



PANTHER NEWS

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SPRUCE GROVE COMPOSITE
HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

Here at The Comp, we are excited to begin a fresh new year with some fresh new faces on our staff. For those of you coming to us via Greystone, two of these faces will be familiar; Mrs. Shelley Cygan is our new Business Coordinator and Mrs. Trish Spink is our new Grade 10 Counselor/IEL. Also joining us from elsewhere in the Division is Mrs. Karla Nelson as an educational assistant. We get to welcome back Mrs. Haley Sorenson and Mrs. Sara Strydhorst from their mat leaves as a math and a science teacher, respectively. Brand new to us this year, we have Mr. Jonathan Baraclough as our Computer Science/Science teacher, Keith Johnson as one of our English teachers, Clara Philibert as our Cosmetology teacher, Bonnie Rae as our Art teacher, and Katie Sorenson as our Foods teacher.

Not only do we have some fresh faces, we also have freshly painted halls on the main floor and a brand spanking new cosmetology lab on the second floor. Thanks to our custodial staff and maintenance staff, and their hard work over the summer, The Comp is ready for us all to get down to the business of learning.

Please remember, here at SGCHS our students have the autonomy to determine where they need support or extension in their learning. Seminar takes place every day from 2:30-3:12 and provides the time needed with the relevant teacher so that concepts can be reviewed and retained, tests which were missed can be written, and key learnings can be revisited and affirmed. Our school motto is *Building Excellence and Success Together*. Seminar gives students and staff an extra opportunity to ensure students are learning at their *BEST*.

We've had a strong beginning to our year with our Grade 10 Welcome Orientation Day and our Grade 11 and 12 Welcome Back assemblies. Our Grade 12 Students and Parents are invited to join Mr. Rose and Mrs. Stewart for an Information Evening on Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 pm in the Horizon Stage. It is a great occasion to come find out about graduation requirements. As well, all parents are invited to attend our School Council evenings. The first will take place on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm in our library. This is a wonderful monthly opportunity for parents to learn about the goings on here at The Comp. Our hope is that this Newsletter will also help to keep you informed about how we can all work together to ensure the *BEST* education for our students.

Have a fantastic Fall,

Ms. Cheryl Otto



“Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents.”

Bob Beauprez



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Important dates:

- Grade 12 Parent & Student meeting September 13th @ 6:30pm
- Volleyball Parent Meeting September 13th @ 5:30pm
- Panther Auxiliary Meeting on September 18th @ 6:30pm
- School Council Meeting in SGCHS Library on September 18th @ 7pm
- Jostens Rings Parent Information SGCHS student lounge September 20th @ 3pm
- Jr. Volleyball Tournament at SGCHS September 21st & 22nd
- TCT on September 25th 8:29 – 9:50am.
- Jostens Rings in Student Lounge September 27th @ 11am
- Meet the teacher for new parents to SGCHS September 27th @ 7p

Looking ahead:

- PLT October 2nd 1:06 – 3:12pm
- U of A presentation in Horizon Stage October 2nd @ 1pm
- PD Day October 5th
- Thanksgiving Day October 8th