FX SPOTLIGHT

Message from Principal Fernando Runco

November brought us so many wonderful learning experiences for our school community!

Congratulations to the **Grease** Cast and Crew on their SOLD OUT 4 night run from Nov. 19–22. On behalf of the entire St. FX community: alumni, former and current staff, students, and countless drama students, we want to congratulate Mr. Ray Huot on 25 years of incredible performances at FX! Grease was exceptional and showcased the hard work of our students, staff, but especially their director. Thank you Mr. Huot!

Also, we had a reverent

Remembrance Day Ceremony that
honoured the brave men and women
of our military on November 7.

We also had a prayerful week as we honored the millions of Ukrainians who died as a result of Famine Genocide as we recall the dramatic events of the **Holodomor**. Our school had daily prayers and a prayer table set up near our main office in helping us to remember the victims, the country's children, and the lessons of history.

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Lastly, we had our **26th Mike Dea Classic Basketball Tournament**. The tournament honors the legacy of Mike Dea, who served as a teacher and coach at FX for an incredible 35 years.

Although he sadly passed away on November 11, 2023, his dedication, passion, and spirit continue to inspire us and this tournament serves as a testament to his enduring legacy.

Congratulations to our Sr. Boys for winning the gold medal and championship against Foothills (Calgary) in the final game! In celebrating **St. Francis Xavier Feast Day** together with the Mike Dea Basketball Classic, we are reminded that our love of sports, education, and faith enriches us as individuals and as a community as we got 'break bread' with our FX school staff, alumni, special guests, parents, and friends alike with a Turkey Feast on Nov. 29th.

As part of our ongoing safety practices, we had our Lockdown Practice on Nov. 19th as we had several police officers in our school assessing our safety measure for our staff; collectively, we are all pleased of how safe our school conducted our Lockdown Practice. Continued at page 2.



Message from Principal Fernando Runco continued



In December, we begin the season of preparation in anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Advent means "coming" and the season of Advent reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and on December 12, we will have our **Advent Liturgy.** While we are looking forward to the joys of the holiday season, let us try to spend some time in reflection to help us truly prepare for the Christmas season.

A Message from Chief Superintendent LYNNETTE ANDERSON

As we await the coming of Jesus, we look forward to a number of activities planned for December. This includes our annual Battle At The Bill with our continued partnership with the Matt Cook Foundation on Dec. 18 where the students face off against teachers in a charitable hockey game to raise funds for the comfort and care of young cancer patients and their families. The game will be held at Bill Hunter Arena and it will involve our entire school community. Matt Cook was an FX student who embodied the 'Caritas Christi' motto of our school by dedicating his life to serving his school community.

The last day of classes before Christmas break will be on Friday, December 20.
Classes will resume on January 6th and there will be no January Spotlight Newsletter.
Please view the January Calendar for exam schedules throughout the month. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Advent season!

Message from
<u>Chief Superintendent</u>
<u>Lynette Anderson can be</u>
found on the ECSD website.





REMEMBRANCE DAY



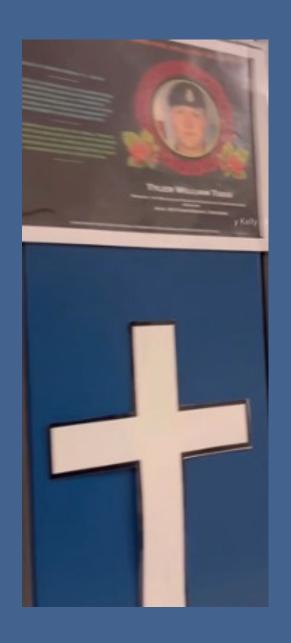
As a St. Francis Xavier Community, we would like to extend exceptional gratitude to Chief Warrant Officer Kristopher Porlier, who came to speak to us about his experience serving in our Canadian Armed Forces. Chief Warrant Officer Porlier is the Regimental Sergeant Major for 15 Field Ambulance and is a 23-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces. Chief Warrant Officer Porlier spoke to us about perspective and what it's like to remember friends you have served with, some of which lost their lives in service to our country.

https://stfrancisxavier.ecsd.net/

Constable Jody Coughlan, our School Resource Officer (SRO), was in her dress uniform for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Accompanied by grade 12 student and fire cadet, Izzy Bugera, they paid their respect to our Canadian Armed Forces by participating throughout, but specifically by laying a wreath in our Wreath Laying Ceremony. Thank you Constable Coughlan and Izzy.



