



HARRY AINLAY HIGH SCHOOL

Where Character Counts

Principal's Message

This year is off to a great start with many activities and opportunities for students to take part in. Our Student Leadership have organized events such as the "Welcome Back Barbeque", Intramural Events, TVT and many clubs have started, ranging from "Me to We" to Table Tennis.

At Ainlay "Character Counts" and I am pleased with the student body demonstrating many virtues of Respect, Responsibility, Forgiveness and Integrity. I especially want to welcome our 700 Grade 10 students who have taken the opportunity to join many of our athletic teams, music & drama groups and participated in our noon hour activities.

As the semester continues, I encourage all students to take the responsibility to make the most of the opportunities that are available to them.



Recipe for success

- Attend all classes
- Be on time
- Keep up with assignments
- Attend extra help sessions offered by teachers
- Communicate with teachers and parents
- Celebrate the positives!

Be sure to access SchoolZone for attendance and academic information.

The fall schedule includes a Professional Development Day on November 4 designed to assist teachers in developing creative and vigorous lessons to improve student learning. **Thursday, November 3**, is **Parent-Teacher Interviews** from **5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** in both **gymnasiums** and I would encourage you to attend this important evening to discuss your son/daughter's progress.

I would also like to invite you to attend the monthly **Parent Council Meetings** at Harry Ainlay from **7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Dates are Monday:

October 24

November 28

January 30

February 27

March 19

April 30

May 28

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Alberta Human Rights Act

- On September 1, 2010, Section 11.1 of the *Alberta Human Rights Act* comes into force. The section requires school boards to notify parents where “courses of study, educational programs or instructional materials, or instruction or exercises include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion, human sexuality, religious themes or sexual orientation.”
- School boards must provide parents with the opportunity to exempt their children from instruction that **primarily** and **explicitly** involves this subject matter.
- It is important to note that Section 11.1 of the *Alberta Human Rights Act* does **not** apply to incidental or indirect references to this subject matter.
- At the beginning of the school year or semester, school principals will be sending letters to their students’ parents outlining where their children will encounter this subject matter, along with a form parents can return if they want their children exempted from this type of instruction.
- Alberta Education has updated the Guide to Education to reflect the changes to the *Alberta Human Rights Act*. Parents may wish to review pages 71 to 73 to learn more about the changes. A link to the document is available on the district website at **www.epsb.ca** under District News.

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ATHLETICS

Football:



Senior Football

The Senior Football Team have started their regular season. They finished with a 4 wins and 0 loss record in their exhibition games and are currently ranked 4th in the province in the Tier 1 rankings. They

begin their title defense vs Ross Sheppard High School and are trying to win a 3rd straight city championship with a 3rd straight birth into provincials.

Their schedule is on the football website at ainlay.ca/football. Come out to cheer them on! Good luck to them in their season.



Junior Football

The Junior Football Team have started the year with a 1-1 record and are getting better every day. They are on a roll after defeating Ross Sheppard High School by a score of 21-15 and looked to continue that success against Jasper Place. Their schedule is on the football website at ainlay.ca/football - come out to cheer them on. Good luck to them in their season.

Senior Men's Volleyball

The Senior Men's Volleyball Team is looking forward to another successful season. The returning city champions have begun their season and expect to turn heads once again. The team has several returning players, along with many new Grade 10 and 11 students to create a well balanced team. Catch the home games on Tuesdays starting Oct 11 and cheer our guys to several exciting wins!!

Junior Men's Volleyball

The Junior Men's Volleyball Team has had an exciting start to the season. They won both of their exhibition games so it looks as though they are going to be one of the teams to beat going into the regular season. They also have their first tournament under their belts, taking five of seven games and picking up bronze at the Hunting Hills Tournament in Red Deer.

October is looking to be a busy month for the team. They will be participating in three tournaments, including their own Titan's Volleyball Tournament on October 14 and 15. The boys will also be playing league games at Harry Ainlay on the 19, 24 and 26. Both the athletes and coaches will appreciate all the support they can get, so please come out and support the Junior Men whenever you can!

Senior Women's Volleyball

Congratulations to the following athletes who were selected to be part of the 2011 Senior Women's Volleyball Team.

