

FX SPOTLIGHT

Message from Principal Fernando Runco

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Dear FX Families,

I hope this note finds you and your loved ones well. As we return from the Easter weekend, I trust it brought moments of peace, reflection, and joy—whether through time spent with family, honoring meaningful traditions, or simply enjoying the beauty of the season.

With May now upon us, I'm excited to highlight the many events and celebrations ahead. This month's newsletter is a reflection of the growth, accomplishments, and spirit that continue to thrive in our school community.

As we journey through the coming weeks, our focus turns to Mary, a guiding light of grace and strength. May her example inspire us to walk with compassion, humility, and purpose in all we do.

I also want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to our exceptional staff. Your dedication, energy, and heart are the foundation of all we achieve together. Thank you for the meaningful difference you make each and every day.



Message from the Principal

As May unfolds with its full calendar of exciting activities, from athletic events and student clubs to memorable field trips, let's embrace these moments as meaningful opportunities for growth, connection, and school spirit. These experiences not only enrich our students' learning but also strengthen the bonds that unite us as a community.

I'd like to extend a special thank-you to our dedicated FX Grad Committee for their incredible work as we prepare for this year's graduation ceremony. This milestone marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another, and we couldn't be prouder of our graduating students. Your perseverance, achievements, and character have left a lasting mark on our school, and we look forward to all the great things your future holds.

As we also approach Mother's Day, let us take time to honor the extraordinary women in our lives—mothers, grandmothers, guardians, and mentors whose care and guidance have shaped us in immeasurable ways. Their selflessness and love deserve our deepest gratitude.

Wishing you a joyful and inspiring month ahead, filled with moments of reflection, celebration, and continued growth.



Warmest regards,

Fernando Runco, Principal St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School

Chief Superintendent Anderson's May message is posted on the ECSD website. Read by <u>CLICKING HERE</u>.



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen





MAY DATES & IMPORTANT EVENTS



Asian Heritage Month - happens every year in May. It is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions that Canadians of Asian descent have made, and continue to make, to Canada's growth and prosperity!

May 1 - Support Staff Appreciation Day - We celebrate the incredible dedication and hard work of our support staff. We are truly grateful for all that you do!

May 1 - Leadership Appreciation Day in ECSD- There are so many individuals at FX who generously share of themselves to lead FX forward on a journey to always provide the best possible learning experiences for our students and staff. Thank you for all that you do in our great endeavor of Catholic education. GO RAM FAM!!!

May 5 - Bus Driver Appreciation Day - We share our thanks with those who ensure that students get safely to and from school each day that ride a bus to school! Our bus drivers are the first and last people whom our students encounter as part of their school day!

May 5 - NO MORE STOLEN SISTERS

Currently, Indigenous women make up 16 percent of all femicide victims and 11 percent of all missing women. Indigenous women, girls and 2 LGBTQIIA+ peoples are also 6 times more likely to be murdered than their non-Indigenous counterparts. These high rates of violence have drawn widespread expressions of concern from national and international human rights authorities, which have repeatedly called for Canada to address the problem. On Monday, May 5, we will be acknowledging this movement by encouraging students to wear red.



MAY DATES & IMPORTANT EVENTS



May 7 - Hats On For Mental Health Day / Star Wars Day (May the 4th Be with You!)

May 5-16 AP Exams

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 15 - Honouring Ceremony - Braided Journeys

May 17-20 - Extended May Long Weekend - NO SCHOOL for students

May 23 - Cities - Track and Field

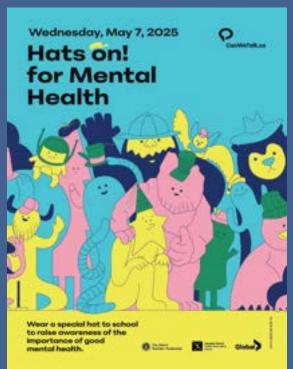
May 26-30 - Grad Week

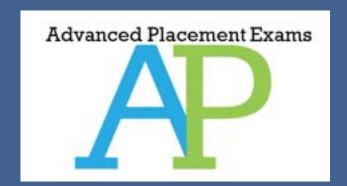
May 31 - FX Grad 2024













MAY GRADUATION DATES



May 12 - Final Grad List is released

May 12 - Last minute tickets go on sale

May 21 - Last chance to buy grad tickets

May 29 - Grad Breakfast/Retreat/Mass at St. FX

May 31 - Grad Commencement Ceremony and Banquet at Edmonton Convention Centre

Please see Mrs. Bremault or Mrs. Chong if you are unsure why you are not on the Grad List

