NOTES FROM THE OFFICE - October 2nd, 2026

Good luck to our Sr. Girls Volleyball team as they head to Redwater to compete this weekend! Go Saints!

Wow! Our GRAD 2027 BAKE SALE was such a huge success and **$600.65** was raised today! Thanks everyone! Final items have gone in the freezer and will be sold **on Monday, October 5th at lunch!**

NSCHS Photo Re-Take Day: October 15th at 8:45 AM

NSCHS Awards Ceremony - Monday, October 19 at 1:30 PM This year, our annual **Awards Ceremony** will take place during the school day on **Monday, October 19, from 1:30–3:00 p.m.** Families are welcome to join us as we celebrate students' academic and athletic accomplishments from the **2025–2026 school year**. Award recipients, including current students and last year's Grade 12 students, will be notified next week through a posted list and email invitations to parents. For students not receiving an award, attendance is optional but strongly encouraged. Parents who do not wish their student to attend must excuse them from their classes in advance through SafeArrival. Students who have not been excused will be expected to remain in the gym for the duration of the ceremony. Buses will run at their regular dismissal time. **Current Grade 7 students will not receive awards at this ceremony, as the awards recognize accomplishments from the 2025-2026 school year.**

Support Our Band Program: Stawnichy's Fundraiser The New Sarepta Parent Band Association's Stawnichy's Mundare Sausage fundraiser is underway! Choose from sausage, perogies, cabbage rolls and more while helping subsidize our spring band trips. Order forms and payment are due **November 18**, 2026, with delivery on **December 10**—just in time for Christmas! Please see the attached order form for products and prices. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer to nschspba@gmail.com.

Band families: Please join the Parent Band Association's **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, October 6,** at **6:30 p.m.** in the NSCHS Staff Room. Executive positions are available, and new volunteers are welcome! Thank you for your support!

Casino Fundraiser Update — THANK YOU!!! A huge **thank you** to everyone who has volunteered for NSCHS's School Advisory Casino Fundraiser on December 13th and 14th in Camrose. **We have now tentatively filled all of the required volunteer positions!** We are still accepting names for our backup volunteer list until mid-October, in case any of our confirmed volunteers are unable to attend. This fundraiser is an important one for our school community. Our last casino raised approximately $18,000, which has supported student programming and opportunities at NSCHS over the past four years. **If you are willing to serve as a backup volunteer, please email Fundraising Coordinator Tamara Morris** at fundraising.nschs.paa@gmail.com and include the date(s) you would be available. **Thank you again to our amazing parent community volunteers who have stepped forward to support our students and school!**

Help Plan Your Child's Future with myBlueprint Did you know that Black Gold **junior and senior high school students** have access to **myBlueprint**, an interactive education and career planning tool? Students can explore career interests, plan toward graduation, compare post-secondary programs and apprenticeships, and develop financial literacy and job-search skills. Parents and guardians can create a

Family Account and link it to their child's account with their child's permission. This provides an opportunity to view their goals, interests and learning reflections, and start meaningful conversations about their future. Please see the attached parent fact sheet and scan its QR code to get started!

NSCHS Parent Advisory Committee Little Caesars Fundraiser is now LIVE! The NSCHS Parent Advisory Committee is running a Little Caesars fundraiser featuring pizza kits, bread, cookie dough and more. Please note: you will need the Fundraiser ID to place an online order. **Fundraiser ID: 483511**

To order:

1. Visit the Little Caesars Canadian website.
2. Enter **Fundraiser ID 483511.**
3. Browse and place your order

Last day to order: October 12 Delivery: The week of October 26 For every purchase, $7 goes directly back to support the NSCHS Parent Advisory Committee. Thank you for your support!

