

Southeast Collegiate Newsletter



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Graduating Class of 2025

The graduating Class of 2025 celebrated their achievements and successful educational journeys together in their graduation ceremony. We wish them all the best as they move on to new opportunities for learning, growth, and independence. Congratulations, graduates!



The Graduating Class of 2025: Bryann Barkman, Bryanna Beardy, Mariah Beardy, Noltan Beardy, Bryce Bouchie, Jayla Flett, Frank Genaille, Arianna Harper, Billy Harper, Gadus Timothy Harper, Justice Harper, Shane Harper, Sherleen Harper, Summer Harper, Sam Harper, Waylon Harper, Beyonka Kakegamic, Phoebe Keeper, Benjamin Keno, Clayton Keno, Westley Leask, Wabathee Linklater, Cody Little, Sharmell Mason, Thomas Mason, Mingithi McDougall, Rose McDougall, Daveigh Monias, Harmony Monias, Justice Monias, Nia Nattaway, Dalton Okemow, Johnson Okemow, Tristan Owen, George Owens, Hailey Rice, Sundance Stevens, Brandon Tait, Gideon Trout, Damon Wood, Skyler Wood



Students toss their caps to celebrate their achievement

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Billy Harper receiving the Terry Duguid Member of Parliament Award, presented by Educational Assistant Deanna Racette



Jayla Flett receiving the Business and Entrepreneurial Award by Park Avenue Coffee Co presented by Youth Care Leader Chloe Lafort



Gideon Trout giving the Valedictorian Speech



Sundance Stevens receiving the SYSCO Bursary, presented by Youth Care Leader Cory Pahl



SERDC Board Co-Chair, Chief Roddy Owens giving the welcome address



Billy Harper receiving the Pratts Culinary Bursary, presented by Head Chef Bill Smith



Tristan Owen receiving the Jim Bear Outstanding Leadership and Citizenship Award, presented by the Southeast Collegiate Board of Directors



Frank Genaille receiving the Rod Bushie Award, presented by CEO of SERDC Irene Linklater



Summer Harper receiving the Governor General Award, presented by Principals David Brown and Rich Shead



Graduates and staff decorated the school for the event



Staff spent the morning helping students get ready for the day



Students lining up, waiting to be called down for the ceremony



Drum Group Singing Wolf performed at the ceremony



Principals David Brown and Rich Shead giving the Principals' Address



Students begin their march with a chaperone into the gym



The balloon drop as the Class of 2025 is officially announced



Congratulations Grads!

Car Wash Fundraiser

Graduates hosted a Car Wash and Bake Sale to raise funds for their graduation plans. Together with other students and staff they spent the day washing community cars, making sales, and raising just over \$2000. Great work!



Chloe, Brandon Tait, Amanda, Frank Genaille, Teisha Flett, and Dalton Okemow selling baked goods.



Most of the grads spent time washing cars in the sun!



Waylon Harper, Billy Harper, and Ms. Ouskin working with other students to make items for the sale

StuCo Day

Student Council hosted a final Gym Riot for students to have fun, relax, and unwind before exams. Intergrade competitions in dodgeball, tug of war, and musical chairs were held in the morning to help decide the Grade Wars winners. In the afternoon students enjoyed a variety of stations and activities. The grade 12's are keeping hold of the Golden Eagle for another year!



Bingo was a big hit in the afternoon!



Students took some time to read and relax outside



The gym was filled with inflatable games, including this jousting game between Johnson Okemow and Aveyah Hellwege

MMIWG2S+ Student Walk

Students and staff of Southeast Collegiate held a protest walk on National Red Dress Day to support visibility of MMIWG2S+ and reinforce the importance of the issue. Students heard from Cambria Harris about her story in seeking justice for her mother: Morgan Harris. The students made their protest signs, and walked along Bison Drive to promote awareness.



Bryanna Beardy paints a protest sign



The school dressed all in red for Red Dress Day



Students begin their march with protest signs

Rotary Club Ottawa Trip

Bronson Monias and Teisha Flett took a trip to Ottawa recently, Bronson had this to say:

My trip to Ottawa for the Adventure in Citizenship was definitely a trip I will remember. To any students who read this I encourage you to participate if you are given the opportunity. We went to many places in Ottawa and in Quebec, which is right across the Ottawa river.

