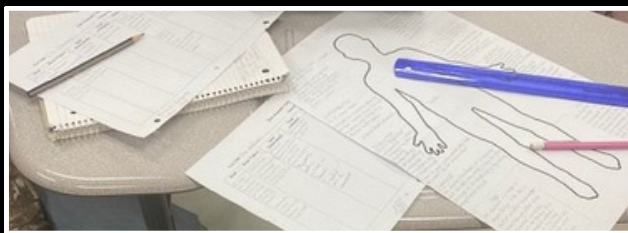
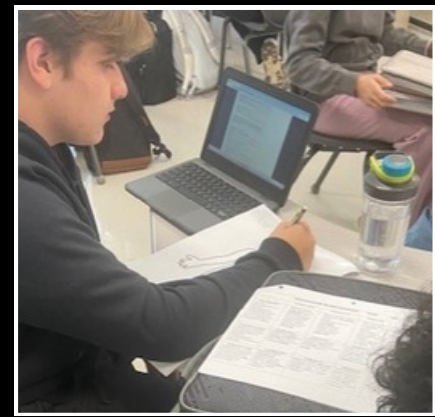


# Body Biography



Mrs. Hartmier's 20-1 English class used the idea of a Body Biography to analyze a chosen character from a film recently studied in class. The Body Biography allows students to analyze areas such as values, traits, motivations, etc. and connect them to areas of the character's body.

The students were also asked to connect the character with another literary character as well as themselves. Students enjoyed putting their own touches on their body by adding clothing, accessories and other details to enhance the visual of their Body Biography.



Mr. Rimmer's Grade 9 Construction class has been working very hard to create some beautiful charcuterie boards.

Hand  
crafted  
with love...



these gifts will be  
cherished for years to come!

## GRADE 10 OUTDOOR PURSUITS CLASS

Students have been learning many different skills to survive in the wild. Building shelters, learning to set snares, fires and cooking on an open fire are just a few of the skills they have learned this quarter.







# Cross Country Running Club

**Cross country running club completed a successful x-country season!**



We had 6 runners compete in zones and 5 in provincials. Even though the weather was terrible they raced excellently and were true Mavericks, representing our school well.



# IMPORTANT

## Charles Spencer Traffic Plan



School parking lots, including ours, can be incredibly busy places during arrival and dismissal times. The high volume of pedestrian and traffic activity can lead to unsafe conditions and potential injury. Ensuring that no one gets hurt is the primary concern for our staff, but this requires everyone's participation - including students, parents, care-givers, and other drivers.

The traffic plan for our school property details the guidelines that we continue to ask all users to follow. Following this plan will help to reduce traffic congestion and create a safer environment for our students, staff and visitors.

Please see the details of the plan in the diagram below.

We will be monitoring the pick-up / drop off zones to support communication of these guidelines to all users and ask that you all respect our presence and guidance.

### LOCAL ENFORCEMENT SERVICES ALSO MONITOR THE AREA IN SUPPORT OF SAFETY

<b>Parking</b>
Please park in designated areas (drop-off is encouraged in Parking areas as well)
<b>Student Drop-Off</b>
Student drop-off is on North side of school or in Parking areas
<b>!</b> Always yield to pedestrians at crosswalks (we have 6 to look out for)
<b>Knowledge Way</b>
There are <b>no drop-off zones</b> on Knowledge way - keep traffic safely flowing. <i>This area is monitored for safety infractions.</i>

# BASKETBALL

## TRYOUTS

### **Senior & JV Boys (Gr 10-12) Team Tryouts:**

Monday, Nov. 4th 6:30-8:30pm & Wednesday Nov. 6th 3:30-5:00pm


### **Senior & JV Girls (Gr 10-12) Team Tryouts:**

Tuesday, Nov. 5th 3:30-5:00pm & Thursday, Nov. 7th 3:30-5:00pm



**[Click Here to Register!](#)**

*Come see Coach Harris in room 229 if you have any questions!*



*Grade 9 tryouts will be coming soon...  
closer to the end of November*

# TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Grade 9s... Get ready for a day of career exploration!

Save  
The  
Date

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**

because it's Take Our Kids to Work Day, the landmark Canadian program dedicated to inspiring the next generation of leaders. The Students Commission of Canada is creating new opportunities for both virtual and in-person experiences. With your participation, we hope to equip young people to live this year's theme: Breaking Barriers, Transforming Communities. We are committed to revolutionizing career exploration and engaging youth from all backgrounds to experience a meaningful day.

*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 and all other Learning Opportunities!*



# REMEMBRANCE DAY

## HIGHWAY OF HEROES PROJECT

Charles Spencer High School will be carrying on the tradition of building a Highway of Heroes display and slide show for our Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov 8th.

*\*All current students and staff who submitted a veteran to be honored in previous years will automatically be included again in this year's display.*



**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS  
TUESDAY, NOV. 5TH**



If you have someone special you'd like to honor,  
we'd be honored to include them too!

