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SALISBURY COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

# THE NAVIGATOR

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## Message from Administration

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of November. The Sabre Ship is moving quickly ahead with the main sail using the brisk north wind.

Welcome to our new staff members: Brock Dermott (CTS), Kirsten Hartwell (English and Social Studies), and Sharon Schwanak (EA IV). We also welcome a number of student teachers to Salisbury: Curtis Straub (APT, Mr. Mackintosh), Ingrid Parker (APT, Mrs. Roach), Kyle Hazlehurst (APT, Mr. Fraser), Sandi Johnson (APT, Mr. MacCarthy), Jason Eliuk (IPT, Mrs. Rose), John Westfall (IPT, Mrs. Williamson), and Kevin Mohabir (IPT, Mrs. Kerry Rose).

November 6 marked our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Twenty four members of the Armed Forces shared their experiences with our students in a very heartfelt show of support for their dedication to humanity. A special thank-you to Mrs. Wheeler, our SCIL students, and all members of our school community for their efforts to make the ceremony a success.

Reminder to all parents, please keep your children at home if they are exhibiting flu-like symptoms. Also, please give the reason for a student absence when you call in to excuse it. Enjoy the fall break!!

## Guidance News:

**Open House - Grant MacEwan University -** Saturday, Nov.7 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at City Centre Campus and Centre for the Arts and Communication.

For more information, please visit

[www.MacEwan.ca/OpenHouse](http://www.MacEwan.ca/OpenHouse)

**Monday, November 23** - Grade 12 students planning to attend Grant MacEwan University will have the opportunity to speak with an advisor about

their application. Students should come to Guidance to book their appointment as soon as possible.

**Wednesday, November 25 - University of Alberta Early Admission Workshop** is at Salisbury in Periods 1 and 2. Grade 12 students who would like to have their applications considered for early admission are encouraged to register for this workshop. Please come to the Guidance Office to register as soon as possible.

Students who register for the Grant MacEwan appointment and/or U of A admission workshops will be provided with more details about what to bring to these sessions later in November.

Grade 12 students who are re-writing diploma examinations in January are reminded that they must pay a re-write fee or their mark will not be released.

Forms are available in Guidance and should be submitted to Alberta Education immediately as the deadline has passed.

### Important Dates to Remember:

Nov. 3	Music Assoc. Executive Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Early Dismissal at 2:26 p.m.
Nov. 5	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 9 – 13	School Closed to Staff and Students
Nov. 19	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Nov. 23 - 27	Grad Photos
Nov. 25	School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	Music Association Executive Meeting 6:00 p.m. and General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 2	Early Dismissal at 2:26 p.m.
Dec. 9 - 11	Musical Theatre Production 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 10	Human Rights Day at Sal
Dec. 16	Locker Clean Up
Dec. 18	Last Day of Classes
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Christmas Break

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# DEPARTMENT NEWS

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## **Exciting News from the ENGLISH Department**

In early October the Grade 10 Honors classes enjoyed a field trip to Chapters on Whyte. The Chapters' presentation covered a variety of genre such as teen fiction, graphic novels and recent leases. Students enjoyed the 20% discount and of course a quick visit to Starbucks was also appreciated.

A second field trip in the English Department occurred on Oct. 9th when the 20-2 classes went to the Theatre Network to see the play The Woman in Black. This play is a spellbinding ghost story based on Susan Hill's gothic novel.

Students in senior ELA classes continue their study of classical novels. This year we have included some contemporary classics as well. Our teacher librarian is very adept at sparking student interest in the classics.

We continue with our focus on the use of technology in ELA.

Best of luck to all students taking ELA this semester.

## **News from the Math Department**

Important information for Parents of Students taking a 10 level math course:

Next year Alberta Learning is implementing a new Math 10 Common course. The current Math 10 Pure and Applied courses will not be offered next year. If current students in Math 10 Pure or Applied are unsuccessful they will not be able to repeat those courses next year. Students will have to repeat the course in semester 2, take summer school, repeat through ADL or Next Step if they wish to continue in the current Pure or Applied programs.

