



The Phoenix Messenger

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"A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL"

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Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

As we approach the much-anticipated Spring Break, it is important for us to take a moment to reflect on the values that guide our community, particularly the value of respect. **Spring Break offers us all an opportunity to rejuvenate and recharge, but it is also a time to demonstrate respect for ourselves, our peers, and the world around us.**

Respect is at the core of our school's values. It is about treating others the way we want to be treated, valuing diversity, and honoring differences. During this break, let us remember to extend this respect to everyone we encounter, whether it be fellow travelers, service workers, or members of our own families.

Here are a few ways we can embody respect during Spring Break:

1. **Respect for Others' Time:** Whether we're traveling or staying home, it's essential to be mindful of others' time. Arrive promptly for scheduled events and appointments, and be considerate of wait staff, tour guides, or any service professionals who are helping to make our break enjoyable.
2. **Respect for the Environment:** Let's remember to leave our surroundings better than we found them. Whether we're enjoying a day at the beach or exploring a new city, we can pick up after ourselves, recycle when possible, and minimize our environmental impact.
3. **Respect for Local Customs and Cultures:** Spring Break often involves traveling to new destinations. Let's take the time to learn about the local customs and cultures of the places we visit. Showing respect for these traditions demonstrates our appreciation for the richness of our world.
4. **Respect for Ourselves:** While it's important to have fun and relax during Spring Break, let's also remember to take care of ourselves. This means getting enough rest, staying hydrated, and making safe choices.
5. **Respect for Boundaries:** Whether we're spending time with family, friends, or strangers, it's important to respect personal boundaries. Always ask for consent before taking photos or entering someone else's personal space.

By embodying these principles of respect, **we can ensure that everyone has a safe, enjoyable, and meaningful Spring Break.** Let's return to school refreshed and ready to continue fostering a culture of respect in our community.

Wishing you all a wonderful and respectful Spring Break!



FFCA SEE Campus Additional Spring Concert Tickets

Families are invited to join us for our annual Spring Concert. This year our school will be performing "Canada Rocks" A tribute to Canadian musicians on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at First Alliance Church (12345-40th Street SE)**. All classes will be performing a song by a featured Canadian musician.

The second round of Spring Concert ticket sales is now open.

All children who currently attend the SEE Campus do not have to purchase a ticket. Once again, each family may purchase a maximum of 6 tickets in the second round.

Please follow the same steps as before or follow the steps below. Please purchase your tickets by March 1st. You may only process ticket purchases ONCE on an account so please ensure that you are buying the correct number of tickets.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

****The following needs to be completed in a browser, not the PowerSchool app.**

1. Go to www.ffca-calgary.com; click "PowerSchool Parent Portal" in the Online Access section.
2. If you haven't already activated your account, check out the instructions (FFCA PowerSchool Parent Portal Access Instructions) on the webpage before proceeding.
3. Click the "FFCA PowerSchool Parent Portal" link and log in.
4. Click "School Fees and Forms" on the left side menu.
5. Select a student attending SEE:
 - select Miscellaneous near the bottom of the page
 - select SEE Spring Concert Tickets
 - select the qty of tickets you require (you do not need to purchase a ticket for any students performing)
6. When you're ready to pay, click on the cart at the top right.
7. Complete the payment using your Visa/Visa Debit/MC, then click "Return" at the top right.
8. You will need to show proof of purchase. To obtain a receipt click the Menu icon at the top right and select "receipts"
9. Click Logout from the Menu when you are finished.

If you have any questions regarding the online system, please email Sally Clancy at sally.clancy@ffca-calgary.com. Please direct all concert related questions to Ms. Callender via Edsby.

Please see the original Spring Concert Parent Notice posted on the Edsby River (the banner that runs across the top of the screen) for additional information about the event.

Spring Concert

This is a reminder of our upcoming Spring Concert on Tuesday, March 5 at First Alliance Church

Students are to meet their classroom teachers at 6 pm as follows:

- K-3 students will go to the gym on the East side of the sanctuary
- Grade 4 students will meet their teachers in the foyer on the West side of the sanctuary

Parents will then proceed into the sanctuary to find their seat.

