
SPRUCE GROVE COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL



Newsletter

"BEST" – Building Excellence & Success Together

Dec/08 & Jan/09

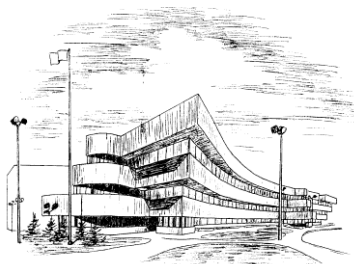
Principal's Message – Dr. D. Pysyk

WOW! What a great fall at SGCHS.

Diploma exam results for last year were great. We awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to a large number of students.

Our junior football team won their third straight City Championship; our senior football team won the City Championship for the first time; the junior girls volleyball team won the City Championship; the senior girls volleyball team won the City Championship and advanced to the Provincials finishing seventh; our senior boys volleyball team lost in the City Championship but finished third in Provincials, as well as honouring us with the Sportsmanship Award; and our swim team won numerous gold medals at the City Championship. The basketball teams have started their season and the Actors Anonymous are putting on a wonderful Christmas production of the Scrooge. Come out and see it.

All of these wonderful success stories don't just happen. Through the hard work, commitment and dedication of our students, parents, coaches and staff, SGCHS is a great place. On behalf of our family here at SGCHS we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Dr. David Pysyk
Principal

School Council

The next School Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 20** at **7:00 p.m.** in **Room 113**.



**POST SECONDARY
EVENING IS COMING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008
(7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)
TRI LEISURE CENTRE
SOUTH SOCCER FIELD**

This evening is hosted by the local high schools; SGCHS, MCHS and St. Thomas Aquinas. Colleges and Universities from all over Alberta will be in attendance to provide you with information and answer your questions. **All students and parents are encouraged to attend!**

Senior Class of 2009

This year the graduation committee will be presenting a slide show during dinner which will include: all of the graduates' cap and gown photos as well as a baby picture. Students can hand in their baby pictures to the office with their first and last name on the back of the picture. The deadline for baby pictures is **Friday, December 19**.

Students can now order their graduation gowns. Forms are available in the office.

UPCOMING DATES

January 19 – 23, 2009

Graduation Photos

May 28, 2009

Senior Class Commencement, Banquet and Dance at Northlands

Any questions may be directed to **Mr. Forster**, Grade 12 Coordinator or **Mrs. Kyfiuk**, Grad Advisor.

*Sr. Class Banquet,
Commencement
Ceremonies &
Dance
Thursday, May 28
Northlands Park
7515 - 118 Avenue, N.W.
Edmonton
(Free Parking)*

- ❖ Doors Open in Hall C: 4:00 pm
- ❖ Grand March: 5:00 pm
- ❖ Dinner/Program: 5:30 pm
- ❖ Commencement Ceremonies 7:30 pm
- ❖ Dance 9:00 pm



Green Green Green

SGCHS recycles to fund extra-curricular programs so please help us out and make our community's environment 'greener'!

If you have bottles/cans/juice boxes that you'd like us to pick up and recycle, we'll gladly do so – just contact the school and let them

know your name, address, phone number and what time would be best to make the pickup.

Recycle yourself? Please get the paper receipt tape from the depot and drop it off at the main office so we can use it in our count.

Use a printer or photocopier or cell phone? We also recycle used toner/ink cartridges and old cell phones. They can be dropped off at the main office or Business Services.

Student Services

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Career Search / Choices Planner
Career website: www.bridges.com
Site ID: 1015295
Password: spruceg

Additional information for accessing the website for students and parents who would like to access The Ability Profiler in Choices Planner (an Internet based career development resource), there is a special password for this assessment. The password is "begin".

DIPLOMA PREPARATION COURSES

DIPLOMAX classes held at U of A - Call to register at 448-0631 or online at www.primetimetutors.com

APEX DIPLOMA PREP - classes held at U of A - Call to register at 940-0094.

