

THE EDUCATION CONNECTION

FORT VERMILION SCHOOL DIVISION

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy summer break everyone!

I trust students, parents/guardians and staff are enjoying family time and staying safe this summer.

Fort Vermilion School Division (FVSD) has four priorities:

1. FVSD will foster **CONNECTIVITY** and well-being amongst community, students, parents, and staff.
2. All students will improve **LITERACY** skills.
3. All students will improve **NUMERACY** skills.
4. All students will *Explore, Develop, Grow* and *Experience* chosen **CAREER PATHS**.

We are overly excited to open all programming and collegiates this fall. It has been three years in the making and numerous partnerships to pull it off. We hope many of you have taken part in summer camps to get a sneak peak of what is in store. With renovations complete, students can complete post-secondary credits or licensing from accredited licensed organizations. This will ensure that all students leave the district with credentials to further their career or educational path.

We are also extremely excited that starting this fall all schools will be cellphone free for staff and students (except administration for emergency purposes). We know through research that cellphones and social media are a huge distraction and cause harm to all of us. From bullying and mental wellness, to lower achievement. You will receive notice from the school in September on how this new policy will work, simply just leave the phone at home. We will of course have an exemption for physical medical conditions if required. So, stay tuned.

The 2024-25 school year begins on September 3rd for students, and with that comes much excitement for everyone. The staff of FVSD will continue to strive to provide an educational environment in which the Alberta curriculum is delivered in a manner that is meaningful, engaging, challenging, and fulfilling. As always please contact your local school to plan for the education of your children.

The motto of the Fort Vermilion School Division is:

“Our Children, Our Students, Our Future: Moving the Dial on Every Child”.

We will continue to connect with communities to provide the best programming for all students.

Michael McMann



BUILDING FUTURES COLLEGIATE: EDGE FOR SUCCESS

Over the last year FVSD has engaged in consultations with staff, local business communities, and industry leaders to determine where gaps exist between the skills/credentials students are leaving high school with and what employers and local businesses require. Under this education model, students will have the opportunity to obtain college credits or credentials before they even leave high school, giving them a head start on achieving their goals. Building Futures Collegiate will also connect students to local employers through internships, work experience programs and apprenticeships, opening up pathways for students to begin their careers at home. So far, we have established partnerships with **Northern Lakes College, Olds College, Lethbridge College,** and **SAIT.**

Building Futures will operate in conjunction with existing FVSD high school buildings and utilize space in three new facilities:

- **Sipiwan Center 15, 4507-45 Street, Fort Vermilion**

The name refers to the deep Cree and Metis roots of many in the community (Metis District 15), and to the mighty Peace River that flows through the landscape.

- **Gramson Center, 10505-96 Street, High Level**

Located in a prime spot within walking distance to High Level Public School, this building was named in honor of long-time resident and local businessman, Doug Gramson.

- **De Oabeit School, 9601-99 Street, La Crete**

Influenced by local Mennonite culture, the name means "work" school in Low German and reflects a strong work ethic in the community and surrounding area.

VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

At the Fort Vermilion School Division, our vision is to provide an inclusive and nurturing environment that inspires and challenges students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens. We strive to foster a culture of respect, empathy, and collaboration, where students feel supported and encouraged to achieve their full potential. Through innovative teaching methods, we aim to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to succeed in a rapidly changing world. Our goal is to empower student to be critical thinkers, creative problem solvers and compassionate leader who will make a positive impact in their communities and beyond. FVSD strives to be the best educational choice for parents and students.

At FVSD our mission is to provide a high quality, comprehensive education that prepares students for success in college, career and life. We are committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment with parents and community that fosters academic excellence, personal growth and responsibility. Through our understanding of each community's history, family, and faith, we strive to inspire a lifelong love of learning and to cultivate the skills and character traits necessary for success in the world today.

FVSD's newest priority - Career Paths, gives our students the EDGE for success.



ECS to Grade 6

Students will **EXPLORE** occupations through purposeful play and interactive technology.