This is a ticketed event, and you will **require a screenshot or printout of your tickets** for entry:

1. Go to the "PowerSchool Parent Portal" <https://ffca.powerschool.com/public/home.html>
2. Click on Menu (top right corner)
3. Click on Statements/select the child that you bought the tickets under
4. The statement will be downloaded to your device
5. Open the downloaded document on your device
6. Screen shot or print the downloaded document and if possible, highlight the tickets (to expedite the checking in at the church)

K-3 students are to wear full gala uniform and black shoes will be sent home with your child to wear in the evening. **Please return them** with your child the next day.

Grade 4 students may dress in their "best dressed" outfit. Please do not feel the need to go out and purchase something. If your child does not own anything dressy, they can wear whatever they feel comfortable in.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Ms. Callender





On-Line Lunch Ordering
www.HealthyHunger.ca



Our Fun Lunch from **Edo Japan** will be by grade on the following days:

Thursday March 21 - Grade 1 & 2 (Orders due by March 16)

Friday March 22 - Grade 3 & 4 (Orders due by March 17)

Interested in volunteering for Fun Lunch?

Please go to the following links below to sign up:

Grade 1 & 2: <https://volunteersignup.org/PQJYE>

Grade 3 & 4 : <https://volunteersignup.org/MPLF7>

If you have any questions, please contact Marla Schatz at:

funlunchsee@gmail.com

FFCA SEE CLASS MEMORY BOOKS 2023-2024

Memory books are \$27 each and can be ordered until March 18th.

Memory books are an optional purchase

What are Memory Books?

Memory Books are photo yearbooks that are created by very dedicated volunteers. They are personalized by classroom so the memory book for your child will include pictures and special memories from their school year.

You are able to order a maximum of 2 books per student. If you would like more than 2 copies, please email our Lead Memory Book Coordinator, Anastasia Belskiy at ffcaseememorybooks@gmail.com

To purchase a memory book for your child, please use the PowerSchool Parent Portal:

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2. Click the "FFCA PowerSchool Parent Portal" link and log in.
3. Click "School Fees and Forms" on the left side menu.
4. Select your child attending SEE:
Select Miscellaneous Tab near the bottom of the page
Select SEE Class Memory Book 2023-3024
Select Submit (this will add the cost to your cart)
Repeat the above 3 steps if you would like to purchase a second book for the same child
If you have more than 1 child attending SEE, please complete step 4 for each child.
5. When you're ready to pay, click on the cart at the top right.
6. Complete the payment using your Visa/Visa Debit/MC/MC Debit, then click "Return" at the top right.
7. You can check "Statements" under Menu to confirm your order.
8. Click Logout from the Menu when you are finished.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

Volunteers Needed

Casino Fundraiser

Over the last month we've had a couple more spots open up and we'd love for you to join us to help make some BIG projects come to life! We have just **3** spots left, and we need your help to fill them. This is an easy way to get your family's volunteer hours in and spend a few hours getting to know some of the other parents at the school. Details and sign up below.

[Sign up here!](#)

Playground and School Grounds Improvement Committee

Our "yellow slide" playground is nearing its end and will likely be removed in the next several months, with that we will be looking to make several improvements to our school grounds and overall playground structure. In order to effectively create an outdoor learning space for our children we are putting together a team to create and execute a plan to make these much needed changes. Our first meeting to discuss the depths of this project will be in April. Please reach out if you're interested in helping to make this happen, you can email us at ffcaseeplayground@gmail.com for more information.



