



Graduating Students and their Parents:

As the year is flying by, graduation requirements and scholarships need to be visited by senior students. You will receive an up to date detailed academic report, however you should have your MyPass account from Alberta Education to check on your courses at any time. This is also how you will be receiving your diploma exam results. Here is some information that we will be going through:

Alberta Education High School Diploma Requirements:

- 100 credits
- English 30-1 or English 30-2
- Social 30-1 or Social 30-2
- Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 or Math 20-3
- Science 20 or Biology 20 or Physics 20 or Chemistry 20 or Science 24
- Physical Education 10
- CALM
- 10 CTS or Locally Developed Credits or Fine Arts Credits
- 10 credits in any other 30 level subject (in addition to English 30 and Social 30)

Graduation Participation:

As per NGPS Administrative Procedure 366, to be eligible to participate in a graduation ceremony prior to the completion of grade twelve year, a student must satisfy the following criteria a minimum of **four (4) weeks** prior to the graduation ceremony (June 28, 2019):

- Must be registered in a program of studies, maintaining regular attendance and possess a minimum grade of fifty percent (50%) in each course, which if successfully completed by the end of the current school year would fully satisfy all the student's remaining requirements for an Alberta High School Diploma; or
- Must be registered in a special needs program, maintaining regular attendance in his/her final year of basic education and in a position to complete successfully by the end of the current school year all remaining requirements of his/ her IPP;
- Must have, in addition to meeting the requirements above, successfully completed at least half of any correspondence course which would affect his/her graduation eligibility if not completed.

All students in Grade 12 will be receiving a letter confirming their ability to participate in the graduation ceremony four weeks before. Students and parents will be contacted throughout the second semester if there is any indication that participation is in jeopardy.

Diploma Exams:

Attached is a diploma exam schedule for January, April, and June writings. If you are interested in doing a diploma prep course, you and your parents can research and book on your own. One source that some students have accessed in past years is <http://www.rockthediploma.com/>. However there are several that are available and can be researched on the internet.



Valedictorian:

As per NGPS Administrative Procedure 366, the Valedictorian will be chosen a minimum of three weeks before the graduation ceremony according to the following criteria:

The valedictorian shall be the student demonstrating the highest overall aggregate mark in English 30-1, Social Studies 30-1, and three (3) of the following:

- Mathematics 30-1
- Mathematics 30-2
- Mathematics 31
- Science 30
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30
- Physics 30
- A language other than English at the 30 level.

Scholarships:

Scholarship information is constantly being updated and shared to students through visits to the classrooms, bulletin boards, Facebook, and the school website. There are several websites available that contain scholarship listings by subject, program, or institution. Starting points:

<https://alis.alberta.ca/explore-education-and-training/pay-for-your-education/scholarships-and-bursaries/>

<https://scholartree.ca/>

Fox Creek School is fortunate to have many local scholarships available to our students. These currently include:

- Chevron
- Alberta Newsprint Scholarships
- Steven Harding Memorial Scholarship
- Town of Fox Creek Scholarship
- Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
- Murphy Oil Scholarship
- Marnevic Construction Scholarship
- Fox Creek Fire Department Scholarship
- Respol Scholarship
- Alstar Memorial Scholarship
- Shell Scholarships

Students will be notified as dates approach for those scholarships requiring applications. Typically, application season for these scholarships starts in April.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me at the school, 780 622 3742.

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