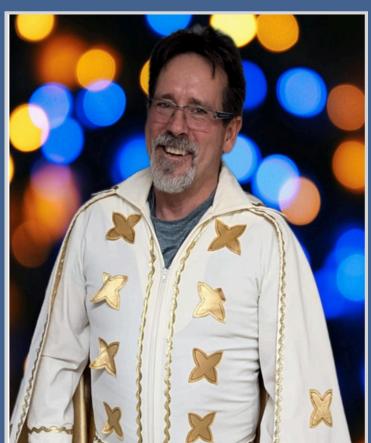
HALLWAY OF SILENCE



All of Veteran's Week, our east hallway became the Hallway of Sllence. All student lockers were adorned with a picture and biography of a fallen Canadian soldier, accompanied with a white cross. This was our small way to show respect for the fallen members of our Canadian Armed Forces.



"GREASE" DRAMA PRODUCTION



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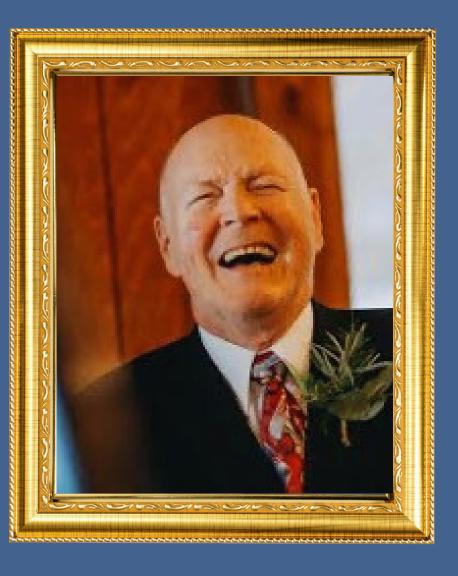




CAST 1

CAST 2









continuing Mike Dea's Legacy









FX SR BOYS BASKETBALL WIN GOLD



medalists



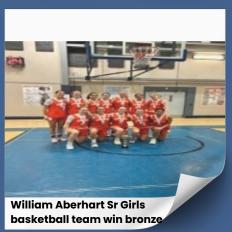
Scona Sr Girls basketball team win gold



Foothills Sr Boys basketball team win silver









opening ceremonies









BATTLE OF THE BILL



Battle At The Bill in partnership with the Matt Cook Foundation takes place on Dec. 18.

Students vs Teachers in a charitable hockey game to raise funds for the comfort and care of young cancer patients and their families.



HOCKEY ACADEMY





The Hockey Academies continue to focus on battle and compete drills on the ice.

Off the ice, our groups have been working on alternative sports and activities, as

well as racquet sports.



HP HOCKEY ACADEMY







BASEBALL ACADEMY



The Baseball Academy has been honing skills and recently completed velocity throwing testing. Our students have established strong starting points, with some showing remarkable improvements over the past year. Additionally, a dedicated group has been consistently working out together both in the mornings and after school. We commend their hard work and commitment to their development!



SOCCER ACADEMY



Soccer Academy continues to work on individual skills and team concepts in a competitive environment.



