

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy November, everyone!

September and October have flown by and students and families have settled into a daily routine with work coming in at a regular pace. Although self motivation and independence are keys for virtual learning, some may feel behind. There is time to get back on track! November is a great time to restructure a daily routine and reach out to your teachers for a plan to get in any missed assignments. Your teachers and counsellor are just a call, text, or email away.

For our grade 12 students, October means it's time to start thinking about post-secondary applications. Most of these institutions are holding online open houses in November, which are a great opportunity to get a sense of what's out there. We've included key dates for these events in this newsletter.

Everyone can learn when the right supports are in place.! These core values drive our school,

- ♦ Focus
- ♦ Excellence
- ♦ Integrity
- ♦ Perseverance

Remember students, we believe in you and are here to help you reach your goals!

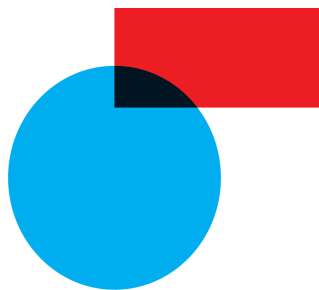
Sincerely,

Christy Filgate, Principal

***What Sets Us Apart***  
***The division's schools offer the outstanding education parents and students expect in a fun, welcoming environment they trust.***

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**Sturgeon Public Virtual Academy**  
**November 2021**



### **Important Dates:**

**Nov 2&3 Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Nov 8–10 Fall Break—  
No classes**

**Nov 11 Remembrance  
Day—No classes**

**Nov 12 In Lieu of  
Parent/Teacher Inter-  
views—No classes**

**Nov 24 Public Board  
Meeting 4:00PM**

**Please click the link for our  
full SPVA Calendar —>**

## **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW— ONLINE**

**NOVEMBER 2ND & 3RD 3-6PM**

**PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER FOR OUR  
VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS**

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# **Bookings**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**



**Sturgeon Public Virtual Academy**

**FIND US ON  
FACEBOOK!**



*Learn & grow.*

**STURGEON  
LEARNING  
CENTRE**

**MORINVILLE  
LEARNING  
CENTRE**

**Dare to reimagine learning**

**Sturgeon Public School Division**  
**October 18, 2021 Official School Board Trustee Election Results**

**Ward 1, Redwater/Coronado**

- PEQUIN, Janine Rae - Acclaimed (Incumbent)

**Ward 2, Bon Accord/Legal**

- BRIGGS, Cindy (380 votes - ELECTED)
- THOMPSON, Jared Ryan (156 votes)

**Ward 3, Alcomdale/Villeneuve**

- DWYER, Joseph - Acclaimed (Incumbent)

**Ward 4, Sturgeon Valley/ West St. Albert**

- MURRAY-ELLIOTT, Trish - Acclaimed (Incumbent)

**Ward 5, Morinville**

- BUGA, Stacey Lee - Acclaimed

**Ward 6, Cardiff/Garrison**

- OATWAY-MCLAY, Tasha - Acclaimed (Incumbent)

**Ward 7, Gibbons/Lamoureux**

- GIBBONS, Irene Grace (484 votes - ELECTED)
- THIMER, Barry (294 votes)

  
Liliana LeVestconte  
Returning Officer

Frank Robinson Education Centre  
9820-104 Street, Morinville, AB T8R 1L8

P: 780.939.4341  
F: 780.939.5520

T: 1.888.459.4062  
E: [fre@sturgeon.ab.ca](mailto:fre@sturgeon.ab.ca)

## Election Results

### Congratulations to our Official School Board Trustees with Sturgeon Public School Division

Diploma exams are mandatory  
in the 2021/22 school year.

Due to learning disruptions  
caused by the COVID-19  
pandemic, the weighting of  
diploma exams will be  
temporarily reduced to 10% for  
the 2021/22 school year only.

Diploma exams will be offered  
for every diploma exam  
course in November, January,  
April, June and August  
administrations.