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

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You're invited to the Annual Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow! Taking place on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the Commonwealth **Community Recreation Centre** Indoor Fieldhouse, this free, family-friendly event is open to all. What began in the gym of St. Pius X Catholic Elementary School with fewer than 100 participants has grown into a major gathering, welcoming up to 10,000 attendees each year. The event features a vibrant display of Indigenous culture and history, with powerful performances by diverse dancers and drummers. Attendees can also explore a variety of artisan, craft, and food vendors. Everyone is welcome! For more details, visit ecsd.net/powwow.



HOCKEY ACADEMY





The FX Hockey Academy has had a high-energy month of May filled with skill development and competition. On the ice, athletes have been dialed in on passing fundamentals while also competing in small area games tournaments to boost game sense and quick decision-making. Off the ice, they've been staying active through racquet sports like badminton and pickleball, building coordination and agility in a fun way. It's been a strong month focused on development, competition, and all-around athletic growth. We are also excited to announce that the U18AAA Jr Oilers White won nationals and are well represented at FX Hockey with the following members: Jayde Sansregret, Keira Grant, Taya Christie, Bree Prediger, Parker Small, Evie Hanson, Madison Stark, and Sienna Powell.



HP HOCKEY ACADEMY



The High Performance group has been putting in strong work on the ice since their seasons wrapped up. We're focusing on high-tempo sessions and intense small-area game play to keep them sharp and in peak condition as they prepare for upcoming Junior camps



BASEBALL ACADEMY



As the outdoor season officially gets underway, our focus is shifting from preparation to performance. Over the past few weeks, we've dedicated time to developing our pitching—building mechanics, strength, and consistency to lay the foundation for success on the mound.

Now, with games beginning and practices ramping up, we're working closely with athletes and families to manage workloads between our program and their club teams. Our goal is to make sure every player stays healthy, rested, and ready to compete at their best. Smart planning, clear communication, and individualized attention are key as we support our athletes through a busy and exciting season ahead.





SOCCER ACADEMY



After completing a successful indoor training phase the academy has now moved to outdoor training. The students will be participating in many different skill based competitive games that focus heavily on individual development. The coaches wish all the players the best with their club teams and spring competitions.



GOLF ACADEMY









The FX Golf Academy had an awesome indoor season at the Golf Factory, but we are now pumped to get outside at the P Club, Northern Bear and Cardiff golf courses. In other huge news we are excited to announce and congratulate our very own FX Golf Academy student Danielle Walker who officially signed to Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania NCAA Division 1 golf team. We are so proud of Danielle. Congratulations to Danielle and her family.



READING RAMS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

















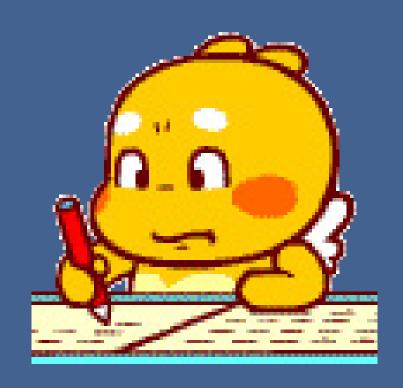
Mrs. Bubalo founded the Reading Rams Mentorship Program last semester by having her Religion classes join with Annunciation students to work on reading, writing, numeracy, and problem solving.

This semester, she has helped our new Religion classes and teachers continue with this great initiative! Thank you, Mrs. Bubalo!



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Good Luck to all the English 30AP students writing the English Literature and Composition Exam on Wednesday May 7th.



Diploma Dates:

Part A- Wednesday June 11 (9:00-3:00) Written Response

Part B- Wednesday June 18 (9:00-3:00) Reading Comprehension



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT









Our Science 30 classes attended a field trip to the Telus World of Science to explore telescopes and stellar evolution for their Physics unit.



