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## Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School

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## **Message from the Administration**

2021 is quickly coming to a close. Winter will have us in its cold grip for the next few months. Before you know it, we will be well into the Christmas season and hearts will be warm with celebration. We are down to the last three weeks of school before Christmas break.

Now that volleyball has ended, we have more excitement with basketball season beginning. Tryouts are happening and team rosters will be posted shortly. I would like to congratulate our volleyball teams on a great season. All teams played hard with Charger pride evident. Thank you to all of the coaches who gave up your time to enrich the lives of our students. A special congratulation goes out to the Senior Girls who won the Zone Championship. It is great to have sports back up and running at Hilltop.

We are still seeing a number of students coming to school without masks. While we have masks for emergency use, students are responsible for their own masks. Please ensure your child has a ready supply of masks for school.

As the holiday season quickly approaches, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our students, parent/guardians and staff of Hilltop High School for your commitment to education. We have a great school because of our students, staff, parent community and the community at large. We thank you for the support of our school.

I would like to remind students that preparing for exams should be near the top of your priorities as we head into the Christmas Break. You will be thrust into the hustle of final exams shortly after your return to school. Diploma Exams begin on January 11 and school final exams begin shortly thereafter. It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first semester. Classes end for all students on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Exams will take place from January 21 to January 28, 2022

The staff of Hilltop High School would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our students will be in the Christmas spirit with the multitude of school spirit activities we have planned. Please check out the schedule in the newsletter.

Sincerely, Brent Northcott Principal

### **Employee Recognition Awards**

Congratulations to the following staff members who are receiving their long service awards this year.

Thank you for your contributions and dedication to NGPS.

Laurie Harnum- 5 years Kendall Mercer- 5 years Michel St. Louis- 5 years Brenda Tobin- 5 years Renee Dalpe- Retired 15 years Amber Ulrich- 15 years Tammy Johnson- 20 years Brent Northcott- 20 years Derek Schlosser- 30 years





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## **Important Dates**

Dec 6-9 Grad Pictures
Dec 6-17 Spirit Weeks
Dec 17 Last Day of Classes

Jan 4 First Day of Classes Jan 19 FOH Meeting 7pm Jan 20 Last Day of Classes Jan 31 PD Day

### **Bell Schedule**

Warning Bell	8:55 AM
Block 1	9:00 AM - 10:22 AM
Break	10:22 AM - 10:26 AM
Block 2	10:26 AM - 11:48 AM
Lunch Break	11:48 AM - 12:22 PM
Warning Bell	12:22 PM
Block 3	12:27 PM - 1:49 PM
Break	1:49 - 1:53 PM
Block 4	1:53 PM - 3:15 PM

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**



December 6-9

**Grad Picture** Week



Drama Production A Virtual Show

### **December 17**

TWAS THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Last Day of Classes Before Christmas **Break** 



December 25

Merry Christmas from Hilltop



January 4

First Day of Classes After Christmas



December 9 & 10



Friends of Hilltop School Council Meeting 7pm

## January 20



Last Day of Semester 1 Classes Before Exams

January 31



PD Day -No Classes



## **School Spirit Theme Days**

WEDNESDAY

**DECEMBER 8** 

UGLY SWEATER DAY



**MONDAY DECEMBER 6** 

**CANADIAN TUXEDO DAY** (DENIM ON DENIM)



**MONDAY DECEMBER 13** 

PJ DAY



**TUESDAY** 

**DECEMBER 7** 

**GRINCH DAY** 

**DECEMBER 14** 



**TUESDAY** 



WEDNESDAY



**THURSDAY DECEMBER 9** 

**CRAZY SOCK DAY** 

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 10** 

JERSEY DAY



**DECEMBER 15** 

**RED & GREEN DAY** 



**THURSDAY DECEMBER 16** 

**CHRISTMAS HAT DAY** 



**FRIDAY DECMEBER 17** 

**FANCY FRIDAY** 



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CAREER AND EDUCATION

The Career and **Education Expo has** been postponed to February 24 and will be a virtual event.



## **Highlights from our Annual Academic Awards Ceremony**



Congratulations to all award recipients!

