

FX SPOTLIGHT

Message from Principal Fernando Runco

Dear Parents and Guardians,

 $oldsymbol{\mathsf{A}}$ s we conclude Semester 1, which included Diploma and Final Exams for all students, I want to acknowledge and celebrate the dedication and effort our students invested in their studies and preparations. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and achievements. On January 29th, we launched into Semester 2 with enthusiasm and anticipation for the exciting educational opportunities

Our athletic teams have had remarkable success recently. In December and January, our Junior and Senior Basketball Teams brought home accolades:

- Junior Girls Basketball Team Gold at the Memorial Tournament
- Senior Girls Basketball Team -Bronze at the Leduc Tournament Senior Boys Basketball Team – Gold at the Mike Dea Tournament, Gold at the Raymond Christmas Classic, Silver at the JP Tournament, and Gold at the 55th Britt Classic in Saskatchewan

 $oldsymbol{A}$ dditionally, we are thrilled to share that our "Battle at the Bill" event raised an impressive \$9,000 for the Cook Cancer Foundation December. achievement is a testament to the collaboration outstanding generosity of our staff, students, and the entire school community. Our Sport Academies continue to thrive, students professional instruction and character-building opportunities that allow them to apply their skills in real-world contexts.

would like to express heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Jenna Stevenson for her dedication and service as Acting Assistant Principal during Semester 1. We wish her all the best as she begins an exciting new chapter with her family in Calgary. As Mrs. Kolemans extends her maternity leave, I am delighted to welcome Mrs. Chong as our new Acting Assistant Principal for Semester 2. We are confident Mrs. Chong will bring incredible energy and expertise to our FX Administration Team. turn to page 2

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Message from Principal Fernando Runco continued

also extend a warm welcome to our new Science Department teachers, Hailey Marquart and Ethan Dubon, who are joining us for Semester 2. Their contributions will further enhance the high-quality education we provide.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host our AP/Academy Open House on February 5 and our General Open House on February 19 at 6:30 PM. Additionally, as we begin planning for the 2025-26 school year, we need your help!

Please log into your PowerSchool account and complete the "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year"" form to let us know if your child will be returning. This information is crucial for planning class sizes, staffing, programming, and academies. For more details, visit stfx.com, or contact the school if you need assistance. In other exciting news, we are addressing our growing enrollment by adding six new portable classrooms for the 2025-26 school year. With classes currently being held in the Staffroom and Chapel, these portables will significantly alleviate our space challenges. Construction is set to begin in April/May.

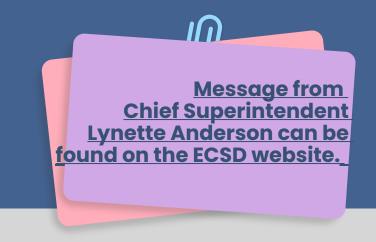
As we approach February, please note two key dates:

- Faith Development Day on February 26 A day of faith formation for all Edmonton Catholic Schools staff (no school for students).
- Teachers' Convention on February 27 and 28 No school for students on these days.

At FX, we take pride in fostering a school community that celebrates, supports, and inspires meaningful student learning. Together, we have built a strong bond that truly feels like family, and I look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of our students as the year progresses.

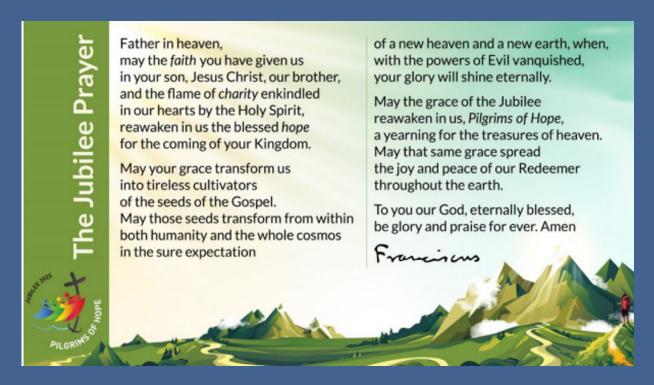
Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we journey through another incredible semester!







THE JUBILEE PRAYER



What is the Jubilee Year?

A jubilee year, also known as a "holy year," is a special year in the life of the church currently celebrated every 25 years. The most recent ordinary jubilee was in 2000, with Pope Francis calling for an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015-2016.

 ${m J}$ ubilee years have been held on regular intervals in the Catholic Church since 1300, but they trace their roots to the Jewish tradition of marking a jubilee year every 50 years.