BRAIN BOOSTER (Metro Continuing Education) - classes held at Metro, 8205 - 90 Ave. Call to register at 429-111 or online at www.metrocontinuingeducation.ca

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Check out scholarship websites:
www.scholarshipscanada.com
www.studentawards.com
www.alis.gov.ab.ca/scholarships/ma_in.asp

SGCHS Citizenship and Services Awards - application deadline is APRIL 15, 2009.

Millennium Excellence 2009 Entrance Awards – 1,052 entrance awards available to grade 12 students who are good positive citizens, provide service to the community, demonstrate capacity for leadership, and demonstrate interest in innovation and academic achievement. Application deadline is **December 12, 2008**.

AgriVenture (International Rural Placements) gives young people, aged 18 to 30, the opportunity to travel the world and combine this with working in agriculture or horticulture. More info available at www.agriventure.info

TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARD information is now available in Student Services. The value of this award is up to \$7,000 per year and recognizes students who continuously demonstrate high ideals and qualities of citizenship and humanitarian service while in pursuit of excellence in academics, amateur sport and voluntary community service. Applications are available in Student Services or go online at www.terryfox.org.

2009 TOYOTA EARTH DAY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 15 x \$5,000 grants will be awarded to graduating students who achieve excellence in their schools and demonstrate a commitment to the environment. For information go to www.earthday.ca/scholarship or see Student Services for applications.

REMAX QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE – 12 x \$500 awards available to grade 12 students. Applicants must submit a maximum 1250 word online at www.remax-western.ca and click on the Quest for Excellence logo.

Actors Anonymous

Actors anonymous is pleased to present this year's Christmas Production **"A Christmas Carol"**. This version of the Dicken's classic has a wonderful twist at the end of the show. Performances are slated for **December 12 and 13 at 7:30 pm** in the newly renovated **Horizon Stage**.

Tickets are \$7 each and are available at Business Services or at the door.

SPORTS ...

Parkland Hockey Academy



Just a quick note to students and/or parents in the hockey program. You can access information and the ice schedule on-line at:
www.parklandhockeyacademy.com

Basketball



Sr. Boys' Basketball

Coach: Dan Owen

Asst. Coach: Justin Vink

Congratulations to the following students who successfully tried out and made the team: **Aidan Bigelow, Alain Ferland, Josh Jentink, Clinton Johnson, Chris Otway, Shawn Owen, Colby Schmidek, Cory Uhlmann** and **Jared Yates**.

Jr. Boys' Basketball

Coach: Brad Langdale

Congratulations to the following players who made the junior team: **Joel Baruta, Matt Bignell, Brayden Goertz, Brendan Kaplan, Ryan Mercier, Andrew Muskego, Lucas Neufeld, Matt Neufeld, Ryan O'Neill, Nik Palek, Philip Root, Brad Van Buul** and **Ian Zatorski**.

Sr. Girls' Basketball

Coaches:

Dave & Robyn Oldham

Manager: James Scalzo

Congratulations to the following girls who were selected to represent SGCHS on the Sr. Girls' Basketball team: **Serena Barry, Ari Clemens, Gina Hinz, Railene Hooper, Megan Ivancic, Alana Jensen, Emily Kabotoff, Jordan Marcichiw, Lindsey Papenhuyzen, Vanessa Wideman** and **Cara Zamburek**.

Jr. Girls' Basketball

Coach: Suzanne Beckett

Asst. Coach: Brianna Boros

The following girls make up the Jr. Girls' team: **Jaime Bergenstrom, Nicole Blomme, Sylvia Hildebrand, Belinda Jagpal, Sahar Jannesar, Kathryn Lillie, Chelsea Otway, Kayla Rilling, Courtney St. Amand, Ashley Thygesen, Ashley Tisnic** and **Vicky Whyte**.

You can access a school calendar of events with a listing of all school functions and the newsletter at:

SGCHS WEB SITE

Remember ... you can surf through our site at:
www.psd70.ab.ca/sgchs

COMMUNITY EVENTS ...

