



FOOTHILLS

DIGITAL SCHOOL

June 2024

Farewell and Happy Summer!

And then it was June! It amazes us that we have almost completed another school year! Please read carefully about all June events.

Foothills Digital School Graduation

We are thrilled to be recognizing our high school graduates on **Thursday, June 13**. Please note that we have made preparations for those students who replied to our surveys indicating that they would be attending. The start time for our ceremony is at **3:00 PM at the Centennial Centre in Okotoks**. Please arrive no later than 2:30 PM so you may be fitted with your gown and cap. We will give you last-minute instructions regarding the ceremony. Please ensure that you have registered that you are coming to graduation. If you missed this registration, please email Mrs. Thorbjornsen (thorbjornsent@fsd38.ab.ca) to indicate that you would like to attend the ceremony. There will be refreshments served after the ceremony. We will send one final email to all graduates regarding the ceremony.

Summer School

We have had inquiries at our office regarding summer school classes. Foothills Digital School is currently not associated with Foothills Summer School. You will need to register online for summer school at <https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/page/12170/summer-school>. The deadline to register for summer school is **Friday, June 7 @ 3:30 PM**. After that date, Foothills School Division will not be taking further registrations.

Changes for Foothills Digital School

Significant changes are on the horizon for the 2024-2025 school year! We have thoroughly enjoyed our time at Foothills Digital School, serving our school community. For the 2024-2025 school year, Sarah Clark will be the principal of Dr. Morris Gibson School only. Brad Skeet will be moving to Westmount School to take over the vice-principal duties at that school. Foothills Digital School's new principal is Monica Crane, who also serves as the principal of Cameron Crossing School, along with vice-principal Robert Gallacher.

Our program is expanding! If you feel a more blended learning model with in-person and online learning opportunities would best suit your child, Foothills School Division is increasing its Outreach Services model in the coming school year, and more in-person opportunities for FDS students will be available as the year progresses. Our timeline is fluid as we adapt to a construction schedule, and an education site is being pursued.

This past year, students in grades 1 through 6 met weekly as a class with their teacher. Next year, these meetings will be held in several grades to explore similar topics within the grade groups. This will allow for richer discussions and more opportunities to engage in interactive activities as more students participate in each meeting. Our grades 7-9 will continue to offer the same programming but will also become a part of the Foothills Outreach Centre during the 2024-2025 school year, where outreach and in-person services will be afforded to our junior high students.

We thank our FDS students and families for their support over the past two years! We are sad to be leaving our Foothills Digital community but excited to see what new adventures the following school year brings. We wish all of you the best in your future endeavours! Continue to read the newsletter for upcoming events in June and as we close out the 2023-2024 school year.

On behalf of the entire Foothills Digital School Team for the 2023-2024 school year, we wish you a peaceful, relaxing, and happy summer!

All the best and goodbye for now,

Sarah Clark and Brad Skeet, Foothills Digital School Administration Team

“Thank You” to Our Student Council!



As we finish this school year, the Administration at Foothills Digital School would like to thank our extraordinary student council for an excellent year. Always an enthusiastic group, they gave up their time to participate in the Foothills Digital School Student Matters committee. Student Matters has been designed to collect student voices from around our school division to better inform schools of student perceptions and thoughts around various topics that pertain to their learning. Students participate in group discussions with students from other schools to share experiences and help inform us when planning our school growth. Thank you to those council members who came from a distance to support our committee!

Our student council, a beacon of community spirit, also spearheaded several charitable initiatives. Their Halloween Bake Sale Bash, a testament to their creativity and compassion, raised funds for a former FDS family. In December, they organized a delightful FDS Elementary Student Get-Together, providing a memorable afternoon of fun-filled activities for our young FDS students. On top of a busy December, our council also worked to collect Christmas food hampers to support our community during the Holiday Season. Finally, our group helped to organize Kindness Day in February with the Dr. Morris Gibson students. We are immensely proud of their efforts and positive impact on our school community!

We thank the following students who were a part of our student council for the 2023-2024 school year:

Jade-Lynn
Archie
Indiana
Danika
Alexis
Connor

Lastly, we extend our heartfelt thanks to **Mrs. Shaw-Dearden**, whose wisdom and guidance have been instrumental in the success of our student council. Her unwavering support and dedication have truly made a difference. We are grateful for her invaluable contributions to our school community!