Jessie Olsen, Lindsay Anderson, Eryn Orysiuk, Annika Jarman, Catherine Richards, Maddi Lakey, Joslyn Peters, Andrea Holmes, Camrie Christensen, McKenzie Meisinger, Megan Johnson, Mackenzie Parish and Emily Kinsella (Manager)

The team began the season with the EPSB pre-season tournament where they learned to play with their new teammates and discovered their strengths as a new group. At the U.of A. tournament, the team lost a close quarter final, and went on to win their 5th place match against Notre Dame (Red Deer).

The teams began their EPSB regular season mid September and they encourage you to cheer them on at both home and away games throughout the season. The schedule for all Harry Ainlay Volleyball teams can be found on our Athletics website.

TITANS Cheer Team

This September the Cheer Team has been working hard to learn all of their football cheers. They will be supporting our Senior Football Team starting September 30 at Johnny Bright vs Ross Sheppard High School at 5 p.m. On top of cheering at football games, the team practices three days a week and attends one morning workout a week. The athletes are training in preparation for their competition season. The cheer team was able to attend a Power Cheer Edmonton training camp consisting of eight hour days back to back. At this camp the girls learned a variety of new skills that they are very excited to continue working on this fall.

CAREER CENTRE STUDENT SERVICES

We want to introduce this year's Career Centre team. Our counsellors are **Eric Burnett** - Department Head, **Patti Skolski**, **Anna Melnychuk**, and **Corrie Yusypchuk**. Our Work Experience coordinators are **Pat Baker**, **Dale Poon** and **Ryan Flannigan**. Our RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program) coordinator is **Scott Lawrence**.

Counselling

In August and September, our counsellors were very busy with registrations. Dramatic growth in southwest Edmonton has presented opportunities to meet with a large number of students and families new to Edmonton, many from beyond our province and even our country!

On **September 22** the Career Centre presented our annual **Post-Secondary Night**. Over 700 visitors met with representatives from over thirty

institutions. The evening - one of the largest events of its kind in Alberta - showcased the wide range of **educational, training and career opportunities** available after high school.

In October, our attention turns to assisting students with **post-secondary and career planning**. During the month of **October**, counsellors will speak to all **Grade 10** math classes. The presentations will highlight high school diploma requirements, post-secondary possibilities, career exploration strategies and the role of the Career Centre.

October will see the start of **ACT Now!** - Ainlay Career Thursdays - Harry Ainlay's **popular speaker series** which will feature speakers presenting valuable information about possible **career choices** such as engineering, journalism, graphic design, police services and many more! Watch Schoolzone and Titan News for dates and times of these presentations.

Through the months of October and November, during the lunch hour and after school, the Career Centre will feature a series of presentations by post secondary institutions:

DATE	TOPIC
Oct 18 Lunch	University of Western Ontario
Oct 19	Grant MacEwan - Lunch UBC – After School
Oct 20 Lunch	University of Toronto
Oct 21 Lunch	Queen's University
Oct 25 Lunch	University of Waterloo
Oct 27	No presentation Student Council Activity
Oct 31 After School	Huron University College
Nov 1 After School	Carleton University
Nov 7 Lunch	McGill University

Ainlay's annual **Scholarship Evening** will be Thursday, **December 1** from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the main gymnasium. This event highlights and updates important scholarship information. Representatives from the **University of Alberta**,

MacEwan University, NAIT and Alberta Heritage Scholarships have been invited.

ASK NAIT! at Ainlay

Do you have specific questions about NAIT, its programs or its registration process? Students can connect for some one-on-one time with a representative from NAIT who visits Ainlay once a month on Tuesday mornings. Ask in the Career Centre for more information on booking an appointment.

Upcoming NAIT Visits: Nov. 8, Dec. 13.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Do you have a job or volunteer?
- You can use your hours for Work Experience credits and raise your GPA.
- Grade 10, 11 and 12 students are all eligible for Work Experience.

Students can gain valuable experience in a career field, can be paid for this experience and earn high school credits towards their high school diploma. The Work Experience program can:

- develop employable skills
- increase awareness of health and safety practices in the workplace
- promote networking within the business community.

You can work after school or on weekends in positions such as:

- business offices
- industries
- recreational facilities
- restaurants
- retail
- services.