The Christmas Store – Where shopping is “Just For Kids” is located in the PERC Building in Stony Plain. Shopping is just \$5/person and will take place on December 5 (4:30 – 7:30 pm) and December 6 (9:00 am – noon & 1:30 – 4:30 pm). For more information, please call **780-963-0549**.

United Way's Coats for Kids & Families Program – Do you or someone you know need a warm coat for this winter? Drop by and choose from a selection of items that have been dry cleaned and are available at **no cost** to everyone. For more information, please call **780-963-0549**.

Hot Meals for Youth - Just a friendly reminder that every Monday night at the SPAC Family Centre (4900 - 52 Street, Stony Plain), P.A.Y.E.S hosts a hot meal for youth in need. Advanced notice is appreciated but not required. Meals are served at 6:00 p.m. and if transportation is required, they will accommodate a pick up point. For more information or if you know of anyone in need of this very valuable service, please call **780-963-7523**.



On behalf of the students and staff at Spruce Grove Composite High School, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.




SGCHS 2007-08 FINAL DIPLOMA COURSE RESULTS

<u>English 30-1</u>	<u>SGCHS</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>
Final Course Mark %	71.3	69.0
Acceptable Standard %	98.0	97.2
Standard of Excellence %	25.0	19.4
<u>English 30-2</u>		
Final Course Mark %	64.7	64.0
Acceptable Standard %	98.5	95.3
Standard of Excellence %	6.0	5.5
<u>French Language Arts 30</u>		
Final Course Mark %	70.0	74.4
Acceptable Standard %	95.5	98.9
Standard of Excellence %	18.2	34.2
<u>Social Studies 30</u>		
Final Course Mark %	71.9	69.9
Acceptable Standard %	99.2	96.8
Standard of Excellence %	29.2	24.9
<u>Social Studies 33</u>		
Final Course Mark %	69.3	65.8
Acceptable Standard %	94.6	94.0
Standard of Excellence %	26.5	13.0
<u>Mathematics 30 Pure</u>		
Final Course Mark %	70.8	69.7
Acceptable Standard %	93.0	92.0
Standard of Excellence %	27.2	29.7
<u>Mathematics 30 Applied</u>		
Final Course Mark %	63.2	63.1
Acceptable Standard %	88.8	88.3
Standard of Excellence %	13.8	10.3
<u>Science 30</u>		
Final Course Mark %	69.3	67.7
Acceptable Standard %	96.4	94.4
Standard of Excellence %	19.6	19.0
<u>Biology 30</u>		
Final Course Mark %	69.8	70.0
Acceptable Standard %	93.8	93.2
Standard of Excellence %	29.2	29.3
<u>Chemistry 30</u>		
Final Course Mark %	72.2	73.3
Acceptable Standard %	90.8	95.5
Standard of Excellence %	40.8	37.5
<u>Physics 30</u>		
Final Course Mark %	75.8	72.6
Acceptable Standard %	94.3	94.6
Standard of Excellence %	51.4	36.4

Final Course Mark Highlights:

- in 7/11 courses SGCHS had a higher final course mark than the Province,
- in 9/11 courses SGCHS had higher Acceptable Standard results than the Province,
- in 11/11 courses SGCHS surpassed the Provincial Acceptable Standard of 85%,
- in 8/11 courses SGCHS had higher Standard of Excellence results than the Province,
- in 10/11 courses SGCHS surpassed the Provincial Standard of Excellence of 15%,
- 2 students received marks of 100% on their Diploma exams.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 <i>Cohort Rotation</i>	2 <i>Panther Bingo</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Panther Auxiliary Meeting Room 113 @ 7:00 pm</i>	9 <i>Sr. Girls' B/B @ RS – 4:45 pm Sr. Boys' B/B @ RS – 6:15 pm</i>	10 <i>Jr. Girls' B/B @ SGCHS – 6:30 pm Jr. Boys' B/B @ SGCHS – 5:00 pm</i>	11 <i>Sr. Boys' B/B @ SGCHS – 5:00 pm</i>	12 <i>Progress Reports distributed to students</i>	13
					<i>A Christmas Carol – Dec. 12 & 13 – 7:30 pm Horizon Stage – Tickets \$7/each</i>	
14	15	16 <i>Sr. Girls' B/B @ SGCHS – 5:00 pm Sr. Boys' B/B @ SGCHS – 6:30 pm</i>	17 <i>Jr. Girls' B/B @ SGCHS – 6:30 pm Jr. Boys' B/B @ SGCHS – 5:00 pm</i>	18 <i>Sr. Girls' B/B @ WPW – 6:15 pm Sr. Boys' B/B @ WPW – 4:45 pm</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 	26	27 <i>Panther Bingo</i>
28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>December, 2008</i>		
<i>Christmas Break December 24 – January 4</i>						

