



Prescott Weekend Update



March 10th, 2024

Good Afternoon PLC Families:

It seems a bit odd that here in March we are already asking you to register your child for the 2024-2025 school year. How come so early? For one, PSD has one of the largest student transportation systems in the province moving over 7 500 students a day. Keep in mind that PSD works with the Evergreen Catholic system as well as several local private schools transporting these students as well. The system must balance urban and rural pick up and drop off spots throughout Parkland County with a variety of bus contractors, student travel times to over 30 schools, all while keeping the system on time and on budget. It is, to say the least, complex. While there will always be residents moving in and moving out over the summer, registering before the March 22nd deadline will go a long way in avoiding frustrating transportation delays and glitches when school starts in the fall.

At the school level, having accurate student registration numbers is invaluable in planning for the next school year. As a school we have worked hard to keep class sizes comparatively small in comparison with other school jurisdictions. With over 95% of the [school's budget](#) devoted to staffing, accurate registration information is crucial in ensuring not only that class sizes are balanced across grades, but also that the composition of classes within grades related to diverse student learning needs are balanced and matched with educational assistant support. Having accurate student numbers and information makes this task much more effective.

With the Prescott area being a rapidly growing community, in order to avoid ballooning class sizes we also need to build extra capacity to accommodate new arrivals into our catchment area (we're not sure where, or even how valid the information is, but I have heard that Spruce Grove has led the province in housing starts for four years in a row. But don't quote me on that). Keep in mind that from June 2023 to February 2024 the PLC student population grew by nearly 40 students. We anticipate that this number will increase even further before the end of the school year.

In light of these additional students, it is noteworthy that schools and school divisions are funded based on their student count on September 30th of each school year and growing school divisions like PSD are already faced with reduced per student funding due to the Weighted Moving Average finance model from the provincial government. This means that having these student registration numbers in March and April not only allows us to accommodate for this growth throughout the school year, but it also allows us to allocate our most valuable school resource, our teachers and educational assistants, in a manner that best serves your child(ren) for the 24-25 school year.

If you have yet to do so, I'll ask that you take a moment over the next few days to log in to your PowerSchool parent portal and click on the RSVP tab on the left hand side (unfortunately, the phone app will currently not allow you to register your child(ren); please use a browser such as Google or Microsoft Edge to complete the registration). If your student is new to the Division, you will need to go to our website and complete the NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION at: <https://www.psd.ca/schools/registration>. I have included detailed registration below in the 'New and Updated Information' section of this memo. If you have any questions or need assistance

with the registration, please contact the office at 780-571-8079. And now, here's what's happening this week at Prescott:

Important Events This Week				
Monday 11 th	Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th	Thursday 14 th	Friday 15 th
Daylight Savings Sunday (Spring Forward) Substitute Teacher/Casual Support Staff Week Kinder Deep Blue Field Trip Ski Club Marmot Trip Meeting for Students (First Recess)	Ski and Snowboard Club Kinder Deep Blue Field Trip	PLC Fundraising Foundation Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Ski and Snowboard Marmot Trip Hot Lunch Boston Pizza	Monday Schedule
Important Events Next Week				
Monday 18 th	Tuesday 19 th	Wednesday 20 th	Thursday 21 st	Friday 22 nd
Term III Begins Ski and Snowboard Club		Hot Lunch Lunch Lady Parent Teacher Conferences (In Person) 3:30 - 6:30 pm	Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual) 4:00 - 7:00 pm	Professional Development/Staff Planning Day (No Students)

Athletics/Badminton Dates This Week*

Monday	Gr. 7 - 9 Boys/Girls Sr. Badminton Tryouts 3:15 - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	Gr. 7 - 9 Boys/Girls Sr. Badminton Tryouts 3:15 - 4:30 pm
Wednesday	Gr. 6 - 8 Boys/Girls Jr. Badminton Tryouts 3:15 - 4:30 pm
Thursday	
Friday	

*These times are subject to change.

Follow our Facebook athletics page "Prescott Learning Centre Athletics" for up-to-date pictures and info. You can also access the athletics calendar on our school website - <https://prescott.psd.ca/programs/athletics> - This should make it easy to filter by your athlete's team and sync to your calendar on your device.