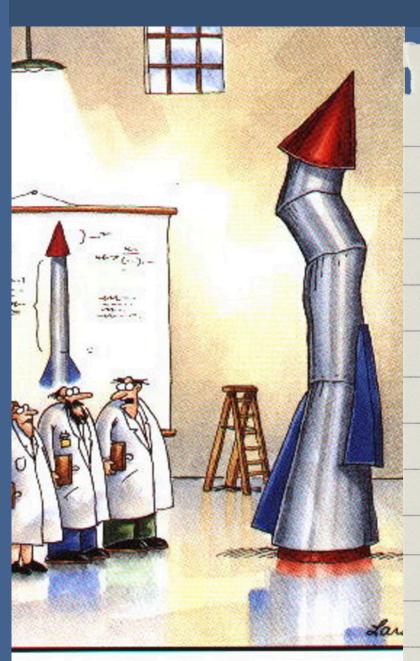
RELIGION DEPARTMENT



Ms. Fritz's Religion 25 class completed an assignment on retelling a Bible story this past month. Look at this group's creativity! They chose Genesis 37: Joseph's Dreams.



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



"It's time we face reality, my friends. ... We're not exactly rocket scientists."

BENEFITS OF READING

20 MINS A DAY

- Exposure to 1.8 million words a year (increase in vocabulary)
- 2. Can relieve stress
- 3. Boost mental health
- 4. Slow down mental decline in late stages of life
- 5. Can alleviate insomnia
- 6. Become a more empathetic person
- 7. Achieve higher grades

FREE THTORING

All English Teachers offer free tutoring during FLEX block.

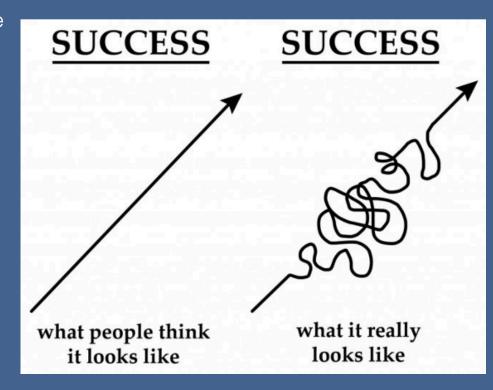


SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

As the semester nears the end, many students in social studies ask if they may rewrite assessments.

The Social Studies
Department allows students to rewrite major assessments (tests and essays) but students must coordinate with their individual teachers regarding their policies.

Students wishing to rewrite any assessments should contact their teachers as soon as possible, prior to winter break





MATH DEPARTMENT

On November 19th, the St. FX math team participated in The Alberta High School Math Competition (A.H.S.M.C), an annual math competition hosted by the University of Alberta, where Alberta's top math students compete.

Gabriel Paunil, Myah Posteraro, Ameilia Salapatek, Marco Scornaienchi, Isaiah Solis, Drew Tansowny and Angelo Umali were the students who represented St. FX in the first round of this competition. Top scorers of the First Round will then be invited to write the Second Round in February. The Second Round is a three-hour paper consisting of five problems requiring full solutions. Fellowships are awarded based on performances in the Second Round.









SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

STUDY RESULTAGES WILLIAM SCIENCE STUDENTS



Chem 30AP Field Trip to explore and use

MacEwan lab spaces

- Access your teachers during FLEX block (Mon -Thurs 11:01 - 11:31
- Join a study group to practice with classmates
- Practice exams available <u>online exam bank</u>
 (username: stfx password: fxrams) and <u>Quest A+</u>
 (diploma courses)
- Castle Rock "The Key" and Solaro study guides and practice workbooks available for purchase at FX Bookstore or free through the <u>Edmonton</u> <u>Public Library</u>



PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT





Classes took part in skating, broomball, curling, indoor soccer, yoga, squash.



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		
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		
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.

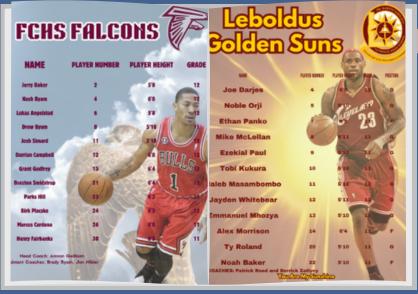


https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/ap-exams-what-to-know/digital-testing-exam-modes



CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (CTS)





This month in CTS and Fine Arts, we would like to highlight the hard work of the Business 20/30 classes in making all the team posters for Mike DEA!
These posters are part of the Marketing and Advertising Modules, which also link to Visual Compositions styles in Comm Tech!