EmpowerLink Connect: Free Parent and Caregiver Workshop Concerned about your young person and unsure how to start a conversation? EmpowerLink Connect's "Starting the Conversation at Home" workshop offers practical guidance on opening the conversation, responding to what your child shares, and continuing to support them while seeking help. The free workshop takes place **Saturday, October 17**, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at the Leduc Public Library, Alex A and B Rooms. Food is provided, and participants will receive a caregiver guide and local resource list. There is no expectation to share information about your own family. Register here, or scan the QR code on the attached poster.

U of A Augustana Fall Student Academic Conference Students in Grades 10–12 who are interested in learning more about university are invited to attend the **University of Alberta Augustana Campus Fall Student Academic Conference** on **Thursday, December 3, 2026,** in Camrose. The conference will feature interactive poster galleries and opportunities to explore the Augustana Campus. It is a great chance for students to see what university-level learning can look like and to get a feel for campus life.

Parent Advisory Annual Gatorade and Granola Bar Initiative - The NSCHS Parent Advisory Association is once again **requesting ongoing donations of Gatorade and granola bars** throughout the school year. The goal is to provide each student participating in various student groups, teams, and field trips throughout the year, courtesy of the amazing parents and guardians of NSCHS students. Thank you in advance for helping us continue this special treat for our students—they absolutely LOVE it!

School Clothing 2026-2027 Saints Wear is available to order online! Visit Lil Buckaroo, find our school, and place your order!

Follow us on our social media accounts!

- Facebook: New Sarepta Community High School
- Instagram: NSCHS_SAINTS

Important Upcoming Dates:

- October 2nd — Custodian Appreciation Day - THANK YOU MR. BLACK!
- October 2-3 — Redwater Sr. Girls' Volleyball Tournament
- October 5th — World Teachers' Day & GRAD 2027 Bake Sale #2
- October 6th — Jr. High LDAA Cross Country Meet (Westaskiwin)
- October 6th — Band Parents AGM Meeting 6:30 PM
- October 7th — Sr. High Cross Country Meet (R.F. Staples)
- October 12th — Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)
- October 12th — Last Day to Order - School Advisory Little Caesars Fundraiser
- October 13th — PD Day (No Classes)
- October 13th — Jr. High Cross Country Zones (Sherwood Park)
- October 15th — Photo Re-Take Day 8:45 AM
- October 15th — Jr./Sr. Outdoor Ed Fishing Field Trip
- October 16-17 — Sr. Girls Volleyball Tournament (Wetaskiwin)
- October 17th — GRAD 2027 BOTTLE DRIVE - NSCHS Parking Lot at 11:00 am
- October 17th — Sr. Cross Country Provincials (Rundle Park)
- October 19th — NSCHS Awards Ceremony - 1:30 PM
- October 21st — Grad 2027 Parent Information Meeting 5:30 PM
- October 21st — School Council AGM 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- October 22nd — Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler Opens 8:00 am
- October 23-24 — Sr. Girls Volleyball Tournament (Onoway)
- October 26th — National Library Workers' Day
- October 26th — NSCHS Edmonton Oilers Night - Go Oilers!
- October 26-30 — Delivery Week for School Advisory Little Caesars Orders
- November 3rd — Band Parents Meeting 6:30 PM
- November 4th — First Day of Quarter 2 Option Classes
- November 5th — Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler Closes 12:00 pm
- November 5th — Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm
- November 6th — Remembrance Day Service 10:30 am
- November 6th — Report Cards Published 4:00 pm
- November 9-12 — Midterm Break (Schools Closed)
- November 11th — Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)
- November 16th — PD Day (No Classes)
- November 19th — M.A.D.D. Canada Presentation
- November 20-21 — Sr. High North Central Volleyball Zones
- November 26-28 — Sr. High Volleyball Provincial Championships
- November 27th — Due Date for Student Verification Forms 2026-2027
- December 4th — PD Day (No Classes)
- December 8th — Band Parents Meeting 6:30 PM
- December 9th — Winter Band Concert 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- December 13&14 — NSCHS School Advisory Casino Fundraiser Evenings in Camrose
- December 22nd — Last Day of Classes before Christmas Vacation
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 5th — Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
- January 6th — School Resumes
- January 12th — Band Parents Meeting 6:30 PM
- January 19th — Diploma Exam - Social Studies 30-1/30-2 Part A
- January 20th — Diploma Exam - Math 30-1/30-2

