NOTES FROM THE OFFICE - September 12th, 2025

- Our Grade 12 students organized their own **GRAD 2026 SUNRISE & BREAKFAST** in our school parking lot this week. Check out our social media accounts for photos!

- **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.**

- **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**.

- 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
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!

- **Morning Drop-Off Reminder** - We kindly remind parents that the **school parking lot is reserved for staff and student drivers** in the mornings. Please pull up in front of the front doors to **drop and go**, rather than parking and waiting in a stall. When vehicles remain in parking spots, it prevents our student drivers from finding a place to park

before class begins. Thank you for helping us keep mornings safe and efficient for everyone!

- **Lunchtime Reminder** - Many students enjoy eating their lunch outside—which is wonderful to see! We ask for your help in reminding your child to pick up after themselves and dispose of garbage properly. Keeping our school grounds clean ensures that everyone can enjoy a safe, welcoming environment. Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep NSCHS looking great!

- **New Absence Reporting System at NSCHS: SafeArrival**

  To make reporting student absences easier and more efficient, all BGSD schools are using a new system called **SafeArrival**.

  With SafeArrival, you can report your child's absence in advance—any time of day—using one of three simple methods:

- Mobile App – Download the *SchoolMessenger Home* app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Sign up, then tap Attendance and Report an Absence.

- Online – Visit the SchoolMessenger website, create an account, and report the absence under Attendance.

- Phone – Call the toll-free number 780-955-4526 and follow the prompts to report the absence.

  These options are available 24/7, and absences can be reported in advance. Please ensure you have the ***SchoolMessenger Home* app** downloaded and ff you need help logging in, feel free to reach out to our office.

- **<u>2025–2026 Student Enrollment Verification</u>**

  We are pleased to share that the **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.

- ACTIVE 8's and 9's FREE Membership is back at the LRC and Alexandra Outdoor Pool

- **TEEN TAKEOVER** at the LRC October 4th - https://www.leduc.ca/event/teen-takeover

- **Follow us on our social media accounts!**
    - Facebook: New Sarepta Community High School
    - Instagram: NSCHS_SAINTS

Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 15th Senior High Golf Zones at Drayton Valley Golf Club
- September 18th LDAA Junior High Golf Tournament at Montgomery Glen Golf Club
- September 19th PD Day (No Classes)
- September 25th Terry Fox Walk/Run
- September 29th **Orange Shirt Day**
- September 30th National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
- October 3rd Sr. Drama Field Trip to the Citadel Theatre - Life of PI
- October 8th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- October 13th Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)
- October 14th PD Day (No Classes)
- October 16th Picture Retakes
- October 31st Last Day of Quarter 1
- November 4th First Day of Quarter 2
- 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 10th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- January 14th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- January 21st Last day of Senior High classes before exams
- January 23rd Last day of Junior High classes before midterm exams
- **January 26-29 NSCHS Exam Week**
- January 29th Last Day of Semester 1
- February 2nd First Day of Semester 2 / Quarter 3
- February 6th Class of 2026 - Grad Photos
- February 11th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- March 11th School Council 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 13th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 21st Gr. 9 PAT ELA Exam Part A - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 10th School Council Meeting 6:30 pm (*tentative date)
- June 12th Grad 2026 Commencement 7:00 pm (*tentative date)
- June 16th Last Day of Senior High classes before exams
- June 18th Last Day of Junior High classes before exams
- June 18th Gr. 9 PAT ELA Exam Part B - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- 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 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