As we approach the 2024/25 school year, we want to ensure a smooth transition for all students. If your family is considering moving your child to a new Foothills Division School, please take note of the following important information:

Online Registration Form: To secure your child's enrollment, **complete the online registration form**. This form is essential for accurate planning and allocation of resources. You can find this form on your Edsembli site. Login to your Edsembli Portal at [edsembli SIS](#) with your username and password, then select *New Registration* and submit your child's information.

2024/25 Returning High School Students

It's time to select your courses for the 2024-2025 school year. Please expect an email to your FSD gmail account within the coming days. You may also follow this link to complete the course selection form. [Course Selection](#)



Summer School 2024: July 2 - 29, 2024

Summer school is offered annually to students who want to:

- participate in new opportunities
- take a course that doesn't fit in their timetables during the school year
- understand high school learning and expectations
- take Math 15 to prepare for Math 10C
- do not prefer the traditional physical education setting
- have a flexible learning schedule to accommodate athletics, arts, or travel commitments.

Registration:

Registration for 2024 will open April 15, 2024.

We will not accept registrations after 4pm on June 7, 2024.

1. Already registered with Foothills School Division? [Log into the Edsembli Family Portal](#)
2. Select Online Registration from top left corner
3. Select "FSD Summer School" from dropdown of schools

***Please note that Summer School is *not* Foothills Digital School. You will need to complete the separate registration form.**



Student Attendance at Foothills Digital School

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As a digital school, we do not measure students' attendance in the traditional manner that an in-person school does. Instead, we look for our students to be logging into their Moodle classes, engaging within those classes, and submitting assignments. Interaction and correspondence with their teachers are also factored in. Students

currently not logging in regularly to their classes, simply clicking links without engaging in the class, and not completing the assignments are considered truants from school.

We remind families that the School Act requires students up to 16 to be enrolled and attending school. We will email families of students who are currently not attending their classes or submitting assignments as a courtesy to see if there is an improvement in attendance. We will employ an attendance plan after meeting with parents. Should we not see an improvement, we must forward the student's name to our school division attendance officer for legal action. For students in Grades 1-9 who have not submitted enough learning for a teacher to assess, we will contact families regarding the next steps for the 2024-2025 school year.

High School Students over the Age of 16 who are not engaging with their teachers or the course will receive a courtesy attendance letter as well as a reminder that they have fallen off the pace of their course and should be in contact with their teacher(s) as soon as possible.

We thank you for your attention and support in this critical manner.

High School Student Registration for 2024-2025

After spring break, we focus on the 2024-2025 school year. We will send out a specific email at the beginning of May to our high school students (and their parents if they are under 18) to make their course selections for the 2024-2025 school year. We are currently setting our course selections for the next school year and will be in touch soon!

Mental Health and Wellness Supports

Foothills School Division is pleased to offer a host of wellness supports available to our students and their families.

To access these supports, please visit <https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/page/3124/wellness>

If your child requires mental wellness support and you are unsure where to begin, please contact your child's teacher(s). We can connect you with our Family School Liaison Counsellor, Ms. Lindsay Boucher, who can connect with you and determine the next steps for support.

SUMMER CAMPS

Bot Basics and Beyond:
Innovate & Apply
Solutions to Food Scarcity

Ages: 12-15



Register now at 10peaks.ca/camps



**GET YOUR "TECH ON"
AND TACKLE A REAL
WORLD PROBLEM:
FOOD SCARCITY.**

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July 15 - 19 &
August 12 - 16, 2024
Strathcona Tweedsmuir School

Bot Basics and Beyond Camp: Innovate and Apply Solutions to Food Scarcity

Students ages 12-15 (\$375 + GST)

Ten Peaks Innovation presents a five-day camp, where students will work in teams to get their 'tech on', innovate and be inspired for solutions for a real-world problem - food scarcity.

Students will be exposed to five days of immersive and hands-on robotics camp on the Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School campus where they are introduced to concepts of design thinking, UN sustainable development goals, ag-tech and automation. They will code and design a robot and its SMART world add on, with an award-winning science and robotics teacher, Steve Schutlz, and discover their ability to become entrepreneurial thinkers and change makers. Through engaging and dynamic activities, campers will learn about sustainable technologies and possible solutions for a real-world problem: food scarcity. Students will be inspired and learn about the latest ag-tech and SMART farming concepts from three guest speakers in industry and academia.

