

CHARLES SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Jason Wall,
Principal



We are thrilled to be so close to the finish line of our school year! It is our hope to see all our students finish their courses well, to have an amazing summer, and to return enthused for the next stage of their journey. We have already done so much to prepare for the 2025-2026 school year. Students have requested their courses, we have a working draft of our timetable, and we are reflecting on all our successes and areas for growth. Student timetables for next year will be available through PowerSchool in the third week of August. Toward the back of our newsletter, you will find a comprehensive Final Exam Schedule. The last day of regular classes for all grade levels is Monday, June 16. After this date students are only required to be in attendance for their scheduled exams.

When all our exams are finished, the very last event in our school calendar is to celebrate our graduates during the Commencement Ceremonies on Wednesday, June 25. We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our students, teachers, and parent community regarding our choice to move our GRAD Celebrations to the very end of our school calendar. Holding our celebration on the last possible day helps all our Grade 12 students remember that their job is not finished until all their courses are complete. Our chosen date is at the end of all scheduled diploma exams, so none of our students have a divided mind between a formal celebration and an upcoming exam. And finally, our celebration is the final and culminating experience our students will have as students at Charles Spencer High School.

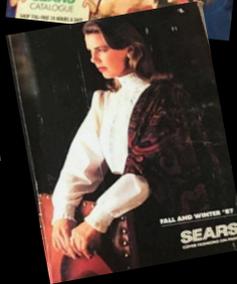
If you have student going into Grade 12 next year, the date we have chosen for Commencement is Wednesday, June 24th, 2026.

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High Quality Learning

ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION

Primary Source Historical Investigation



Hisense 40A4KV - 40" Smart Full HD TV 1080P VIDAA Television with DTS TruSurround (Canada Model) 2023

Options: 2 sizes

4.3 ★★★★★ (3.8K)

500+ bought in past month

\$228⁰⁰

Or \$76.00/month for 3 months (no fees or interest)

\$2.75 eco fee might apply

FREE delivery Fri, May 16

Or fastest delivery Thu, May 15

Add to cart

Wow!



How to use this calculator

1. Enter any dollar amount. (Commas and spaces may be used.)
2. Enter the years you wish to compare between 1914 and the current year.
3. Click Calculate.

A "basket" of goods and services

...that cost:	\$ 950.00	in	1985
...would cost:	\$ 2,497.19	in	2025
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Students used old Sears Catalogs to find consumer goods from yesteryear, then we compared those prices with similar products and prices from today (after applying inflation). What our investigation tells us is that Consumer Goods, especially clothing and electronics, have significantly decreased, it is much cheaper to buy a TV today than back "then". As shown in the image - A 37 inch TV in 1985 would cost \$2497.00 after applying inflation. Today, a similar sized TV costs us \$228.00 The next step is to answer the question "why".

HIGH QUALITY LEARNING



Madame Clayton's Grade 9 Science Students were lucky to go on a Field Trip to the Aquatera Water Treatment Facility where they had a guided tour of the Treatment Plant. Students learned about the processes involved in providing clean, safe drinking water to the residents of their community.

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HIGH QUALITY LEARNING

GIRLS EXPLORING TRADES & TECHNOLOGIES



A big shoutout to Mr. Rimmer and Ms. Walker for whisking some of our students off to explore the Girls Exploring Trades and Technology Conference hosted by Skills Canada Alberta in Edmonton.



This adventure opens the door to a world of trades and tech for young people eager to discover new horizons. And as if that wasn't enough excitement, a few CSHS students also flexed their skills at the SKILLS Alberta competition!



HIGH QUALITY LEARNING

This year's crew in the CTS Digital Music Program produced projects that explored video game audio design and original music.



Students used Ableton Live and various MIDI devices which allowed them to combine real-world recordings with other source material to explore different techniques and demonstrate their understanding.

Audio manipulation is a valuable skill in today's entertainment industries.