- January 20th — Last Day of Senior High Classes
- January 22nd — Diploma Exam - Social Studies 30-1/30-2 Part B
- January 22nd — Last Day of Junior High Classes
- **January 25th-28th** — **NSCHS Exam Week**
- January 29th — PD Day (No Classes)
- February 1st — Semester 2 Begins / First Day of Quarter 3 Option Classes
- February 4 - 5 — ATA Teachers' Convention (No Classes)
- February 9th — Band Parents Meeting 6:30 PM
- February 15th — Family Day (Schools Closed)
- March 2nd — Band Parents Meeting 6:30 PM
- March 5th — Maintenance Workers Appreciation Day
- March 8-12 — Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week
- March 11th — Evening of Sweet Melody 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- March 15th — PD Day (No Classes)
- March 18-20 — Sr. High Basketball Provincial Championships
- March 26th — Good Friday (Schools Closed)
- March 29th — Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
- March 29 - April 2 — Spring Break (Schools Closed)
- April 5th — School Resumes
- April 5th - 9th — Leduc Rotary Music Festival
- April 12-16 — Education Week / Teacher Appreciation Week
- April 13th — Band Parents Meeting 6:30 PM
- April 14th — First Day of Quarter 4 Option Classes
- April 14th — Sr. High Sturgeon Badminton Conferences (Saville)
- April 15th — Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm
- April 16th — Report Cards Published 4:00 pm
- April 19-23 — Support Staff Appreciation Week
- April 21st — Administrative Professionals Day
- April 21st — Sr. High North Central Badminton Zones (Saville)
- April 23rd — PD Day (No Classes)
- April 30th — BGSD Celebration of the Arts - Northern AB Jubilee Auditorium 7 PM
- May 1st — Principal Appreciation Day
- May 3rd — Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- May 7-8 — Sr. High Badminton Provincials (Sunridge Badminton Centre - Calgary)
- May 11th — Band Parents Meeting 6:30 PM
- May 12th-14th — Senior Band Trip / Banff (Tentative)
- May 19-20 — Jr. High Band Trip / NakaMun
- May 21st — PD Day (No Classes)
- May 24th — Victoria Day (Schools Closed)
- June 3rd — Gr. 9 PAT Language Arts & K&E Exam Part A 9:00 am-11:00 am
- June 3rd — Year End Band Concert 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- June 4-5 — Sr. High Track & Field Provincials (Edmonton)
- June 8th — Gr. 9 PAT Language Arts & K&E Exam Part B 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 8th — Band Parents Meeting 6:30 PM
- June 10th — Grad Group Cap & Gown Photo 9:15 am
- June 10th — Grad Walk at NSES 10:00 am
- June 11th — Convocation Ceremony 7:00 PM (*Tentative Date)
- June 15th — Diploma Exam - English 30-1/30-2 Part A

- June 15th — Gr. 9 PAT Math Exam Part A 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- June 17th — Gr. 9 PAT Math & K&E Exam Part B 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 17th — Last Day of Senior High Classes
- June 18th — Diploma Exam - English 30-1/30-2 Part B
- June 18th — Gr. 9 PAT Social Studies Exam 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 21st — National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 21st — Last Day of Junior High Classes
- **June 22-25th** — **NSCHS Exam Week**
- June 22nd — Gr. 9 PAT Science Exam 9:00 am - 11:00 am (*Last Exam Day for Gr. 9 students)
- June 23rd — Diploma Exam - Biology 30
- June 25th — Diploma Exam - Physics 30
- June 28th — Diploma Exam - Science 30
- June 28-29 — Teacher / Office Work Days