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February Newsletter 2026

To our ÉSFCHS | AHSFA students and families,

Welcome back!

We hope everyone has had a great start to the new semester. February is a busy month with important graduation information, school events, and opportunities for students to get involved. Please take a few moments to review the updates and key dates below.

General School Information

Learner Profiles are available in the Family Portal under Digital Documents. Please check junk email if you missed the notification.

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](#)

Pink Shirt Day

Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink in support of kindness and anti-bullying initiatives on Wednesday, February 11. Thank you to our Student Union for organizing this important initiative. Regular classes will be held as there is no change to the timetable that day.

French Language Challenge Exam (FSL)

French-speaking students may challenge FSL exams to earn course credits without enrolling in an FSL class. The exam is optional, can count toward graduation requirements, and the final mark may be used for the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship.

Students must complete a review booklet for each level they wish to challenge. Booklets are completed independently, outside of class time, and must be submitted to Ms. Stephenson before students are permitted to write the exam.

Each challenge exam includes a **written** and an **oral** component. Written exams are offered on scheduled dates in March, April, May, or June and require advance sign-up. Oral exams are more flexible and can be completed during B Block, Connect, or lunch by appointment with Ms. Stephenson.

Students interested in challenging a French course or seeking more information should speak directly with Ms. Stephenson.

Fine Arts

The Mean Girls Musical was a huge success! Thank you to all who support the fine arts! The students worked diligently to put on a fantastic show.

Jazz Night: Monday, February 9 at 7:00pm, hosted by Highwood High School.

Feb. 02 jazz students worked with jazz clinician Nate Waters who will join us for a Jazz Night hosted by Highwood High School on Monday, February 09 at 7:00pm. Jazz Night will feature performances by AHSFA Jazz as well as Highwood High School, Okotoks Junior High, and Senator Riley jazz bands.

Music camp for concert band and vocal ensemble is at SABC from February 23-25.

Athletics

Girls rugby is back! No experience is necessary and there are no cuts. If you missed the interest meeting, please see Mrs. McLeod or Mrs. Gibbs for more information.

Sr Boys and Sr Girls basketball teams are off to great starts in their respective seasons. Both are highly ranked and competing in the top tournament in the Province. The Girls are currently ranked #2 in the 4A rankings. The boys have opted to play up in the 5A category and are anxiously awaiting the new rankings coming out this week and anticipate being in the middle of the top 10 in Alberta. Next home game is vs HTA on February 24th at 5:30 and 7:15 pm.

How Parents Can Help Reduce Cyber Bullying in High Schools



Talk Openly



Have regular conversations.

Teach Online Safety



Educate about internet risks.

Monitor & Guide



Supervise digital activity.

Set Tech Rules



Establish screen time limits.

Spot the Signs



Watch for signs of cyber bullying.

Support & Empathize



Offer emotional support.

Work with the School



Collaborate to address issues.

Report & Document



Report and record incidents.



STUDENT INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES 2026/2027

- Exciting Opportunity! Study and Travel to **Spain, Mexico, France** or **Quebec** for an unforgettable educational experience in 2026/2027. You need Spanish 10 or French 10 to participate
- Immerse yourself in a new culture, language, and adventure!
- Meet new friends, enhance your global perspective, and grow as a leader. 🌍👤
- Perfect for students who love learning, exploring, and challenging themselves.

For more details, speak to **Ms. St. Dennis** and **Ms. Doyle today!** Applications Dates TBA



Upcoming February Break

No school for students from February 16th to 20th.

February 11 - Pink Shirt Day

February 16 – Family Day

February 17 – Schools Closed

February 18 – Non-Instructional Day for Professional Learning

February 19 & 20 – Non-Instructional Days for ATA Convention

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

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

Kerry Welsh, Principal

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