New and Updated Information

Registration Reminder - If you haven't already done so, it's time to register for the next school year! That includes busing if you need it. Registering before the **Friday March 22nd deadline** will help us immensely in planning for next year both at our school and at the PSD Transportation department. Work is currently underway building bus routes for next year already.

Any applications received after the application deadline may not be processed in time for the first day of school. If your child does not have a valid bus pass for the 2024-2025 school year, they will not be able to ride the bus.

How do I get started?

Visit <https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/> and log into your parent account. Once inside the Parent Portal:

- Select your child's name in the blue bar at the top of the screen.
- Select the RSVP icon on the left side of the screen.
- Begin reviewing all of your current Student Information we have on file, and follow the instructions on the screen to navigate through the various tabs in the form (Student Info, Address, Contacts, Medical, etc.).

I can't remember my login for the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

If you aren't able to retrieve your login credentials using the "Forgot Username or Password?" link on the sign-in page, please contact the school directly for assistance logging in to the Parent Portal. If all else fails, please contact the office at 780-571-8079.

Substitute Teachers and Casual Support Staff Appreciation Week -

All this week we will be showing our support and appreciation for our guest teachers and support staff.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday March 20th & Thursday

March 21st - Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday, March 20th (IN-PERSON) from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm and Thursday, March 21st (ONLINE) from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Our online booking system will open on March 8, 2024 at 8 AM and will close on March 19th at 4 PM.

To book your interview time, please click <https://prescott.psd.ca/parents/interviews> after March 8th at 8 AM and choose your teacher and an interview time that is convenient for you and your family. If you have any questions please contact the office and we would be happy to help.

PLCFF Meeting - Our March PLC Fundraising Foundation Meeting is this Wednesday the 13th. The meeting will take place in our Collaboration Centre and is open to all PLC Community Members. If you would like to attend virtually please reply to the virtual invitation arriving in your inbox tomorrow. If we wish to attend in person, we will see you at the school Wednesday Night.

Music Notes from Ms. Surrendi/Fleming - Dear parents/guardians and talent show performers: The auditions for our upcoming Prescott's Got Talent have been amazing, and whether your child will be performing for the final performance or for the classes in their grade, everyone is demonstrating amazing talent!!! **Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will be postponing our talent show until May. You will be contacted with more details at the end of April.** So keep practising and we look forward to an amazing show!

Mrs. Surrendi Shauna.Fleming@psd.ca

Basketball Draws to a Close - While some would measure the success of a basketball season by the amount of hardware collected at the end (and there indeed was hardware) I like to look at the numbers of students and teams that participated and the amount of growth from the beginning to the end of the season. By this measure, it was a very successful season. All of our teams showed tremendous growth and improvement, in no small part to

our incredible volunteer coaches. I'd like to acknowledge the following staff and parents for their selfless time and energy:

Sr boys - Arnold Verge	Sr Girls - Mrs. Burgess (and her father!)
Jr A Girls - Mrs. Long	Jr A Boys - Mr. McNaughton & Mr. Brooks
Jr B Girls - Michelle Yeung/Randi Dodman	Jr B Boys - Liz Mrjonovich/Laura Gagnon

And to the players, thank you for your hard work and your representing our school in such a positive manner.

Ski & Snowboard Club - We have finalized our rescheduling to account for the trips that were cancelled! Thank you, parents, for your patience! Please see below for our updated schedule:

1. February 27th has been rescheduled for MONDAY, March 18th, HOWEVER we will be leaving the school at 3:30 pm and returning to Prescott at 8:30 pm. Please note that it is a Monday and the time adjustment. Students will need to be picked up from school at 8:30 pm!
2. February 13th has been rescheduled to a FULL DAY TRIP on April 2nd from 8:30 am until 2:15 pm. We held a meeting on Thursday morning and your child should have come home with a permission form. You will see that we have decided to make this our year end party so lunch is on us! Please return these forms ASAP so we can put the food order in! If your child missed the meeting, we left extra forms in the office.

PLEASE NOTE: We cancelled last week's trip to Rabbit Hill and will be processing a refund. Please keep an eye on that in PowerSchool.

MARCH 14: Our club is heading to Marmot! If you have returned your form and are paid, we will be having an IMPORTANT Marmot meeting at morning recess tomorrow (Monday, March 11th). Your child will receive an itinerary. Please review this at home! Be sure to have your child at Prescott at 4am. Our bus will leave at 4:10 SHARP. We will not wait for late students. Pick up at Prescott will be at 8:30pm. Please be there on time.

