



## Sting Style

Courtesy      Respect  
 Commitment    Teamwork  
 Dedication    Tolerance  
 Sportsmanship

### Mark Your Calendar

- November 4 .....Report Cards
- November 4 (7:30) .....  
 ..... Once More with Feeling
- November 15 (5-8 pm) .....  
 .....P/S/T Conferences
- November 29 (7 pm) .....  
 ..... Awards Night at DCC
- December 2-3 .....  
 ..... Sting Cup basketball
- December 6 (7:30) .....  
 ..... No Show @ DCC
- December 9 (7:00) .....  
 .... Battle of the Bands (FHS gym)
- December 21 (7:00) .....  
 ..... Band Concert
- December 26 – January 6.....  
 ..... Winter Break
- January 19-30 ..... Exams
- January 19 - 27 ..... Grad Photos
- January 31 .....  
 ..... Semester 2 begins
- February 2.....  
 ..... Sem. 1 Report Card
- February 10, 11..... Convention
- February 23 (7:00 pm) .....  
 ..... Gr. 9 Open House
- March 26-30..... Spring Break

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## Message from the Administration

We are more than half way through the semester and classes are moving at a fast pace. The report card should give you a fairly accurate picture of where your son/daughter stands in each course. We encourage you to discuss this with your child.

We invite you to come with your child to Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences on the evening of November 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. We look forward to meeting with you.

All parents should have received a copy of the school fees statement. Parents are asked to review the form and send payment to the school office. Also, if any personal information has changed (i.e. address, phone numbers, etc.) we would appreciate a phone call to update our records.

We are host to two student teachers; one with Mrs. Owen and one working with Mr. Bader and Mr. Grainger. This program is of great benefit to our staff and students, bringing a wealth of knowledge and new ideas into our school.

December will see a rush of activity with it being a short month. Of special note is the Musical Theatre production, No Show; the music classes' Battle of the Bands; our Band concert; and the drive for the Food Hamper. Every class sponsors a family and builds a basket of food and treats to keep a less fortunate family well fed through the season. Please help by donating to the Hamper campaigns.

Remember to go to our website: [www.forthigh.ca](http://www.forthigh.ca) and log into PowerSchool to follow your child's progress. (More information can be found on page 2.)

### Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

November 15, 2011  
 5:00 – 8:00 in FSHS Gymnasium

Mr. Packer will only be available until 6:30 p.m.  
 To contact teachers by email, please see p.3.

## Are you an Active PowerSchool Parent?

By now, you will have received your PowerSchool username and password and logged into the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If not, you're missing out on a wealth of information about your child's attendance, assignments, and grades for each course in which they are registered.

If you're looking for more information about logging into PowerSchool and details about what you'll find there, check out our *Parent Login Instructional Video* available on the EIPS' division website at <http://www.eips.ca/content.php?page=309>. This two-minute video provides an overview of the login process and the information available to parents through the Parent Portal.

You can access the PowerSchool Parent Portal from our school website. Remember, you'll need your username and password to access the system. This information was mailed to all parents in September. Contact the school office at (780) 998-3751 if you need a reminder of your login information.

Watch the video and visit the Parent Portal of PowerSchool today to get up-to-date information about your child's education.

## Excellence in Teaching Awards Call for Nominations

Nominations are now open for the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Awards. Sponsored by Alberta Education, the Excellence in Teaching Awards recognize the innovative and outstanding teaching taking place in classrooms across Alberta every day.

Each year, the program honours 20 teachers with Provincial Excellence in Teaching Awards and three teachers with SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Awards. Since 1989, the program has recognized more than 400 teachers from over 8,000 nominees.

Do you know a teacher who exemplifies innovative and outstanding teaching practices? Have you witnessed the creativity and commitment of your child's teacher in inspiring and engaging classroom activities? This is your opportunity to recognize the contributions of teachers in your school.

The complete nomination package and additional information about the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Awards is available at <http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx>.

## Fine Arts

Join Fort High Musical Theatre on November 4th at 7:30pm at the DCC for an enchanting evening of the collaborative performance of "When World's Collide". Fort High Musical Theatre students have been working hard in preparation for this evening and their production of "Once More with Feeling". Enjoy music by Fort Junior and Fort Senior bands and a silent auction with all proceeds going to the respective musical theatre programs. Tickets can be purchase at the Dow Centennial Center 780.992.6400

## Bullying Awareness Week

November 13-19

Theme: **Stand Up (to Bullying)**

Bullying Awareness Week is an opportunity for people at the grassroots level in communities around the world to get involved in this issue, not by waiting for "Someone else" to do something, but rather for **us to work together** on preventing bullying in our communities through education and awareness.

For more information, visit the Bullying Awareness Week website.

## Continuing Education

**Diploma Exam Preparation:**

Review the major curriculum topics and learn test-writing strategies for the diploma exams. Although the diploma preparation courses provide extensive notes and sample questions, familiarity with the course content is expected.