Learning about a wide range of things like; The Canadian Government, French-Canadian culture, sugar shacks, Ottawa as a city, and Canada's history. There were tons of presentations on many topics including: The history of Ottawa, advocacy, and the responsibilities of citizenship. The 5 days I spent in Ottawa were long and tiring but it was such a good experience. I left knowing more about Canada and as an indigenous person it felt a bit awkward at times, but it doesn't take away from the fact we do live in this country.



Teisha Flett and Bronson Monias at the Ottawa River

Photo by Bronson Monias



Teisha Flett and Bronson Monias with a monument for the history of residential schools

Photo by Bronson Monias

Agri-Ecosystems Day

Students had the opportunity to visit Fort Whyte for Agri-Ecosystems Day. Students spent time with scientists who specialize in ecology and its relationship with our agricultural practices. Students learned about soil composition, erosion, chemical testing, natural wildlife, and the role of fertilizers in the health of crops and our water systems.



Jeffrey Cook and Waylon Harper test soil samples



Students learned details about how and when fertilizer is used to avoid wasteful runoff



TJ Alexander measured against the height of a bison

Royal Aviation Museum

Students from the Visual Arts grade 11/12 course enjoyed a field trip touring the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada. Their tour offered a rich exploration of Canada's aviation history, covering Indigenous influences and the progression of aircraft from their early bush plane origins to their intricate modern forms. To understand the structure and creation of an aircraft, the students spent time sketching their favorite one in detail.



Noah McKay exploring a helicopter



The class listening to our tour guide about the early (1920s) northern bush planes



World's first tilt-wing aircraft "Canadair CL-84 Dynavert" designed in 1956

TAFA Pride

Southeast Collegiate's Gay-Straight Alliance, *The Alliance for All* (TAFA), attended the Pride Parade this year. Students made buttons and posters for the event, with 2SLGBTQ students and allies spending the day celebrating diversity, self-acceptance, and Pride. TAFA is proud to remain a safe space for all students, no matter their identity or orientation.



Leighton Green, John Starr, and Malayda Green celebrating Pride



Bee Kakegamic, Maurice Flett, Arson Harper, and Serenity Pierre-Mason at the parade

Brokenhead Wetland Trail

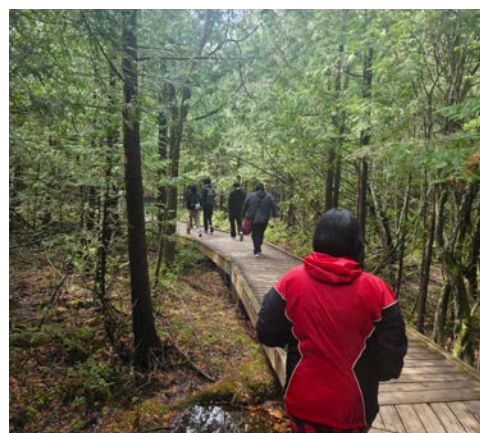
The entire student body visited the Brokenhead Wetland Trail to see the nature preserve. They walked the boardwalk with Knowledge Keepers who taught them about the preserve itself, the changes that the wetlands have undergone, and about the medicines that can be found there.



Simon Wood enjoying the weather



Students gather to listen to the Knowledge Keeper



Students walking the trail, stopping frequently to hear about plants and medicines

Community Cleanup

During the Brokenhead Wetland Trail trip only half of the students were able to attend at a time. The other half participated in a community cleanup! Students cleaned up roadsides and parks near the school, enjoying the sunshine and helping the community.



Bronson Monias gathering litter in the park



Students gathering at the school before splitting into groups



Students walked along the front of the school, cleaning along the sidewalk

D&D Student Leaders

Though the D&D Club has only been running a few months, students have begun to form teamwork and leadership skills to solve problems together. The problem of how to share treasure resulted in an impromptu whiteboard calculation and negotiation! Some students have also begun to learn how to run their own games, with Billy Harper being our first student DM.



Billy Harper at the head of the table, taking on the challenge of running the game!



Koda Mason writes calculations on the board during the calculation and negotiation session



Students have also started organizing snacks and drinks for the sessions

Cultural Day

To celebrate National Indigenous History Month, students enjoyed a day of fun and learning. They participated in cultural activities for the morning, such as soapstone carving, star teachings under the dome, Inuit cultural teachings, jigging, headdress art, bannock making, and teepee teachings. In the afternoon, we had some good times outdoors, playing games and cooling off with water games.