REMAINING RABBIT HILL DATES:

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, MONDAY, MARCH 18

TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd: FULL DAY- Permission forms must be handed in by Friday, March 15th.

Thank you for your continued support with this club especially under such unexpected circumstances. We have never had to pivot so much and we appreciate your patience.
Mrs. Vasileff & Mrs. Blanchet

Battles for the Badges - The 3rd Annual BATTLE FOR THE BADGES Charity Hockey Game will take place in Spruce Grove on Saturday March 23! Come out and watch the U18AA PAC Saints face off against the First Responders; a team that is composed of Parkland RCMP Officers, EMS, and Firefighters, to raise funds and awareness for mental health supports for First Responders. This year, head down to Central Park early to join in the family-friendly Tailgate Party for some pre-game fun. This is a free event with donations at the door. A 50/50 and Raffle will help raise funds for The Legacy Place Society. Come out and Fill the Stands for First Responders Mental Health! For More information, please see the flyer at the end of this memo.

PLC Fundraising Foundation Update - GIFT CARD RAFFLE!:

Ticket sales are open for our Gift Card Raffle from March 1-17. Proceeds will go towards our Outdoor Classroom!

1st prize = \$1000 gift card package 2nd prize = \$750 gift card package

3rd prize = \$500 gift card package

For more details go to:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/plcffgiftcard>

Hot Lunch: This week's hot lunch vendor is Boston Pizza on Thursday, March 14th!

March 14 - Boston Pizza March 20 - The Lunch Lady

Orders for the 3rd term of hot lunch will be opening this week! If you would like to order, please log on to your account:

<https://prescott.hotlunches.net>

BLIZZARD DAYS! - Orders for March 19th are now closed but there's still time to order for April 8th!

Previously Shared Information

March Stronger Together Newsletter - PSD's Family Supports March Stronger Together Newsletter features sessions dealing with self-regulation, trauma and addictions, as well information about a variety of community events and activities supporting physical, emotional, even financial well being. You can access the current and archived newsletters at: <https://www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/stronger-together-newsletter>

Ski & Snowboard Club Reminders - A reminder to PLC Ski and Snowboard families that if the temperature dips below -20 degrees Celsius, we will look at rescheduling another trip. This will be communicated through our Class Dojo app.

Please send your child to school on these days with all ski/snowboard gear. We will meet your child at the storage room across from the gym and beside the kitchen (same place as last year). We will have this storage room locked for the day. Your child will be dismissed at 2:35 from class to get his/her belongings and get on the bus. Students are welcome to bring their own dinner or money to purchase food and drinks. Please plan to be at the school to pick up your child at 8:00pm.

Just a reminder that the Terrain Park is not available for any students to use while we are at Rabbit Hill. Please have a conversation regarding this policy prior to Tuesday! Thank you, Mrs. Vasileff & Mrs. Blanchet

CTF Fee Update - We apologize for the delay in adding the Term 2 CTF fees to PowerSchool. The fees were added to PowerSchool this past week. Thank you for your patience! Should you have any issues after they have been released, please contact Valerie Bradford in the office for assistance. valerie.bradford@psd.ca

Edmonton Oilers Spirit Night - This year PLC has joined with the Edmonton Oilers to celebrate *School Spirit night* at Rogers place. Let's show our school spirit and our love for the Oilers by cheering them on this season! Win a chance to sit in the penalty box during warm-ups, have a Mascot visit to our school and other prizes!

The top selling school will win prizes selected by the Oilers Group!!

Check your child's backpack for the flyer that was sent home last week or scan the QR code attached to the flyer attached at the end of this memo to order your tickets. If the flyer did not

make it home please reach out to Ms. Bradford (valerie.bradford@psd.ca) at the office. Ticket prices start at \$63 and there are 8 games to choose from. As a result of the demand from PLC, **the Oilers have let us know that they have added a few more games and have made more seats available.** Please refer to the flyer at the end of this memo.

Final Thoughts - This Tuesday Prescott will be hosting PSD superintendents, division directors, principals, and assistant principals for our monthly administrator meeting. While this should not affect pickup at the end of the day, this will likely cause an increased amount of congestion in the morning. If at all possible, please allow yourself a little extra time for morning drop off.