## 2020-2021 Academic Awards Ceremony

#### Grade 9

#### **Presentation of Individual Awards**

**Art Awards** Awarded to: Avery Plamondon ~ Art 9 Kayla Spivak ~ Art 9

2. **Computing Awards** Connor Fibke ~ Jr High 3D Design Awarded to: Awarded to: Kaelan Bray ~ Jr High Graphic Design Awarded to: Damian Jabs-Lussier ~ Jr High Robotics

3. **Construction Award** Awarded to: Natalie Weed and Kaitlyn LaBounty ~ Jr High Construction

4. **Foods Awards** Marlie Kennedy ~ Jr. High Baking Awarded to: Makenna Barraclough ~ Jr. High Culinary

5. **Leadership Award** Kyle Benedict Penuela ~ Jr. High Awarded to:

6. Photo/Video Awards Ford Taylor ~ Jr. High Video Awarded to:

Emily Davyduke ~ Jr. High Photo 7. Physical Education **Award** 

Awarded to: Kyle Strebchuk ~ Jr. High Zachery Merrifield ~ Sr. High

#### **Presentation of Highest Achievement Awards**

**Highest Achievement in Language Arts** 

Grade 9: Emily Davyduke Cade Puddicombe

**Highest Achievement in Math** 

Grade 9: Kaylee Paine Avery Plamondon

10. **Highest Achievement in Science** 

Grade 9: Bo LaValley

11. **Highest Achievement in Social Studies** 

Grade 9: Kyle Benedict Penuela

12. **Highest Overall** 

Grade 9: Bo LaValley

13. Student of the Year

Junior High: Kaylee Paine

#### Presentation of Grade 9 Honour and Merit Awards

#### Merit Recipients

Hallowes, Emma Amiot, Jorja Huggard, Bailey Andruski, Avery Barraclough, Makenna Kennedy, Marlie Benard, Tiana Layton, Emma Bisson, Julie Lopushinsky, Emma Blize, Noah Lynn, Jade Camps-Daly, Rowen Magdiak, Owen Carter, Boston McCaffrey, Lucien Christianson, Delta Collins, Kira McGhee Ste Croix, Jackson Evenson, Bree Motkoski, Katie Fibke, Connor Osborne, Kavan Flasha, Dominic Romanchuk, Carter Gaffney, Broc Gallien-Jardine, Tyrone Rowland, Jake Gaydar, Kelsey Sanderson, Grace Gervais, Cassidy Stevens, Javde Graham, Linden Strebchuk, Kyle

#### **Honours Recipients**

Barry, Lain Braun, Nicolas Davyduke, Emily Dibben, Alyia Dickson, McKenna Epp, Justin Favreau, Jordynn Halbert, Teagen Hough, Aiden Jabs-Lussier, Damian Kelly, Kayleigh LaValley, Bo Paine, Kaylee Penuela, Kyle Benedict Plamondon, Avery Puddicombe, Cade Repas, Alan Richards, Kenzie Spink, Ava Spivak, Kayla Weed, Natalie Wesenberg, Sarah

Zadderey, Erin



## **Highlights from our Annual Academic Awards Ceremony**



Congratulations to all award recipients!

## 2020-2021 Academic Awards Ceremony

Simon Puddicombe ~ Sr. High Information Processing

Stephanie Cunningham ~ Introductory

#### Grade 10

7.

9.

### **Presentation of Individual Awards**

**Art Award** Awarded to:

2. **Computing Award** 

Awarded to: 3. **Cosmetology Award** 

Awarded to: 4. **Fabrication Award** 

Awarded to:

5. **Foods Awards** Awarded to:

6. Photo/Video Awards

Awarded to:

**Physical Education** <u>Award</u> Awarded to:

8. **Urban Gardening Awards** 

Awarded to:

Madeline Blain ~ Sr High Adria Graham ~ Sr High Stephanie Cunningham ~ Sr. High Photo

Adria Graham ~ Introductory

Taylor Whitworth ~ Sr High

Tayla Trudzik ~ Sr. High Photo

Zachery Merrifield ~ Sr. High

Rylee McKennitt ~ Golden Shovel Award Kevin Lai ~ Golden Shovel Award

Liam Hill ~ Green Thumb Award Jessy Stewart ~ Green Thumb Award

**Work Experience Award** Awarded to:

#### Emily Hay ~ Sr. High **Presentation of Highest Achievement Awards**

#### 10. **Highest Achievement in English**

Grade 10/10-1: Kevin Lai Grade 10/10-2: Jaelyn Shuck

**Highest Achievement in Math** 11.

Grade 10/10C: Stephen Lazarte Grade 10/10-3: Will Gibbins Carter Schar

12. **Highest Achievement in Science** 

Grade 10/10: Stephen Lazarte Grade 10/14: Justin Bowman Teagan Stephan

13. **Highest Achievement in Social Studies** 

Grade 10/10-1: Simon Puddicombe Grade 10/10-2: Andre Chaisson

Leighton, Caleb

Lewis, Deakin

Wierstra, Ella

14. **Highest Overall** 

Grade 10: Simon Puddicombe

### Presentation of Grade 10 Honour and Merit Awards

## Merit

## Recipients

Andruski, Aiden Birtles, Tyler Bisson, Emma Bizeau, Sidney Boudreau, Grace Bowman, Justin Bradley, Cole Burke, Megan Cartwright, Tayler Chadd, Abbey Chaisson, Andre Coffee, Maggi