MATH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. King took some of our Grade 12 students to the Annual Math Team Contest at Holy Trinity High School.







Math 10C students had some fun matching Domain and Range cards in our Relations and Functions Unit.



Mr Zipp and his Math 20-3s also said goodbye after 9 weeks together to their Pre Service Teacher Izzy Lajoie.



SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT









Student Vote is a program of CIVIX.

Student Vote Canada is presented in collaboration with Elections Canada.



On Monday, April 28th, FX students took part in Student Vote, which mirrors the federal election. Student volunteers worked in electoral roles, while hundreds of students cycled through to participate in the electoral process.

Thank you to our student volunteers and Miss Pinto for organizing!



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement



What to Know About AP Exams

AP Exams are standardized exams designed to measure how well students mastered the content and skills of a specific AP course. Most AP courses have an end-of-year exam, but a few courses have different ways to assess what you've learned. Find dates for your AP courses below.

		AP Exam Schedule		
Week 1		Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 p.m.	
5-May-25	Mon	Biology		
6-May-25	Tue	Chemistry		
7-May-25	Wed	English Literature and Composition		
8-May-25	Thu	1		
9-May-25	Fri			

Week 2		Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 p.m.
12-May-25	Mon	Calculus AB	Seminar
13-May-25	Tue		Physics 2
14-May-25	Wed		7 13
15-May-25	Thu		Computer Science Principles
16-May-25	Fri	Physics 1	Psychology

This year, AP Exams will be given digitally in Bluebook. The digital AP Exams can be either fully digital or hybrid digital depending on the subject.



https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/ap-exams-what-to-know/digital-testing-exam-modes



CTS AND FINE ARTS







This month our FX Band had the opportunity to record a song in a professional recording studio to enter into the MusiCounts: CBC Music Challenge.

Our students practiced and recorded the song, "A Little Bit Happy" by Canadian Artist, 'Talk'. The CBC Music Challenge is a national challenge with a \$2000 prize! This money would be used to buy some new instruments for our music program.

We also sent a few Media Broadcasting students with the band to film their first music video! Stay tuned for more!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT





Physical Education 20 - Bowling & Billiards



PE 30 - Jasper Day hike to Sulphur Skyline Hike & Miette Hot Springs will be May 14th.
Open to all PE 30 Students from Sem 1 & 2.
Join Google Classroom Code: u2cp2xs7



PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Spring activities enjoying fresh air & sunshine!





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SAVE THE DATE - ATHLETICS BANQUET



FX Athletes,
You are cordially invited
to attend
FX Athletics Banquet
Thurs, June 12th
Time to be determined
FX Cafetorium



THANK YOU COACHES

Badminton - Lucas Motkoski

Spring Sports -

Rugby - Mrs. Curtis, Barbara MacKnight, Megan Thomas, Catherine Bacinski, Jody Coughlan

<u>Soccer</u> - Helena Parker, Doug Urquia, Breanna Olson, Jennifer Nordhagen, Taylor Stephen

<u>Coed Slo Pitch</u> - John Lintz, Warren Sanregret, Stephen Zipp, Joey Dvorak

T<u>rack & Field</u> - Jeremy Posteraro & Zach Kohn

Flag Football Men's - Lucas Motkoski





SR GIRLS SOCCER







Sr Girls Soccer Team at U of A Panda Cup Team won all their games in round robin play advancing to
Championship side! Great start for the season!



Rugby - Girls 15's Team played their first Metro game & both Boys & Girls played in the Lynn Davies Tournament







Boys Flag Football Team - First time FX will have a team . For more information check in with Mr Motkoski





Sr Girls Volleyball Tryouts For more information contact Mr. Lintz or Mr. Yen

SR. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 2 0 2 5 TRY 0 U T S





MON, TUES, WEDS, THUR | JUNE 2ND-5TH
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SPORT CENTER 2/3 | 3-5 PM

8 FX. ATHLETICS



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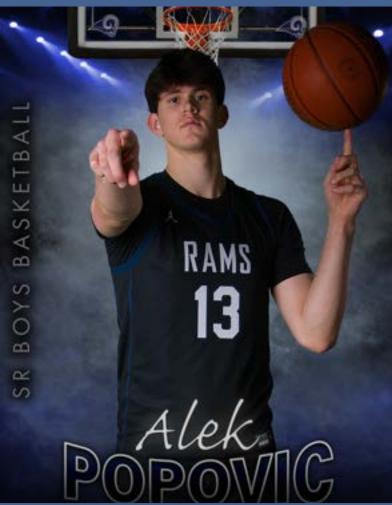


