**January 2025** 







# Message from Admin

## Welcome Back from Winter Break!

We hope everyone had a restful and rejuvenating winter break! As we head into January, it's important to remember that we are now heading into the final stretch before high school final exams and diploma exams. This is a critical time for students in grades 10-12, so let's stay focused, organized, and ready to finish strong! High school students will attend to write their exams and may choose to meet with their teachers for additional support prior to exams. They are permitted to leave once their exams are finished. A reminder that all students writing final exams are required to bring picture ID to their exam in order to write. January 29 is a Professional Learning Day for staff so there will be no school for students. Semester 2 starts for all students on January 30.

# Reminder: Dress for the Weather

As the temperatures drop, please remember to dress appropriately for the cold weather. Whether you're heading to class or riding the school bus, it's essential to wear warm clothing, including coats, hats, gloves, scarves and appropriate footwear. Make sure you're prepared for the chilly mornings and afternoons!

# **Cell Phone Policy**

A friendly reminder that our school maintains a no cell phone/mobile device (this includes airpods, headphones) policy during class & break times. Phones/devices should be kept off and in your locker during instructional periods and breaks between classes. This helps ensure that everyone can focus on learning and contribute to a positive, distraction-free environment for all. Students continue to be permitted their phones/devices during lunch. A first infraction will result in the confiscation of the phone/device for the student to pick up at the end of the school day. A second infraction will result in the confiscation of the phone/device and a parent/guardian will be required to pick it up. Third and subsequent infractions will result in confiscation of the phone/device to be picked up by a parent/guardian as well as progressive disciplinary action. For more information please refer to Aspen View Public Schools Administrative Procedure 618 - Personal and Mobile Devices and Social Media.

Let's all work together to stay warm, focused, and ready to succeed as we head into these important final weeks of the semester. Here's to a great second half of the school year!

Sincerely, EPC Admin Team

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### **EPC Administration**

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Vice Principals
Ryan Mann (A-F)
Lee Zinnick (T-Z)



| Monday      | Tuesday                         | Wednesday               | Thursday   | Friday                                    |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
|             |                                 | 1<br>Christmas<br>Break | 2<br>Christmas<br>Break  | 3<br>Christmas<br>Break                   |
| 6<br>Day 1  | 7<br>Day 2                      | 8<br>Day 1              | 9<br>Day 2   | 10<br>Day 1                               |
| 13<br>Day 2 | 14<br>Grade 9 Ski Trip<br>Day 1 | 15<br>Day 2             | Last Day of SR. High<br>Classes<br>Day 1                               | 17<br>Day 2                               |
| 20<br>Day 1 | 21<br>Day 2                     | 22<br>Day 1             | 23<br>Day 2  | 24<br>Day 1                               |
| 27<br>Day 2 | 28<br>Grade 8 Ski Trip<br>Day 1 | 29<br>PD Day            | 30 2nd Semester Begins Report cards available on Parent Portal.  Day 1 | 31 Grade 7/ Diversity/K&E Ski Trip  Day 2 |