Czenczek, Dryden Davio, Megan Delos Reyes, Hannah May Duchesne, Baylee Fairbairn, Kacy Gray, Renee

Hill, Liam Johnston, Parker Keyes, Ally Lamb, Taryn

Heidt, Dayton

Lvnch, Nathan MacDougall, Liam Marin Alexander Mayabb, Aubree Munro, Brynn Nay, Lukus Newton-Robichaud, Gracie Pierson, Carson Rodominski, Alexa Sadoway, Aubree Skripitsky, Blane Smith. Cali Stephan, Teagan Stewart, Jessy Tapp, Sean Tremblay, Alexandra Trudzik Tayla

#### **Honours Recipients**

Carlson, Logan Cunningham, Stephanie Fowler, Kale Graham, Adria Headington, Emma Krog, Aspen Lai, Kevin Lazarte, Stephen Machuk, Ava McKennitt, Rylee Merrifield, Zachery Palisoc, Weiland Pastoor, Jordyn Paul, Cohen Perrin, Layla Puddicombe, Simon Seguin, Maddox Shuck, Jaelyn Stoyles, Jacob Trudzik, Brandon Wittmann, Carson

Blain, Madeline



## Highlights from our Annual Academic Awards Ceremony



Congratulations to all award recipients!

## 2020-2021 Academic Awards Ceremony

#### Grade 11

#### Presentation of Individual Awards

1. <u>Art Awards</u> Awarded to:

Awarded to: Jorie Johnson ~ Advanced
Alyssa Niziol ~ Advanced

Automotives Award

2. <u>Automotives Award</u>
Awarded to: Tyler Carson ~ Sr. High

3. Computing Award

Awarded to: Alyssa Niziol ~ Sr. High Graphic Design

Construction Award

Awarded to:

Kaden Goudreau ~ Sr. High

Drama Award

Hailey Gano

Awarded to: Elliot Daye ~ Sr. High Drama

5. Music Award

Awarded to:

Presentation of Highest Achievement Awards

6. <u>Highest Achievement in English</u>

Grade 11/20-1: Miriam Epp Alyssa Niziol

Grade 11/20-2: Hailey Gano

7. Highest Achievement in Math

Grade 11/20-1: Miriam Epp Grade 11/20-2: Madeline McIntyre Grade 11/20-3: Serenity Woods

8. <u>Highest Achievement in Science</u> Grade 11/20: Jorie Johnson

Grade 11/24: Jacob Green

9. Highest Achievement in Social Studies

Grade 11/20-1: Miriam Epp Grade 11/20-2: Tyler Carson Elliot Daye

10. <u>Highest Achievement in Biology</u>

Grade 11/20: Hailey Townsend

 Highest Achievement in Chemistry Grade 11/20: Hailey Townsend

12. <u>Highest Achievement in Physics</u>

Grade 11/20: Simon Puddicombe

13. Highest Overall

Grade 11: Miriam Epp

## Presentation of Grade 11 Honour and Merit Awards

## Merit Recipients

Agustin, Leira Andrea Barraclough, Carter Berube, Marco Birtles, Rebecca Camposano, Allysa Cote, Amber Davidson, Eric Gallant, Erin Gosselin, Lucas Goudreau, Kaden Headington, Kyle McIntyre, Madeline Mullin, Kate Oliva, Ernesto Pratt, Darian Schultz-Dupuis, Kenny

Schultz-Dupuis, Kenny Shepherd, Cole Soch, Kallie Spivak, Zachary Steines, Chase Stewart, Nicholas Woods, Emmalee

Woykin, Peyj Zimmer-Erhardt, Ashton

### Honours Recipients

Baxter, Kyleigh Brown, Ashley Burrows, Shainna Carson, Tyler Day, Jesse Diaz, Jencel Elchyson, Dineka Epp, Miriam Gano, Hailey Green, Jacob Hodgson, Michael Johnson, Jorie Keyes, Brody Larupay, Nicole Ashley Niziol, Alyssa O'Dette, Mathew Pashko, Thomas Perez Segoviano, Susana Pham, Ngan Pigeon, Sadie Robinson, Wylie Romanchuk, Ally-Ann Sadoway, Bryden Townsend, Hailey

Van Dyke, Hailey Von Stein, Maddie

Baranitsky, Grace



## **Highlights from our Annual Academic Awards Ceremony**



Congratulations to all award recipients!

## 2020-2021 Academic Awards Ceremony

### Grade 12

8.