You can earn 3 to 10 credits at each level of Work Experience 15, 25 and 35.

Students may register for Work Experience in 1st or 2nd semester.

NOTE: Documented registration for students taking Work Experience must be completed by February 10, 2012.

Health Internship

Grade 11 students can:

- spend six weeks in the summer job-shadowing healthcare professionals in hospitals, pharmacies and clinics
- earn Work Experience credits toward a high school diploma and
- earn an honourarium.

The Health Internship Program provides students with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with careers in the health services field and to gain valuable experiences. Students can only apply during their Grade 11 year. As much as possible, each successful candidate is placed in his or her area of interest and preference of location.

Watch for announcements in Titan News in October.

REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAM (RAP)

A RAP student can:

- learn valuable **skills as an apprentice** in one of 51 skilled trades
- while earning a **high school diploma**
- and earning a **competitive wage**.

The RAP program is designed to give students an opportunity to complete all or a portion of their first-year apprenticeship while they earn a high school diploma. Students can apply during their Grade 10 or 11 year and will spend a portion of their school year working in the field under the supervision of a journeyman.

Please contact the **Career Centre (Extension 2020)** with questions that may arise as you and your child **create career connections.**

New Initiative: Harry Ainlay Science Work Experience Program



Harry Ainlay Parents: Are you working in a science-related field?

The main objective of the science work experience program would be to provide students an opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience in a science-related field.

It would also provide Harry Ainlay students the opportunity to gain credits along with potentially boosting their academic average.

The process would involve informing students about a science position through our school communication networks, an application process and possibly an interview with the company supervisor.

The positions could be volunteer or paid positions.

The minimum time required would be 75 hours either during the:

- school year (September to June) or
- summer (July to August)

During the school year, students could be available to work during the regular school day depending on their class timetable as well as evenings and/or weekends.

If you would be interested in providing an opportunity for a Harry Ainlay student to gain work experience with you or your company, please contact me.

Dale Poon
Work Experience Coordinator
Sr. IB Biology
dale.poon@epsb.ca

FINE ARTS

Congratulations to our Art teacher, Theron Lund.

Theron was named this year's recipient of the annual award presented by the Canadian Society for Education Through Art (CSEA). The visual arts are implicit in, and expressive of culture, and as CSEA states in their mission statement, students must engage in the visual arts conceptually, analytically, critically, reflectively, historically, culturally and creatively. This level of involvement is very evident in the students Theron teaches. Each year he inspires and ignites a passion for art that regularly results in award-winning student projects. It is great to see him recognized at the national level for the results demonstrated through his students' achievements. Congratulations Theron!

Drama and Musical Theatre

Drama classes are well underway and students are just about through the orientation unit. Grade 10 students are feeling more comfortable in the environment. They have dabbled in every area of theatre and are now ready to delve more deeply into each. Grade 11 is about to embark on a research journey into the roles and responsibilities of the theatre. Grade 12 students have turned into Theatre Directors. Already they have auditioned over 70 students for parts in the plays, been in consultation with their Stage Directors and other technical personnel, contemplated costumes, lighting and sets, arranged schedules, chosen and arranged rehearsal spaces and begun rehearsals for this year's One Act Festival.

There will be 12 plays featured in this year's One-Act Festival which will run in the Harry Ainlay School Theatre December 5-10, 2011 inclusive. Admission will be by donation and theatre goers may contribute to Edmonton's Food Bank if they wish. Plays range from short and cute to much longer and quite serious. There will be something to please all tastes. Directors, casts and crews will be putting in many focused and intense hours for rehearsals and performances. The end result will be very high quality theatre. Be sure to note performance dates on your calendars and watch for schedule updates. Please come out and support these hard-working thespians.

Musical Theatre classes have already demanded a lot of energy from each and every student. They have had to summon up enough courage to perform both song and dance in front of their peers, the talent of the students is amazing and the results wonderful.

Please note that the Musical Theatre curriculum has a performance component. Students are obliged to perform at the Gala to be held on Friday June 8 as well as participate in the dress rehearsal June 7. Both of these will require students to be at the school in the evening, outside of regular school hours. The routines will be choreographed so that each student is involved and important. Please note both of these dates on your calendars as participation is essential.