# **EPC January 2025 Exam Schedule**

Last day of SR High classes is Thursday, Jan. 16th

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| Date   | Time                        | Exam   | Room                                 |  |  |
| Tuesday,<br>January 14 <sup>th</sup>               | 9am – 12pm                  | ELA 30-1 Part A (Borris)<br>ELA 30-2 Part A (MacKay)                       | RM 109H<br>RM 109J                   |  |  |
| Wednesday,<br>January 15 <sup>th</sup>             | 9am – 12pm<br>9am – 11:30am | SS 30-1 Part A (White)<br>SS 30-2 Part A (Small)<br>SS 30-2 Part A (White) | RM 206D<br>RM 109H<br>RM 109J        |  |  |
| Friday,<br>January 17 <sup>th</sup>                | 9am – 12pm                  | Math 30-1<br>Math 30-2   | RM 206F<br>RM 206D                   |  |  |
| Monday,<br>January 20 <sup>th</sup><br>(Day 1)     | 9am – 12pm                  | ELA 30-1 Part B<br>ELA 30-2 Part B   | Gym                                  |  |  |
|  | 12:30pm – 3pm               | Math 10C<br>Math 10-3  | Gym                                  |  |  |
| Tuesday,<br>January 21st<br>(Day 2)                | 9am – 12pm                  | SS 30-1 Part B<br>SS 30-2 Part B   | Gym                                  |  |  |
|  | 9am – 11am                  | Math 10-4/20-4 K&E   | RM 206E                              |  |  |
|  | 12:30pm – 3pm               | Math 20-1<br>Math 20-2<br>Math 20-3  | Gym                                  |  |  |
| Wednesday,   | 9am - 12pm                  | Biology 30   |                                      |  |  |
|  | 9am – 12pm                  | SS 20-1<br>SS 20-2   | Gym                                  |  |  |
| January 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Day 1)                   | 9am - 11am                  | ELA 10-4/20-4/30-4   | RM 206E                              |  |  |
| (Day I)  | 12:30pm – 3pm               | SS 10-1<br>SS 10-2   | Gym                                  |  |  |
| Thursday,<br>January 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>(Day 2)   | 9am – 12pm<br>9am – 11:30am | Chemistry 30<br>ELA 20-1<br>ELA 20-2                                       | Gym                                  |  |  |
|  | 12:30pm – 3pm               | ELA 10-1<br>ELA 10-2   | Gym                                  |  |  |
| Friday,<br>January 24 <sup>th</sup>                | 9am – 12pm                  | Physics 30 (CAVE only)   | CAVE                                 |  |  |
|  | 9am – 11:30am               | Biology 20<br>Science 14   | 206F<br>203J                         |  |  |
|  | 9am – 11am                  | Science 14/24 K&E  | RM 206E                              |  |  |
|  | 12:30pm – 3pm               | Science 10   | 109H – BK3 class<br>109J – BK4 class |  |  |
| Monday,<br>January 27 <sup>th</sup>                | 9am – 12pm                  | Science 30 (CAVE only)   | CAVE                                 |  |  |
|  | 9am – 11:30am               | Chemistry 20<br>Physics 20   | RM 206F<br>RM 203D                   |  |  |
| Tuesday,<br>January 28 <sup>th</sup>               | 9am – 11:30am               | Alternate Date for Non-Diploma Exams due to Inclement Weather              | Library                              |  |  |

Note that Diploma Exams are colored in RED and up to double time is provided to complete them

# NEWS



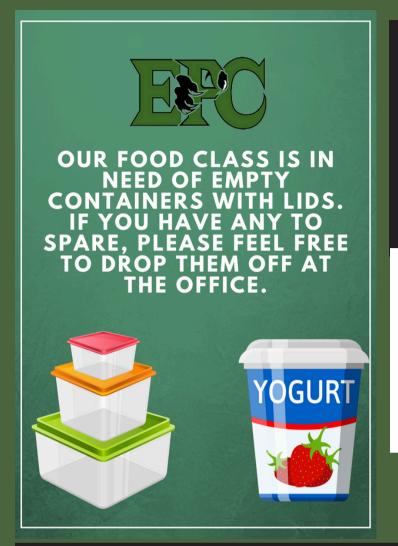
If you have a graduate from the class of 2024, there is a Grad package available for them to collect at the front office. This package includes various items to celebrate their accomplishments, such as a certificate and a class photo.

Save with Save on Foods fundraising is now happening at EPC. When you purchase Save on Foods gift cards through EPC, your family will earn 10% back in fundraising money. This money can be used towards non-curricular fees that your child may have: yearbooks, sports, student council fees, grad fees, travel. This money will stay with your child until they leave EPC at which point the remaining balance will be transferred to our Food for Though program.

Save on Foods gift cards can be purchased at EPC's business office or at the Athabasca Alberta Treasury Branch (ATB).

Family and friends may also purchase Gift Cards for your family.





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# TELUS Wise® Parents Workshop

Supporting Youth in Our Digital World

If you're interested in purchasing a yearbook for the 2024-2025 school year, please send an email to epcsecl@aspenview.org.



Ms. Balascak's Sr. Construction classes are working hard finish up their incredible projects! Students are showcasing their skills and creativity as they build some amazing structures. We can't wait to see the final results! Keep up the great work, everyone!





Mrs. Kunnas's Art classes have been busy creating paverpol gnomes! Students have designed and added unique characters and details to their festive sprites. It's been a wonderful way to express creativity and bring some holiday cheer to our school!