### **Presentation of Individual Awards**

**Cosmetology Award** Awarded to: Tasha Labarge ~ Advanced 2. **Drama Award** 

Awarded to: Xander Bartsch ~ Sr. High 3. **Music Award** Lee Arcand-Huard Awarded to:

4. **RAP Award** Awarded to: Jaron Osborne 5. **Urban Gardening Award** 

Awarded to: Samantha Stewart ~ Green Thumb Award

## **Presentation of Highest Achievement Awards**

**Highest Achievement in English** 

Grade 12/30-1: Irene Myung Grade 12/30-2: Jaron Osborne

7. **Highest Achievement in Math** 

Grade 12/30-1: Irene Myung Grade 12/31: Chloe Evenson Grade 12/30-2: Katelyn Dickson Grade 12/30-3: Kyle Prokipchuk **Highest Achievement in Science** Grade 12/30: Katelyn Dickson

9. **Highest Achievement in Social Studies** 

> Grade 12/30-1: Dakota Berube Grade 12/30-2: Jaron Osborne

10. **Highest Achievement in Biology** 

Grade 12/30: Irene Myung

Highest Achievement in Chemistry 11.

Grade 12/30: Irene Myung

12. Highest Achievement in Physics Grade 12/30: Kenneth Zadderey

13. **Highest Overall** 

Grade 12: Irene Myung 14 Student of the Year

Senior High: Katelyn Dickson

### **Presentation of Grade 12 Honour and Merit Awards**

#### Merit Recipients

Baird, Hayley Berube, Shyla Dibben, Jaden Dixon, Jordan Fast, Bayley Juengling, Kelsey McGregor, Shantelle Merrifield, Jenna Ottley, Samuel Palmateer, Kayla Rhynold, Samantha Shuck, Kendall Szott, Aiden Thompson, Kendra Van Der Meer, Landis Wharton, Kaiden Woods, Serenity Zadderey, Kenneth

### **Honours Recipients**

Anderson, Ashley Berube, Dakota Deane, Nevin Dickson, Katelyn Doerksen, Summer Gatchalian, Andrei Mohler, Jenna Myung, Irene Wilde, Aaron Wolfe, Allison

#### **Scholarships**

Governor General's Academic Excellence Medal

Awarded to: Irene Myung

Northern Gateway Public School's Scholarship

Awarded to: Kaylee Paine - Jr. High (\$100.00)

Allison Wolfe - Sr. High (\$500.00)

**Schulich Award Nominee** 

Awarded to: Aarav Sibbal

ANC Scholarship

Awarded to: Katelyn Dickson (\$750.00)

ATA Scholarship

Awarded to: Katelyn Dickson

**Merit Contractors Award** 

Awarded to: Kodan Whitehorse (\$300.00)

Registered Apprenticeship Scholarship

Zachary Stoyles

Awarded to: Allison Wolfe Jaron Osborne Ryan Oliver

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

## COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

#### Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

If your child has traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days, follow the <u>Government of Canada Travel, Testing,</u>
<u>Quarantine and Borders</u> instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high-risk

If within the last 10 days, your child has been notified by Public Health that they are a case<sup>3</sup> of COVID-19, they are required to isolate as per Public Health instructions.

#### Screening Questions for Children under 18:

Has your child been a household contact of a case <sup>2</sup> of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?					
	A household contact: a person who lives in the same residence as the case OR who				
	has been in frequent, long-duration, close-range interaction with a case of COVID-19.				
	For example, siblings, someone who slept over, or someone who provided direct physical care to the child.				
the	answer is "YES" AND they are NOT fully immunized4:				
of	hild should stay home and NOT attend school, childcare and/or other activities for 14 days f exposure and monitor for symptoms. If your child has symptoms, proceed to question 2. answer is "NO" to question 1, proceed to question 2	rom the	last day		
	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core sys	mptom	s:		
	Fever	YES	NO		
	Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher				
	Cough	YES	NO		
	Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma				
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO		
	Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma				
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO		
	Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders				
	answer is "YES" to any symptom in question 2:				
	ne child is required to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms as per the current <u>CMOH</u> regive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities.	Order C	R		
	se the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to rece	ive addit	ional		
	formation on isolation.				
the	answer is "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 2, proceed to question 3.				

#### Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms: YES NO Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather NO YES Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux Runny nose/congestion YES NO Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather Feeling unwell/fatigued YES NO Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea YES NO Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel svndrome YES NO Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety or medication YES NO Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as arthritis or injury YES NO Headache Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines YES NO Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)

#### If the answer is "YES" to ONE symptom in question 3:

- Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours.
- If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary.
- If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.

## If the answer is "YES" to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 3:

- Keep your child home.
- Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.
- Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.

### If the answer is "NO" to all questions:

Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities.

## **PLEASE STAY HOME WHEN SICK**

Please view NGPS.CA for the most recent information regarding Covid-19.

There you can find the Back to School Plan which includes documents on Guidance for Respiratory Illness Prevention, the Alberta Government School Year Plan and the Daily Health Checklist.