FRENCH IMMERSION

Back to School



September was a busy month, for our 104 grade ten, 121 grade eleven and 74 grade twelve French Immersion students. Everyone has settled in and our first semester is going great. Mme. Wolfe has heard great stories from her French Language Arts students. Mme. Kirk's biologie classes can't wait to dissect their foetal pigs. Mme. Campbell's classes are rubbing shoulders with



royalty, a certain Petit Prince. Mme. Rahmani is perfecting her dance moves during the moving music. Mme. Coulas is still singing songs from Francophilosophie. M. Farley is selecting his new look for Franco 7 and Mme. Laplante is busy planning the trip to France for March 2012.



Francophilosophie Deux

Que le temps passe vite lorsqu'on s'amuse!!!, Saturday Sept 24 was our second French concert,

Francophilosophie.

Kirsten LePage and **Rochelle Dorosh**,

two of our grade twelve French Immersion students from 2010, had an amazing line-up of talent for us again this year. They worked tirelessly during the summer at finding musical groups and sponsors, designing posters and tickets, and at planning this amazing evening. With their tenacity and determination, four groups: The Mondrian Shift, Yellowbyrd, Saï and Nek Trio came together to give an amazing show filled with music and songs to a great audience of over one hundred people.



Kirsten and Rochelle were the great MCs for the evening. Many thanks to the spectators who helped raise nearly one thousand eight hundred dollars. Thank you as well to Mme Taschuk, Mme. Wolfe and

her current and former techies for their tremendous help. The Société France-Edmonton made a generous donation of \$300. Excellente soirée!

French 30-9Y Challenge

The FSL 30-9Y challenge has officially started.

Last week was the deadline to hand in the readiness portfolio.

By next week, students will be asked to write their names on a schedule which will be posted by the International Language Office (across from Mrs. Ito-Fedrau's classroom) for the 20 minute interview with

Mme. Karasin.



Movie Time

In a few weeks, our French Immersion students will have again the opportunity to gather in our theatre to watch a French movie. If everything goes according to plan, students are in for quite a few laughs!



INTERNATIONAL BACCALACUREATE

2010-2011: Another Successful Year for Harry Ainlay IB Students!

The results are in and Harry Ainlay IB students once again have demonstrated their perseverance and academic prowess. There were 215 students who wrote their exams in May 2011 as a culmination of their two year IB odyssey. Of those students, 147 received an IB certificate and 68 obtained their full IB Diploma. To receive an IB diploma students had to be successful in six courses: 1) English 2) History 3) Biology or Physics 4) Math 5) One of: French, German, Japanese or Spanish, and 6) One of: Music, Art, Theatre or a second science. Diploma students also had to submit both a 4000 word Extended Essay and a Theory of Knowledge essay.

In this rigorous program, our students beat the world average in English, History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics (HL & SL), Math, Art, French, German, Music (Group Performance) and Theatre. The average grade which was obtained by candidates who passed the diploma was 5.19 out of a possible 7.0. Well done to all of our 2011 IB students!

2011 International Baccalaureate Award Winners

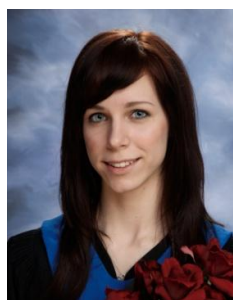
Dr. E.A. Mitchner Scholarship Award



Jesse Wang

Presented annually to the Harry Ainlay IB Diploma student who has achieved the highest combined average score out of 45 on the IB Diploma.

