

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE - September 4th, 2026

Picture Day is Coming! Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, September 8th**

Important PowerSchool Reminder for Parents - A friendly reminder to parents and guardians that fees and forms are being added to your PowerSchool accounts daily. Please take a moment to check your PowerSchool account regularly to ensure that you are aware of any new items requiring your attention.

A new permission form has just been added for students who will be attending PE/Options at the Agriplex. Please review and complete this form as soon as possible.

Thank you for checking PowerSchool regularly and completing required forms and fees promptly!

Get a Head Start with Dual Credit! Dual Credit allows high school students to earn high school and post-secondary credits at the same time by taking courses through participating Alberta colleges and universities. Black Gold School Division covers tuition for approved courses, while students are responsible for textbooks, supplies, and course-specific fees. **Semester 1 applications are now closed, but applications for Semester 2 will be considered until November 15, 2026.** Interested students can check out this poster for available programs and eligibility requirements, or contact [Mrs. Haveroen](#) for more information.

2026–2027 Student Enrollment Verification Forms [The Student Enrollment Verification Form](#) will be available in the PowerSchool Parent Portal beginning **September 9 at 9:00 a.m.** Families are asked to complete the form for each child **by November 27, 2026.** Completing the form helps ensure the school has current contact, emergency, medical, permission, and student information. Only one parent/guardian needs to complete the form for each student. If you need help accessing PowerSchool or completing the form, please contact the school office.

Grade 12 Diploma Exam Dates have been set for the 2026–2027 school year. [Please click here](#) for more information or see our important upcoming dates list below.

School Clothing 2026-2027 Saints Wear is available to order online! Visit [Lil Buckaroo](#), find our school, and place your order! **Orange shirts** are also available for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

What A Great Start to the School Year! Our school staff would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the students and families who attended our third annual Meet the Teacher Barbecue last night. It was wonderful to see our K to 12 community come together. A special thank you to Mrs. Dirks for arranging the face painter, cotton candy, and balloon artist, who added so much fun to the evening. We also want to recognize our senior band, under the direction of Mr. Richardson, for their first performance at this event. Extra special thanks go to Mr. Baker and Mr. Hjertaas for their efforts cooking ALL THE HOTDOGS at the barbecue. And lastly, much appreciation going out to our amazing student volunteers, Hope B., Colton D., Savannah D., Mary K., & Vidia T. We couldn't have done it without you!

Student Driving & Parking Safety: Thank you to all of our families and student drivers who have completed the Student Parking Lot Expectations & Permit Form. Beginning next week, all students who wish to park in the student parking lot must have the form completed. We appreciate your help in keeping student parking safe and organized. Students who drive to and from school are expected to drive safely and responsibly at all times, both on school property and in the surrounding community. This week, we received community concerns about unsafe student driving near the elementary crosswalk, the Market, and the Agriplex, including speeding, revving, and not stopping appropriately at the crosswalk. The RCMP also attended the school in response to some community reports. Please remind your student drivers to take particular care at the flashing elementary crosswalk when children are crossing, and remember to follow all traffic laws and drive respectfully throughout the community. Parking at school is a privilege and unsafe driving may result in the temporary or permanent loss of student parking privileges. Thank you to our student drivers and families for helping us keep safety at the forefront.

Lost & Found: If your child has lost one of their clear invisalign mouth aligners, please tell them to stop by the office.

Filipino Language & Culture – High School Credit Opportunity The Filipino Language and Culture School of Edmonton Society is accepting registrations for its 2026–2027 program. Senior high students can earn 5 Alberta high school credits per course through FIL15, FIL25 and FIL35, while developing Filipino language skills and learning more about Filipino culture and heritage. Online programming is available for Grade 10–12 students in the High Level and surrounding area, with additional hybrid programs offered in Grande Prairie and Edmonton. Interested families can find registration information by clicking [here](#).