All staff, students and guests must complete the Daily Health Checklist before entering the building.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A lab-confirmed case OR a probable case as defined in the <u>Alberta COVID-19 Notifiable Disease Guideline</u>
<sup>4</sup> A person who has received the complete vaccine series for COVID-19 and it has been 14 days after the second dose in a two

## HAPPENINGS AT HILLTOP

Fashion students show their full creativity with ice dying and pajama making.









**Science 20** students make egg helmets in their lab study.



The **Bio 20** class began building their "bodies" that will follow them through the Human Systems Unit. They got to decorate their character, and then they started with a fun game of "Pin the Organ on the Body" for the Digestive System!





**Science 14** students learn the microscopes.



**Science 9** students build a monster for their genetics lab.







## **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

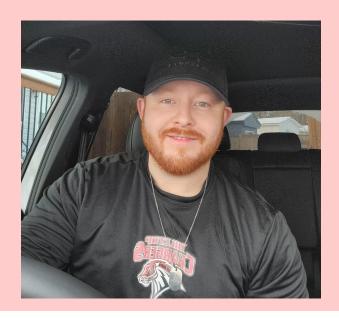
# Hilltop Alumni Spotlight Featuring Brandon Haugen

Brandon graduated high school in 2010. He joined the volleyball team in Grade 8 and fell in love with the sport. Playing all through middle school and high school, along side Dexter, where they played their senior club volleyball year for the Edmonton Fog.

Brandon started coaching because he wanted to keep the sport growing and support young athletes. He said, "I have a passion for coaching and giving back to the community." He's been coaching volleyball on and off for the last 10 years.

After high school, Brandon completed his Red Seal Journeyman as an Automotive Service Technician. He has recently taken a new position at North American Powertrain Components for rebuilding and upgrading automotive powertrain components.

Thank you for your contributions to Hilltop and our community, Brandon. We're proud to call you a Charger!



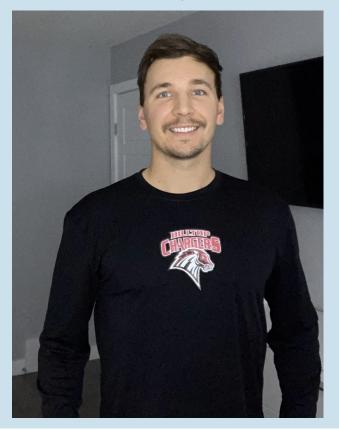
## Hilltop Alumni Spotlight

## Featuring Dexter Robinson

Dexter graduated high school in 2010. He started playing volleyball in the 6th grade, choosing to be a setter. He continued to play as a setter for the Hilltop Chargers, Club Volleyball for the Revz and the Edmonton Fog. He has been coaching high school boys volleyball since 2011.

After high school Dexter went on to complete his Red Seal Journeyman as an Electrician by 2014 and has been working for Flint Energy Services for the past 11 years. He is married to his wife Camille, and they have a 1 and a half year old son named Emmett.

Thank you for your many years of coaching youth sport, Dexter! We're proud to call you a Charger!





## **ATHLETICS**

Be a Charger, Take Charge!



Congratulations
Coaches and
Athletes



JV Boys win gold



JV Girls win bronze





Hilltop High School Jr. Girls Basketball team will be hosting a tournament on January 14
& 15, 2022. The event will be live streamed on the Hilltop website.

Hilltop **Sr. Girls** Basketball will be hosting a tournament on **February 11 & 12**, **2022**. The event will be live streamed on the Hilltop website.

Watch the website for additional details for Charger Basketball.

## **Upcoming Sr. Girls Basketball Dates**

December 10: Sr Girls to Fort Saskatchewan
January 14: Sr Girls to Edson
February 4: Sr Girls to Drayton Valley
February 11: Sr Girls Home Tournament
February 25: Sr Girls to Lamont
March 11: Sr Girls Zones (Location TBA)

## Sr. Basketball League Game Dates

December 14: (Location TBA)
January 11: (Location TBA)
January 13: Home vs Hilltop JV
February 3: Home vs. Grand Trunk
February 8: @ Fox Creek
February 17: Home vs Mayerthorpe
February 24: League Semi Finals (Location TBA)
March 1: League Finals (Location TBA)



Sr Girls win bronze and GOLD at GCAA!

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RAP Position

Heavy Equipment Technician
(Whitecourt)

Heavy Equipment Technician— (1 position available)
Starting Date: To be negotiated

Part time hours

Wage: Minimum Wage

Requirements:

Age: 16 years old Driver's License HCS 3000 course Enrolled in high school

Preferred:

Mature student prepared to transition to full time employment

Resume, Cover Letter - **noting which position you are interested in** and complete Off-Campus Education Application Form
Please speak with your Off-Campus Coordinator or school administration to apply.

