

# Fairview & Area Learning Store



Bridging Gaps

Building Futures

## Notes From the Underground

### FALS MESSAGE



Many of us remember 2020 Christmas time and how hard it has been on all of us. Although 2021 hasn't been much different, we are thankful that we have been able to function every day of this school year and bring some normalcy to our students' lives.

At this time of the year, we have noticed from time to time that students are lacking appropriate clothing for the cold weather. Please remember/remind to dress suitable for the cold. If you lack clothing and are in need, please feel free to speak to one of the staff members and we will help you out. Please stay safe during the holidays.

In the new year, several students are writing diploma exams. Please complete reviews and any outstanding course work. Talk to your teacher if you need assistance. The schedule for the diplomas in January are included within in this newsletter. As always, please feel free to contacts us over phone/email or in person. Staff and students of FALS wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and a Happy 2022.

*From all of us, a Merry Christmas!*

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- ♦ **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:**  
December 17, 2021
- ♦ **CHRISTMAS BREAK:**  
December 20, 2021–  
January 3, 2022
- ♦ **FIRST DAY BACK:**  
January 4, 2022
- ♦ **Complete list of the Di-**  
**ploma exam schedule**  
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# Upcoming Diploma Exam Dates for January 2022

## January 2022

Diploma exams **must** be administered in accordance with the scheduled dates and times.

All diploma exams must remain SECURED before and during the administration.

All diploma exams except those that are asterisked (\*) must remain SECURED after the administration and returned to Alberta Education.

Tuesday, January 11	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A*
Wednesday, January 12	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A*
Thursday, January 13	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Partie A*
Wednesday, January 19	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B
Thursday, January 20	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2
Friday, January 21	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
Monday, January 24	9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B
Tuesday, January 25	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Biology 30
Wednesday, January 26	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30
Thursday, January 27	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Physics 30
Friday, January 28	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Science 30

All students are provided with up to double the official time noted above, if they require it.

**Important Tip:** Check out the below web site for guides to help students prepare to write diploma exams and Exemplars, examples of students' writing and practice questions;

<https://www.alberta.ca/writing-diploma-exams.aspx#jumplinks-1>

# Assignment Draws: December Draws

Our world famous Assignments Draws incentive program for students.

Whenever a student completes a module or exam their name is placed in a draw box for a chance to win a Subway or Dairy Queen gift card. Here are the recent students that were drawn.

A draw will be held every second week until the end of the school year. Way to go FALS students,

***You Rock!!***



***Dwayne Miller***



***Lauren Bell***





## Christmas Turkey & Buns at FALS December 16, 2021





# Good Times Great Memories



# SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY INFORMATION

**Here are some websites that will help you find scholarships & bursaries. This is not a complete listing but it is a good start.**

**Scholar Tree** – You create a simple profile and based on the information you provide, they will match you to all of the scholarships that you qualify for.

<https://scholartree.ca/>

**Robert E. Walter Memorial Scholarship** – Deadline is **March 31**. Application packages are available at <http://mmsa.ca/news/scholarship>

**Peace River School Division** – go to the Menu, click on Programs & Services, then click on Teaching and Learning, and scroll down to Scholarships

<http://www.prsd.ab.ca/>

**Alexander Rutherford Scholarship** – Apply online when your official high school marks are available and when you are enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies. <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships-and-awards/alexander-rutherford-scholarship/>

**Student Loans – Financial Aid**

<https://studentaid.alberta.ca/>

**ALIS – Alberta Scholarships & Bursaries**

<https://alis.alberta.ca/explore-education-and-training/pay-for-your-education/apply-for-free-money-to-pay-for-school/>

**Scholarships Canada**

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com>

**Student Scholarships**

<https://www.studentscholarships.org/>

**University of Alberta Scholarships and Awards**

<https://www.ualberta.ca/registrar/scholarships-awards-financial-support/index.html>

**GPRC Scholarship & Awards**

<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/services/financialaid/>

**Trade Secrets** – Information for Trades & Awards – click on Financial Assistance Tab <http://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/>

**Northern Alberta Development Council**

<https://nadc.ca/our-bursaries/nadc-bursary/>

**Be sure to check for scholarships at the post-secondary institutions you are applying to. Once you are accepted to an institution, they may have entrance scholarships, awards, and bursaries that you may be eligible for.**

**Remember: You can't receive if you don't apply! 😊**



# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

## Superintendent's Message Parent Surveys

Parents, please be on the lookout for a letter from the Alberta Government. Inside the letter, you will find a survey from the government that asks questions about our School Division. The surveys generally come to parents of Grade 4, 7, and 10 students, but have been known to come to parents of other grades as well. This survey is important to our school division, and we value your honest feedback.

The survey can be confusing and often the questions seem like they are not directed at your child's grade level. Please refrain from answering with "I don't know", as this response gives the School Division a negative result on the survey. If you have any questions, you can contact me at Central Office or please reach out to your school's principal for assistance.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the surveys and for returning them to the government on our behalf. Your support, along with our hardworking staff members, has allowed us to continue operations throughout a difficult school year.

I would also like to take this time to highlight our achievements and to showcase some of the great things we've been implementing within the Division. We currently have a partnership with Grande Prairie Regional College for Trades Instruction — which is something we are very proud of. This initiative is making it easier for Grade 12 students to transition into fulfilling careers and pursue their academic dreams beyond high school. We have also had an increase in our 3-Year High School Completion Rate, which is an excellent accomplishment during a pandemic. Principals, teachers, and educational assistants have gone out of their way to support students and their collective hard work has paid off!

In the Division, we are still sticking to our Literacy, Numeracy, and Inclusionary culture goals. We are working hard to ensure that all students are reading and writing at or above their grade levels or meeting their individualized program goals. Extra attention is also being given to ensuring that students are performing at or above grade level in numeracy and are confident in their mathematical abilities. The Division is also focused on inclusive learning for all students, and each school is ensuring a safe and caring environment that celebrates diversity. All schools are making sure that their students' physical, social, and emotional wellness needs are met so that their overall academic engagement is increased.

I am also happy to announce that we are instituting the Learn-Loss Intervention Program for Grade 1 to Grade 3 students. This initiative will be providing supports for students who may need extra assistance with literacy and numeracy and is being funded by the Alberta Government to close the gap on learning losses that have occurred due to the pandemic.

We are looking forward to a successful year ahead and we thank you all for your continued support.

Adam Murray  
Superintendent of Schools  
Dec. 10, 2021