Youth Water Council – Applications Open! Students ages 15–18 who are interested in the environment, leadership, science, or future careers connected to water and sustainability are invited to apply for the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance's 2026–2027 Youth Water Council. The program brings together 12 students from across the North Saskatchewan River watershed for virtual sessions, hands-on workshops, a weekend camp, and the opportunity to create and implement their own environmental project. Participants will learn from environmental professionals, build leadership and teamwork skills, and gain experience that may support future academic and career pathways. Programming begins with an in-person workshop at the University of Alberta on October 24, followed by virtual sessions, a February weekend camp at Camp Warwa on Lac Ste. Anne, and project work through the spring. There is no previous experience required — applicants simply need to show an interest in community, the environment, and teamwork. Application deadline: Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Students can learn more and apply at the NSWA Youth Water Council webpage, or scan the QR code on the accompanying poster.

Casino Fundraiser Volunteers Needed – Save the Date! (*DATE CHANGE)

We are excited to share that New Sarepta Community High School School Advisory Council has been awarded a **Casino Fundraiser on December 13 and 14, 2026, in Camrose**. Casino fundraisers are one of the most significant sources of fundraising revenue available to our school community and have the potential to generate thousands of dollars that directly support students over the next three years.

Funds raised help support/purchase extra classroom equipment & resources, athletic & fine arts programming, field trips, and other experiences that enrich school life for all students. Simply put, the success of this event will have a lasting impact on our school community for years to come!

While the event is still several months away, we are starting our **volunteer recruitment now** to ensure we have all positions filled well in advance. **We are looking for 6 volunteers per evening shift**, as well as several individuals willing to serve as backup volunteers if needed. No previous casino experience is required. Training, meals, and support from a registered casino advisor will be provided.

If you are able to help, please complete the volunteer application form and email it to:

Tamara Morris (Fundraising Coordinator) - fundraising.nschs.paa@gmail.com

Volunteer Application Form:

Casino Volunteer Worker Application | AGLC <https://aglc.ca/forms/casino-volunteer-worker-application>

When responding, please indicate:

- Which date(s) you are available
- Any additional positions you would consider
- Whether you would like to be scheduled for a shift or serve as a backup volunteer

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our students! A few hours of your time can help create opportunities and experiences for New Sarepta students for years to come.

Available Positions:

General Manager – Responsible for overall operation, ensuring volunteers arrive, remaining on-site for the full shift, controlling drop box keys, and overseeing reporting. Strong computer skills required.

Banker – Controls cash and floats, manages cash and chip transfers, and completes required documentation. Strong computer skills required.

Cashier – Handles and counts large volumes of cash and chip exchanges while maintaining and monitoring floats.

Chip Runner – Delivers chips throughout the casino, moves frequently throughout the facility, and operates handheld computers for tracking purposes.

Count Room Supervisor – Works with the casino advisor to record cash counts, wins, and losses using the computerized tracking system.

Follow us on our social media accounts!

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

Important Upcoming Dates:

• September 7th	Labour Day (Schools Closed)
• September 8th	Picture Day
• September 9th	Sr. High Volleyball Tryouts (3) 3:30-5:00 pm
• September 9th	School Council 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
• September 18th	PD Day (No Classes)
• September 21st	First Day of the School Advisory Little Caesars Fundraiser
• September 21st	North Central Zone Golf Championships 1A/2A
• September 30th	National Day For Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
• October 6th	LDAA Cross Country Meet (Westaskiwin) *Tentative Date
• 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	Cross Country Zones (Sherwood Park)
• October 14th	Grad 2027 Parent Information Meeting 5:30 PM
• October 14th	School Council AGM 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
• October 22nd	Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler Opens 8:00 am
• October 26-30	Delivery Week for School Advisory Little Caesars Orders
• 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 27th	Due Date for Student Verification Forms 2026-2027
• December 4th	PD Day (No Classes)
• 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 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 15th	Family Day (Schools Closed)
• March 11th	Evening of Sweet Melody 7:00 - 8:30 pm
• March 15th	PD Day (No Classes)
• 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 14th First Day of Quarter 4 Option Classes
- April 15th Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm
- April 16th Report Cards Published 4:00 pm
- April 23rd PD Day (No Classes)
- 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 8th Gr. 9 PAT Language Arts & K&E Exam Part B 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- 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