As I mentioned above, Parent/Teachers interviews will be held on Wednesday and Thursday the week after next. Online appointment books are currently open and will close on the 19th at 4:00 pm. If you are having difficulties securing a booking, please contact the office.

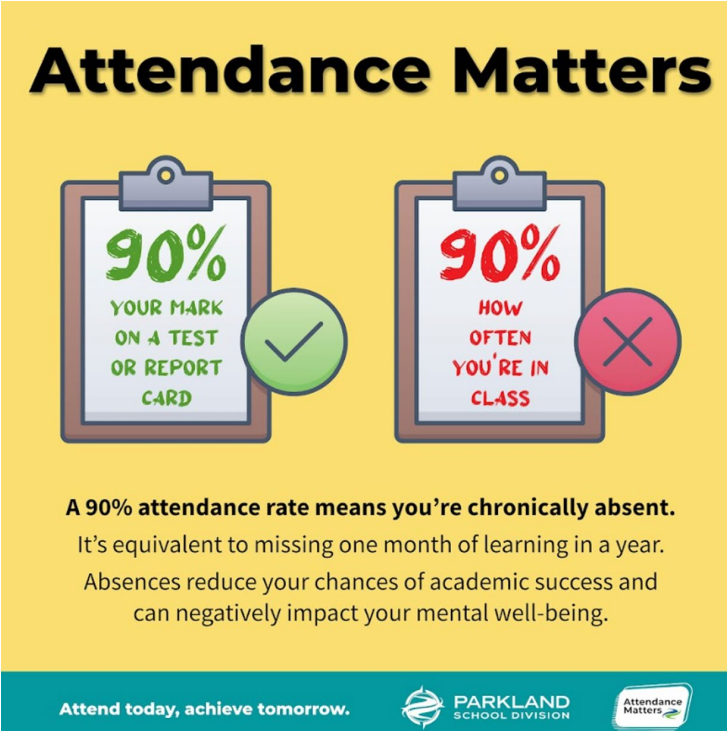
I've said it before (and I will definitely say it again) If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to my assistant principals and me at the school by calling 780-571-8079 or emailing us at:

heather.huisman@psd.ca

esther.vanbeek@psd.ca

chris.shaw@psd.ca.

Enjoy the lovely weather this week, Chris



Attendance Matters

90%
YOUR MARK
ON A TEST
OR REPORT
CARD

90%
HOW
OFTEN
YOU'RE IN
CLASS

A 90% attendance rate means you're chronically absent.
It's equivalent to missing one month of learning in a year.
Absences reduce your chances of academic success and
can negatively impact your mental well-being.

Attend today, achieve tomorrow.

PARKLAND
SCHOOL DIVISION

Attendance
Matters

PRE-GAME

2

RAFFLE

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50/50

2

FAMILY FUN

4

BATTLE FOR THE BADGES



CHARITY HOCKEY GAME

SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS MENTAL HEALTH

TAILGATE PARTY - 11:00 AM, CENTRAL PARK

PUCK DROPS - 2:00 PM, GRANT FUHR
SPRUCE GROVE

**SAT MARCH
23 2024**

THIS IS A **FREE EVENT** WITH DONATIONS AT THE DOOR

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE LEGACY PLACE SOCIETY





Prescott Clothes



YOUTH HOODIE (Black/Grey/White)

\$30

ADULT HOODIE (Black/Grey/White)

\$32



SWEAT PANTS (Black ONLY)

\$25

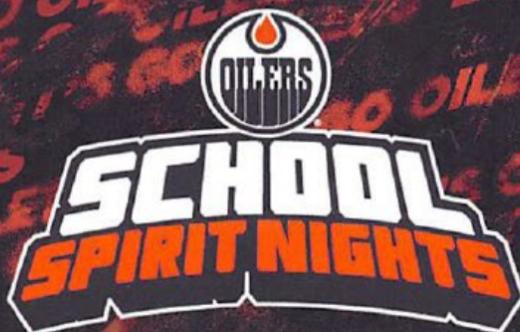


YOUTH T-SHIRTS (Black/Grey)

\$12

ADULT T-SHIRTS (Black/Grey)

\$15



The logo features the Edmonton Oilers circular emblem at the top, with the words "SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHTS" in a bold, stylized font below it. The background of the entire advertisement is a dark, textured surface with repeating "LET'S GO OILERS" text in a lighter, distressed font.

**SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT BY
CHEERING ON THE OILERS THIS SEASON**

**BONUS: EACH GAME, ONE LUCKY PURCHASER AND 3 GUESTS WILL
BE SELECTED TO SIT IN THE PENALTY BOX DURING WARMUPS**

**SELECT FROM 8
EXCITING GAMES**


THURS, NOV. 2 7:00PM


TUES, FEB 13 7:00PM


SUN, DEC 10 2:00PM


WED, FEB 28 6:30PM


TUES, JAN 2 7:00PM


THURS, MAR 21 7:00PM


TUES, JAN 23 7:00PM


SAT, MAR 30 2:00PM

**SPECIAL RATE TICKETS
STARTING AT**

\$63

**SCAN HERE TO
PURCHASE TICKETS**



**LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE
SECURE YOUR SEATS TODAY!**



TRI REGION FOOD RESOURCES

Updated: November 2022

FOOD HAMPERS

Parkland Food Bank

105 Madison Crescent, Spruce Grove
Monthly Food Hampers, by appointment,

- Tuesdays 8:30AM-4:30PM
- Wednesday 8:30AM-2:00PM + 6:20-8PM
- Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM
- Saturday 8:30AM-12:30PM

780-962-4565 ext. 1

WEE Community Food Bank

5019 50 Ave Entwistle AB (Old Fire Hall)
Monthly Hampers, by appointment on Wednesdays, Call before Tuesday for appointment.
780-727-4043

Wecan Food Basket

5600-50 St, Stony Plain
Fresh Nutritious Affordable Food Basket
Order by first Friday, pickup on third Thursday of month
Monday - Friday, 9AM-4PM
587-338-1101

Warming Hearts Pantry

4911-50 St., Tomahawk (liquor store)
Food pantry of non-perishable items. No appointment necessary.

BASIC NEEDS HELP

Community Helps Team

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove
780-962-5611 / 789-306-1955
helps@sprucegrove.church

NeighbourLink Parkland

Serving Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, Parkland County
780-960-9669
www.neighbourlinkparkland.ca
neighbourlink.parkland@telus.net



FOOD RESCUES

Auggie's Cafe

131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove
Tuesdays 11-1PM

apfa Food Rescue

Family Connection Centre
5600 50 Street, Stony Plain
Thursdays 10AM - 3PM
Fridays 1-4 (Check facebook for updates)

Food for the Soul

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church
49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain
First and third Saturday 10AM-1PM

Grace's Table

250 Century Road, Spruce Grove
Second Friday of month 5PM-6:30PM

Community Table

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove
Last Friday of the month
<https://www.sgconline.breezechms.com/form/communitytable>
780-962-5611

COMMUNITY MEALS

Auggie's Cafe

131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove
Drop-in for take out bagged lunch
Tuesdays 11-1PM

Food for the Soul

49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain
Drop-in for bagged lunch
First and third Saturday 10AM-1PM

Grace's Table

250 Century Road, Spruce Grove
Hot meal to go for pick up
Second Friday of month 5PM-6:30PM
www.sgac.net/eventregistration
780-962-4700

Community Table

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove
Hot meal to go for pick Up
Last Friday of the month
www.sgconline.breezechms.com/form/communitytable
780-962-5611



COMMUNITY LOW COST COUNSELLING SERVICES

Updated November 2023

All listed services do not exceed \$75.00 per hour and are available to anyone in the Tri-Municipal Region.

Dochas Psychological Services Hub for Hope

202, 636 King Street, Spruce Grove

- Hub for Hope provides individuals with 8 (50 minute) counselling sessions at no cost, provided by an intern psychologist.
- Counselling options can be provided either in person or virtual.

Phone Number: 780-446-0300

Family Life Psychology

201, , 323 McLeod Ave, Spruce Grove

- Family Life Psychology offers counselling services with Mental Health Therapists at a reduced rate of \$75 per hour.

Phone Number: 780-963-7451

Alycol Integrated Health Services Restore Program

Suite 201, 95 McLeod Avenue, Spruce Grove

- Alycol's Restore Program offers no/low-cost therapy sessions on a case-by-case basis with a maximum rate of \$50.00 per hour with a practicum intern.
- Counselling options can be provided either in person or virtual.