Congrats to Ayjan and Steph for winning gold in mixed doubles at the Romero Tournament today Congratulations to David Valiente for winning the gold medal in singles at the Oscar Romero Badminton Tournament! The team had a pretty good season. Thank you to Mr. Motkoski for coaching!



METRO ATHLETE ALLSTARS





Congratulations to Four FX Athletes who were nominated & voted upon by Metro Coaches Basketball - Campbell Bucci & Alek Popovic



CURLING METRO ALL STARS







4A PROVINCIAL SPORTSMANSHIP <u>AWARD</u>





Congratulations to the Sr Boys Basketball Team who also won this award, this is very rare to win both the 4 A Championship & 4 A Sportsmanship Award!





SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

****Don't Forget To Submit Your Application Any Grade 10-12 students with an interest in policing, come talk to me about the YRA. It's an amazing experience! QR codes are posted throughout the school. Applications close MAY 30th!



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BOYS RUGBY

There was uncertainty as to whether this team would have enough players & coaches to proceed.

...But the Ram Fam stepped up-FX Staff members, Student coaches, Alumni coaches, Karissa (ready to tape up tackled limbs & joints), a Consty that fills water bottles, and the young/talented athletes all joined forces.

The results so far: The team banked 2 wins at the Lynn Davies tourney and 3 FOR 3 wins @ league play on Monday!

It's been remarkable to see these boys mentoring each other, bonding as a team and blowing up the field! The Girls team has been doing amazing as well!



BRAIDED JOURNEYS

Hello Tânsi Braided Journeys Families!

We're zooming past the halfway mark of semester 2! Grade 12s are in full swing, juggling graduation prep and wrestling their grades into shape for those post-secondary dreams, all while eyeing that diploma finish line. Meanwhile, Grades 10 and 11 are making sure they're on the right track to level up next year.

This month, we're honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls with Red Dress Day in school. Next, we'll dive into the Moose Hide Campaign, rallying FX students to tackle gender-based violence head-on.

Come May, there's a fresh batch of student opportunities to jump into. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give me a ring or drop an email.

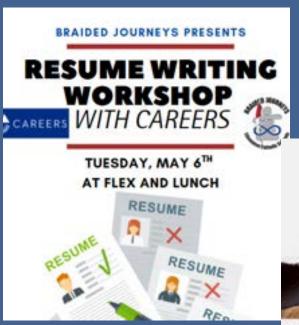


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BRAIDED JOURNEYS





MMIWG2S Awareness May 5, 2025 "Red Dress Day"

What is the "Red Dress Project?"

















SOCIAL JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

MMIWG, or Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls, refers to the critical issue of violence and disappearance of Indigenous women and girls in Canada. The National Inquiry into MMIWG was a government-led investigation launched to address this crisis, investigating the systemic causes of violence and making recommendations. The inquiry resulted in a report highlighting the urgent need for transformative legal and social changes to protect Indigenous women and girls, according to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.





Project?"



SOCIAL JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

REDress PROJECT & MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN

REDress Project (2011) is artist, Jami Black's aesthetic response to more that 1000 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in Canada, and to the critical national issue. This is a visual reminder of the staggering numbers of women who are no longer with us, drawing the attention to gendered and racialized nature of violent crimes against Aboriginal women and to evoke a presence through the making of absence.

The Moose Hide Campaign began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from local communities, First Nations, governments, schools, colleges/universities, police forces and many other organizations – all committed to taking action to end this violence.







OFF CAMPUS EDUCATION

Do you have a summer job lined up? Did you know you can earn work experience credits for that job? 25 hours of work = 1 credit.

See Mr. Bauer in the Learning Centre for more information.













EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND ANTI-RACISM - EDIAR

Facilitated by Jocelyn Chong, Richard Raposo, and Joshua Yen, as an FX school community, we are having courageous conversations with our staff as part of our Community of Practice to grow in our equitable education, address discimination and racism to build accountability, and to celebrate inclusion to foster belonging for all those who enter in our school.

- We're already doing God's work with our inclusive communities. If we don't acknowledge and celebrate our ministry, nobody else will do it for us.
- All students, staff, and families of Edmonton Catholic School Division will be provided with an inclusive, welcoming, caring, respectful, safe, and Catholic environment that promotes the wellbeing of all and fosters community support for achieving this goal.
- Catholic education is a gift to be lived, treasured and shared with all of God's children.



ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE



We would like to congratulate Rhenz Marquez on receiving the Lumen Christi Faith Student Leadership Award on April 10.

Rhenz arrived in Canada almost 2 years ago and has been an exceptional leader in our Catholic faith community.

Congratulations Rhenz!



ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE



If you are looking to register for a core course for summer school, you need to register through the Alternative Education site.
Please click the link below for a step-by-step 'How-to' guide to register.

Most courses are offered at St. FX; however, they may fill up quickly.

CLICK HERE for the 'How-to' link OR Register directly HERE.

This course is offered to newcomers who have arrived since Sept. 2024.
You must use the QR code to register for 'Intro to Alberta'



ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE



St. FX is proud to have students representing 11 countries of the 48 in the Asian continent.

In addition, there are 23 different languages or dialects spoken.



GRAD COACH



NOTE: Students must be on the grad list to purchase grad tickets and attend commencements

- 1. <u>Alberta Grad Requirements:</u> You must be scheduled for and passing all the courses required to graduate according to the Alberta Education Requirements.
- 2. <u>Religion:</u> You need to have 9 credits in Religion (or 1 Religion for every year you attended a Catholic School) to be eligible for participating in the graduation ceremonies at St. Francis Xavier.
- 3. <u>School Fees:</u> In order to purchase banquet tickets, fees must be paid at the Bookstore.

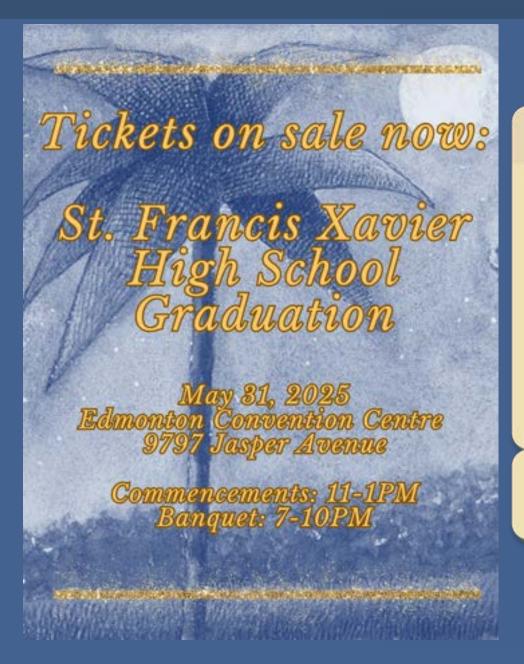
2nd Grad List - April 14th, 2025

Final Grad List - May 21st, 2025

** See Ms. Chong if you have any questions or concerns.



GRADUATION



LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS MAY 21, 2025



XAVIER UNION

Another successful Fine Arts Walk showcasing the Talent in FX! Culinary Arts made DELICIOUS Pizza. DESIGN Studies displayed some COOL 3D Projects.

The ARTWORK was second to none!! FX is RICH with talented students.

FX Teachers will be Participating in MCS Speak Out Challenge to Raise funds in Support of Mental Wellness. The Ice Bucket Challenge will be taking Place this Friday!!





FX STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is critical to a student's academic success. In accordance with section 7 of the Education Act, regular school attendance is required and expected of all students from the age of 6 to 16, although this policy applies to all students at St. Francis Xavier. Supporting student attendance is a shared responsibility shared by the school, the teacher, the student, and the parent/guardian and the community.