Simon Wood with his soapstone carving



Students receiving a tipi teaching, learning how tipis are assembled



Students waiting patiently for fried bannock



Daveigh Monias with her headdress craft



Lavina Owen tries a traditional game



Principal David Brown was a prime target for the afternoon water fun



Jared Mason was one of many students and staff in the dunk tank



Deannra Mason, Justice Monias, and Tristan Owen during fight to stay dry



Water guns and buckets kept everyone cool

U of M Engineering

A group of students from the Post-Secondary Club got the chance to visit the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Engineering. They learned about the many different types of engineering and even got to hear from Indigenous engineering students about their experiences. Students built their own mini rovers and tested out different types of treads to see which worked best. Later, they got creative and built candy dispensers using a variety of materials. It was a great mix of learning, teamwork, and fun!



Koda Mason and Serenity Pierre-Mason discuss their design



Peter Flett and Rose McDougall with their finished design



Students learned a lot about engineering from students and experts

Topics in Science

The Topics in Science Class finished their year with a personal project; each student selected a topic to study independently. Their goals varied from producing a diorama, testing a hypothesis, or simply exploring a topic to improve their understanding. Every student was successful in demonstrating their ability to think critically, self motivate, and pursue independent inquiry.



Nia Nattaway holding the comet that she made from dry ice, dirt, and trace materials



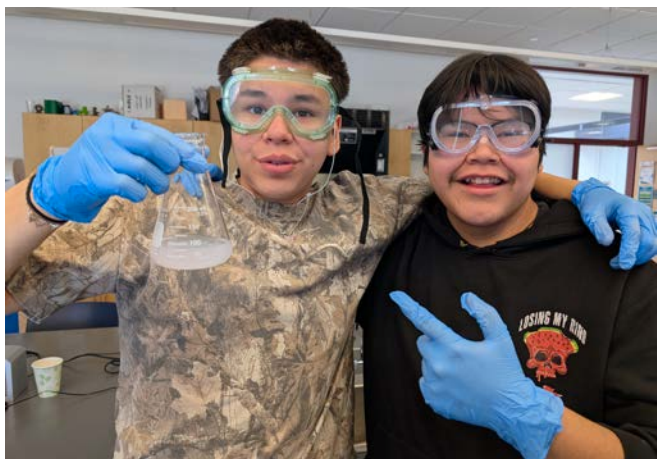
Cody Little shows Kobe Harper and Deanna his project: frog dissection



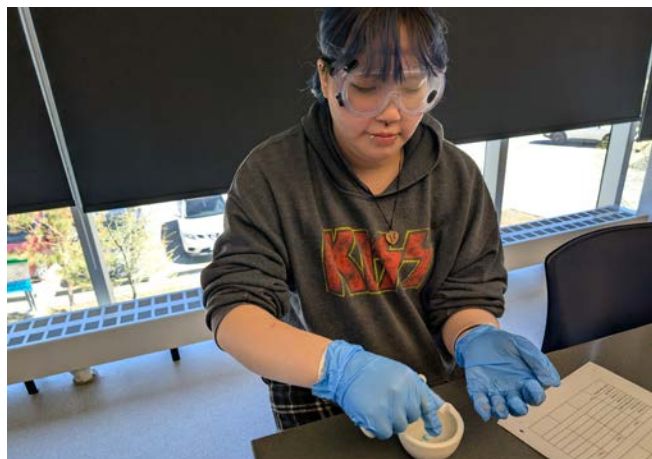
The year ended with a gallery walk where students showed off their projects to each other and staff

Titration

Students in the grade 12 Chemistry class performed a classic lab: an acid base titration. Titration is an analytical technique used by chemists to determine concentration, purity, or contents of an unknown sample. In this lab the students titrated Asprin tablets to determine how much active ingredient is actually included. The lab techniques learned included precision measurement, the use of indicators, and sample preparation.