According to the Vatican website for the jubilee, these years in Jewish history were "intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields." An Excerpt from:

https://catholicweekly.com.au/10-things-to-know-about-jubilee-2025-beginning-24-december/



ANUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pastor: Fr. Francis

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email:

annunciation.edm@caedm.ca



Thank you to Fr. Francis Mariappa for visiting our school in January.

We look forward to Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 5th).

After Easter, during the Easter Octave, Fr. Francis will lead our annual Easter Mass at Annunciation Parish.

Please access the Annunciation Parish bulletins here.



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Throughout February, our staff and students are proudly recognizing and celebrating Black History Month. This is a chance for our Division to honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.

Edmonton Catholic Schools consultants have shared many opportunities and rich resources with our staff so that they can learn and explore more about Black History in Canada and around the world.







Theme for this year's Black History Month:
"Black Legacy and Leadership:
Celebrating Canadian History and
Uplifting Future Generations."



THE PINK SHIRT STORY



In 2007, Coldbrook Nova Scotia, after a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two grade 12 students bought 50 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise the majority of students arrived wearing pink! With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born.

In recognition of the Coldbrook event, Nova Scotia proclaimed the second Thursday of September "Stand Up Against Bullying Day." In 2008, British Columbia proclaimed February 27th to be the provincial anti-bullying day, and the movement has continued to grow. In 2012, the United Nations declared May 4 as Anti-Bullying Day. The last Wednesday each February is Canada's officially-recognized national Pink Shirt/anti-bullying day.

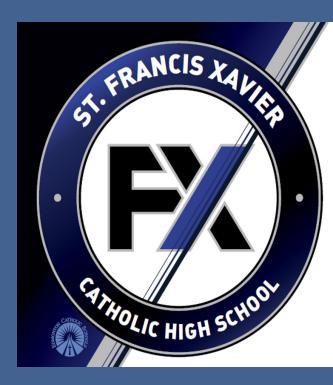
Many countries recognize specific days for raising awareness about the prevention of bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion. In Canada, many students have heard the Pink Shirt Day message from kindergarten through to their high school graduation. The movement continues to grow.

Source:

https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/#About



OPEN HOUSE

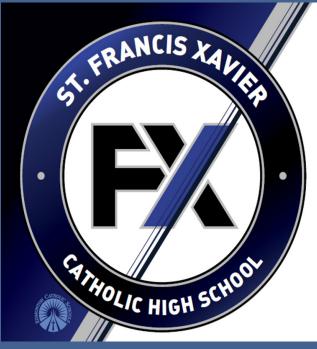


ACADEMIES/AP OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 5 at 6:30 pm

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GENERAL OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 19 at 6:30 pm

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HOCKEY ACADEMY







In January, our Hockey Academy had an exciting month, competing in the Turcotte Cup and wrapping up our Semester I group. The Turcotte Cup provided a great opportunity for our athletes to showcase their skills and teamwork, and demonstrate the progress made in skill development, conditioning, and mental toughness over the semester.



HP HOCKEY ACADEMY



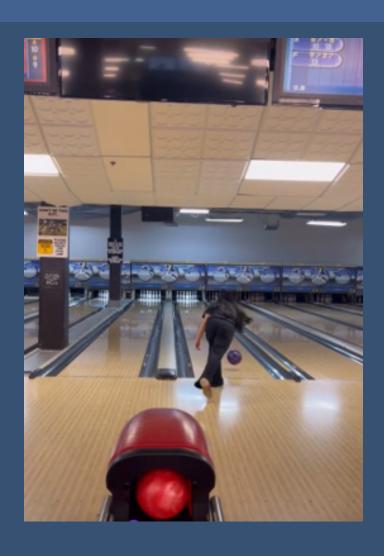


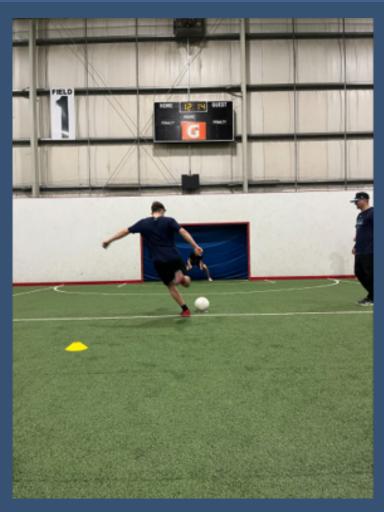
The High-Performance group remains dedicated to individual skill development and fostering internal competition through small-area games.

January's exam break provided our athletes with a well-deserved opportunity to recover and prioritize their academics. With the second semester underway, the group is excited to return to training and continue building momentum!



