



The Phoenix Messenger

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Matter of Principal - Celebrating our Grade 12 Diploma Results

Too often in a school we spend so much time and energy focusing on what to improve that we neglect to stop and celebrate our successes. As we leave to embark on our spring break, it is a great time to reflect on our efforts and the progress achieved so far. We are two-thirds of the way through the 2008-9 school year and there have been a number of successes so far. I would like to take a moment to highlight one particular area of success of our grade 12 students.

Our diploma exam results for our grade 12 first semester math and social studies courses are in! This includes almost all of our grade 12s and the results are outstanding. Without even considering participation rates, FFCA High School has outperformed the province in 7 of 8 categories including the percent of students passing all four exams (third column). Even more importantly, we have improved in 7 of 8 categories from last year (fifth column). In many of these categories, the improvement was significant. Fantastic!

		FFCA	Province	Difference	FFCA Last Year	Improvement
Pure Math 30	% Acceptable	89.5	80.9	8.6	71.4	18.1
Pure Math 30	% Excellence	28.9	25.0	3.9	22.9	6.0
Applied Math 30	% Acceptable	85.0	80.0	5.0	57.1	27.9
Applied Math 30	% Excellence	0.0	14.6	-14.6	0.0	0.0
Social Studies 30	% Acceptable	100.0	83.7	16.3	90.5	9.5
Social Studies 30	% Excellence	24.0	19.8	4.2	0.0	24.0
Social Studies 33	% Acceptable	95.0	88.0	7.0	94.7	0.3
Social Studies 33	% Excellence	20.0	19.2	0.8	5.3	14.7

As you embark on your break, please take a moment to celebrate!
Great job grade 12's!

Kurtis Leinweber, Principal Educator

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Dates to Remember

- Mar. 19 & 20 - Professional Development - No Classes
- Mar. 21- Italy Trip Departure
- Mar. 23-27 - Spring Break - No Classes
- Mar. 29- Italy Trip Returns
- Mar. 30- First Day of Classes - On-Line Registration Deadline Extended
- Mar. 31- Honour & Character Assembly
- Apr. 10- Good Friday - No Classes
- Apr. 13- Professional Development - No Classes
- Apr. 15- Diploma Exam Rewrite Registration Deadline
- Apr. 16 - "FFCA's got Talent Show"
- Apr. 17- Casual Day - Report Cards
- Apr. 21 - Grade 9 - Track Day - (7pm) Drama 20/30 & One Act Play
- Apr. 22- Earth Day - Lights Out!
- Apr. 23- P/S/T Conference (evening only)
- Apr. 24- P/S/T Conference (morning only)
- Apr. 25- One Act Zones @ Webber Academy
- Apr. 27-May 1 - Blueprint for Life (Grade 9 Girls)
- Apr. 28- (7 pm) School Council Meeting

Important Information for Grade 12's

GRADE 12 STUDENTS

YOU NEED TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS

If you are a Grade 12 student planning to attend a post-secondary institution for the Fall, 2009 semester, it is critical that you complete a "Request for Official Transcripts" form. Ms. Geran has given students this form in their red post-secondary folder. This form can also be found and completed on the Alberta Education website.

If you have not completed this form, it should be done **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. There is a \$10 fee for each transcript that is requested. If a post-secondary school does not receive a student's official transcript by August 1, 2009, the student will not be officially admitted to their program. **THIS STEP IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO GAINING ADMISSION TO A POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL.** Should students or parents have questions about how to properly complete this form, please contact Ms. Geran.

FFCA Online Auction Success

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 6th Annual FFCA online auction. Final numbers are yet to be tallied and will be reported to the campuses for the next newsletter.

Thank you to our volunteers that worked on the site or behind the scenes to deliver the winning items. We are also grateful to everyone that donated items, bid on items or shared the auction with their friends and family. Our goal of purchasing Smart Boards for the high school classrooms is getting closer.

Donations sent in by mail, attendance at the Bollywood Gala and purchases at the Online Auction are the 3 main opportunities to fundraise for our high school. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give – a tax deductible donation can be made directly to the school.

Thank you for your generosity.



Worldskills Calgary 2009

From September 1-7, Calgary will be hosting the Worldskills 2009 competition. This event highlights the best workers in 45 career areas. This is a great opportunity for students to explore many trade occupations including:

- Aircraft Mechanics
- Autobody Repair
- Beauty Therapy
- Car Painting
- Carpentry
- Cooking
- Construction Metal Works
- Electronics
- Fashion
- Software and Network Support
- Landscape Gardening
- Mechanical Engineering Design
- Restaurant Service
- Web Design
- Welding

We are planning to take interested students to this event on September 3. Stay tuned for more details on how to sign up for this trip.