If students do not repeat 10P or 10A before Sept 2010 they will have to enrol in the new Math 10 Common course. The problem with

this is that only the math 20-1 and 20-2 courses will be offered in the 2010/2011 school year (the year the current students in grade 10 are scheduled to graduate). The 30-1 and 30-2 courses will not be offered until the 2011/2012 school year forcing students to return for an extra semester of high school.

If you have any questions about the new curriculum and the impact it may have on your child please speak to your child's math teacher or counsellor

## **Math Help**

While all of math teachers offer extra assistance at various times it is possible to get help everyday at noon in room 180. No appointment necessary...just come with your lunch and your questions.

## **News from the Social Department**

The Social Studies 30-1 and 30-2 diploma exams are divided into two parts. Part A is the essay questions. This exam is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 15. The Part B multiple choice exam is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27.

The non-diploma Social Studies (10-1, 10-2, 20-1, and 20-2) Part A exams will be written on the last day of class, Monday, January 18. The Part B multiple choice exam has yet to be scheduled. However, the exam schedule should be made available to students as early as December 1.

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## News from the Drama Department

The Drama department and students of **Drama 10, 20 and Musical Theatre 15** are hard at work!! Please join us and support our Drama students for the following productions:

**Copacabana - Musical by Barry Manilow** - An old fashioned comic musical set in New York, 1947 performed on December 9 - 12 @ 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 available at the school office November 16. Performed by **Musical Theatre 15**.

**Fitzgerald's Cafe - A comedy for the whole family.** Will Shelby, Gabriel and Morty ever find love? Will Sebastien find chocolate? Join us at Fitzgerald's Cafe to find out and enjoy fresh Starbucks coffee after the show! January 7 & 8 Matinees: 12:30 p.m., tickets \$3 at door. Evenings: 7 p.m., Tickets are \$8 and available at the school office December 14.

Performed by **Drama 20**

**Ramona Quimby** A wonderful family story set in the early 1960's. Ramona and Beezus struggle through tough times and enjoy good times on Klickitat Street. January 12 & 13: Matinees 10:15 - 11:30 am, tickets \$3 at the door. Evening shows January 13 ONLY @ 7 p.m. and 8:20 p.m., tickets \$6.

Performed by **Drama 10**

## Science News:

The Science Department at Salisbury has had a busy October. The Biology 20 classes are now studying digestion and nutrition, the Biology 30 classes are beginning a unit on genetics, and the Biology 35 classes are talking about the immune system. The Science 14 and 10-4 classes are starting to investigate the human body and the science 10 students are looking at energy and efficiency. The Science 24 and 20-4 classes are studying fossil fuels, Science 20 is working on chemistry (redox reactions) and Science 30 is working on electromagnetic energy.

The chemistry department is burning, precipitating and oxidizing their way through the lab as usual! Physics students are studying electromagnetic waves in Physics 30 and completing the Forces & Energy unit in Physics 20. Myth-busting Science 25, Salisbury's new option course, has been investigating such things as alien abductions, and Halloween myths. They tested their water-witching (dousing) abilities, and they are now considering how ethics guides research. These new myth-busters are now searching for topics so that they can do their own experiments and they will be performing these soon! Earlier this month, as a special event, some science students had the opportunity to attend a session hosted by the library to meet a science non fiction writer as well.

## Physical Education Department:

Students have been involved in a variety of sports the last couple months including: squash/ racquetball, aquatics, indoor soccer, rock climbing at Vertically Inclined to a variety of activities taught at school.

The PED 10 classes will be going on a ski trip to Rabbit Hill on Dec. 10 with the PED 30 classes experiencing scuba diving in a discover scuba class the end of November. There are still a lot of exciting activities our students will learn in the upcoming months.



