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April Newsletter

To our ÉSFCHS | AHSFA students and families,

We hope everyone has had a great start to Spring. April is a busy month with graduation less than six weeks away and second semester is officially over 50% complete. Please take a few moments to review the updates and key dates below.

General School Information

Please take the time to review the Student Reference Guide (Handbook) with your child which can be viewed using this link: [Student Reference Guide 2025-2026](#).

The Cell Phone Policy and Use of Devices information listed on pages 10-13 is of particular importance as it is aligned with the *Government of Alberta's Ministerial Order*. For more information, follow these links:

[Ministerial Order #14/2024](#)

[Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media: Parent Guide](#)

Open House

Thank-you to all our grade 9 students and families who attended our amazing school. It was great to meet and talk with so many of the new Falcon families.

School Council Information Session

The next School Council Information Session will be on April 14th @ 6:30 pm in our Learning Commons. The focus will be around summer school and the Summer School Admin Team will be here to answer whatever questions you have.

Student Fees

For our grade 10 and 11 families who may still have outstanding school fees, this is a gentle reminder that these fees do carry forward from year to year. Taking care of them now can help prevent a larger balance from accumulating as students move into grades 11 and 12.

For optional courses such as Construction or Fabrication, fees do need to be paid before students can register for the next level. For example, if a student has an unpaid fee for Construction 20, they won't be able to enroll in Construction 30 until this year's fee has been cleared.

We encourage you to take a moment to check whether you have any outstanding fees. If you would like help setting up a payment plan, please reach out—our team is more than happy to support you and provide all the necessary details.

Edsembli is Open for Course Selections

Edsembli is now open to choose grade 10, 11 and 12 courses. Course selections are due by **April 7**. This is NOT first come first served; planning, discussing and choosing courses at home is encouraged. [Please check the course fee for each elective before choosing.](#) If your student needs help, they can connect with their current academic advisor.

Exam Schedule

The June final exam schedule has been posted to the school website. Click [here](#) to view a copy.

Kid Sport

KidSport Okotoks is a local chapter of KidSport Alberta, a registered non-profit organization dedicated to removing financial barriers that prevent children from participating in sport. They provide confidential financial assistance for registration fees so that kids from families facing financial challenges can experience the physical, social, and mental health benefits of sport. Grant money of up to \$500 is given to qualified families.

In addition, they would like to invite junior high and high school students to get involved through volunteering. Volunteering with KidSport Okotoks provides meaningful leadership experience, supports graduation requirements, and fosters a strong sense of community engagement. Opportunities include assisting with fundraising events, community outreach initiatives, and awareness campaigns.

If you want more information, please contact Kyle Jones, Board Chair of KidSport Okotoks at 587-433-5437 or okotoks@kidsport.ab.ca.

Garbage is a Community Effort

The Okotoks Municipal Enforcement (OME) would like to share an update regarding litter and waste concerns in the area behind the Viking Centre, a space often used by Foothills Composite High School students.

The Town of Okotoks is committed to keeping our community clean, vibrant, and sustainable. This commitment is reflected in our Waste Bylaw 18-16, Community Standards Bylaw 31-23, and provincial legislation such as the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA). While these regulations do allow for fines—typically starting at \$250 for litter-related offences—our primary focus is always on education, awareness, and community responsibility rather than penalties.

At this time, our goal is to work together to support positive habits and shared stewardship of our public spaces. We truly value the partnership we have with the school community, and we believe that by working together, we can continue fostering respect and care for our environment.

To help with this effort, OME Peace Officers will be increasing proactive patrols in the parking lots and surrounding areas behind the Viking Centre. Their presence is intended to be supportive and preventative, helping students make responsible choices and keeping the area clean and welcoming for everyone.

STUDENT POLICE ACADEMY
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
 A unique opportunity to learn about a career in policing through scenario-based activities

OPEN TO GRADE 12 STUDENTS

For more information:
 Speak to your School Resource Officer or school administration
Application deadline is April 24, 2026

HERITAGE PARK
 Calgary Police Youth Foundation

website

Athletics

What a great year for our basketball teams!!!! The Varsity Boy's competed in Edmonton at the 5A Boys Provincial Championships. The team went in ranked #7 and finished with a #6 place finish. Thank-you to Amron Gwilliam and his coaching staff for their commitment to Falcon's Athletics.

The Varsity Girl's competed in Lethbridge at the 4A Girls Provincial Championships. The team went in ranked #6 and finished with a #6 place finish. Thank-you to Curt Colfer and his coaching staff for their commitment to Falcon's Athletics.

What's next? The rugby and baseball teams have already started practicing, with badminton and track and field to start soon. If you need more information, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Jeremy Davies.

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Fine Arts

Congratulation to the AHSFA Vocal Ensemble in achieving the award of superior, the highest grade possible, at the Highwood Lions Music Festival performance. Mr. Ellis was impressed with their excellence in performing difficult rep, their confidence, sense of unity and identity, and professionalism. They represented themselves well and were incredible ambassadors for our school and division.

Upcoming Important Dates

March 30-April 6- Spring Break

April 14th- School Council @ 6:30pm in the Learning Commons

April 15th- Foothills School Division Summer School Registration Opens

April 16th and 18th- Parent Teacher Interviews (Virtual – a link to book will be emailed home after spring break)

The daily announcements are posted on our website here: [Daily Announcements](#)

Have a wonderful April! As always, please reach out if you have any questions,

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Enjoy your Spring Break!

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