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Walk a Day in Your Kid's Shoes! September 21

Mark Your Calendar

• **September 21 (7-9pm).....
.....Meet the Teacher**

- September 26 (7 pm)
..... School Council Mtg
- September 29 Progress Report
..... posted on PowerSchool
- October 7 PD – no school
- October 12 Icon Retakes
- October 19 (9 - 4).....
... Fort Saskatchewan Career Fair
- November 4 Report Cards
- November 7-11 No School
- November 15 (6:00 pm)
..... "It's A Matter of Choice"
- November 15 (5-8 pm)
..... Parent/Student/Teacher Conf
- November 29 (7:00 pm)
..... Awards Night
- December 24 – January 6.....
..... Christmas Break
- January 19 - 30 Exams
- March 28 – 3 Spring Break
- June 18 - 30 Exams

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Everyone at Fort High would like to invite the parents of our current students to our upcoming Meet the Teacher night.

Come out on September 21 at 7:00 p.m. and learn about the PowerSchool program that gives parents the ability to track their children's attendance and marks on-line. At this time, you will also receive your pass code to access this information.

After the assembly, promptly at 7:30, you will have the opportunity to follow your child's timetable. You will spend approx. fifteen minutes in each class and will be finished by 8:45.

You will meet the teachers and learn about the subject matter and how your child's progress is assessed. You will find out the best ways to contact the teachers and leave information on how they can contact you.

This is an important event for you, your child, and our staff. We look forward to seeing you.



The welcome back lunch was a huge success.

Message from the Administration

On behalf of the school staff we would like to welcome you to Fort Saskatchewan High School for the upcoming school year. We are blessed to be part of a school community that shows school pride with their actions and is involved in our many school activities. Our school has a population of approximately 500 students and we offer complete programs at all levels. We are very proud of our academic achievements as well as the excellent complimentary and Fine Arts programs that are enjoyed by our students.

As administrators at Fort High, we are looking forward to meeting all the students and working with staff and parents to make this a most successful year for all students.

We extend a special welcome to our new staff members: Rick Kobylnyk, CTS teacher; Cynthia Kruitbosch, Commercial Foods teacher, Kim Salyzyn, Math and Phys. Ed. teacher; and Helen Bienert, educational assistant. They bring a wealth of skills to our school and we are very excited they have chosen Fort High as their home.

The PowerSchool program may be used to access information regarding student achievement and attendance at anytime. All parents and students will receive usernames and passwords on the information night Sept 21. If you are unable to attend, we will be mailing out the access information following the information night. The site can be accessed from our Fort High Website at www.forthigh.ca

The first date that we are requesting staff have updates for their classes is on September 29. We will not be mailing progress reports as we encourage parents and students to access the portal for all information and current grades for each course. Please logon to the PowerSchool Portal with your username and password to track progress in all classes daily or weekly throughout the semester.

School fees will be sent home toward the end of September. In an effort to cut operating costs, we will be discontinuing our Visa/Mastercard machine at the end of October, so any payments after that date will need to be by cash or debit.

We know that this will be a great year. We encourage each of you to get involved with our teams, clubs, and school spirit activities. We look forward to working with every member of our school community to ensure the best possible educational experience for our students. To this end, the office door is always open and we invite members of our community to stop in and discuss ideas that continue to make Fort High the place to be.

Connect to Respect

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is pleased to announce the launch of the Connect to Respect program in all schools and offices throughout the system. In accordance with Board Policy 19, the program is designed to teach staff to recognize potential harassment and discrimination scenarios while emphasizing that maintaining respectful working and learning environments is a shared responsibility among trustees, employees, students, parents, volunteers, contractors, and visitors. Staff participated in a training session as part of the school start-up process, and we encourage parents and students to watch for posters and desk signage in the office and around the school as ongoing visual reminders that everyone in EIPS has a responsibility to treat others with respect.

Welcome Back To Returning Students and Their Families Hello to All Those Who Are Just Arriving at Fort High

The Student Services department takes great pride in meeting the needs of our students and welcomes all students to stop by if they ever require assistance.

Mrs. McGrath, the Student Services secretary, is available to assist students throughout the day. Duties include entering all new students into our system (demographics, timetables, etc), scheduling appointments with our Counselor and managing our Alberta Distance Learning Modules.

Mr. Woitas, the school psychologist, is available to register new students, assist students with program planning, course selections, and timetable changes. Mr. Woitas will also help all students in the areas of academic achievement, personal/social development and career development. Counseling appointments may be made in person at the office or by calling the school at 780-998-3751.

Mr. Woitas is also available to assist students with Work Experience, RAP, and Green Certificate.

The Elk Island Regional Honor Choir

The Elk Island Regional Honor choir Association is a fantastic way for your child to express themselves through singing!! All Three choirs get quality instruction from teachers and perform numerous times throughout the year. Elk Island Public Schools is proud to offer this unique opportunity for your child to become a more confident singer and seasoned performer. The Elk Island Regional Honor Choir Association is moving into its 28th year and we would love to have you sing with us!

