



École Secondaire Foothills Composite High School

Alberta High School of Fine Arts

Mid-September Newsletter

September 17th, 2025

To our ÉSFCHS | AHSFA students and families,

We're off to a fantastic start this fall, and there's so much happening in and around our school community!

From meaningful events like the Terry Fox Run and Orange Shirt Day to exciting athletic achievements and student exchanges, we're proud of the energy and engagement our students are showing. Please take a moment to read through the updates below and mark your calendars for some important upcoming dates.

Want to keep up with the multitude of events happening at our school? The Daily Announcements are posted on our website under the 'Students' tab. You can also view them by following this link: <https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/foothillscomposite/page/17544/daily-in-school-announcements>:

Terry Fox Run/Walk

Our school will proudly participate in the annual Terry Fox Run/Walk on Wednesday, September 24. Students will learn about Terry's inspiring legacy through videos before heading out for a community walk. At the finish line, hotdogs will be available for \$1, with all proceeds going to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Fundraising Fun:

- Bucket Dump – Students donate raffle tickets to vote on which brave teacher gets drenched!
- Basket Raffle – Win a basket full of student-friendly goodies!
- Bake Sale – Monday, Sept. 22

- Pizza Sale – Tuesday, Sept. 23
- Car Change Raid – Sept. 16, 17, and 24 (morning drop-off)

Online Donations Welcome: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/98011>

Orange Shirt Day

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is September 30th. On Monday September 29th we will be observing Orange Shirt Day. Activities include an assembly that will take place in the theatre, featuring two elders and residential school survivors. The event will be live streamed to classrooms. In recognition of this day, there will be no school on September 30th.

Student Exchanges

We're thrilled to welcome exchange students from Quebec, France, and Spain! They'll be with us for 8–12 weeks, enriching our school with new languages and cultures. In February 2026, our students will travel to these destinations.

Interested in joining an exchange to France, Spain, Mexico, or Quebec? Speak with Ms. Clancy St. Dennis or Ms. Florlyn Doyle, or visit the Alberta Education Exchange Programs website.

Fine Arts

The musical this year is 'Mean Girls'. It is sure to be a hit! The cast has already been rehearsing, costumes are coming together, and sets are being built!

The Sweet Showcase event will happen again this year. Stay tuned for more information!

Falcon Athletics Update

Fall sports are in full swing! Here's what's happening:

- Football – Senior Night vs. Drumheller, Saturday at 7:00 PM
- Volleyball – Sr. Girls won Gold at Croxford; Sr. Boys placed 4th in a top-tier tournament
- Girls Soccer – 1 win, 1 tie in league play
- Golf & Cross Country – Training hard for upcoming events

FalconFit After-School Fitness Program

FalconFit, runs Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:45–4:35. Whether you're new to fitness or a seasoned lifter, this program builds strength, confidence, and community.

Contact Mr. VanDerVeen or Mr. Langager for more information!

Grade 12 Presentations

- Applying to Post-Secondary in Alberta – Sept. 18, Lunch, Learning Commons
- Life After High School (Parents welcome) – Sept. 25, 6:00 PM, AHSFA Theatre
- Scholarships & Funding – Oct. 15, Lunch, Learning Commons

Graduation 2026- Mark your Calendars!

Graduation will be held on May 8–9, 2026 (moved up due to BMO Hall availability).

Starting October 1, families can earn 5% back toward grad fees and dinner tickets by purchasing gift cards for:

- Sobeys/Safeway/Freshco
- No Frills/Superstore
- Save On Foods

More information will be emailed to graduating families later this month.

Important Dates

- Sept. 16–17: Car Change Raid
- Sept. 18: Grade 12 Post-Secondary Presentation
- Sept. 19: No Classes
- Sept. 22: Bake Sale
- Sept. 23: Pizza Sale
- Sept. 24: Terry Fox Run/Walk
- Sept. 25: Life After High School Presentation (6 PM)
- Sept. 29: Orange Shirt Day Assembly
- Sept. 30: No School – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct. 1: Grad Gift Card Program Begins
- Oct. 3: Photo Day

- Oct. 15: Scholarships & Funding Presentation

Thank you for staying connected and supporting our students!

Warm regards,

Kerry Welsh, Principal

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