Grade 7 to Grade 9

Students will **DEVELOP** workplace skills and areas of interest through authentic learning.

Grade 10 to Grade 12

Students will **GROW** knowledge and specific skills for successful career paths.

Grade 13 & 14 Post Secondary

Students will **EXPERIENCE** chosen career paths through work integrated learning.

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Get a jump start on your career by enrolling in a dual credit course!

Dual credit programs provide high school students with the opportunity to begin a post-secondary course prior to graduation. Enrolled students earn both high school and college credits.

Educating our own health care workers, educators, social workers and trades people is a high priority for FVSD. Students looking to pursue university studies can also take University Transfer courses through this program.

All FVSD high school students and recent graduates who are under 20 years of age as of Sept. 1, 2024 are eligible to enroll. Contact your high school counselor or visit our website for more information.

HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT & BLENDED PROGRAMS

Receive individualized curriculum and resource support and be part of an active and engaged home-schooling community. Northern Home Education (NHEC) regularly hosts social activities and events like the Curriculum Sharing Event.

Choose from the Alberta grade level curriculum or a home education program of your choice. NHEC families have early access to funding. Beginning May 1, parents may begin purchasing materials for the following school year, up to a maximum amount of \$901 per student, per school year. Reimbursements for homeschooling expenses happen throughout the school year with purchasing assistance available for families unable to make large purchases up front.

Unsure about teaching Math or LA? Take advantage of blended programming with NHEC!


Visit our website on more information related to Career Planning:

<https://www.fvsd.ab.ca/parents/career-planning>

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Children in Grades K-6 who live a distance greater than 1 km from their school, and students in Grades 7-12 who live a distance greater than 2 km from their school qualify to ride the bus at no charge. These students have been automatically registered to ride the bus and you will receive a phone call from your bus driver before the first day of school. Families should have received an automated text to confirm ridership and address. If you think you qualify but did not receive a text message phone Essential Services and they will confirm.

Students in grades K-6 who live within 1 km from their school and students in grades 7-12 who live within 2 km from their school do not qualify for busing and parents will have to arrange their own transportation. Because the distance is calculated from each child's school some parents may have children who qualify for busing and children who don't qualify living in the same household.



OUR FREE BUS STATUS APP IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE APPLE APP STORE AND ON GOOGLE PLAY.

NO SMARTPHONE? VISIT WWW.FVSD.AB.CA AND CLICK THE BUS ICON AT THE TOP.

UNSAFE DRIVING CONDITIONS

The Superintendent, in consultation with the Director of Essential Services, has authority to suspend, cancel or reroute bus service as necessary. Bus service in affected areas will be cancelled by 6:30 AM by the Director of Essential Services when the temperature reaches -40°C without the wind or -48°C with the wind as measured by Environment Canada Data. This will be posted to the schools' website and Facebook pages. In the event of a bus cancellation, drivers will inform all parents on the route as soon as possible. All students riding the bus are required to wear adequate clothing to ensure their safety during cold weather.

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CROSS BOUNDARY TRANSFERS

Cross boundary transfers for children attending a school outside their attendance boundary **MUST** be approved by the **Director of Essential Services, Bruce Harder**.

Call Essential Services or email at BruceH@fvsd.ab.ca.

YARD SERVICE FEES

Yard service is available for a cost of \$75 per month. In order to receive yard service, the yard **MUST**:

- Have a driveway wide enough to accommodate the bus
- Have an appropriate space to turn the bus around with sufficient clearance between the turn-around and any items such as vehicles, ATV's, sheds, etc.
- Have snow promptly and regularly cleared from the yard and driveway in winter
- Have a driveway and turn around area that is not excessively muddy


Yard service will be provided at no cost for:

- Families with a student that is physically disabled
- Families with a driveway in a location that does not allow for safe pick up at the road

In an effort to control costs and ride times, each yard service will be re-evaluated in the coming year. Having received yard service in the past is not a guarantee of receiving it again this year. For yard service approval, please contact Essential Services. If applicable, fees must be paid prior to commencement of yard service.