Phone Number: 780-409-8798

Family Resource Network

Family Connections Centre
5600 50 Street, Stony Plain

- The Family Resource Network offers free single session virtual counselling to children and youth under 18 and their caregivers.

Phone Number: 1.877.244.2360

Schaffer Psychology

Suite 103, 7 Boulder Blvd, Stony Plain

- Schaffer Psychology offers no/low-cost therapy sessions on a case-by-case basis with a maximum rate of \$50.00 per hour with a practicum intern.

Phone Number: 780-910-3420

If you are a service provider in the Tri-Municipal Region, and would like to be included on this list please contact connect@stonyplain.com . Please note, being included on this list does not constitute an endorsement by the Town of Stony Plain Community and Social Development.

Tri-Municipal Region Support Guide

I NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE NOW (24H)

Distress Line	780-482-4357(HELP)
Addiction Helpline	1-866-332-2322
Child Mental Health (8am-11:45pm)	780-407-1000
Kids Help Phone	1-800-668-6868
Bullying Helpline	1-888-456-2323
BriteLine (for 2SLGBTQIA+)	1-844-702-7483
Seniors Abuse Helpline.....	780-454-8888
Family Violence Info Line	310-1818
Sexual Assault Centre (9am-9pm).....	780-423-4121
First Nations & Inuit Mental Health	
Hope for Wellness	1-855-242-3310
National Indian Residential School Crisis Line	1-866-925-4419
MMIWG Helpline.....	1-844-413-6649

I NEED IMMEDIATE HELP **Call 911**

Emergency Financial Assistance ..	780-644-5135
Access 24/7 (Adults)	
Addictions & Mental Health	780-424-2424
Child Intervention Services	780-422-2001
Children's Cottage Childcare	780-944-2888

I NEED HEALTH INFORMATION

Health Link Alberta (24/7)	811
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I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START?



24-hour information and referral line connecting you to social, health and government services.



www.HelpSeeker.org
Get the app on your phone to find local supports and resources.

HELP FOR HARD TIMES
TRI-REGION SUPPORT GUIDE

Spruce Grove FCSS
#105 - 505 Queen Street
Spruce Grove, AB
780-962-7618

Town of Stony Plain
Community and Social Development
#107, 4613 - 52 Avenue
780-963-8583



WHERE CAN I FIND A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT?

George Spady (men, women)	780-424-8335
Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre	780-423-5302
Hope Mission (ages 16+, men, women)....	780-422-2018
Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS).....	780-468-7186
Salvation Army (Transitional Housing, \$13/day)	780-429-4274

I NEED A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

Alberta Council of Women's Shelters 24/7	1-866-331-3933
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I NEED DETOX SUPPORT

George Spady.....	780-424-8335
AHS Detox Centre	780-427-4291
Youth Edmonton Detox.....	780-408-8783

I NEED A SAFE CONSUMPTION SITE

George Spady Centre	780-424-8335
Boyle McCauley Health Centre....	780-422-7333

I NEED HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR ADDICTIONS

Access 24/7 Adult Addictions/Mental Health	780-424-2424
Youth Addiction Services	780-408-8783
Access Open Minds (youth 16-25).....	780-415-0048
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	825-402-6799
WestView PCN Youth Mental Health Clinic (ages 11-24)	780-960-9533

I NEED HELP WITH BASIC NEEDS

NeighbourLink Parkland	780-960-9669
Community Helps Team	780-962-5611
Pay Forward Kindness (homeless supports).....	587-286-4663
Parkland Pregnancy Support Centre (Tue & Thurs 12-3pm).....	780-962-5505

WHERE CAN I FIND FOOD?

Parkland Food Bank	780-962-4565
WeCan Food Basket.....	587-338-1101

WHERE CAN I FIND A COMMUNITY MEAL?

Auggies Café (Take out, Tues 11AM-1PM) 131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove.....	780-962-5131
Food for the Soul (1 st , 3 rd Sat 10AM-1PM) 49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain	780-963-3110
Grace's Table (2 nd Fri 5-630PM) 250 Century Road, Spruce Grove	780-962-4700
Community Table (last Fri 5-7PM) 180 Century Road, Spruce Grove	780-962-5611
apfa Food Rescue Community Fridge (M-F 8:30-4PM) 5600-50 Street, Stony Plain	780-963-0549