ATHLETICS



Thank you to all the Winter Coaches and Advisors Swim
Dylan Johns, Michelle Urban

Coed Indoor Soccer Pina Perri, Helena Parker & Taylor
Stephen

Curling -Nancy Pinto



Basketball Sr Girls Ray Huot & Nicholas Schwarz
Sr Boys Brad Farish & Jeremy Posteraro
Jr Girls Sheila Phan, Augustine Gallardo,
& Nicholas Schwarz
Jr Boys -

Jordan Bunch & Marko Balthazar



SR GIRLS BASKETBALL







JR GIRLS BASKETBALL





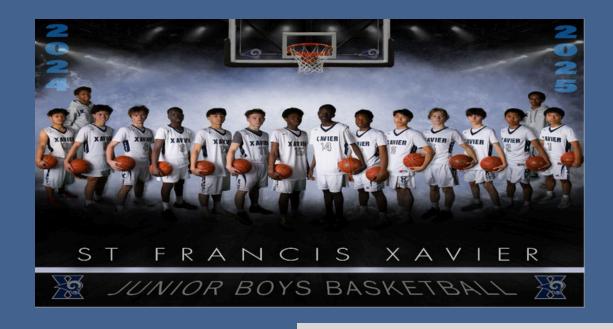
SR BOYS BASKETBALL







JR BOYS BASKETBALL





CURLING TEAM







SWIM TEAM





SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

- The Oct 17 "On Alert" at SFX was carried out in an abundance of caution as the Admin team, SRO, and EPS patrol were investigating whether a threat that had circulated among teens had any merit. It was confirmed to be a complete miscommunication that spiraled out of control. Better to be safe than sorry.
- The very next day, a new rumor surfaced and was brought to my attention. For the next month, modified versions of this rumour was traveling around FX & JP students' snapchat & instagram accounts and I investigated every aspect of it. This included correspondence with the SRO team and specialized areas of EPS. All of it was found to be unverified and no source of the alleged threat (on-line or otherwise) was ever found.
- On Nov 19 FX had a Lockdown DRILL and on Nov 21 JP had a lockdown DRILL. On that same day, Rumors ramped up and some of them mentioned these DRILLS along with the October 17 "On Alert" (confirmed as miscommunication) as contributing factors to the fears.
- Several hours later, these messages of fear had circulated to High Schools in all parts of the city and snow-balled into complete chaos. This literally happened overnight.
- Some students acted appropriately by reporting their fears to teachers, parents, Admin, me, EPS, and Crime Stoppers. EPS members conducted an investigation over the early morning hours and also reviewed the report that I had previously written for my investigation (threats unfounded and unverified).



Reg. #2270
Cst. Jody Coughlan
Edmonton Police Service
School Resource Officer Unit
St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School
jody.coughlan@edmontonpolice.ca

- The conclusion was that there was no viable threat & therefore no reason to create further anxiety & chaos. Had there been any suspicion of the school being unsafe, this would have been communicated by the Admin & police security measures implemented.
- Please remind your child to report information to have it verified before spreading it (as fact) to others. My email is listed above

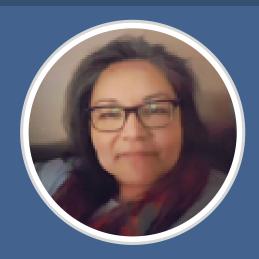




BRAIDED JOURNEYS SPOTLIGHT

Hello FX Parents and Guardians! My name is Kathy Davis and I am returning as a Braided Journeys Grad Coach at St FX. I have been with Braided Journeys over 16 years, and have been working with students and youth for almost 25 years. I'm a member of Lubicon Lake First Nation in Northern Alberta. I grew up in Slave Lake and most spend most of the summer there.