BUSSING INFORMATION

Families that are new to the area or have moved over the summer, please call **FVSD Essential Services** to check for bussing eligibility. New students **MUST** be registered at school before bussing will be approved.




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QUESTIONS?

VISIT MY.FVSD.AB.CA OR SCAN THE CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SCAN BELOW



SCHOOL INFORMATION



BLUE HILLS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Tompkins Landing

BHCS (K-12)
Phone: 780-928-3632
Email: bhcs@fvsd.ab.ca
www.fvsd.ab.ca/our-schools/bhcs
Principal: Dale Driedger
Assistant Principal: Kevin Janzen




BUFFALO HEAD PRAIRIE SCHOOL
Buffalo Head Prairie

BHPS (K-9)
Phone: 780-928-2282
Email: bhps@fvsd.ab.ca
www.fvsd.ab.ca/our-schools/bhps
Principal: Chris Fehr
Assistant Principal: Shannon Peters



FLORENCE MacDOUGALL COMMUNITY SCHOOL
High Level

FMCS (K-3)
Phone: 780-926-2331
Email: fmcs@fvsd.ab.ca
facebook.com/fmcsclub
Principal: Heather Kierstead
Assistant Principal: Melanie Arcand



FORT VERMILION PUBLIC SCHOOL
Fort Vermilion

FVPS (7-12)
Phone: 780-927-3706
Email: fvps@fvsd.ab.ca
facebook.com/fvpssmcs
Principal: Jennifer Perry
Assistant Principal: Harley Morris



HIGH LEVEL PUBLIC SCHOOL
High Level

HLPS (7-12)
Phone: 780-926-3706
Email: hlps@fvsd.ab.ca
facebook.com/highlevelpublic
Principal: Amber Paul
Assistant Principal: Sarah Chisholm & Kemoy Shaw



HILL CREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Blumenort

HCCS (K-9)
Phone: 780-927-3203
Email: hccs@fvsd.ab.ca
www.fvsd.ab.ca/our-schools/hccs
Principal: Ron Wiebe



LA CRETE PUBLIC SCHOOL
La Crete

LCPS (7-12)
Phone: 780-928-3913
Email: lcps@fvsd.ab.ca
facebook.com/lcpslancers
Principal: Gregg McNeil
Assistant Principal: Rachel Dika & Vanessa Beringer



RAINBOW LAKE SCHOOL
Rainbow Lake

RLKS (K-12)
Phone: 780-956-3851
Email: rlks@fvsd.ab.ca
facebook.com/rainbowlakeschool
Principal: Stephanie Connors



RIDGEVIEW CENTRAL SCHOOL
La Crete

RVCS (4-6)
Phone: 780-928-3100
Email: rvcs@fvsd.ab.ca
facebook.com/rvcshuskies
Principal: Dave Gallant
Assistant Principal: Eran Cardinal & Dave MacDougall



ROCKY LANE SCHOOL
Rocky Lane

RLNS (K-12)
Phone: 780-927-3297
Email: rlns@fvsd.ab.ca
facebook.com/rlnsrockets
Principal: Grant Charles
Assistant Principal: Cynthia White



SANDHILL'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
La Crete

SHES (K-3)
Phone: 780-928-3947
Email: shes@fvsd.ab.ca
facebook.com/sandhillelementaryschool
Principal: Wendy Morris
Assistant Principal: Julie Gallant




SPIRIT OF THE NORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
High Level

SNCS (4-6)
Phone: 780-841-7200
Email: sncs@fvsd.ab.ca
facebook.com/sncstars
Principal: Cory Boudreau
Assistant Principal: Candice Scott



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Fort Vermilion

SMCS (K-6)
Phone: 780-927-3706
Email: smcs@fvsd.ab.ca
facebook.com/fvpssmcs
Principal: Jennifer Perry
Assistant Principal: Harley Morris



UPPER HAY RIVER SCHOOL
Meander River

UHRS (K-12)
Phone: 780-535-2220
Email: uhrr@fvsd.ab.ca
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Principal: Shelly Komarnicki