For more information, please  
refer to [https://  
www.alberta.ca/diploma-  
exams.aspx](https://www.alberta.ca/diploma-exams.aspx)



***"EDUCATION IS NOT THE  
LEARNING OF FACTS, BUT  
THE TRAINING OF THE  
MIND TO THINK."***

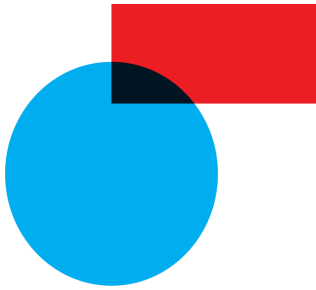
**-ALBERT EINSTEIN**

Tuesday, November 2	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A English Language Arts 30–2 Part A
Wednesday, November 3	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, November 4	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2
Friday, November 5	9:00 A.M.–12:00 A.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
Monday, November 8	9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B Science 30
Tuesday, November 9	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Physics 30 Biology 30
Wednesday, November 10	1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30*

## November Diploma Exams

**Students who are rewriting diploma exams must  
register themselves through MyPass. Registration  
Deadline is Nov 1st, 2021**

<https://public.education.alberta.ca/PAS/mypass/welcome>



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## TIPS FOR AT HOME LEARNING

Separate quiet workspace

Noise cancellation headphones

Get to bed on time

Fresh air/ designated lunch breaks

Stretch Breaks

Routine—Daily Calendar

Get Organized

Parents go on PowerSchool to check on assignments that were missed or due

Check out your local Library

Grab a nice cold drink/warm drink  
in a special cup

*We are what we  
repeatedly do.  
Excellence is not an  
act, but a habit.*

*- Aristotle*

*Creating a  
New Routine  
for Your Child*

**TIPS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES  
AND STUDENT SUCCESS**





## LOOK BACK AT OCTOBER:

Sturgeon Public Virtual Academy students participated in a variety of activities on September 30th for Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students watched the CBC video "Every Child Matters" and completed an orange shirt day art project and written pledge to teach others about Residential Schools.



Ms. Brown: I taught outside for an hour and most of my kiddos were also able to go outside and really enjoyed that. They loved it so much that we will do it again! The grade 5 / 6 Explorers completed a tic-tac-toe choice board where they really connected with nature, went on beautiful fall treks, had distraction-free dinners with their families, wrote old-fashioned letters to family and friends and so much more! The students then wrote thoughtful reflections about their time connecting with nature and their families. Now that the kiddos have fine-tuned their paragraph writing skills they are working on their spooky story writing. This lines up well with our Evidence and Investigation science unit where we are solving mysteries. They found the criminal in their escape room kick-starter project! We now know who stole the money in that crime!

## LOOK BACK AT OCTOBER CON'T



THE JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY BY DEDICATING ONE HOUR TO UNPLUG AND HEAD OUTSIDE TO COMPLETE A NATURE JOURNALING PROJECT.

Mrs. Dorosh: We had an awesome month studying some spooky short stories for our short story unit in Language Arts. Students are now wrapping up the unit by writing their own spoooooooooooooky short story!

Mrs. Fung: The students completed some very interesting science projects this month! Stay tuned for pictures of some incredible space suit designs in next month's newsletter.

**PowerSchool Parent Portal:** Please remember to log into PowerSchool to see all of the successes your child is having in their learning journey this year! If you have any concerns about creating your own parent portal account please contact Ms. Katelyn Pawlechko @ [katelyn.pawlechko@sturgeon.ab.ca](mailto:katelyn.pawlechko@sturgeon.ab.ca)

**SuccessMaker:** All SPVA students now have access to the Successmaker program. Mr. Tom Emerson has reached out to all families to ensure that students are successfully able to log in! Students are provided with a minimum of 15 minutes a day to complete their successmaker activities. If you are looking at providing additional support at home for your child, they can always do additional successmaker activities outside of school hours.





THE PARTNERSHIP OF  
BON ACCORD / GIBBONS / LEGAL / MORINVILLE /  
REDWATER / & STURGEON COUNTY  
PRESENTS

## A VIRTUAL SESSION WITH DR. JODY CARRINGTON

NOVEMBER 18TH, 2021 / 6:30PM-8:30PM  
LIMITED REGISTRATIONS / FREE EVENT

Gibbons Morinville Sturgeon County Legal  
BON ACCORD Redwater Any Questions Call (780) 923-2374

# Fall Break Day Camps

Be your own Superhero  
November 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Under the Sea  
November 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Secret Agent  
November 10, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Ages 6-12**

Day camps will be held at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.  
Fee is \$35 per day. For more information, visit [www.morinville.ca](http://www.morinville.ca).

Morinville

The Gibbons Preschool Association will be hosting a Silent Auction Fundraiser. We will be hosting the event at the Mainstreet Public house and online via Facebook on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Bidding will start online at 6pm Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> and will close on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

Winners will be contacted Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in the evening via Facebook.