Braided Journeys is a program committed to assisting student success by cultivating a caring, welcoming, and positive place where Indigenous students see themselves, their contributions, and their culture represented, respected, and celebrated. We provide numerous free academic, cultural, leadership, career, and transition support, as well as encouragement and guidance throughout a student's educational journey. You can find me in the Braided Journeys room or my contact information below. I look forward to navigating the school year together!



Kathy Davis
Braided Journeys Grad Coach
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E: kathy.davis@ecsd.net



Are you...

- · Interested in university?
- Curious about STEM?
- · Wanting to learn more about your culture?
- Feeling pressured about what to do after high school...

Applications for our 1 week handson STEM research scholarships at Canadian Universities are open, and you should apply! Applications close on

Applications close on December 20, 2024.

Eligibility:

- Indigenous
- Student in grade 11 or 12

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

CHAIR (NEW) - Francine Sundby
VICE CHAIR (NEW) - Christin Bryant
SECRETARY- Lisa Savill
TREASURER (NEW) - Angie Gulevich
CASINO CHAIRPERSON - Briony Oliver

Our School Advisory Council also supported and approved the purchase of New Chromebooks and Cart, new Jr Girls Basketball Jerseys, and our Western Canada Mike Dea Basketball Tournament. Thank you for your continued support of providing exceptional learning opportunities for our staff and students at FX!

NEXT SAC MEETING is on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 6pm in the Learning Center



EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, 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 discrimination & racism to build accountability, and to celebrate inclusion to foster belonging for all that 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 creation.



ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

The number of students at FX who are new to Canada within the last five years!

IN THE LAST MONTH, WE'VE WELCOMED FOUR NEW STUDENTS!





GRAD COACH



As we are heading into the end of first semester, it is important for all Grade 12 students to be aware of what is required to achieve a High School Completion. Please take a moment to ensure that you have all the necessary requirements and are on track to graduating. Below is a list of requirements needed in order for your Alberta High School Diploma:

DO YOU OR WILL YOU HAVE THESE COURSES BY THE END OF GRADE 12?

- ENGLISH 30-1 or 30-2
- SOCIAL 30-1 or 30-2
- □ 10 credits in MATH (see *1 below)
- □ 10 credits in SCIENCE (see *2 below)
- 3 credits in CALM 20
- □ 3 credits in PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- 9 credits in RELIGION (Religion 15, 25, 35) dependent on the year you entered a Catholic School
- 10 credits in any combination from CTS or FINE ARTS or SECOND LANGUAGE or PHYSICAL EDUCATION 20 and/or 30 and/or RAP
- 10 credits at the grade 12 level in addition to ENGLISH 30-1/30-2 & SOCIAL 30-1/30-2
- □ 100 CREDITS
- The Mathematics requirement is Math 20-1, or Math 20-2, or Math 20-3
- The Science requirement Science 20 or 24 or Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 or Physics
 20
- A student completing Work Experience 35 for 10 credits will have met the "10 credits in any 30 level courses" graduation requirement for the Alberta High School Diploma
- Students can earn up to 30 credits in Work Experience, BUT may only use a maximum 15 credits toward diploma requirement

Your parents want you to succeed, your teachers want you to succeed, but at the end of day YOU have to want to succeed! Some tips that may help are:



- Approach your teacher for extra help during flex block.
- Plan and take one step at a time, so that your workload does not seem so overwhelming.
 Procrastination does not result in great work.
- Attend all classes and make sure you are mentally present.
- Lastly, find a good <u>balance</u> between school and fun! Work hard, play hard! Balance is KEY!

If you have any questions regarding your High School Completion, please see the Grad Coach Ms. Chong in the Grad Office upstairs.

Other Reminders:

- If you are not already activated, get activated on myPass, so that you
 can access your Diploma results. Please see Ms. Chong or Miss. Thomas
 for help with the process.
- Any Grade 12 students doing work through PASS should be HALFWAY done their course at this point in the semester.
- Any Grade 12 students completing MODULES, must have it completed by December 18th, 2024.