NORTHERN HOME EDUCATION CENTRE

NHEC (ECS-12)
Phone: 780-928-0212
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facebook.com/northernhomeeducation
Principal: Kim Brown



Building Futures Collegiate
EDGE for Success

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Email: collegiate@fvsd.ab.ca
Principal: Matthew Kierstead
Collegiate Director: Stefanie Brown



Pathways
your education, your future

PATH (10-12)
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facebook.com/fvspathways
Principal: Kim Brown



Fort Vermilion School Division

STUDENT FEE STRUCTURE:

The FVSD Board of Trustees removed all instructional fees, including CTS charged to parents, effective September 2020. Schools may charge fees for non-curricular activities, clubs and sports as outlined in the school handbook and in accordance with the FVSD Fee Schedule. Fees are due and payable prior to receipt of services unless arrangements are made with the school principal for alternative terms of payment. The Board of Trustees recognize that while fees are necessary, some parents or students may be unable to afford such fees. To ensure that students have access to a basic education, the Board, through this policy, makes provision for forgiving fees where economic hardship can be demonstrated. Additional details are provided on the FVSD website.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Scan the code to download a registration form. Forms are also available from any school office. Completed forms can be dropped off on or after August 26th, 2024.

QUESTIONS?
SCAN THE CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



WWW.FVSD.AB.CA/PARENTS/REGISTRATION

TRUSTEES

The FVSD Board of Trustees is made up of nine elected individuals. The current Board was elected in October 2021 and will serve until October 2025. Board Policies, Meeting Agendas/Minutes and more information about our current Board of Trustees can be found on our website.

TRUSTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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*Pictured below, from left to right:
 Linda Kowal, Amanda Paul,
 Benjamin Friesen, Dale Lederer, Tim
 Driedger, Marc Beland, Shane Lloyd,
 John Zacharias, Henry Goertzen*

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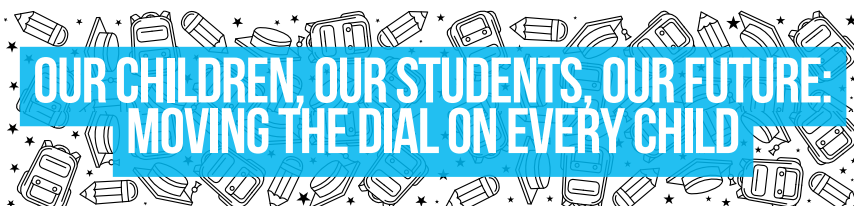
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Fort Vermilion School Division

2024-2025 School Calendar

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May 2025						
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June 2025						
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July 2025						
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Holidays for 2024-2025

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| <p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th – Civic Holiday 26th- 30th – Organizational Days <p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd – Labour Day 3rd – First Day of Classes 30th – National Truth & Reconciliation Day <p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14th – Thanksgiving Day <p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th – Remembrance Day <p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th – Last Day of Classes Before Break 23rd- Jan. 3rd – Christmas Break 25th – Christmas Day 26th – Boxing Day <p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st – New Year's Day 6th – First Day of Classes After Break | <p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12th – School Closure 13th-14th – Teachers Convention/PD 17th – Family Day 18th – First Day of Classes After Break <p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17th – Last Day of Classes Before Break 22nd-25th – Spring Break 18th – Good Friday 21st – Easter Monday 28th – First Day of Classes After Break <p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19th – Victoria Day <p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6th – Last Day for Students 9th – Professional Development <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st – Canada Day |
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Trimester 1	August 26 th - Dec. 20 th
Operational Days	81
Instructional Days	76
Trimester 2	Jan. 6 th - May 1 st
Operational Days	76
Instructional Days	74
Trimester 3	May 2 nd – June 6 th / Aug. 1 st
Operational Days	26
Instructional Days	25 / 75

Total Days for Year	
Operational Days	183
Instructional Days	175

K-9: Based on 330 minutes per day X 175 days = 962.5 hours
10-12: Based on 350 minutes per day X 175 days = 1021 hours
Trimester 3 – Summer School: 50 Additional Days