\* Please join the Facebook Group—Gibbons Preschool Association Silent Auction Fundraiser 2021/2022. The Group information will also be posted on our Facebook Page (Gibbons Preschool)

\*\* Bids will only be accepted via Facebook

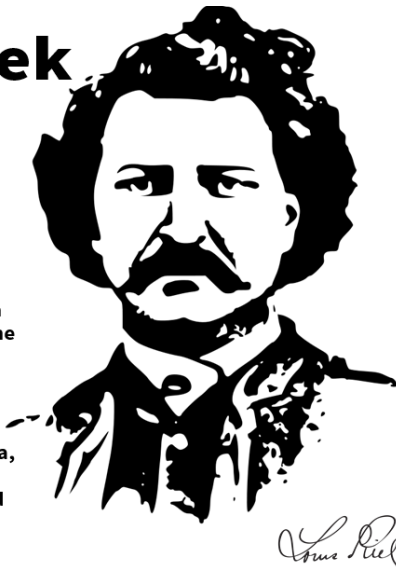
\*\*\*E-transfers and cash only will be accepted.

\*\*\*\*Event location may change due to any rules and regulation changes due to COVID-19.

## Métis Week 2021

November 14th-20th, 2021

Métis Week is a week-long celebration of Métis culture, traditions, and history. It is a week designated to honour the contributions of the Métis Nation and its citizens. Louis Riel, the great leader of the Métis Nation, was killed on November 16, 1885. In Alberta, the week surrounding November 16th is designated as Métis Week.



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## Events in the Community:



WWW.WINTERWONDERFOREST.CA TICKETS ON SALE NOW

# The Winter Wonder Forest

USE CODE: GIBBONS  
BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, 2021  
AND GET 15% OFF  
YOUR ADMISSION TICKET

NOVEMBER 18TH, 2021  
JANUARY 9TH, 2022

## BIGGER BETTER BRIGHTER

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED GO TO TRUE START FOUNDATION

LONGRIDERS RV PARK  
GIBBONS, ALBERTA

HOMETOWN WEEKEND 2021  
Sunday - November 21st

# Parade of Lights

TO find the Parade Map & Registration Forms  
Scan the QR Code or visit  
[gibbons.ca/residents/activities/events](http://gibbons.ca/residents/activities/events)



Float Staging 4-5PM  
Parade Start 530pm  
Approx End 630PM

Contact Eric  
(780) 923-2374

Gibbons  
ROOTED IN FAMILY

### Gibbons BonAccord Food Bank

Christmas hamper applications are now available at the Family Resource Centre in Gibbons or email [Bonaccordgibbonsfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:Bonaccordgibbonsfoodbank@gmail.com) and we will email you the form.

Christmas hampers and gifts for children are available to families in need of assistance in the Gibbons, BonAccord, Namao and Sturgeon area. Hamper form applications deadline is Nov 30th and hamper pick up is December 18th. If you require more information please call the food bank at 780-923-2344.



PHONE: 780-939-4341 EXT 1625 OR 1626

EMAIL VIRTUAL ACADEMY:  
SPVA@STURGEON.AB.CA

EMAIL LEARNING CENTRE'S: LEARNINGCENTRES@STURGEON.AB.CA

WEBSITES: WWW.STURGEONLEARNING.CA

WWW.STURGEONPVA.CA

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## Emergency Contacts & Support

1-866-332-2322	ADDICTION SERVICES HELPLINE (24 HOURS)
1-888-456-2323	BULLYING HELPLINE (24 HOURS)
1-800-387-5437	CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE (24 HOURS)
310-1818	FAMILY VIOLENCE INFO LINE (24 HOURS)
780-482-4357	ALBERTA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CRISIS/DISTRESS LINE
1-866-939-9303	STURGEON COUNTY FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT
1-800-668-6868	KIDS HELP PHONE (24 HOURS)
780-939-4590	STURGEON VICTIM SERVICES (8:30-4:30)
1-866-644-5135	INCOME SUPPORT CONTACT CENTRE
1-800-332-1414	POISON & DRUG INFORMATION SERVICE (24 HOURS)
780-482-HELP (4357)	SUICIDE CRISIS CENTRE/DISTRESS LINE (24 HOURS)
FCSS—GIBBONS	<a href="https://www.gibbons.ca/public/download/files/170654">https://www.gibbons.ca/public/download/files/170654</a>



EMERGENCY SERVICES  
(AMBULANCE/FIRE/POLICE)



HEALTH LINK  
GENERAL HEALTH INFO



FREE 24 HOUR INFORMATION AND REFERRAL  
SYSTEM



**JUST A REMINDER THERE IS  
NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER 8-12.  
HAVE A GREAT FALL BREAK**



**CLASSES RESUME NOV 15TH**