OFF CAMPUS





XAVIER UNION





This month was centred on Mike Dea and FX Day: XU planned a variety of activities and supported the tournament. Coming up is Christmas week with fun activities and theme days and Battle at the Bill!



SECOND LANGUAGE COURSE CHALLENGE



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Filipino, French, Italian, Polish Spanish, Ukrainian

When:Saturday, March 8, 2025, 9:00a.m. (Arrive 1/2 hour early with a pencil)

Where: Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre

9405 50 Street NW

Cost: \$63 per student (non-refundable)

Registration:



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Important Dates and Information:

- 1. You will need your Alberta Student Number (ASN) to register
- 2. There will be no alternate writing date (no exceptions)
- 3. Below are the deadlines that must be met:



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October 21, 2024	Registration Opens	
February 12, 2025	Registration Closes	
Payment must be made to finalize registration. Project details will be distribute once the registration has been finalized with payment.		
February 21, 2025 @ 3:00p.m.	Project Deadline	
February 21 - March 12, 2025	Oral Exam (via TEAMS) Examiners will arrange a time to meet with the student	
Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 9:00a.m.	Exam begins @ 9 a.m. sharp Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre (0405 50 Street) Plenty of parking South side of building Students enter through the West doors only	





DIPLOMA PREP

January 2025

Diploma Prep

REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 21, 2024!

Registration for each Diploma Preparation session will end when the course is at capacity or Friday 9 a.m. (24 hours before the course commences); whichever is soonest. No walk-ins.

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 Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centrel 9405 50 St. NW







December

STAY UP TO DATE







@fx.athletics @stfxhighedm @xavier.union



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1
9 Day 2	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 1	Day 2 Staff Christmas Luncheon
16	17	18	19	20
Day 1	Day 2 Advent Celebration	Day 1 Battle at the Bill	Day 2	Day 1 Last Day of Classes
23	24	25	26	27
Christmas Break	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	Christmas Break
30	31			
Christmas Break	New Year's Eve			

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BLOCK 1	8:18 - 9:39	8:18 - 9:39	8:18 - 9:39	8:18 - 9:39	8:18 - 9:14
(81 minutes)					
BLOCK 2	9:42 - 11:03	9:42 - 11:03	9:42 - 11:03	9:42 - 11:03	9:16 - 10:12
(81 minutes)					
FLEX	11:03 - 11:31	11:03 - 11:31	11:03 - 11:31	11:03 - 11:31	NO LUNCH
(28 minutes)					
LUNCH	11:31 - 12:11	11:31 - 12:11	11:31 - 12:11	11:31 - 12:11	
(42 minutes)					
BLOCK 3	12:13 - 1:34	12:13 - 1:34	12:13 - 1:34	12:13 - 1:34	10:14 - 11:10
(81 minutes)					
BLOCK 4	1:37 - 2:58	1:37 - 2:58	1:37 - 2:58	1:37 - 2:58	11:12 - 12:08
(81 minutes)					



JANUARY 2025 SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		New Year's Day	Christmas Break	Christmas Break
6	7	8	9	10
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Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2
Classes Resume				Jr Feeder Bball Tournament (Jan 10 – 11)
13	14	15	16	17
Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Mathematics 30-1
French 30 Part A	ELA 30-1 Part A ELA 30-2 Part A	Social Studies 30-1 Part A Social Studies 30-2 Part A	Last day of classes	Mathematics 30-2/CSA
20	21	22	23	24
ELA 30-1 Part B ELA 30-2 Part B/CSA	Social Studies 30-1 Part B Social Studies 30-2 Part B/CSA	Biology 30 Diploma Biology 20 CSA	Chemistry 30 Diploma Science 10 CSA	Physics 30 Diploma Physics 20 CSA
27	28	29	30	31
Science 30 Diploma Scince 20 CSA	Turnaround Day	Day 1 Semester 2 starts		





JOIN THE FUN!



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