BASEBALL ACADEMY





Our Baseball Academy has been hard at work refining skills in preparation for upcoming tryouts and the outdoor season. We also took a break from regular training for a week to compete in our Winter PE Olympics! It was a blast for everyone involved, and congratulations to Team Fritz for taking home the gold! After a well-deserved break, our athletes are back to throwing, building momentum for a strong start to the season.



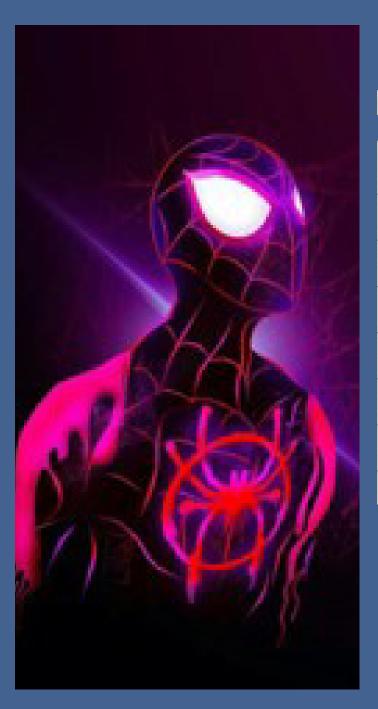
SOCCER ACADEMY



At our soccer academy, we've been focusing on refining ball control and passing accuracy. Through repetitive drills and game scenarios, players are improving their touch under pressure and their ability to make precise, quick passes to maintain possession and create scoring opportunities.



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT





REMINDER THAT YOUR
TEACHERS ARE AVAILABLE EVERY
FLEX TO GET A JUMP START ON
ESSAY WRITING AND READING
COMPREHENSION.

WE ARE ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO BRING THEIR OWN DEVICE (LAPTOP/CHROMEBOOK) TO ENGLISH CLASS.

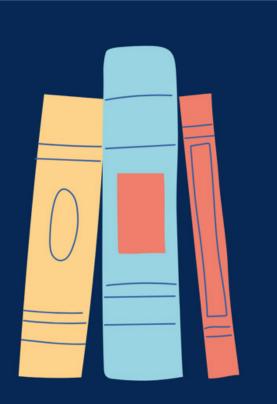


SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Social Studies

Tips for Semester Two Success:

- Connect to your teacher's **Google Classroom**
- If you have struggled with writing in the past, start going to <u>flex</u> NOW!





MATH DEPARTMENT

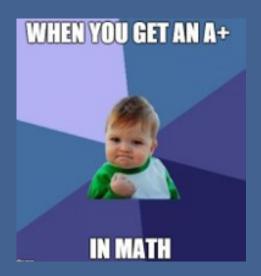
Welcome to Semester 2 Math students!

We hope that the first few days have been going well as you get into your new routine.

Here is a list of items you'll need this semester in math:

- Math Workbook (provided by school)
- Graphing Calculator
- Pencils, Eraser, highlighter
- Binder/duotang for extra handouts
- Lined paper/graph paper





Tips for success in math:

- Daily attendance
- Being on time
- Completing homework daily (at least 30 minutes per night)
- Using FLEX for extra help or to work on homework
- Ask questions and participate in class



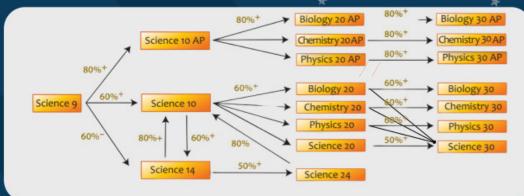
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

S C I E N C E S P O T L I G H T

This depends on what you would like to do after high school.

The science requirement for the AB Diploma is 10 credits (any 2 sci courses)

Many post-secondary programs will take Science 30 as a prerequisite and you can take Sci 30 after completing Sci 20, Bio 20, Chem 20 OR Phys 20 All 30 level Sciences have a diploma exam





PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT











Field Trips to Gateway Lanes & Monster Mini-Golf,
Skating at the Oval



ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



Brit Tournament Champions!
Congrats Sr Boys who won Gold!
The team had an incredible weekend of Basketball!



ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



Congrats to the Sr Girls Basketball Team

Won Bronze
at the Leduc Composite tournament!



ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT





Congrats Jr Girls Basketball
who won Gold
at the Memorial Tournament!



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) / FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

CTS/Fine Arts Dept

February kicks off in CTS with our students preparing for the <u>Edmonton Culinary Challenge</u> and <u>Skills Alberta</u>! Here they'll showcase their talents in Culinary or Welding! We're excited to see their hard work in action!