Position Description: DJ Mechanical is looking to add an ambitious and mature student to the team to get their career started. Required jobs will include but not be limited to: cleaning and organizing in the shop, parts runs, and assisting mechanics when necessary with CVIP inspections, suspension repair (air and mechanical springs), servicing of vehicles (engine oil, filters, greasing, visual inspections), checking, draining, and topping up of differentials, transmissions and transfer cases, Diagnosing faults using computerized technology, track repairs and winterization, use of the 10 ton crane to move vital parts, adjustments and alignments. DJ Mechanical also has interest in hiring the right student on after they have finished the required hours. DJ Mechanical will provide the selected candidate with their First Aid course.

#### Deadline to Apply: December 6th, 2021

Please email your application, cover letter and resume to the Careers program coordinator, Charity Vollmann: cvollmann@nextgen.org



## **GRAD NEWS**

### **Grad 2022 Remind**

Parents and students please sign up to receive important reminders regarding Grad 2022 via text message.

Text the message @hthgrad22 to the number (587) 316-7407

## Important Days to Remember

Hilltop High School's 55th Graduation Ceremony Grad Day 2022

Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 1:00 pm

### **Grad Pictures**

December 6, 7, 8 and 9 Photo sessions can be booked online at schedule.prestigeportraits.ca

**Grad Picture Retakes** 

February 17, 2022

## **ONE ON ONE MEETINGS**

Mrs. Trebilcock will be in charge of tracking our Grade 12 academics to ensure all Grade 12 students are on track to successfully graduate. She has created a Google Classroom and invited all Grade 12 students to join. A calendar will be created for the grads to sign up and have a one on one meeting with Mrs. Trebilcock.

## **Grad Council 2022**

Ally Ann Romanchuk - President Jencel Diaz - Vice President Dineka Elchyson - Treasurer Kate Mullin - Secretary **Eric Davidson - Public Relations** Miriam Epp - Yearbook Liaison Rebecca Birtles - Council Member Jorie Johnson - Council Member Micah Ottley - Council Member

Staff Advisors: Mrs. Van De Kerckhove, Mrs. Blain and Mrs. Trebilcock



## Winning Grad Logo, Song and Quote

**Logo** (pictured to the right) Artist Credit: Pearson Amiot

### Quote

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." -

Ferris Bueller, Ferris Bueller's Day Off

## Song

"The Nights" - Avicci

## PURDYS FUNDRAISER



Chocolates will be ready for pick up at Hilltop High School on Monday, December 13.



## Cooking with Chef Mercer

and her fabulous students

These students know how to make a holiday morning breakfast!













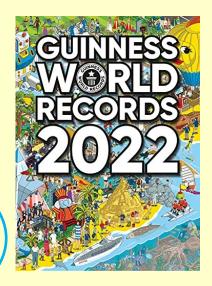
## **Learning Commons News**



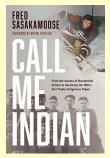
## Need to find a book?

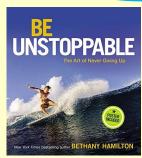
The Learning Commons now has a designated search computer to search the Library catalogue.

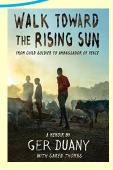
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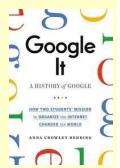
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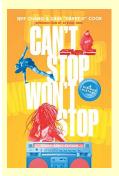


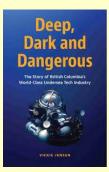




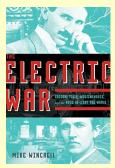




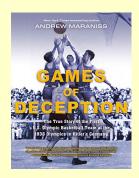


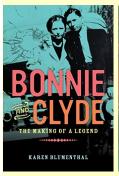




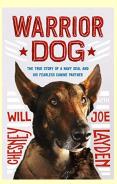




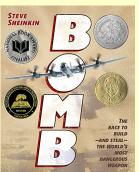














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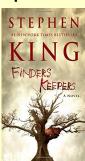
## **New Poetry**



## **New Fiction Mystery/Suspense/Thriller**

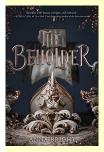




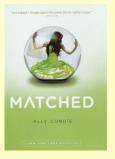




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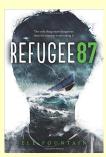






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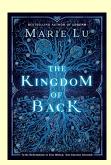




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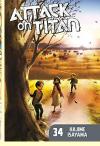