The IB Learner Profile Scholarship Award



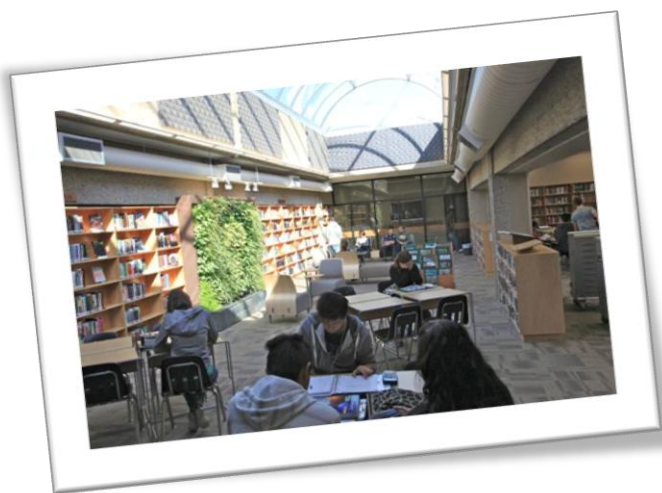
Reka Szepesvari

Presented to an IB diploma or certificate student in good academic standing who best epitomizes the IB Learner Profile. He/she must be a student who demonstrates great character, is an inquirer, a knowledgeable person, a thinker, a communicator, a principled person, open-minded, caring, balanced, a risk-taker and a highly reflective student.

LIBRARY

Library Gets Renovated: After 45 years library gets makeover

For the first time since the opening of Harry Ainlay in 1966, the library has reopened after an 8 month renovation. The library collection had been temporarily housed in the cafeteria since January and was moved to the renovated library during the summer.



“Our library is now much better prepared to support students and teachers in implementing our literacy plans for the future,” said teacher librarian Mr. Poole. The new library features a 34 station computer lab, docking stations for digital devices, wi-fi access and two natural plant living walls at either end of the library. Students will be able to

sign out laptops and work in the new spaces which have been created in the renovation. New carpet and furniture will provide students with a comfortable place to meet and read. An improved circulation desk allows for better traffic flow and access to library staff for students.

The next time you are visiting Harry Ainlay drop by and see for yourself why the library will continue to be the academic hub the school for years to come.

SECOND LANGUAGE

日本語

Our Japanese teachers have been really busy planning Japan Day. On November 1, Mrs. Ito-Fedrau and Mr. Ito will be taking eighty Japanese as a Second Language students to Woodcroft School (near Westmount Mall). Our Japanese teachers are also in the mist of finishing filling in the paper work for the trip to Japan planned for Spring Break 2012.



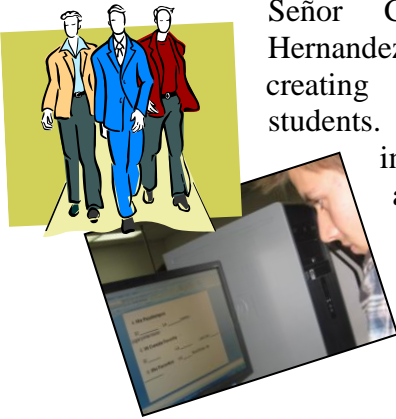
Deutsch

Oktoberfest is coming soon. This week, Herr Huellstrung will be taking fifteen of his students to the German Canadian Cultural Association for an authentic cultural celebration. Last school year, **Marie Konrad** won a 4 week, all-expenses paid trip for taking part in a writing contest. Here are a few highlights from her trip: while travelling with a group of international students and learning the German culture together, Marie stayed with a German family and learned their daily routine. She also attended a German Gymnasium and noticed all the differences and similarities between German



and Canadian school systems. Marie really enjoyed the German tradition of eating until you're full and then some at every meal (she especially enjoyed Spaghetti Eis and Currywurst). Her cultural experiences, such as the behind the scenes tour of Allianz Arena, an open air improvisation theater, shopping in the crowded streets of Koeln, and watching cultural dancing and listening to yodeling at a Bavarian restaurant in Muenchen, left her amazed with Germany.

El Español



Señor Cowen and Señor Hernandez have been busy creating projects for their students. Students have been introducing themselves and their classmates, and working on fashion and even a desfile de moda.

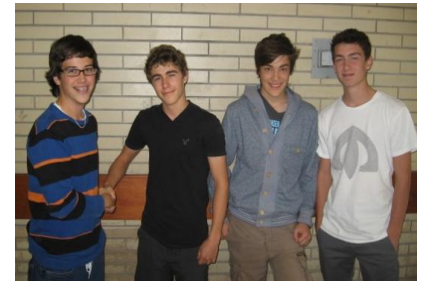
Français

A great variety of learning is happening in French. We have students working on avoir et être and the body parts, others are working on le passé composé et le futur simple, while preparing for the DELF exam and the I.B. exam. Lots of oral presentations and singing are happening in the various classes. By the way, according to Mme. MacMillan tomatoes can talk. Please ask her how her tomates folles are doing next time you see her.



