

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE - May 1st, 2026

Mental Health Week at NSCHS! Our school community will be recognizing **Mental Health Week (May 1–7)** with a series of simple, meaningful activities designed to promote well-being, connection, and awareness. Mental health is an important part of overall health for both our students and staff. Throughout the week, students will have opportunities to get outside, share positive messages, take part in spirit days, and build a stronger sense of community. From small moments—like enjoying a cookie and a smile—to larger conversations about reducing stigma, each day is intended to remind students that they are supported and that their well-being matters. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home and to reinforce the importance of balance, connection, and reaching out when support is needed.

NSCHS Parent Advisory 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser: Our Parent Advisory's 50/50 Raffle launches on Monday, May 4, 2026. This is a great opportunity to support our school while having a chance to win a jackpot of up to \$4,000. All proceeds from the raffle go directly toward enhancing programs and opportunities that benefit our students. Families looking to increase their chances are encouraged to consider purchasing a ticket bundle. Thank you for your continued support of our school community. [Click Here to enter!](#)

NSCHS Sr. Drama Students Win Big at the Leduc Drama Festival! Our Senior Drama students, under the direction of Mrs. Sawchyn, represented NSCHS with incredible talent at last week's Leduc Drama Festival, earning an impressive five awards and a 3rd place overall finish. Individual honours went to Tyler Z and Brooklyn J. for Acting, and Jacob K. for Directing, while the team also received recognition for Outstanding Crew and Outstanding Set. This is a tremendous accomplishment that reflects the creativity, collaboration, and dedication of our students both on stage and behind the scenes. Congratulations to our entire Sr. Drama team on an outstanding showing!

NSCHS Students Shine in Junior Achievement Entrepreneurship Program! We are incredibly proud to celebrate a group of NSCHS students who have been participating in the Junior Achievement Company Program this semester. Since January, Katie D., Teddy D., Zane T., and Declan C., along with several other students from Leduc and Beaumont, have been meeting weekly at Lighthouse Co-Work in Leduc under the mentorship of Amber Cook and Junior Achievement. Together, they created and launched their own business, *Scent & Story*, developing, marketing, and selling their product while gaining real-world entrepreneurial experience. Within the company, Katie serves as CEO, Declan as VP of Finance, Teddy as VP of Production, and Zane leads website development. Recently, the team competed in *The Big Pitch*, a Dragon's Den-style event held at MacEwan University, where they presented their business to industry leaders and investors. Out of 13 teams, they earned an impressive 3rd place finish. The team continues to build momentum and will be selling their products at a variety of upcoming events, including the New Sarepta Spring Market and the Bountiful Farmers' Market. They will also be featured at the Business Hall of Fame Trade Show at the Edmonton Convention Centre on June 10, and will celebrate their achievements at the Junior Achievement year-end event at Concordia University on June 27. We

encourage our school community to come out and support these students as they continue to grow their business and showcase their hard work.

Senior High Drama Performances Next Week: Next Tuesday afternoon, our Senior High Drama class will be showcasing a series of one-act plays for students during the latter part of the school day. Performances will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m. (midway through Period 6), with a short break between the first and second plays to allow for class transitions. Attendance for the second portion of the performances will be at the discretion of classroom teachers.

Performance Schedule (approximate):

- *The Prettiest Girl in Lafayette County* (1:15–1:40 p.m.)
- *Hard Candy* (1:50–2:25 p.m.)
- *Ledge Ledger and the Legend* (2:40–3:05 p.m.)

These performances provide a wonderful opportunity for our drama students to share their work and talents with the school community. Please note that *Ledge Ledger and the Legend* includes themes related to suicide. Staff will address this with students prior to the performance, and we encourage families to be aware of this content as well.