## **Graphic Novels/ Manga**

















# Hilltop Bistro



## **December Menu**

MONDAY	TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Chili w/ Tea Biscuit Soup: Cream of Celery	2 Macaroni w/ Cheese Soup: Tomato Rice	3 Pizza Day Soup: Spicy Thai Chicken Coconut
6 Beef Hamburger Stew w/ Bun Soup: Tomato Macaroni	7 Chicken Caes Salad w/ Toas Soup: Cream Broccoli	st	8 Breaded Chicken Parmesan w/ Pasta Soup: Chicken Rice	9 Perogies w/ Kolbassa Soup: Borscht	10 Hot Dog w/ Soup or Caesar Salad Soup: Chicken Noodle
13 Pancakes w/ Eggs and Sausage Soup: Cream of Cauliflower	14 Fettucine Alfredo Soup: Tomato Rice		15 Pizza Buns Soup: Hamburger	16 Chicken Stew w/ Dumplings Soup: Beef Barley	17 Roast Beef w/ Mashed Potatoes and Veggies Soup: Tomato Macaroni
20	21		22	23	24
	В	Bistro Closed - Merry Christmas			
27	28		29	30	31
	Bistro Closed - Happy New Year			New Year	

- \* The Breakfast Program will not be operating at this time.
- \* All vending machines and microwaves are closed at this time.

## Daily Lunch Special \$5.00

Small Chocolate Milk \$1.00 Large Chocolate Milk \$3.50

Milk 2 Go (Vanilla, Banana, Strawberry) \$2.50

Keurig Cup \$1.00

Cookie \$0.50

Loaf \$1.50

Muffin \$1.00

Square or Pastry \$2.00

Veggie Cup or Fruit Cup \$1.00

Jello or Pudding \$1.00

Pretzel & Hummus \$2.75

Sandwiches \$3.50

Yogurt Parfait \$1.50

Cheese, Meat & Crackers \$3.50

January Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4 First Day of Classes	5	6	7
	Pizza Buns w/ Soup or Caesar Salad Soup: Cream of Celery	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Soup: Chicken Noodle	Grilled Cheese w/ Soup or Salad Soup: Beef Noodle	Fettucine w/ Garlic Toast Soup: Tomato Rice
10	11	12	13 Soft Tacos w/ Soup or Caesar	14
Greek Salad w/ Chicken and Toast Soup: Cream of Mushroom	Chicken Stir Fry w/ Rice Soup: Split Pea Soup	Hot Beef Sandwich w/ Mashed Potatoes Soup: Tomato Rice	Salad Soup: Chicken Noodle	Ham and Scalloped Potatoes Soup: Minestrone
17	18	19	20	21
Shepherd's Pie Soup: Cream of Broccoli	BBQ Chicken on a Bun w/ Soup or Caesar Salad Soup: Tomato Macaroni	Hamburger Stew w/ Biscuit Soup: Chicken Rice	Beef Stir Fry w/ Rice Soup: Cream of Celery	Hot Dogs w/ Broccoli Salad Soup: Tomato Rice
24	25	26	27	28
Pizza Buns w/ Soup or Salad Soup: Vegetable	Hamburgers w/ Soup or Salad Soup: Chicken Noodle	Fettucine w/ Garlic Toast Soup: Beef Barley	Chili w/ Garlic Toast and Salad Soup: Chicken Rice	Fried Egg Sandwich w/ Soup or Ranch Salad Soup: New England Clam Chowder
31				
Bistro Closed				
PD Day				



## **Gateway Academy - Whitecourt Campus News**

(formerly called Storefront)
Phone: 780 - 778 - 5865 Fax: 780-778-5683
Text: 780-779-1193

### ext: 780-779-1193

(\*Breaks: 10-10:15 Lunch 11:30-12:30) Monday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Wednesday: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm Thursday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

**SCHOOL HOURS** 

Friday: No School





#### What is Gateway Academy?

Gateway Academy is Hilltop High School's Outreach program. Our alternative educational setting is designed for students that are unable to, or do not wish to, attend a traditional high school program. We offer programming for Grades 9 through 12. The program is based on Alberta Education's curriculum and students receive credit towards their high school diploma as they would in the regular program.

We offer a nurturing environment that supports not only academic development but emotional, social and intellectual growth.

We offer:

- A flexible schedule where students can drop in to receive individualized tutorials;
- A quiet, welcoming learning environment;
- Individualized independent learning;
- In person and/or online one on one tutorials with the subject teacher;
- Personal Support (including access to counselling with a psychologist from Canniff & Associates);
- Staff mentorship to aid in planning high school courses and school-career transitions.

#### Staff members for the 2021/2022 School Year are:

Maureen Kendall - Outreach Coordinator/English & Options Teacher

Contact: maureen.kendall@ngps.ca
Petra Lewis - Math/Science Teacher
Contact: netra lewis@ngns.ca

Kevin Babiuk - Social/Learning Strategies Contact: kevin.babiuk@ngps.ca

Tammy Johnson - Administration Assistant
Contact: tammy.johnson@ngps.ca
Candace Halvorson - Educational Assistant
Contact: candace.halvorson@ngps.ca

## Friends of Hilltop Parent Council 2021-2022 Friends of Hilltop Council Members

Earn 5% profit on your regular grocery shopping at IGA!!