High School Course Withdrawal Procedure

If your child is in high school, we understand that there are circumstances where students need to withdraw from a class. Students under 18 will need the course withdrawal completed by a parent and sent to Foothills Digital

School by email. For our adult students, you must complete and submit the withdrawal form. **Foothills Digital School will only complete a withdrawal from a course with this form. Please use this link:** <https://forms.office.com/r/7WHeWGbjZU> to fill out the form. You will receive an email confirming the withdrawal.

Please contact us if you have further questions. Please note that if a high school student is in danger of not completing the course, the parent or student needs to take responsibility for the withdrawal to avoid a non-passing grade being placed on transcripts. ****Foothills Digital School will not withdraw a student from a course. This is a parent/student responsibility.**

Heading out to university, college, or another post-secondary school this fall?

Do you want to know about what that school's library will be able to do for you? Want to get advanced knowledge about makerspaces, bookable study rooms, or how to contact a librarian who knows all about finding all the books, magazines, journals articles, and high-quality online information for your assignments?

If you are worried or intimidated by any of these things, you are not alone. This is such a common feeling that librarians have done in depth research into what we call "library anxiety."

Find out more at: <https://sheepriverlibrary.ca/Programs/Programs-For/Adult-Senior-Programs/Intro-to-post-secondary-libraries>



Applications Open

Christ The Redeemer
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Foothills
SCHOOL DIVISION

The Foothills Emergency Services Program (FESP) is now accepting applicants to become cadets at the High River Fire Hall. Training based on Medical First Responder (MFR) and Fire Fighter Training (1001), including Advanced First Aid and HCP CPR, Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) 10-hour course, and Safety Awareness and Career Counselling.

Open to students in Grade 11 or Grade 12

Only 12 spots available

Runs from October to May

Students must have credit in HCS 3000
(Workplace Safety Systems)

It is recommended that students are enrolled in either
Physics 20, Biology 30 and/or Sports Sciences.

www.fesprogram.ca



www.instagram.com/p/C7AJmx5yilS/

Applicants must show they have **completed** HCS 3000 on their application.

Alberta Student Aid studentaid.alberta.ca

Student Aid Client Connections

Alberta Scholarships Update



Scholarships

The Government of Alberta has released more information regarding scholarships. Follow this link to learn more:
email : Webview : Alberta Scholarships Update - February 2024 (e2ma.net)



All Sport One Day

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All Sport one Day is an opportunity for children and youth to try new sports and discover new passions!

[All Sport One Day Registration Open](#)

Important School Dates

June 11 - English Language Arts 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma Exam Part "A" (for those who are scheduled) 9:00 - 3:00 PM

June 12 - Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma Exam Part "A" (for those who are scheduled) 9:00 - 3:00 PM

June 12 - Gr. 9 PAT, ELA Part "B"

June 13 - Gr. 6 & 9 PAT, Mathematics Part "A"

June 13 - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony 3:00 pm

June 14 - Gr. 6 PAT, Mathematics Part "B"

June 17 - Math 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma Exam (for those who are scheduled) 9:00 - 3:00 PM

June 18 - English Language Arts 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma Exam Part "B" (for those who are scheduled) 9:00 - 3:00 PM

June 18 - Gr. 9 PAT, Mathematics Part "B"

June 19 - Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2 Diploma Exam Part "B" (for those who are scheduled) 9:00 - 3:00 PM

June 19 - Gr. 6 & 9 PAT, Social Studies

June 20 - Biology 30 Diploma Exam Part (for those who are scheduled) 9:00 - 3:00 PM

June 20 - Gr. 6 & 9 PAT, Science

June 24 - Chemistry 30 Diploma Exam Part (for those who are scheduled) 9:00 - 3:00 PM

June 25 - Physics 30 Diploma Exam Part (for those who are scheduled) 9:00 - 3:00 PM

June 26 - Science 30 Diploma Exam Part (for those who are scheduled) 9:00 - 3:00 PM

June 27 - Last day of school for Foothills School Division students