Simply email: [Spencer.High@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:Spencer.High@gppsd.ab.ca) with the following info:

1. Your (Students) First & Last Name
2. Veteran's First & Last Name & RANK (if you have it)
3. What relationship/connection does the veteran have to your family?
4. Include any other information related to this Veteran's service (ex. WW1, Korean War etc.) that you would like included in the caption)
5. Attach a photo in JPG format





# Pancakes & Pajamas

## Mental Health

**Thursday, November 14th**  
**8:00am to 8:30am**

We are going to kick off our day on a delicious note. It's no secret that giving, receiving, and even witnessing gratitude can do wonders for our well-being and mental health.

So please come to school hungry to be served some hot and fresh pancakes and give everyone a much-needed boost of gratitude and happiness to start the day today!

*lest we forget*

Every year, from the last Friday of October to November 11th, tens of millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Poppies are available  
in the office for a donation

# MEAN GIRLS

## HIGH SCHOOL VERSION

Music by  
**JEFF RICHMOND**

Book by  
**TINA FEY**

Lyrics by  
**NELL BENJAMIN**



**Get Your Tickets Now!**  
**Click Here!**

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

**November 22-24**

Based on the Paramount  
Pictures film *Mean Girls*

# SCHOOL COUNCIL Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20TH

6:00PM HERE AT THE SCHOOL

*Everyone Welcome!*



*hello Hi! good day*

My name is Mike Watts, and I am the elected and acting School Council Chair for the 2024/2025 school year. My wife Coree-Ann is acting and elected Vice Chair, and collectively we extend an offer to everyone to contact us directly with any suggestions, questions, and/or concerns of which you may have in regards to School Policy and available programs for all students. We extend our participation to bring forth items for discussion during our School Council schedule meetings.



You can email at any time to [Cshschair@gmail.com](mailto:Cshschair@gmail.com)  
You can also call my cell at 1-780-512-5130.

We look forward to discussing and presenting all thoughts in regards to developing the overall environment, to ensure all students have the upmost support and guidance in our school system as a collective.

*Sincerely,*  
Mike and Coree-Ann





Friends of Charles Spencer

# Fundraising SOCIETY

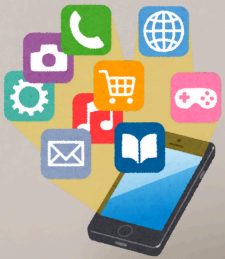


Join Us right after the school council meeting!

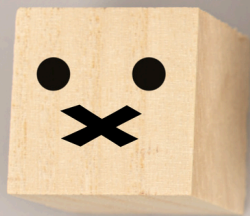
NOV. 20TH @ 7:00PM

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

## STUDENT COMMUNICATION SURVEY



WE WANT YOUR  
FEEDBACK!



PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO REVIEW/FILL OUT WITH THEIR CHILD

[CLICK HERE](#)



Extended until Friday,  
November 8th

# Club Meeting: Therapy Dog

The mental health counsellors have teamed up to facilitate a club during lunch 11:15-12:15, at Charles Spencer High School

Interests and activities for lunchtime clubs are wide-ranging and are limited only by imagination and creativity. Activities based on interest & focused skill building: emotional regulation, meditation, interpersonal skills, transition supports, access to supports, mindfulness, socialization etc.



**This fantastic group of students have expressed a huge interest in therapy dogs** and we think it would be valuable for them to be able to interact and learn from the dog/handler and learn/observe all the therapeutic benefits  
**November 19, and December 3.**

*We are excited to have the therapy group  
Facilitated by Cassandra Alexopoulos,  
MSc., R. Psych with Pet Partners of  
Northern Alberta.*

*If you have any concerns with your child participating, please contact Jason Wall.*

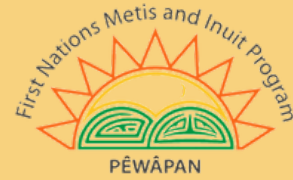


# CANCELLED

## Martinique Trip

*Due to low interest the trip has been cancelled*

# INDIGENOUS PROGRAM PAGE



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

## GPPSD Indigenous Mentorship Program starts this month! 12 Indigenous students will benefit from:

- Monthly 1-on-1 Mentoring with Elder
- Monthly Goal Tracking with Dani
- Monthly Mentorship Lunches
- 4 Experience Days with the GP  
Composite High Mentorship Group



*Thank you to our Mentorship  
Program Elders Len Auger  
and Rosanne Mustus*

## CSHS Circle of Indigenous Students elected a new leadership board

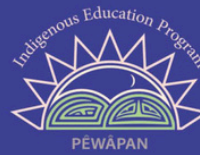
Chairperson: James T.  
Vice Chairperson: Gilbert C.  
Secretary: Hayden B.  
Directors: Dane S., Daxon P. & Meilea L.



