



PANTHER PRESS NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates this Week

Monday Oct 14 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday Oct 15 - CDAB

- Photo Retakes
- 3:00pm Cross Country @ Aldergrove

Wednesday Oct 16 - BADC

- Lunch - Student Voice Meeting
- 2:15pm Junior Girls vs. Yale, Damesh, ATSS
- 8:00pm Senior's Night Girls Volleyball vs Imagine

Thursday Oct 17 - DCBA

- 2:45pm Senior Boys Soccer vs. Yale
- 3:00pm Junior Football @ Bateman

Friday Oct 18 - SLO Day - ABCD

- Late Start for Students (first bell rings at 9:20am)
- 7:00pm Senior Football vs Bateman
- Grad Hoodie order due on School Cash Online



The Week Recap

Welcome back from a long weekend! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Thanksgiving weekend. Though our week is short, it's jam-packed with activities as Panthers look towards mid-term events and the upcoming reporting period and parent-teacher interviews.

Last week was a blast, thanks to the incredible efforts of our Panther Leadership students! We kicked off our first spirit week and pep rally of the year with a bang. A huge shoutout to everyone who joined in the fun—whether you were twinning, tripling, or forming even bigger squads, rocking those hilarious white lies, or proudly displaying your team spirit in vibrant jerseys.



Special thanks to all our fearless Panthers who took on the creative challenges at Thursday's Pep Rally! From the thrilling balloon-popping contests to the epic Gatorade chugging battles, you all brought your A-game and made it an unforgettable event. Let's keep this Panther pride going strong!



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SLO Reminder - Friday

This coming Friday, October 18th is our second Staff Learning Opportunity (SLO) day. As such, students will have a late start with first block beginning at 9:25am. The SLO schedule, and all other daily schedules, can be found on the MySchoolDay app.

SLO - 8:10am - 9:20am (students not in attendance)

Block A - 9:25am - 10:25am

Block B - 10:30am - 11:30am

Lunch - 11:30am - 12:10pm

Block C - 12:15pm - 1:15pm

Block D - 1:20pm - 2:22pm

Upcoming - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Next week parents/guardians/caregivers will have the opportunity to meet with teachers for this semester's Parent/Teacher interview sessions. On October 23rd and 24th, Panthers will be dismissed at 11:45am and caregivers will have the ability to book appointments with teachers. Please watch for communication from the school explaining how to book appointments and when teachers will be available for conferences.

Meet Scarlet

Scarlet is the newest 4-legged addition to our Panther Staff. She is a Golden Retriever from Pacific Assistance Dog (PADS) and works with Mr. Wiebe in his classroom to help develop and support a healthy classroom community. Scarlet is happy to stop for a quick pat, a sniff, and a visit in the hallways between classes. PADS dogs go through significant training to be ready to provide life-changing independence to someone with a physical disability or to work with a teacher, psychologist, or victims services worker.

Grad Hoodies - Final Day to Order Oct 18

This Friday is the final day to order Grad 2025 hoodies. We do not order extras and only order exact quantities so please ensure you've placed your order on SchoolCashOnline to avoid disappointment! Hoodies will be received by Winter Break.





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Check Your Mailboxes! Attendance Letters

This past week, Mr. Bell (students with last names A-F), Ms. Bell (students with last names G-O), and Ms. Caines (students with last names P-Z) finished compiling the attendance letters for students with excessive absences. Students with excessive absences have been placed on attendance contracts. Failure to fulfill the attendance contract may lead to lunchtime Panther Achievement Centre sessions and the potential for In School Suspensions.

Think missing two days a month isn't a big deal? Students who miss two days a month will miss 20 days per school year. Added up from Kindergarten to Grade 12, those students will miss over a year worth of school. There is an unquestionable link between school attendance and school achievement. If your Panther is having problems getting to school on time or attending regularly, please contact the school to schedule a support meeting.

Student Voice

Are you a student in grades 10, 11, or 12 looking to make a positive change in your school community? Are you interested in using your voice to make Abby Senior a better place to be? Consider joining Student Voice. Student Voice is about taking action and giving students an opportunity to take part in the design their own learning environment & experiences. See Ms. Caines for more information.

November Assessments

All students in grade 10 are required to write the Literacy 10 and Numeracy 10 assessments. All students in grade 12 are required to write the Literacy 12 assessments. These are graduation requirements for all students. Students have multiple opportunities to rewrite these assessments. Colleges and Universities across Canada are looking at these exam scores for entrance requirements. Students will be contacted directly to schedule their exams in November.