The responsibility for regular attendance lies with the student and the parent. Students must also accept the consequences of their actions should they choose not to fulfill this responsibility. Students have an obligation to contribute to, as well as benefit from, the learning experience. Irregular attendance curtails a student's ability to contribute and often hinders the progress of the class.

Excused Absence - home and school agree that absences are acceptable, thus excusable. Examples may include: personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, approved college visits, pre-approved family vacation, approved cooperative work programs, field trips, suspensions, and more.

Unexcused Absence – This refers to instances where a student may have missed class without a valid reason. While a student's home may consider this absence justifiable, the school does not view it as acceptable. To avoid confusion, it's advisable to verify any questionable absences with the school in advance. Students of St. Francis Xavier has the academic responsibility to:

- Regularly attend class punctually with the necessary materials to be successful
- Demonstrate strong effective study habits
- · Participate fully and complete any assessments to the best of their ability
- Refrain from any academic plagiarism or cheating



FX STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Work is expected to be submitted on the due date posted on the Google Classroom or in PowerSchool (as per St. Francis Xavier Assessment Policy)

Student Responsibility

- · Attend each class registered in and attend punctually.
- In all absences, it is the responsibility of the student to check google classroom, approach and/or email the teacher and inquire what materials/homework were assigned during the absence, and to complete the missed work in timelines agreed upon by both parties.
- If the student knows in advance, that they will be away for a scheduled exam for a legitimate reason, the student will alert the teacher beforehand.

Students are expected to not exceed a 10% Unexcused attendance rate. If 10% is exceeded:

- Students may not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities
- · Students may not be permitted to retake the course if they fail at FX
- Students have two opportunities to complete an assessment after initially missing it. These opportunities are available during Flex time or Friday Exam Hall. However, students are not permitted to use this option if there is a pattern of missed assessments or classes.
- Students may be placed on an attendance contract outlining expectations for attendance.
- A parent/student meeting may be booked to address attendance concerns.



FX STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Vacations (2 weeks or more)

- Students are responsible for informing the teacher in advance and picking up a vacation form from the main office.
- Students are responsible for completing missed major assignments and assessments upon return in a timely manner
- This will be agreed upon with the teacher's discretion
- If a student is going to be away for longer than 6 weeks, there will be a discussion with the Grade Coordinator Assistant Principal that an alternative form of education may be required.

Teacher/Grade Coordinator Responsibility

 Attendance serves as an official record, and it is the teacher's professional responsibility to accurately document it.

Teacher/Student Meeting (prior to 5 absences or 7% absent)

• The teacher will review a copy of this attendance policy with the student and direct him or her to take it home to be reviewed with a parent or guardian.

Parent Contacted by Teacher (5-7 absences or 10% absent)

• The teacher will contact the parent and affirm that information regarding the students' attendance and progress has been received.

Administrative or Guidance Referral #1 (8-10 absences)

- If contacting home does not reduce the AU, the teacher will alert the Grade Level Coordinator. A meeting will occur between parents, student and grade coordinator to:
- Review previous attempts at contact and interventions
- Outline consequences
- Develop a plan for resolution (attendance contract)
- Keep weekly attendance review and monitor student progress

Administrative or Guidance Referral #2 (behavior has not changed after previous meeting)

- If attempts at remediation have not improved, an administrator will take action to bring an abrupt change to students' behavior. This could include:
 - Outline and create an attendance contract to be signed by parents and student
 - Daily attendance monitoring
 - Class withdrawal
 - Alternative Education

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May 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2
Day 1 AP Biology Exam (8am)	6 Day 2 AP Chemistry Exam (8am)	7 Day 1 AP English Literature and Composition Exam (8am)	8 Day 2	9 Day 1
Day 2 AP Calculus AB (8am) Seminar (noon)	Day 1 AP Physics 2 (noon) School Council Meeting – 6pm	14 Day 2	Day 1 Honoring Ceremony at Romero AP Computer Science Principles (noon)	Day 2 AP Physics 1 (8am) Psychology (Noon)
No School – Victoria Day Weekend	No School – Victoria Day Weekend	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 1
26 Day 2	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 1 Grad Mass and rehearsal (MANDATORY for all Gr 12)	30 FX PD Day GRAD MAY 31



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