



GRANDE PRAIRIE
**COMPOSITE
HIGH SCHOOL**

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2024

December NEWS



Bringing our students together

As the holiday season approaches, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our families for being such an essential part of our vibrant school community. As we cherish the opportunity to create meaningful traditions and experiences that bring us closer together. One such cherished tradition is our Annual Student Turkey Dinner, which will occur on December 10. This event is a beautiful way to celebrate the season together, share a meal, and embrace the spirit of community that makes our school so unique.

The Christmas break is a time to pause, reflect, and spend quality moments with loved ones. We hope this season fills your homes with joy, laughter, and togetherness. Whether it's sharing a holiday meal, enjoying the winter wonderland, or simply connecting with those who matter most, may your holiday be truly special.

From all of us at GP Composite High School, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness, health, and success. Thank you for entrusting us with your children and for contributing to the incredible spirit of the Phoenix.

Enjoy your break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

Dennis Vobeyda

Principal



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3rd ANNUAL SCHOOL WIDE

CHRISTMAS DINNER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

with various seating times to
accommodate our **1650** students & staff

GR 11-12 STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

NWP SCIENCE OPEN HOUSE

December 11, 2024

10am-2pm

Busing from school and lunch provided

ALL PERMISSION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
DECEMBER 4, 2024

FORMS AVAILABLE IN STUDENT SERVICES

Discover the exciting world of STEM at our Grande Prairie campus!

Join us for a hands-on experience where you'll meet future instructors and explore our courses and programs.

Hands-on Labs Sessions

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computing Science
- Math
- Physics

Interactive Information Sessions

- Engineering, University Transfer
- Power Engineering Technology
- Pre-professional Programs
 - Dentistry
 - Veterinary Medicine
 - Medicine & more
- University Biological Science Diploma
- Bachelor of Computing Science
- Computer Systems Technology Certification and Diploma
- Water and Wastewater Technician Certificate

**NORTHWESTERN
POLYTECHNIC** 





*Grade 9s working together
to help support our community*

Food Drive

collecting donations in each
Grade 9 Home Room until
December 12

for a bit of fun, friendly competition, donations for each grade 9 home room are being tracked and compared on our daily TV reels.



Winter Wonderland

hosted by GPCHS Student Council



All students are invited to attend an evening filled with cookie and gingerbread house decorating, ornament making, and movie watching to get into the holiday spirit.

**Thursday, December 12
6-8pm**

**Tickets \$3 - presale or at door
ONLY Composite Students*

ALL PARENTS WELCOME

Phoenix drama performs again...

Tuesday, **December 17**

Phoenix Theatre

Showtimes 9am and 7pm

Tickets on sale now! \$2/ticket

Limited space available

PHOENIX DRAMA PRESENTS...

EMPLOYEES MUST WASH HANDS... BEFORE MURDER



A SHORT PLAY BY

DON ZOLIDIS

STARRING DRAMA 10/20/30



**PHOENIX
THEATER**

Tickets
being sold
in the
common
area at
lunch

SHOWTIMES
9:00 am
7:00 pm

\$2

Dec. 17th



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STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESENTS

PHOENIX TALENT 2024

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
PHOENIX GYMNASIUM

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MORE WAYS TO EARN CREDITS



Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)

Grade 11-12 students can earn up to 40 high school credits while learning a trade and preparing for life after high school

[More Info](#)



Work Experience Credits

Grade 10-12 students who are working after school can earn 1 credit for every 25 hours worked to a maximum of 15 credits

[Ask Student Services](#)



Dual Credits at Northwestern Polytechnic (NWP)

Grade 11-12 students can earn both high school credits and college credits at the same time

[More Info](#)



**Help with
your grad
outfit is here**



The Finishing Touch Grad Society is a non-profit organization that provides access to the formal attire necessary for grads and/or their escorts to stand equal amongst their peers in Grande Prairie and area high schools.

Completed applications can be returned to Student Services or submitted online.

[Click HERE](#)



GRAD PORTRAITS

**Bookings now
available at
Watson's Foto
Source**

**Book before
March 31, 2025 to
ensure grad photo
is in the yearbook**



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COUNTRIES

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Find all busing information on
GPPSD Website:

<https://www.gppsd.ab.ca/transportation>

ICYMI...

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS



HARTMAN'S GRADE 9 DRAMA

Students performed the delightful play JaCandy to 400 elementary students from our fellow district schools.



THOMSON'S TRADITIONAL LAND-BASED LEARNING

Students had the opportunity to use traditional scrape tools to shave the fur off moose and elk hides.



BALDIN'S GAME DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Students designed their own graphics in a Flappy Birds style game they made. They had birds, airplanes, fish and everything in between.

ICYMI...

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



GSA CLUB

Student members organized and hosted the Queer Youth Art Showcase on November 7th in the Learning Commons.



STUDENT COUNCIL

With 40 members this year, our Student Council has been organizing many events. They raised over \$750 for the Kidney Foundation by hosting a bake sale.



INTERACT CLUB

Now hosting *Trivia Tuesdays* at lunch in the common area. All students are encouraged to play.

2024-2025 REGISTRATION UPDATE FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE



IMPORTANT

Alberta Education requires a Registration Update Form to be completed each year for every Alberta student by a legal guardian

- Completing this form:
 - confirms student funding
 - allows for information updates
 - indicates FOIP and Copyright consent
 - states permissions for internet access and use of a personal device at school

[Log In to PowerSchool via our website](#) (not the App)

[Click Here for Step by Step Instructions](#)



Thank you to those already completed

JANUARY SNEAK PEAK



Grade 10-12 Last Day of Regular Classes January 16, 2025

Students in Grades 10 -12 will end Semester 1 classes on Thursday, January 16. Exams will take place from January 17-27. Exam schedule will be posted on our website in January.

First Day of Semester 2 is Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Grade 9 only

Grade 9 students last day of class before midterm exams will be Thursday, January 16, 2025. Midterm exam schedule will be posted on our website in January.

First Day of Quarter 3 is Tuesday, January 28, 2025.





WINTER BREAK

Dec 21-Jan 5

First day back Monday, Jan 6, 2025

RELAX, UNWIND &
ENJOY





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