Mavericks have access to the recording studio, whenever it is not in use, allowing them to explore and create based on their personal interest



High Quality Learning



April and May are always eventful times for the students at CSHS who are visiting or competing at the Skills Canada competitions. These competitions are highly engaging and allow for an experience like no other providing students with a rich learning environment that is unmatched.

The regional competition held in Fairview at the NWP Campus included six competing students. Piper Knapton competed in Intermediate Hairstyling, Braedon Ross in Photography and two teams competed in Robotics with Connor Anderson and Lucas Dudra-Leclerc winning gold; Layla Gallant and Sam Speck taking home bronze. The CSHS students gave it their best and were excellent competitors and produced some stunning results.

The boys robotics team took their gold medal at regionals and headed down to the provincial competition in Edmonton. The attendees got to experience the entire competition from opening to closing ceremonies. The robotics competition was a long two-day competition where the CSHS team officially placed 6th in the province.

A special thanks to Canfor, Triple Threat Diesel and Koch Lehnars Holdings for sponsoring the GETT conference attendees.

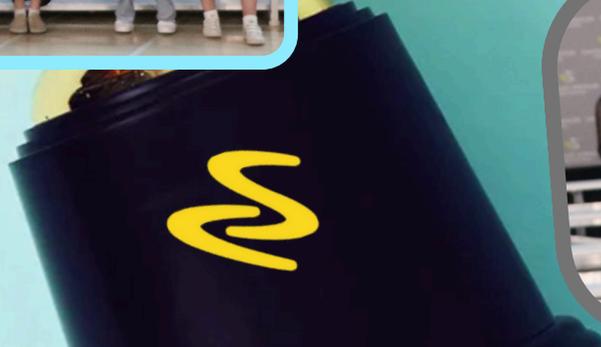


CSHS Student AWARDS NIGHT

On May 28th, we had the privilege of celebrating the accomplishments of over 300 Charles Spencer students. Students were honoured for their consistent academic success, their dedication to the arts, their talent in their athletic pursuits, for their integrity of character, willingness to help, and for living out our core values of perseverance, risk-taking, responsibility, and growth. Family and friends filled the gym to celebrate these students - and to have one last opportunity this school year to enjoy a live performance by some of our CSHS musicians and singers. We are grateful to have had the chance to celebrate together before many of us head separate ways after the summer.



CSHS Student MORE AWARDS





Grad 2025

CSHS Grad is June 25th at Bonnetts Energy Center
10017-99 Avenue, Grande Prairie

Each grad gets **4 FREE TICKETS** to the commencement ceremony, with the option to snag up to 8 more for \$10 each at the school office.



Starting **Friday, June 6th**

any leftover commencement tickets will be up for grabs on a first-come, first-served basis.

→ Don't Miss Out!



As for the Grad Formal, each student can pick up 1 or 2 tickets at \$25 a pop, also from the front office.

The DEADLINE to purchase FORMAL tix is June 5th

Reminder: ALL fees must be paid before any grad tickets can be purchased.

Grad Tickets will be available for pick up in the office starting Monday, June 16th and onward until Grad.

Grad Fees:

GRADUATE

How much is the Grad fee?

Grad fee for the 2024-2025 year is: **\$135 per student** and must be paid in full (along with any outstanding school fees) before grad in order to participate in the graduation ceremonies.

What is the Grad fee for?

The Grad fee is a charge for each student who participates in grad-related activities to offset the costs. These include the arena rental, decorating, handshake photo, grad cap and gown, sound & lighting and live streaming.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 16th - Commencement/Grand March tickets will be available for pick-up in the office starting June 16th and onward until Grad!