Mythbusting Experiments and River Field Trip



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# *News for Salisbury Graduates....*

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## **Grad 2010**

### **Please note that the date for Salisbury's Graduation is Tuesday, June 29, 2010**

In order to participate in the Graduation Exercises on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 a student must be eligible for an Alberta High School Diploma or Certificate of Achievement. Please refer to Salisbury's Student Agenda, pages 9 to 12 or check the website at [www.salcomp.ca](http://www.salcomp.ca) for the requirements.

### **Grad Committee:**

The first organizational meeting of the 2010 Grad Committee took place on Tuesday, October 6. Sub committees have been formed to work on specific tasks related to graduation.

Regular grad meeting take place on Tuesdays, in Room 137, at 11:45. All interested grads are encouraged to participate.

At a Grade 12 Assembly held on September 4th all grads were given a copy of Salisbury's Graduation Requirements and a List of Important Dates. If you did not receive a copy one can be picked up in the General Office or one is located on the Salisbury Website at: [www.salcomp.ca](http://www.salcomp.ca)

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

**November 2 to 6:** During the lunch hour, in front of the general office, **all grads are asked to ensure that their name is on the grad list and to verify the correct spelling of their full legal name** for school certificates. As well, students need to provide their height for the grad gown order.

**November 2 to November 6:** Grad photo appointments will be made in front of the general office. **ICON** will be our grad photographer for

the year.

**November 23 to November 27** – Grad photos will be taken in the Conference Room. The sitting fee is \$30 and must be paid at the time of the portrait session. Cheques must be made payable to "The Icon Experience", students will be required to bring a \$30 sitting deposit at that time. They will receive their proofs at that time.

For students wishing to have their pictures taken outside of regular classroom hours, they can contact **ICON** at (780) 449-3558 for further information.

For those students who would like to have their grad pictures taken with another company, but would still like their picture to be on the large class composite, they must book an appointment for a composite picture only. There is no charge for this and it will ensure that your picture is on the composite and in the yearbook.

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## News from the Library

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This October the Sal library was a happening place. At the beginning of the month, we launched Reading Olympics, a five month long, six school event aimed at motivating students to read. For October alone our school tracked the reading of over 600 books. Way to go Sabres! A special note of congratulations to Robert Dupis, Katie Griffith, and Kelsey Hudson, our gold, silver and bronze medalist readers for the month of October. November's count has just begun. Although all books read count toward the school tallies, November's "event" will focus on history/historical fiction.

The library, along with the Salisbury Composite Institute for Leadership (SCIL) students, hosted Book Rock I on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Chapters in the Park. The event was a mixture of book-buying, rock-band playing, student networking and library fundraising. The three hour event, the first of its kind in the greater Edmonton area, was a fun time for all who attended. Chapters and the Sal library are hoping to make this an annual event--Book Rock II will be bigger and better. Hope to see you there!

On October 28th some of our Sal Science students had the opportunity to listen to Sneed B. Collard III speak. Sneed is a biologist, computer scientist, and author. The son of biologists, he fell in love with the natural world at an early age, watching whales with his mother and catching snakes, turtles, and fish with his father. In his writing, he draws from both his formal education, as well as from extensive travels to the Middle East, Asia, Australia, Central America, and other parts of the world. Author of more than 30 books, Sneed seeks not only to educate, entertain, and inspire children, but also to empower them to effect positive change. In addition to writing, he is also an active speaker. He has won many speaking awards and addresses thousands of students and educators each year about writing and the environment. Sneed was recently awarded the Washington Post Children's Book

Guild Nonfiction Award for 2006. The Science classes who attended the presentation gave great reviews and are now in the process of gearing up for Sal's annual writing campaign, NANOMO (this year to be renamed as SALNOMO).