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
January, 2009				1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3
				<i>Christmas Break</i> <i>Classes Resume January 5</i>		
4	5	6 <i>Sr. Girls' B/B</i> @ JP – 4:45 pm <i>Sr. Boys' B/B</i> @ JP – 6:15 pm	7 <i>Jr. Girls' B/B</i> @ WPW – 6:15 pm <i>Jr. Boys' B/B</i> @ WPW – 4:45 pm <i>Sr. Girls' B/B</i> @ MEL – 4:45 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 ENGLISH 30-1 & 30-2 Part A (9:00 am)	15 SOCIAL STUDIES 30 & 33 Part A (9:00 am)	16 FLA 30 Part A (9:00 am) <i>Last Day of</i> <i>Semester I Classes</i> <i>Panther Bingo</i>	17
18	19 PURE & APPLIED MATH 30 Part A (9:00 am) Part B (1:00 pm) 9:00 am <i>FLA 10, 20, French 20,</i> <i>German 20, 30, 31,</i> <i>Japanese 20,</i> <i>Science 10-4**</i> <i>English 30-4**</i> 12:30 pm <i>Pure & Applied Math 10,</i> <i>10H, 14, 20, 20H, 24,</i> <i>Social Studies 20-4**</i> <i>English 10-4**</i>	20 CHEMISTRY 30 Part A (9:00 am) Part B (1:00 pm) 9:00 am <i>Science 20, 24</i> <i>Chemistry 20</i> 12:30 pm <i>Science 10, 14</i> <i>Foods 10-4**</i> <i>Mechanics 10-4**</i> <i>School Council Meeting</i> <i>Room 113 @ 7:00 pm</i>	21 BIOLOGY 30 Part A (9:00 am) Part B (1:00 pm) 9:00 am <i>Biology 20</i> 12:30 pm <i>English 10-1 (Part B)</i> <i>English 10-2 (Part B)</i> <i>English 10-3 (Part B)</i>	22 PHYSICS 30 Part A (9:00 am) Part B (1:00 pm) 9:00 am <i>Physics 20</i> 12:30 pm <i>English 20-1 (Part B)</i> <i>English 20-2 (Part B)</i>	23 SCIENCE 30 Part A (9:00 am) Part B (1:00 pm) 9:00 am <i>Social Studies 10-1</i> <i>(Part B)</i> <i>Social Studies 10-2</i> <i>(Part B)</i> <i>Conflicts</i> 12:30 pm <i>Social Studies 20-1</i> <i>(Part B)</i> <i>Social Studies 20-2</i> <i>(Part B)</i>	24
25	26 ENGLISH 30-1 & 30-2 Part B (9:00 am) 9:00 am <i>Language Orals</i> 12:30 pm <i>Conflicts</i>	27 SOCIAL STUDIES 30 & 33 Part B (9:00 am) 9:00 am <i>Language Orals</i> 12:30 pm <i>Conflicts</i>	28 FLA Part B (9:00 am) 9:00 am <i>Language Orals</i> 12:30 pm <i>Conflicts</i>	29 9:00 am <i>Language Orals</i> 12:30 pm <i>Conflicts</i>	30	31
** exam written in classroom						

Grad Photos
January 19-23
MUST
MAKE
AN APPT. IN
BUSINESS
SERVICES