To the right is a sneak peek at some of the delicious creations our students have been working on already with their fearless coach, Mrs. LeBlanc!



High School Culinary Challenge is held on March 8th, 2025. Skills Alberta Competition is held on May 7-8th, 2025.



SR GIRLS BASKETBALL







JR GIRLS BASKETBALL





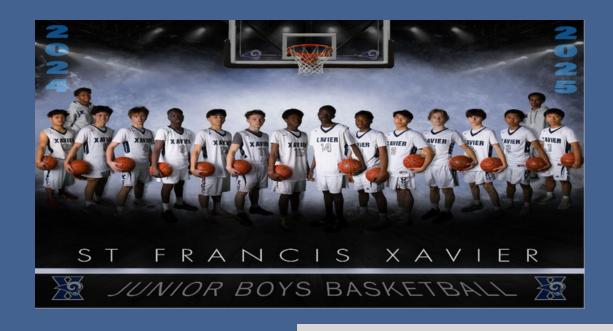
SR BOYS BASKETBALL







JR BOYS BASKETBALL





CURLING TEAM



Curling team finished their preseason strong and starting the Metro Season this month with Boys and Girls Team!





SWIM TEAM



Congrats to the swim team who had 12 swimmers who qualified for Metro City Championship!



Indoor Coed Soccer Team









BADMINTON TRYOUT INFORMATION





THANK YOU COACHES

Winter Coaching Staff:

Thank you to all the Winter Coaches & 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

Up-Coming Sport Badminton - Lucas Motkoski & Narda Hobbs







SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Hello FX Families,

The Canadian Centre for Child Protection is an excellent website for educating parents and youth about on-line safety and resources available to you.

I've attached links to this website where you can find answers to questions such as:

- *Where can you turn if you are being harassed on-line?
- *What is Project Arachnid?
- *What is Sextortion?
- *What if someone is sharing an intimate image without my consent?
- *What is child pornography?

If students are dealing with any of these scenarios, they shouldn't face them alone. The SRO office is a safe space to navigate through issues together that may otherwise feel too overwhelming.



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https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/

https://needhelpnow.ca/en/

https://www.cybertip.ca/en/report/?utm_campaign=sl&utm_term=/app/en/report

https://www.cybertip.ca/en/onlineharms/sextortion/

https://projectarachnid.ca/en/



EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND ANTI RACISM (EDIAR)

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

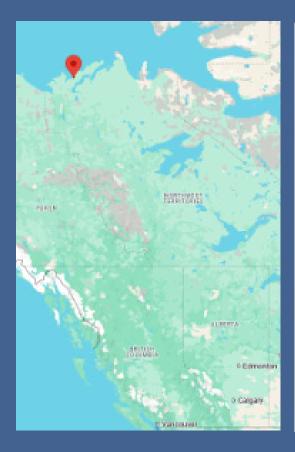
- We're already doing God's work with our inclusive communities. If we don't acknowledge and celebrate our ministry, nobody else will do it for us.
- All students, staff, and families of Edmonton Catholic School Division will be provided with an inclusive, welcoming, caring, respectful, safe, and Catholic 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

In December, Mrs. Pavone's student teacher, Miss Noksana, shared her Inuvialuit culture with her Canadian Studies class.

Miss Noksana is from Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories. To drive from there to Edmonton, it's 41 hours and 3,367 km.









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After harvesting, we honour the animal that sacrifices itself for us by using all parts of the animal. This antler will be made into jewellery.



Arctic Winter Game: One-Foot High Kick

The goal is to jump from 2 feet, kick with 1 foot to hit the target, and land on 1 foot - the same one you used to kick.

Jeian makes this look very easy! It is not!



GRAD COACH



<u>NOTE:</u> 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.

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



OFF CAMPUS





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 distributed 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				





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/quardian 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



TIMETABLE



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



FEBRUARY 2025 SCHEDULE

	February 2025							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
3	4	5	6	7				
Day 2	Day 1	Day 2 Academy & AP Open House	Day 1	Day 2				
10	11	12	13	14				
Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1 Ray Lecav Tournament (Feb 14 – 15) Valentine's Day				
17	18	19	20	21				
No School – Family Day	Day 2	Day 1 Open House General	Day 2 DWPD Half Day	Day 1 Full Day				
24	25	26	27	28				
Day 2	Day 1	Faith Development Day/PD	No School — Teacher's Convention	No School — Teacher's Convention				



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