**English 30-1, English 30-2, Social 30-1, Social 30-2** \$96 + GST/12 hrs.

Jan 7 (10-4:30) plus Jan 8 (1-4) plus Jan 9 (6-9)  
For English 30-1/30-2 bring your own study key or pay \$15 refundable deposit for study key.

**Pure Math 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30** \$120 + GST/15 hrs.

Jan 20 (5:30-8:30) plus Jan 21, 22 (10-4:30)

Registration is easy at Next Step Continuing Education with our new Online Registration system. Visit [eipscontinuinged.ca](http://eipscontinuinged.ca) to find out how.

All classes will be held at Salisbury Composite High School. For Saturday/Sunday classes, please bring a lunch.

For more information, check out [eipscontinuinged.ca](http://eipscontinuinged.ca)

# ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

It is the responsibility of the student to attend all scheduled classes, being excused only for illness, medical/dental appointments, emergencies, religious holidays, bereavement, legal or social services matters, or situations caused by severe weather as outlined by the School Act and EIPS Board policy.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to encourage their child to attend all scheduled classes and to notify the school when their child is away. *Please note that the school must receive notification of all absences regardless of the reason.*

Contact can be made with the school by phoning the 24-hour attendance line at 992-1395 or by providing written notification. It is preferable that notification of an absence occurs either before or on the day of the absence, or by 8:30 the next day if a note is being provided. This should be brought to the office before classes begin.

When a student has not been excused by a parent/guardian within the required time frame, the absence is considered to be unexcused. The consequences for unexcused absences are outlined on pages 3-5 in the Student Agenda along with the detailed Attendance Policy.

Administration will review a student's attendance when ten or more classes have been missed in a specific course. An attendance contract may be set up and, in the case of continuing absences, the student can be withdrawn from the course.

These procedures are employed as good attendance is instrumental for students to experience success in their courses.

## E-mail Your Questions or Concerns!

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If you wish to receive e-mail communication from the school, please forward your e-mail address to:

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## Website News

To access additional school information, visit us on the web at [www.FortHigh.ca](http://www.FortHigh.ca).

# ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

The requirements indicated in this chart are the minimum requirements for a student to attain an Alberta High School Diploma. The requirements for entry into post-secondary institutions and programs, as well as workplaces, may require additional and specific courses.

A total of 100 credits, including the following:

- English Language Arts – 30 level (ELA 30-1, 30-2, 30 or 33)
- Social Studies – 30 level (Social Studies 30 or 33)
- Mathematics – 20 level (Pure Math 20, Applied Math 20 or Math 24)
- Science – 20 level (Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20)
- Physical Education 10 (3 credits)
- Career and Life Management (3 credits)

10 credits in any combination from:

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS)
- Fine Arts
- Second Languages
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Locally developed courses in CTS, fine arts or second languages
- One 30-level course from any K & E Program Occupational cluster
- One 30-level locally developed K & E Program course, or
- Two 35-level courses from any trade in the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)

10 credits in any 30-level course (in addition to a 30-level ELA and a 30-level Social Studies)

- Locally developed/acquired and locally authorized courses
- 3000 Series; advanced level in CTS courses
- 35-level Work Experience
- one 30-level K & E Program occupational course
- two 35-level courses from any trade in the RAP program
- two 30-level courses from any Green Certificate Specialization

## Graduation Requirements

Students are eligible to participate in the Fort Saskatchewan High School graduation ceremony provided they meet the Alberta High School diploma requirements in addition to the following criteria. Each student must:

1. be a grade 12 student registered at FSHS for the 2009-2010 year. An exception will be made for a student who attends only the first semester and meets all diploma requirements by the end of the semester.
2. have earned a minimum of 60 credits by Sept. 1.
3. have earned a minimum of 80 credits by Feb. 1.
4. have all school and grad fees paid by May 3.
5. have submitted a grad gown deposit cheque post-dated to the date of the graduation ceremony.
6. have successfully completed or be registered in all courses required to meet the minimum requirements for an Alberta High School diploma. To be included on the final graduation list established in May, student's current marks must meet the following criteria:
  - i. marks of at least 50% in all non-diploma courses.
  - ii. May report card marks in diploma courses must be 50% or greater.
7. final blended marks in semester one diploma courses must be 50% or greater. If the blended mark is less than 50% but the school awarded mark is 40% or greater, the student must be registered to re-write the diploma exam in June.
8. have completed all non-diploma courses taken off-campus (ADL, Outreach).
9. have completed at least two-thirds of any diploma courses being taken off-campus with a mark of 40% or greater.

All grade 12 students who are registered in the courses required to meet the criteria for an Alberta High School diploma are eligible to have their photograph included in the Senior Class wall composite.

**Students should be aware that students' names are removed from the grad list as a result of failing marks in required courses; incomplete courses required for a diploma; dropping courses prior to final examinations which result in insufficient grad requirements; failing to attend classes; late year pranks, etc. Students should be aware that uncooperative or inappropriate behavior or pranks will result in removal from the graduation list and other consequences will be applied according to the school's discipline policy.**