**Next CIS Meeting: Wednesday, November 6 @ lunch in Room 129**



Grande Prairie  
Public School  
Division  
Every Student Succeeds



## GPPSD INDIGENOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

INVITES ALL GPPSD INDIGENOUS  
FAMILIES TO OUR FIRST EVER:

# MÉTIS KITCHEN PARTY

**Thursday November 21st 5pm-8pm**

Join us in celebrating Métis culture with a night of:

- Roast Beef Dinner
- Animal Calling Contests
- Jigging Performances
- Craft Tables
- Prizes
- Fiddle Music

Doors open 5:00pm  
GPPSD Jiggers Performance 5:30pm  
Supper 6:00pm  
Entertainment by Métis Bev to follow

Crystal Park School - 9351-116 Ave

For tickets, register here <https://bit.ly/3BUW9jp>

Limited space available, registration is required



The graphic features the word "VOLLEYBALL" in a large, white, hand-drawn font. A volleyball is positioned between the 'V' and 'L' of "VOLLEY". Below the word is a yellow, stylized logo resembling a letter 'M' or a similar symbol. On either side of the word are black silhouettes of volleyball players in action: one on the left jumping with arms raised, and one on the right in a similar pose.

# VOLLEYBALL

**Good Luck to our Grade 9 Teams as they compete in the Zone Championships Nov. 1st-2nd**  
*(hosted by Peace Wapiti Academy)*

**The Mavericks Senior teams are hosting the Maverick Invitational on November 8th and 9th**

We will have 5 of our teams in action as the Senior Boys and Girls are competing as well as our JV Girls Yellow & Grey Teams and the JV Boys team.

**This will be the end of the Junior Varsity Teams seasons.**

Games will start on Friday afternoon and wrap up on Saturday evening.

**4A Volleyball Zone Championships**

Wednesday November 13th @ Charles Spencer  
Mavericks Sr. Girls host GP Composite – 5:00PM  
Mavericks Sr. Boys host GP Composite – 7:00PM

Zone Champions will be off to Lethbridge on Nov. 20th-23rd for the ASAA 4A Provincial Championships.

# VOLLEYBALL

The Charles Spencer Mavericks Volleyball Program is currently running a couple fundraisers!

WestJet Gift Card Raffle - tickets almost gone!

Tickets \$20 each (1000 printed)

First Prize \$4000 WestJet Gift Card

Second Prize \$1000 Cash

Draw Date November 9th



Friends of Charles Spencer Fundraising Society

50/50 Volleyball Fundraiser!

# 50/50

## MAVERICKS



## CASH RAFFLE

Launched

Fri Oct 04  
2024

Sales End

Thu Nov 14  
2024

Draw Date

Thu Nov 14  
2024

Draw Location

Charles Spencer High School, 20 Knowledge Way,  
Grande Prairie, Alberta, T8W 2V9

50/50 Raffle Jackpot is currently at

click here to

**BUY NOW**

# \$1770.00

and Growing!

Charles Spencer ▶▶▶▶

# Campus Tours Trip May 2025

Explore University and  
College programs.



## Attention Grade 11's

Are you interested in exploring  
different University and College  
options available in Edmonton?

### POSSIBLE TRIP PLANS:

- TOUR NAIT CAMPUS
- TOUR MACEWAN CAMPUS
- TOUR U OF A CAMPUS
- TOUR OF CONCORDIA CAMPUS

INTERESTED?

Meeting Nov 5th at 11:30  
Science Lab

# hello



# November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Grade 9 Volleyball Zones at PWA <sup>1</sup>	Grade 9 Volleyball Zones at PWA <sup>2</sup>
3 Boys Senior JV Basketball Tryouts 6:30-8:30pm	4 First Day of Quarter 2	5 Girls Senior and JV Basketball Tryouts 3:30-5:00pm Gr. 11 Campus Tour Meeting at 11:30am	6 Boys Senior/JV Basketball Tryouts 3:30-5:00pm <b>Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work</b> Students that are not off campus will spend the day at school!	7 Girls Senior and JV Basketball Tryouts 3:30-5:00pm	8 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am CSHS hosts Senior/JV Volleyball <b>Maverick Invitational</b>	9 CSHS hosts Senior/JV Volleyball <b>Maverick Invitational</b>
10	11	12	13 Maverick Senior Girls Volleyball host Comp 5pm here at CSHS Maverick Senior Boys Volleyball host Comp 7pm here at CSHS	14 Pancakes & Pajamas for Mental Health 8-8:30am	15	16
17	18	19	20 <b>Meeting</b> School Council Meeting 6pm Friends of CSHS Fundraising 7pm	21 Métis Kitchen Party Crystal Park School 5-8pm Zone Champions are off to Lethbridge on Nov. 20-23 for the ASAA 4A Provincial Volleyball Championships	22 <b>NO SCHOOL PL DAY FOR STAFF</b> Go to <a href="http://GPLT.ca">GPLT.ca</a> for tickets! <b>MEAN GIRLS</b> 7:30pm	23
24 <b>MEAN GIRLS</b> 2:30pm	25	26	27	28	29	30



# IMPORTANT LINKS

GPPSD CALENDAR

REGISTRATION

SCHOOL ENGAGE

POWERSCHOOL

CSHS WEBSITE

FACEBOOK

my PaSS

CASPERS CAFETERIA



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Please log into

**POWERSCHOOL**

on your browser to check for outstanding fees



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