It was chemistry in action at Athabasca University! Our Chemistry 20 students had a fantastic experience in the titration lab today. They worked hard to master their skills and gain handson experience in chemistry. Great job, everyone! Thank you to the Athabasca University for providing this opportunity for our students. Science Outreach - Athabasca





What an amazing day bringing in the holiday break at school yesterday! Students had a blast building gingerbread houses, rocking their PJs, and enjoying a fun afternoon at the multiplex. The open mic at lunch was a highlight, and who could forget the delicious pancake breakfast. A huge thank you to the parents who came out to help prepare the pancakes! Your support made the day extra special! Thank you to our school council group and teachers who organized this eventful day!











# Career Counsellor's 2025 Graduation CORNER

It is that time of the year for applying to post-secondary schools. If you would like to set up your Mypass and Apply Alberta accounts, please come see Mrs. Holdis. Links:

MyPass:

https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/m yPass/welcome

> Apply Alberta: https://www.applyalberta.ca/





#### Dear Aspen View School District Students, Parents & Guardians

We've partnered with Castle Rock Research to offer discounted Excelerator Diploma Preparation Courses to help students excel in diploma exams. Aspen View School District will fund \$50/student/course and families will pay the remaining \$50/student/course. Led by top educators on the SOLARO platform, these courses provide interactive learning, immediate feedback, and essential test-taking strategies. Each 20-hour course, delivered over 5 days, is fully aligned with Alberta's Program of Studies, offering device compatibility and interactive Q&A options. Click the button below to sign up or learn more.

### **Excelerator Diploma Preparation Course Aspen View School District Price**

#### • Mathematics 30-1 focuses on algebra, functions, trigonometry, and problem-solving using graphing calculators. This course builds confidence and enhances exam readiness.

### Mathematics 30-2

• Mathematics 30-2 emphasizes logical reasoning, probability, and practical applications. It equips students with strategies for exams without requiring calculus knowledge.



• Covers thermochemical, electrochemical, and organic reactions. Hands-on practice and feedback enable students to grasp complex concepts and perform well on their exams.

 Explores biological systems, genetics, and population dynamics. The course strengthens students scientific understanding and exam skills, emphasizing scientific literacy

#### Physics 30

· Focuses on momentum, forces, and atomic physics. Interactive lessons build problem- solving and critical thinking skills essential for diploma exams.

• Enhances skills in analysis, comprehension, and communication. Includes practice for written responses and exam strategies, helping students construct strong, clear arguments

· Covers citizenship, identity, and ideologies, developing analytical and essay-writing skills. This course equips students with strategies to manage time effectively on exams

Place Order

https://castlerockresearch.com/excelerator-for-avps

Grade 12 students can join the Graduation Committee to help with the details. Please see Mrs. Holdis or Mr. Zinnick to sign up. Meetings will start on Wednesday January 8th. Come out and help plan

Grad photos are March 10-13th. More information will be shared closer to the date.





**Aspen View Public Schools along with Edwin Parr Composite School, Boyle** School, H.A. Kostash School, Thorhild **Central School and Vilna School invite** you to participate in our second annual Career Fair. Our objective is to provide students exposure to careers and jobs they may not have much information about or experience with. With your expertise, we are hoping that you will be able to be a major player in the day's event.



23 April, 2025

9:00am - 3:00pm

Athabasca Regional Multiplex Athabasca, Alberta

Learn More and RSVP to the event



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# School Info



2024 2025 Junior High Bell Schedule

Period 1 8:35-9:15

Break 9:15-9:20

Period 2 9:20-10:00

Break 10:00-10:05

Period 3 10:05-10:45

Break 10:45-10:50

Period 4 10:50-11:30

Lunch 11:30-12:15

Period 5 12:15-12:55

Break 12:55-1:00

Period 6 1:00-1:40

Break 1:40-1:45

Period 7 1:45-2:25

Break 2:25-2:30

Period 8 2:30-3:10

2024 2025 Senior High Bell Schedule

Block 1 8:35-10:00

Break 10:00-10:05

Block 2 10:05-11:30

Lunch 11:30-12:15

Block 3 12:15-1:40

Break 1:40-1:45

Block 4 1:45-3:10

**Creating Community** 

# School Info



## **POWER SCHOOL APP**

Power School provides real-time access to:

- Attendance
- Grades
- Assignments & Scores
- Standards Progress
- School Announcements
- Teacher Comments
- Grade Point Average
- Fee Transactions & Balance.

You can also use PowerSchool to register to receive email alerts for grades, attendance, assignments and more.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Please remember to check the lost and found by the bus doors for missing items and also at the front office.