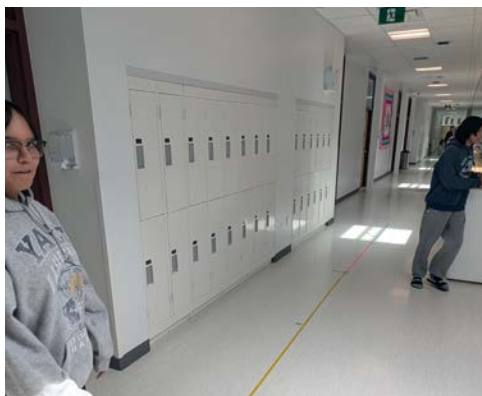
Justice Monias and Waylon Harper celebrate their perfect "hint of pink" result



Serenity Pierre-Mason prepares her sample tablet with a mortar and pestle

Paper Airplanes

Students in the grade 10 Science class explored the design process through an aerodynamic challenge: design the perfect paper airplane! Students had fun making and throwing planes, but also practiced the key principles of design: plan, test, evaluate, and redesign.



Students had a long runway, but we had to keep extending it!



Students focused on their next iteration



Students lining up for their chance to test their designs

SECC Community Feast

Our final cooking activity for the year was a community feast planned and prepared by the students. The feast helped students celebrate all the learning and accomplishments they made throughout the year, as well as strengthening social bonds, connecting with peers and school staff, and enjoying each other's company around a shared meal. Great job to all the staff and students who participated!



John Starr, Korben Harper, and Brody Hastings grab a plate



Students served several tables of their peers



There was a wide variety of wonderful food!

Cooking Club

Students in the Soaring Eagles Cooking Club made and decorated a jello cake! They practiced measuring, baking, planning, and decorating skills to make their creations. Well done!



Lavina Owen with her strawberry topped cake



Gianna Dunsford with her decorated cake



Justice Monias puts the finishing touches on the cake

Oak Hammock Marsh

Students had the opportunity to visit Oak Hammock Marsh for a variety of science activities. They sampled the water for invertebrates, performed chemical tests to determine water quality, learned about the local flora and fauna, and even engaged in some bird watching on a nature walk!



Benjiman Keno and Lavina Owen sample invertebrates



Students performed a wide variety of chemical tests!



Billy Harper searching for birds

Riverwatch

Grade 10 Science students headed to La Salle River to learn about water quality testing and traditional medicines. Katrina Froese from Fort Whyte showed the students how to take water samples, how to test the turbidity of those samples, and let them try a variety of chemical tests. Taylor Galvin, a water Knowledge Keeper, taught the students about a variety of medicines and their uses.



Leighton Green and Malayda Green perform chemical tests



Students sampled water from the centre of the river from the comfort of the bridge



Taylor showed a wide variety of medicines, sharing her insight and experience with the students

Art

Students in the Arts and Textile courses have been working hard to complete their final projects of the year. Some of these projects include soapstone carving, traditional willow dreamcatchers, woodland ink art, star blankets and pillows, string art, and beading projects.



Megan Flett's beading work



Tyrone Mason star pillows



Justice Harper's beautiful star blanket



Noah McKay with his soapstone carving



Korben Harper willow dreamcatcher



Malayda Green's ink art

Traditional Threads

Graduates spent time during and after class to make ribbon skirts and shirts!



Benjiman Keno proudly wearing his ribbon shirt



Nia Nattaway with her beautiful ribbon skirt

Prom

SEC students decided that they wanted to celebrate their year of achievement with a themed prom. Recreation organized the event, hosting the dance in the evening. The Masquerade Ball was a huge hit, the students had a tonne of fun!



Masks were provided to fit the Masquerade theme



Students danced in the gym, everyone was getting into it!



Students enjoyed snacks, drinks, and sweets!



Students dressed up for the occasion!



Brandon Tait, Cody Little, Damon Wood, Tristan Owen, and Mingithi McDougal looking their best!



Donte Goosehead approved of the spread

Recreation

As summer got closer students at SEC got to spend more and more time in the sun with Rec. Students were busy with activities like bingo, cooking with rec, Dragon Boat racing, and football!



Korben Harper helping run bingo



Deacon Bouchie, Adam Flett, Jared Mason, Donte Goosehead at a hockey tournament



Students had a great time at Dragon Boat practice



Sunshine Stevens, Lavina Owen, Cassie Green, Aveyah Hellwege, Sancia Semple, Serenity Pierre-Mason, and Gianna Dunsford at their football game



Students got to cook with Rec after hours



Students playing hockey outside



Nia Nattaway and Justice Harper ready for grad dinner



Tristan Owen, Damon Wood, and Brandon Tait on their way to their grad dinner