Ms. Geran

The Math Corner - Changing Money

In how many ways can you make change for a \$50 bill using \$20 bills, \$10 bills, toonies and loonies?

Solution for last month's problem:

$a = 6, b = 5, c = 3, d = 4, e = 1, f = 7, g = 9, h = 8, i = 2, ? = 27$

Message from Halpern's

In order to address the needs of FFCA families, Halpern's has agreed to extend the deadline for exchanging "H"-monogrammed pants to April 18. Halpern's has also agreed to pay for any alterations required (including those additional to hemming) **that were done to the original pants**. As well, for parents who live in the north and find it difficult to use the tailor designated by Halpern's, a tailor closer to home can be used. In this case, a reimbursement will be provided up to \$10 per pair of pants. In order to be reimbursed, mail the receipt for alterations to the Halpern's head office (2785 Skymark Avenue., Unit 17, Mississauga, Ontario, L4W 4Y3). The envelope containing the receipt must be postmarked **no later than April 25**.

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HALPERN'S



5911 - 3 ME. N.E., Calgary, AB T2E 1R3
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The replacement pants have finally arrived and the time has come to do the pant exchange!

Halpern's will only exchange any pant that is creased with a "H" on the right hand side.

Pants will only be exchanged for the SAME PANT STYLE/COLOR and in the SAME SIZE as was originally purchased. There will be no refunds.

All "H" creased pants must be returned to the Calgary store at the time of the exchange.

Any pants that are being exchanged must be brought in NO LATER THAN APRIL 11, 2009. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Hemming will be available, on new uniform pants only, at our tailor and must be received by her NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2009. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. Please ask for a coupon and directions to our tailor if interested. The coupon is valid for hemming only, any other alterations are the responsibility of the parent.

Halpern's Hours
MWF 9-4:30
Thurs Noon-8pm
Sat 10-4pm
Closed Sun/Tues



Dear Students and Parents:

With the pending arrival of the end of the school year, final exams are fast approaching. For students in these courses, it is the time of year when they begin the final push toward the end of this year's studies. As such, we are providing you with the exam schedule for the Semester II exams in June. **Please note that ALL Classes end on June 12th.**

Date	June 15 (1)	June 16 (2)	June 17 (1)	June 18 (2)	June 19 (1)
AM	ELA 30-1/30-2 Pt. A Computer Lab GYM (Grade 12) AMAT/PMAT 10 (Grade 10) AMAT/PMAT 20 (Grade 11)	SS 10 (Grade 10) SS 20 (Grade 11)	SS 9 PAT (Grade 9A/9B/9D/9E/9F) Math 31 (Grade 12)	PMAT 30 Pt. A (Grade 12) ELA 10 (Grade 10) ELA 20 (Grade 11)	ELA 9 (Grade 10) Bio 30 Pt. A (Grade 11)
PM				PMAT 30 Pt. B (Grade 12)	Bio 30 Pt. B (Grade 11)
Date	June 22 (2)	June 23 (1)	June 24 (2)	June 25 (1)	June 26 (2)
AM	Physics 30 Pt. A (Grade 12) Bio 20 (Grade 10) Sci 20 (Grade 10/11)	Science 9 PAT (Grade 9A & 9B) CHEM 30 Pt. A (Grade 12)	Math 9 PAT (Grade 9)	ELA 30-1/30-2 Pt. B (Grade 12) 8:30 – 9:00 Report Card Pick Up, Locker Clean-Out and Textbook Return Casual Day	Organizational Day No Classes
PM	Physics 30 Pt. A (Grade 12)	CHEM 30 Pt. B (Grade 12)		1/2 Organizational Day No Classes	

Exam Day Expectations

- Daily uniform expectations are in effect for all exams and while in the school building on these dates, except June 25th.
- All examinations will be held in the GYM, unless otherwise specified.
- Entrance to all exams will start at 8:25 in the morning and 12:15 in the afternoon.
- Beginning one hour after the exam commences, students will be allowed to exit the exam room at 20 minute intervals. Upon the completion of exams students are expected to be off-campus or in a prearranged supervised tutorial (with a teacher).

Final Exam Attendance

Please note that attendance for all final exams is mandatory and every effort should be made by students to be in attendance on the prescribed dates. Students who miss a final exam will not be permitted to write the exam and will receive a score of '0' unless they make alternate arrangements with the instructor in advance or provide a medical certificate signed by a physician.

Students who fail to write a diploma exam for a grade 12 course, i.e. Applied/Pure Math 30, ELA 30-1/30-2, Chemistry 30, Biology 30, Physics 30 & Social Studies 30/33, will have to wait and write this exam on a provincially scheduled testing-date. The next exam dates are in August at a different writing location. There are no exceptions to this policy.