School Council and Society Meetings from 6:30-8:30pm

March - no meeting

April 15th - in person held in the SEE Library

May 13th (+ society) - AGM - in person held in the SEE Library

June 17th - in person held in the SEE Library

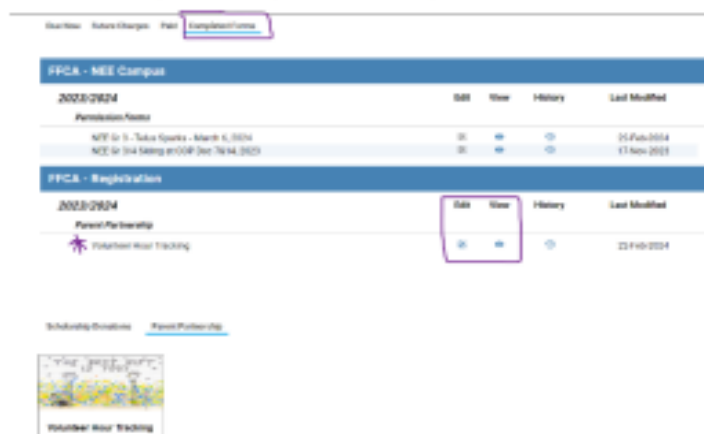
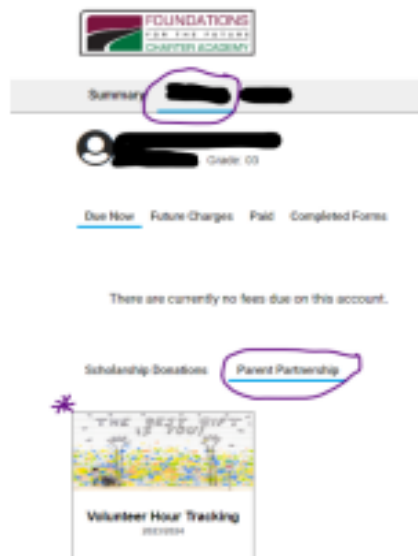


Volunteer Hour Tracking – Instructions

Parents,

You can now enter the hours that you have volunteered during the 2023/2024 school year. Thank you for your patience while we have been setting up the new system.

1. Login to the PowerSchool Parent Portal in a browser (Rycor cannot be accessed through the App, it must be a browser)
<https://ffca.powerschool.com/public>
2. Click on the School Fees and Forms link in the menu on the left
3. Click on one of the students at the top who attends the campus you volunteered for
4. Click on Parent Partnership at the bottom
5. Click on the Volunteer Hour Tracking Form 2023/2024
6. Select the campus from the dropdown box where you volunteered
 - a. Please start a different form for each campus you volunteer at for tracking and reporting purposes
7. The name of the parent logged in will be auto-filled under Volunteer; however, you can type in a different name if you are entering the hours for another family member
8. You can enter up to 20 dates / volunteer activities on the form
9. This form will remain editable for the rest of the year. You can go back to the form in the future and enter more dates until all slots are full. If you fill up the form, you can start a new form for an additional 20 slots.
 - a. To edit the form, click on the same student at the top
 - b. Click on the Completed Forms section under the student names
 - c. Click on the pencil under Edit beside the previously filled-in Volunteer Hour Tracking form





Just a Reminder...

Moving?

INTERNAL TRANSFER PROCESS

If your family is moving to a home that is outside the boundary of your child's current campus, your child may remain at that campus, but you will be responsible for transporting your child to and from school. Busing is not available outside the designated campus boundaries. If you require transportation, you will need to apply for an internal transfer to the campus designated for your new address. You may apply on or after the first day of school in the 2023/24 year and applications should be in place by March 1, 2024, to have the best opportunity to transfer for the 2024/25 year. The transfer requests are done through the Online Waitlist system. Internal transfer Requests will precede waitlist students (including priority status and siblings, but not including deferred priority). If the requested campus is unable to accommodate your student, there will still be a guaranteed seat at the current campus. Please see the following link for instructions to request a transfer through the Online Waitlist system.

Please note:

- transfers do not occur mid-year
- transfers can only occur if a seat becomes available in the requested campus (possible wait of up to 6 years)
- we may not be able to accommodate all children in the same family

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/admission_information/internal_transfer_requests



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			No Public Board or School Council Meetings this month	1
4 Re-Registration March 4 -15 <i>*Details to Come*</i>	5 Spring Concert First Alliance Church 12345-40 St SE @6:30pm	6	7	8 PD Day No School
<div> <div>→</div> Re-Registration for Current FFCA Students Mar 4-15 </div>				
11	12	13	14	15 Report Cards sent by Email
<div> Re-Registration for Current FFCA Students Mar 4-15 <div>←</div> </div>				
18	19	20 K AM Mad Science in School Field Trip	21 • G 1/2 Fun Lunch • G 2 & 4 Teacher's Pet • K PM Mad Science in School Field Trip	22 • G 3/4 Fun Lunch • Casual Day: Dress Like Your Favourite Book Character
25	26	27	28	29
<div>  Spring BREAK UNTIL APRIL 7th </div>				