Exchange Students

We are also pleased to be hosting two exchange students from Québec. They will be with us until the beginning of December. **Liam** and **Graeme** will spend three months in Québec beginning in the February. Alberta Education sponsors student exchange programs for high school students studying French (Quebec), German, Japanese or Spanish (Mexico and Spain). In these programs Alberta students alternate between hosting partners in their homes and schools, and traveling to live with their partners, experiencing their homes, and becoming active participants at their schools. Students must have completed a 20-level second language program or equivalent before they can participate in an exchange program. A package should be available in November regarding these exchanges. Please listen and read the school's announcements carefully.



<http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/resources/learnlang/students/highschool.aspx>

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Tokiwa University High School Students!




Shina Kuribayashi, Yumiko Semba and **Manami Haginuma** are Gr. 10 students from Tokiwa University High School in Mito, Japan, who are on the 3-month study abroad program at Harry Ainlay. They are being billeted by 3 English-speaking families in the Ainlay community since their arrival on August 25. The goal of the program is to study English and learn Canadian culture by taking courses as international students and interacting with people both at school and home. がんばってGANBATTE, Tokiwa students.

STUDENT COUNCIL

September has been an exciting month at Harry Ainlay! Whether students were cherishing the last of the summer heat outdoors at the Welcome Back BBQ or enjoying an intense round of Musical Chairs, September was packed full of events lead by Harry Ainlay's Student Council. But the fun hasn't stopped yet!

Starting October off will be Wii Day on the 6th, where students can come out and catch a flick in the Rotunda. Later that month, the four days of Scary Ainlay will make its way into the Rotunda. Featuring last year's favorites: Doughnut Eating and the Costume Contest, we'll also see the come-back of the famous Mystery Box! Check the school calendar on school zone or beside the cafeteria doors for more information about student events and don't forget to Join In on the Fun!



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

Edmonton Public Schools' International Student Program is partnered with Canada Homestay International (CHI) to provide supportive Homestay services to International Students studying in our schools.

Can you provide a safe, welcoming and caring home environment for an international student between the ages of 15 and 18? Can you care for the student as a part of your family? If your answer is "yes", please submit your application!

Homestay families are compensated, receiving \$700 per month for providing accommodations and three daily meals.



For more information and to complete a host family application, please visit the CHI website at:

www.canadahomestayinternational.com

For questions, please call George at (780) 328-6479 ext. 2032, Diamond at (780) 328-6479 ext. 2037 or e-mail eps@canadahomestayinternational.com.



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The Canada Homestay Network
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District students continue to show promise for bright futures

To address the Board of Trustees' priority around student achievement, Edmonton Public Schools has focused on supporting the work of teaching and learning taking place in the classroom.

Over the course of the 2010-2011 school year, we moved forward with this vital work and have a few highlights to share.

- Since 2005-2006, Edmonton Public Schools' high school completion rate has increased 2.9 per cent, rising to 74.9 per cent. This is substantial, but we need to do even better.
- Our students did very well on provincial achievement tests compared to the Province, especially in Grades 6 and 9. We were also pleased to see that the percentage of students meeting the acceptable standard for the Grade 3 English language arts test is above 80 per cent for the first time in five years.
- For diploma exams, we saw gains in science-based subjects and French language arts. We are working to help more students do better on the math, social studies and English diploma exams.

The Board of Trustees and staff of Edmonton Public Schools will continue working with families and community organizations to help every student complete high school and realize their potential.

For more details on the results, visit our district website at www.epsb.ca or contact your school principal.

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Public board meetings at the Centre for Education, One Kingsway

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You can also join us on:



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SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

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OCTOBER MEETINGS

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Note:

- The annual Organizational Board Meeting takes place on September 13, at which Trustees determine their roles and responsibilities for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Board meetings will begin at 2 p.m. for the 2011-2012 school year.

Please note: The schedule of board meetings is subject to change. If you wish to confirm the date of a particular board meeting, contact the Board Office at 780-429-8021. Free underground parking is available.