As many NANOMOers know, November is National Novel Writing Month (for more information see [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org)). This will be Sal's third year participating in novel writing activities. Last year Salisbury wrote almost 1,000,000 words and we are hoping to surpass that number this year as well as to publish a few more student novels. SALNOMO (our new name) will begin right after November break and continue until December 18. Look at the Sal library webpage for SALNOMO activities and updates.

*Student Use of Technology at Sal* was the mini-presentation given during October's School Council meeting. Wikis, blogs, Voicethread, Trailfire, Animoto and Turnitin.com were some of the applications showcased.

November's School Council meeting will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The presentation planned will focus on Parent Teen Conflict Resolution. Please check the Sal webpage or call the school for details.



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# News from Elk Island School Division

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## **No Child Without**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is currently on the waiting list to register as a school division in *No Child Without*, a joint program of the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation and the Lions Club of Canada. Through this program, registered children between their 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> birthdays receive 24-hour Medic Alert coverage free of charge. *No Child Without* waives all initial registration fees and ongoing membership costs during these years.

Once EIPS registers as a division, we will begin registering interested schools with students in up to and including Grade 8. The number of schools eligible to register each year will depend on the space and funding available within the *No Child Without* program. Upon school registration, parents of eligible students will receive additional information about the program and have the opportunity to register their children.

More information about *No Child Without* is available at [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca) or by contacting your school principal.

## **EIPS Goes Wireless**

Students in Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are enjoying increased access to technology in classrooms and other learning spaces as a result of the installation of Wireless Local Area Networks (WLANs) in all schools.

Completed over the past school year as part of EIPS' 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology Initiative, the \$3-million investment also provided each school with three SMART Boards® and 16 mobile laptops in a rolling cart.

Wireless networks provide the least intrusive and most flexible way to bring computers into classrooms, thereby facilitating student research and collaborative project work.

EIPS is one of only a select few school jurisdictions in Alberta able to boast having WLANs in all schools, thus increasing the flexibility of teachers and students in the use of computers and communications technology.

## **Excellence in Teaching Awards – Call for Nominations**

Nominations are now open for the 2010 Excellence in Teaching Awards. Sponsored by Alberta Education, the Excellence in Teaching Awards recognizes the innovative and outstanding teaching that takes place in classrooms across Alberta every day.

Each year, the program honours 20 teachers with Provincial Excellence in Teaching Awards and three teachers with SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Awards. Since 1989, the program has recognized more than 400 teachers from over 8,000 nominees.

Do you know a teacher who exemplifies innovative and outstanding teaching practices? Have you witnessed the creativity and commitment of your child's teacher in inspiring and engaging classroom activities? This is your opportunity to recognize the contributions of teachers in your school.

The complete nomination package and additional information about the 2010 Excellence in Teaching Awards is available at [www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx](http://www.education.alberta.ca/teachers/excellence.aspx).

## **High School Student Supplemental Courses: Math Tutorials:**

These courses review major curriculum concepts, provides sample test questions and teaches students test-writing strategies for final examinations. Students will receive a resource that contains detailed notes and sample questions. Due to the intensive nature of the tutorial sessions, familiarity with the course content is expected. Course cost is \$120 + gst for 12 hours of tutorials.

- Pure Math 10: Nov 4 - Dec 16 (W) 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Pure Math 20: Nov 4 - Dec 16 (W) 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## **Diploma Exam Preparation:**

Review the major curriculum topics and learn test-writing strategies for the diploma exams. Although the diploma preparation courses provide extensive notes and sample questions, familiarity with the course content is expected. Course cost is \$120 + gst for 12 hours of instruction.

## **In Sherwood Park:**

Chemistry 30, Biology 30, Applied Mathematics 30, Physics 30  
Pure Mathematics 30, Science 30, Social Studies 30-1/30-2,  
English 30-1/30-2  
Jan 4, 6, 11, 13 (M/W) 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Jan 5, 7,  
12, 14 (T/Th) 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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