June 23rd - Student Grad Package Pickup 8:00-9:00am
Grad Breakfast - 8:30am
Group Cap and Gown Photo for those in attendance

June 24th - Grad Rehearsal 3:15pm - *Very Important that all grads be there!!!*

All Grads are asked to meet at Bonnetts Energy Center for our Grad Rehearsal and Walk Through. We will have a couple of busses leaving Charles Spencer at 3:00pm for anyone that is unable to get to Bonnetts on their own. If students drive or have a ride with parents to Bonnetts, we ask that everyone BE THERE BY 3:15pm

June 25th - Commencement Ceremony 10am-12:30pm

→ *(students need to arrive at 9:00am)*

6:30pm - Grand March (students arrive at 5:30pm)

7:30pm - Grad Formal (students only)



Safe Grad and Fun Grad are optional activities are historically held on the evening of the Grand March. Both events are organized and controlled by parent committees. Neither the Grande Prairie Public School District nor Charles Spencer High School endorse either of these activities; they are organized and executed completely by a parent group. All Safe Grad and Fun Grad details are determined by the parent committees.

LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE JUNE 12TH

**TEXTBOOKS, INCLUDING NOVEL STUDIES,
ARE DUE BACK JUNE 16TH.**

If they are required for studying, please return them on the day of the exam.

Failure to return textbooks or library books
by the end of the school year (June 25, 2025)
WILL result in the book cost being added to the
student's fees.

If there are any textbooks or the associated fee on a student's account at the start of the
next school year, your child will be unable to receive their textbooks for their courses.

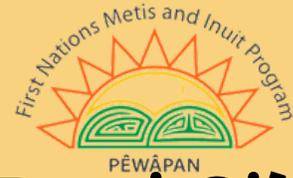
BOOK FEES ARE REMOVED ONCE BOOKS ARE RETURNED.

**YOUR CHILD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOOKS THAT
HAVE BEEN SIGNED OUT TO THEM.**

BOOKS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE OFFICE IF THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED.



INDIGENOUS PROGRAM PAGE



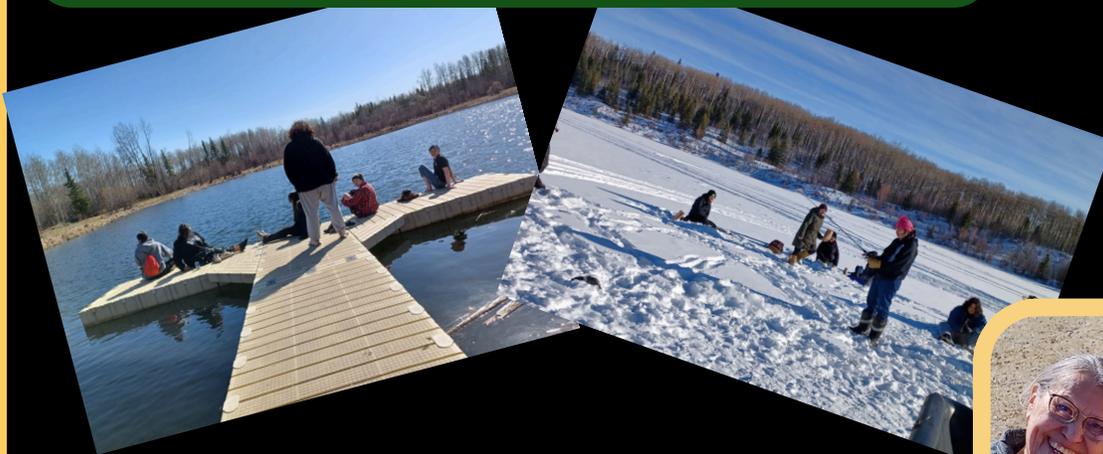
Dani Gillis
Indigenous Liaison
587-202-6364
text or call
Dani-elle.Gillis@gppsd.ab.ca

GPPSD Indigenous Mentorship Program

Congratulations to the following students for completing the
GPPSD Indigenous Mentorship Program:



Lily McCaig
Rihanna Richardson
Allyson Scott
Meilea Lafontaine
Davonna Franki
Gilbert Coursol
Kaine Larocque-Hamilton
Parker Campbell
Dominic Bradbury
Michael Starr
James Thomas
Dane Starr



THANK YOU TO
ELDER LEN AUGER AND ELDER ROSANNE MUSTUS
FOR SHARING YOUR WISDOM
AND TIME WITH OUR STUDENTS!