Play Synopses:

- *The Prettiest Girl in Lafayette County* follows Misty as she prepares a display of St. Patrick's Day cards in her small-town Mississippi shop when an unexpected visitor arrives.
- *Hard Candy* offers a fast-paced and humorous look at job seekers going to extreme lengths to land a position, featuring a series of over-the-top interviews.
- *Ledge Ledger and the Legend* opens with a dramatic moment on a ledge, where a man meets an unconventional counselor in a darkly satirical exploration of serious themes.

We look forward to celebrating the creativity and hard work of our drama students.

Exploring Pathways After High School: We are excited to share an excellent opportunity for students who are still exploring their pathway after high school. The **NAIT School of Energy and Natural Resources Camp (May 5–7)** is designed specifically for students who want a true hands-on experience before making decisions about their future. This is not a tour—students will actively participate in real learning environments and try out programs firsthand. Students in Grades 10–12 can choose one day to attend (May 5, 6, or 7) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at NAIT Main Campus. Throughout the day, students will try two different programs, work in real labs and classrooms, use industry equipment, and connect with instructors while exploring potential career pathways. Lunch is provided, and students are responsible for arranging their own transportation. This experience is especially valuable for students who are undecided, curious about hands-on learning, or wanting a clearer picture of what these careers

actually look like. With over 400 students already attending, spaces are limited. If this sounds like a good fit for your child, please register soon to secure a spot.

Ready to Work in Construction? Students aged 18–21 who are interested in hands-on work and earning this summer are encouraged to attend an upcoming **construction hiring event on Tuesday, May 5 from 5:00–7:30 p.m. at the ARCA Facility (17403 108 Avenue NW)**. This is a unique opportunity for students to connect directly with employers in the roofing trade who are actively hiring for paid summer positions. Participants will have the chance to engage in on-the-spot interviews, explore immediate job opportunities, and gain valuable insight into careers in the construction industry. This event is ideal for students ready to enter the workforce, build practical skills, and start gaining experience in a growing field. Spots are limited, and early registration is encouraged:

<https://careersnextgen.tfaforms.net/5184428> For more information, students can contact Nick Aubin (naubin@nextgen.org) or Emily Tomnuk (etomnuk@nextgen.org)

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- Instagram: NSCHS_SAINTS

Important Upcoming Dates:

- May 1-7 Mental Health Week
- May 5th Mental Health Spirit Week - PJ Day
- May 5th Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 13th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 13-15 Sr. High Band Trip - Banff
- May 15th PD Day - No Classes
- May 19-20 Jr. High Band Trip - Gull Lake
- May 20th Sr. High Track Meet at Foote Field
- May 21st Gr. 9 PAT ELA Exam Part A - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- May 26th Jr. High Track Meet
- May 27th Gr. 7-9 SAFFRON Presentations (*permission form required)
- June 2nd Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- June 4th Gr. 10-12 SAFFRON Presentations (*permission form required)
- June 9th Gr. 9 PAT ELA Exam Part B - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 10th English 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam Part A 9am -12pm
- June 10th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm (*tentative date)
- June 11th Senior High Locker Clean Up
- June 12th Grad 2026 Commencement 7:00 pm
- June 15th Gr. 9 Locker Clean Up
- June 15th Science 14 Exam (Classtime)
- June 15th English 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam Part B 9am -12pm
- June 16th Gr. 9 PAT Math Exam Part A - 9:00 am - 11:00 am

- June 16th Last Day of Senior High Classes
- June 17th Gr. 7 & 8 Locker Clean Up
- June 18th Biology 30 Diploma Exam 9am -12pm
- June 18th Last Day of Junior High Classes
- **June 19th-24th NSCHS Exam Week**
- June 19th Gr. 9 PAT Math Exam Part B - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 19th Chemistry 30 Diploma Exam 9am -12pm
- June 22nd Gr. 9 PAT Social Exam - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 23rd Gr. 9 PAT Science Exam - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 23rd Science 30 Diploma Exam 9am -12pm
- June 24th School Based Exam Make Up Day 1:00 pm
- June 25th & 26th Teacher/Office Work Days