

## **NOTES FROM THE OFFICE - September 26th, 2025**

### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Tuesday, **September 30th** is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a time to honour Survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities, and to reflect on the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

To show support and solidarity, we are encouraging all students and staff to wear orange on **Monday, September 29th** and a reminder that there are **no classes on Tuesday**.

**Interested in Learning to Speak Cree?** [Click here for more information!](#)

**Good luck** to our boys and girls Triple Ball teams competing in Beaumont this weekend! GO SAINTS!

**Congratulations** to our Sr. High Girls Volleyball team who won their first game against Warburg on Wednesday night in 3 straight sets! GO SAINTS!

**Virtual Book Fair** - Please click here for more information about our Virtual Book Fair that will run November 3rd -9th.

**Host an International Student!** Does your family have a spare bedroom, an interest in cultural exchange and a willingness to open your home to a student from another country? The BGSD International Student Program is looking for families to host students from Germany, Japan, France, Spain and Italy for the 2025-26 school year. Placements range from 10 weeks to 1 year!

BGSD provides a biweekly payment to help cover expenses and families also receive an orientation and round-the-clock support for questions and emergencies.

Learn more at:

<https://sites.google.com/gshare.blackgold.ca/bgsdinternationalstudents/homestay/information-for-host-families>

For more information about becoming a host family, please contact our Homestay Coordinator Yolanda Chang at [bgsd.international@blackgold.ca](mailto:bgsd.international@blackgold.ca)

### **October Parent Meetings:**

- NSCHS Band Parents' Meeting - October 7th - 6:30 pm
- NSCHS School Council Meeting - October 8th - 6:30 pm

### **Parking Lot Pick Up and Drop Off**

We've had a few concerns shared by our bus drivers and families about traffic flow in our parking lot. Please do not enter through the **exit**. We understand mornings can feel rushed, but entering the lot this way is dangerous for both drivers and students.

Thank you in advance for helping us keep the lot safe by using the designated entrance and exit!

### **Terry Fox Run/Walk -Thank-you!**

A huge thank you to all of our students, parents, and staff for making this year's Terry Fox Run/Walk such a success! Together, we raised **over \$300** in support of cancer research. We are so proud of the generosity and spirit of our school community, and we're grateful to everyone who participated, donated, and cheered us on.

**School Fees** for Quarter 1 / Semester 1 have been updated. Please check PowerSchool for your school fee status and to submit payment by **September 30th**.

### **Free Leduc Recreation Centre Family Pass**

We're excited to share that our school will once again be part of the LRC School Library Pass Program for the 2025–26 school year! Through the Healthy Heart Initiative, every family has the opportunity to access the Leduc Recreation Centre (LRC) at no cost.

How it works:

- Families can sign out the Free LRC Annual Family Pass from our school library, just like a library book.
- The pass is valid for 2 adults and all children in the same household.
- Each sign-out period is one week long, so many families can enjoy it throughout the year.
- Students must be present when the pass is used, even if adults are accompanying them.

With this pass, your family can enjoy all that the LRC has to offer: the Aquatic Centre, arenas, courts, fieldhouse, fitness centre, and indoor track

We're pleased to support this initiative that encourages healthy, active lifestyles while connecting students and families in our community.

## **2025–2026 Student Enrollment Verification**

Online **2025–2026 Student Enrollment Verification Form** for Black Gold School Division opened on the **PowerSchool Parent Portal at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.**

It is very important that all families complete this form by **November 28, 2025.** This process ensures we have accurate information for emergency communication and permissions. Please note: if the form is not completed, your child may not be able to leave school grounds for walking field trips, participate in class/team photos, or be recognized in other school materials.

**We want your input!** Our **NSCHS School Council** has access to the **Alberta School Council Engagement Grant**, which provides funding to support parent learning and involvement. This year, we're exploring workshops on topics such as parenting strategies, mental health, and cyber safety. Your feedback will help us choose the topics and format (in-person or online) that best support our school community. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts — your voice matters! [Click here to access the survey!](#) The survey will close on **Friday, September 26th** at 11:00 pm.

The **NSCHS Parent Advisory Committee** is excited to launch their **Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser!**

**Order Deadline:** Monday, October 13th    **Pickup:** Week of October 27th

Ordering is quick and easy:

1. Go to [www.PizzaKit.ca](http://www.PizzaKit.ca)
2. Click **Shop** → **Purchase & Support a Local Fundraiser**
3. Enter **Fundraiser ID: 461605** and confirm
4. Create an account (or log in if you've ordered before)
5. At checkout, enter the **student's name you are supporting** in the "Seller Name" field

**Every kit sold helps support our school community—thank you for your support!**

### **Follow us on our social media accounts!**

- Facebook: New Sarepta Community High School
- Instagram: NSCHS\_SAINTS

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 27th Triple Ball Tournament (Beaumont)
- **September 29th Orange Shirt Day**
- September 30th National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
- October 3rd Outdoor Ed. Field Trip to Rainbow Valley Ariel Park
- October 7th Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- October 8th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- October 13th Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)
- October 14th PD Day (No Classes)
- October 17th Outdoor Ed. Fishing Field Trip to East Pit Lake
- October 16th Picture Retakes
- October 31st Last Day of Quarter 1
- November 4th First Day of Quarter 2
- November 4th Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- November 3-9 NSCHS Virtual Book Fair
- November 4-6 NSCHS Book Fair
- November 6th Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm -7:00 pm
- November 7th Report Card Marks published 4:00 pm
- November 20th ELAA Post Secondary Fair - 1:00 pm
- December 2nd Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- December 10th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- January 6th Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- January 14th **Social Studies 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam Part A 9am -12pm**
- January 14th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- January 19th **Mathematics 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam 9am -12pm**
- January 21st Last day of Senior High classes before school exam week
- January 21st **Social Studies 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam Part B 9am -12pm**
- January 23rd Last day of Junior High classes before school midterm exams
- **January 26-29 NSCHS Exam Week**
- January 29th Last Day of Semester 1
- February 2nd First Day of Semester 2 / Quarter 3 Classes
- February 3rd Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- February 6th Class of 2026 - Grad Photos
- February 11th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- March 3rd Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- March 11th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- March 26th BGSD Career Fair at Leduc Composite High School
- April 7th Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- April 15th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm (\*tentative date)
- April 16th Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm -7:00 pm
- April 17th Last Day of Quarter 3
- April 20th First Day of Quarter 4
- April 24th Report Card Marks published 4:00 pm

- May 1st BGSD Celebration of the Arts - NAJA
- May 5th Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 13th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 21st Gr. 9 PAT ELA Exam Part A - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 2nd Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- June 10th **English 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam Part A 9am -12pm**
- June 10th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm (\*tentative date)
- June 12th Grad 2026 Commencement 7:00 pm (\*tentative date)
- June 15th **English 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam Part B 9am -12pm**
- June 16th Last Day of Senior High classes before exams
- June 18th Last Day of Junior High classes before exams
- June 18th **Biology 30 Diploma Exam 9am -12pm**
- June 18th Gr. 9 PAT ELA Exam Part B - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 19th **Chemistry 30 Diploma Exam 9am -12pm**
- June 19th Gr. 9 PAT Math Exam Part A - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- **June 19-24 NSCHS Exam Week**
- June 22nd Gr. 9 PAT Math Exam Part B - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 23rd **Science 30 Diploma Exam 9am -12pm**
- June 23rd Gr. 9 PAT Social Exam - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 24th Gr. 9 PAT Science Exam - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 25th & 26th Teacher/Office Work Days