SCHOOL COUNCIL Meeting

Here at the School

**Wednesday, September 17th
at 6:00 pm**

**CSHS will be having our
Annual General Meeting**

**Executive positions will be voted
on at that time.**

The regular School Council Meeting
will follow after the AGM.



GRADE 9 PATS

PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT EXAMS

JUNE

Wednesday, June 11 French Language Arts 9 Partie B

Thursday, June 12 English Language Arts 9 Part B

Friday, June 13 Mathematics 9 Part(ie) A

Tuesday, June 17 Mathematics 9 Part(ie) B

Wednesday, June 18 Social Studies 9 /Etudes Sociale 9

Thursday, June 19 Science(s) 9



GRADE 10–12 & DIPLOMA EXAMS

Wednesday, June 11 English Language Arts 30–1 Part A
English Language Arts 30–2 Part A
French Language Arts 10 Partie A
French Language Arts 20 Partie A

Thursday, June 12 Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A
Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A
French Language Arts 10 Partie A
French Language Arts 20 Partie A

Friday, June 13 French Language Arts 10 Partie B
French Language Arts 20 Partie B

Monday, June 16 Social Studies 10 & 20 Part(ie) A

Tuesday, June 17 Mathematics 30–1/30–2
Mathematics 20–1/20–2
Mathematics 10C

Wednesday, June 18 English Language Arts 30–1 Part B
English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
English Language Arts 10 & 20

Thursday, June 19 Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B
Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B
Social Studies 10 & 20 Part(ie) B

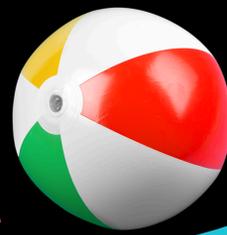
Friday, June 20 Science 10
Biology 20 and 30

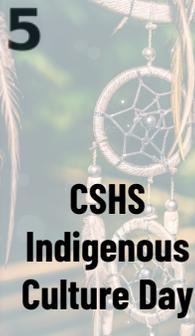
Monday, June 23 Chemistry 20 and 30

Tuesday, June 24 Physics 20 and 30
Physiques 30



hello JUNE



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<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Grad Bonding School Colors</p> <p><i>School Spirit</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>School-wide Spirit Day Funny / Ugly T Shirts</p> 	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Locker Cleanout!</p>  <p>Lockers need to be cleaned out by the end of the day tomorrow!</p>	<p>16</p> <p>LAST DAY of regular classes for all grades!</p> <p>Hot dogs & veggie dogs for lunch for students today</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Students will not have access to their lockers after today</p> <p>Any left items will be donated to charity</p> 	 <p>National Indigenous Peoples Day</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>LAST DAY for students</p> <p>Commencement Ceremonies</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>LAST DAY for staff</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>ENJOY THE SUMMER</p> 				

IMPORTANT

LINKS

GPPSD CALENDAR

REGISTRATION

School Engage

POWERSCHOOL

CSHS WEBSITE

myPaSS

CSHS GRAD

FACEBOOK

CASPERS CAFETERIA



Do you have fees to pay?

Please log into

POWERSCHOOL

Note: Fees can NOT be paid on the app, you must log into Powerschool through a browser

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



click here!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
MEDICAL STUDENTS
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



ASCLEPIUS MEDICAL CAMP FOR YOUTH

July 22-25, 2025

 Grande Prairie
Regional Hospital

A FREE SUMMER CAMP
FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES
10-12 FROM RURAL
ALBERTA WITH AN
INTEREST IN HEALTH CARE
AS A CAREER



or
**CLICK
HERE!**
to apply!

Application Deadline
Sunday, June 16