Please contact Larry Frank at larry.frank@ei.educ.ab.ca or 237-2167(c)

EIPS is Proud to Announce our New Tagline

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is proud to unveil the new tagline for our division: ***Your Future in Mind***. This new tagline replaces *Excellence by Choice* which we are no longer using.

Your Future in Mind positively represents EIPS as a student-focused organization that recognizes each person as a distinct individual with unique needs. The statement conveys a strong message that decisions made at every level and the programming that is offered throughout the system are designed to intentionally help each student realize a bright future.

With an emphasis on the future as a positive outcome, the tag links to the division's Mission: *to teach students how to learn, to prepare each student to achieve their best, and to assist students in becoming contributing members of our communities, our country, and the world*. It also provides a nod to the division's focus on the importance of lifelong learning, as stated in our Vision: *To set in motion a passion for discovery*.

Over the next few months, you will begin to see the new tagline used in a number of different applications on the division website, on new system stationery pieces, on system publications and materials, incorporated into system advertising (newspapers, outdoor, etc.), in Central Office and EIPS' schools, on other EIPS promotional materials and displays.

We encourage you to embrace our new corporate identity and share the philosophy behind *Your Future in Mind* within your community.

It's a Matter of Choice!

Each fall EIPS hosts a post secondary/career event, (It's a Matter of Choice), for high school students and their parents/guardians.

Featuring over 45 post secondary institutions and career displays, "It's a Matter of Choice" gives our students and their families an opportunity to collect information related to their choices after graduation and to speak with representatives about futures in specific career areas, the pre-requisites for university/college entry, the costs associated with attending college, technical institutes or universities, the grades required upon graduation to meet the competitive standards, and a multitude of similar topics.

The 2011 "It's a Matter of Choice" evening takes place Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Coast Edmonton East Hotel (next to Millennium Place).

There is no admission charge for the event, and we are hopeful that there will be financial support to provide buses from schools outside of Sherwood Park.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of this important event.

Student Accident Insurance

Elk Island Public Schools does not carry student insurance. An element of risk is involved with any activity - whether students are home, out with friends, or at school.

If you feel it would be beneficial to obtain coverage for your child, it is your prerogative to do so.

Library News

Visit Learn Alberta to find additional curriculum resources for students from Kindergarten through Grade 12. Some of the resources on this site are included in the Online Reference Center, where students can access online encyclopedias and other databases. Check it out at www.learnalberta.ca (username: **LA15** password: **3950**).

For practice writing exams and as a study tool try www.exambank.com. This site has randomized practice exams for all grades, and is especially useful for those preparing for diploma exams. Username: **ei.fhs** Password: **toast**

On our website at forthigh.ca. many of our teachers have set up eTeacher pages which can be accessed for general course information or homework information. To access these pages click the **eTeachers** tab and select the teacher from the drop-down list on the right. Teachers can also be contacted using the contact form under the **About Us** tab.

Discover the Secrets of the Orient

The Fort Saskatchewan High School Travel Club will be travelling to China next March 23 through April 3.

The 12 day Educational Travel trip will make stops in Beijing, Guilin, Hangzhou and Shanghai. Along with visiting the Forbidden City, The Great Wall of China and the sites of the 2008 summer Olympics, the itinerary balance China's breathtaking river landscapes, thousands of years of rich history, unique architectural styles, thriving modern industry and fascinating culinary delights. The travel club will be accompanied by both a Chinese tour escort and local guides from city. This trip truly is a once in a life time opportunity for many of us to see the Orient.

The cost of this year's trip is equal to the European trips the school has taken in the past. For more information please attend the parent meeting Tuesday, September 13 @ 6:30 in the library.

Outdoor Club

The Fort Saskatchewan Outdoor Club is preparing for our fall trip. We will be visiting the Peter Lougheed Provincial Park in Kananaskis Country from September 29 to October 1. This is a great way to get to know other students at Fort High while discovering the beauty of our mountains. The \$170 fee covers the following: Park entrance, camping fees, pool passes, transportation and all food with the exception of a fast food meal both on the way to and from the mountains.

If you are interested in spending three days in the mountain parks hiking, tenting and swimming, please keep an eye on morning announcements for the times and locations of the mandatory safety meetings.

Theatre Appreciation Group

Do you like live theatre? Do you want to dress-up and spend several nights out in Edmonton? If so, join the Fort High Theatre Appreciation Group (TAG) in seeing six evening Citadel Theatre performances throughout the upcoming school year.

The Citadel Theatre's Student Group performances begin late in September and wrap up in early May. Each evening begins with pizza, a pre-show presentation and a 'talk back' after the presentation that allows students to meet the cast and discuss the play. The experience is a great way for students to critically engage with professionals from all walks of theatre.

The cost of each ticket package (for all six shows) is \$220. Students can pay the full amount or choose to pay \$100 along with two post-dated \$60 cheques that will be returned upon completing two credit modules.

If you are interested, please pick up the parent information package from Mr. Christenson. For more information call Mr. Christenson at Fort High or visit the Citadel Theatre's web site and search 'students club'.

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 note 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 may 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!

Note our new email tagline: @eips.ca

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