**NEXT MEETING: January 19, 7:00 pm** 

\*\*At this time Friends of Hilltop cannot offer a Breakfast Program. Please stay tuned in the future for more information.

You can continue to **EARN MONEY** to pay for your student's school fees, grad garb, school sports and even school trips. Take advantage of the **IGA gift card**s sold by Friends of Hilltop Parent Council.

When you purchase grocery vouchers from the Remax Office or at the school --5% of your purchase is placed in an account just for you. It just stays there until you need to access these funds to pay for any variety of school related expenses.

IGA voucher cards are the **ONLY** fundraiser for Friends of Hilltop, other than bottle recycling to fund our Breakfast Program. Please call the office for more details.



#### Mrs. Van De Kerckhove

## **Student Services Newsletter**

Our Student Services Team works diligently to support our student's social, emotional, career and academic needs. Opportunities for students are communicated through weekly announcements, newsletters and through Hilltop's Social Media. Students are invited to drop into our Student Services area for support or to see Ms. Trebilcock or Mrs. Smith - Tomke for an appointment.

## PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

A local business is looking for a student to help shovel their front sidewalk. If this part time paid position interests you, please contact Mrs. Trebilcock for more information.





Are you undecided about a career? One of the best web sites for Career Planning,

Education and Employment is <a href="www.alis.gov.ab.ca">www.alis.gov.ab.ca</a>. It also includes information on **financial assistance**.

Former Hilltop students looking for transcripts will need to sign up for MyPass. (See instructions below) Students needing their Alberta Student Numbers should contact Alberta Education directly at 310-0000 or online at learnerregistry.ae.alberta.ca.



## **MYPASS.ALBERTA.CA**

To access your records after writing a diploma, you will need to have a myPass.alberta.ca account established.

## GRADE 12 STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP FOR MyPass

\*Alberta Education has decided that Diploma results will only be available via your MyPass account. \*The school cannot create your account on your behalf.

## How to sign-up:

- 1. Go to mypass.alberta.ca
- **2.** Create a login using "Sign me up, I'm new!" Do not use your @ngps.ca email. A confirmation link will be sent to your personal inbox.
- 3. Click on the confirmation link in your inbox. Confirm your birthdate and Alberta Student Number. You can find your ASN at https://extranetapp.learning.gov.ab.ca/learnerRegistry/forms/
- **4.** Using a button on the subsequent screen, request that a secure verification code be mailed to your home via post. It should arrive within two weeks.
- **5.** Upon receipt in the mail, login and enter the code. It will expire. Act promptly.
- **6.** You will now have access to all of your academic records.

## RAP - Registered Apprenticeship Program

If you are interested in a RAP position and would like to find out more information, please see Mrs.

Van De Kerckhove in the front office.

## **Work Experience**

Paperwork DUE Many students have signed up for work experience but have not yet handed in the paperwork needed to get them started. If you have not already done so, please hand in the

signed Off Campus Agreement and the Parent Permission form. As well, be sure to hand in signed hour sheets at the end of each month. See Mrs.

Trebilcock for more information.

If you are you a student who is currently employed? Have you signed up for work experience? You can earn up to 15 credits towards your high school diploma. Completion of HCS 3000 course modules is mandatory.



Special thanks to Saffron for their informative presentations to our students on topics such as healthy relationships and understanding trauma.

### Resources:

**Distress Line** 780-482-4357

Mental Health Help Line

1-877-303-2642

### Kids Help Phone

1-800-668-6868 or text 686-868

Sexual Assault Services/CASASC 24HR Crisis Line

1-866-956-1099

**Alberta OneLine** 1-866-403-8000

**Call 211**, an essential phone service that helps Albertans find the right resource or service for whatever issue they need help with, at the right time.

# ART GALLERY

























# Hilltop High School STAY CONNECTED



Access student schedules, attendance and grades online at any time with PowerSchool. \*Also available as an app for smart phones. To create an account, please contact us to receive your individual username and password.



Receive important reminders from Hilltop High School by text message through Remind. \*Also available as an app for smart phones. To sign up text @hilltophig to (587) 316-7407.



**facebook**. Like our page on Facebook @hilltophighschool.



Follow us on Twitter @ngpshth.



View our website at hilltophigh.ca.



Read our monthly newsletters online at hilltophigh.ca or pick up a copy at the front office.



Pay for school fees, sports activities and more at schoolcashonline.com.

For more information visit our website at hilltophigh.ca.



Contact us directly at (780) 778-2446 or email hilltop@ngps.ca.

## CHRISTMAS SURVIVAL GUIDE



I wrote this article in 2018. However, in light of global, health, economic, mental health, community crises and losses too numerous to mention, I decided to re-share it.

With the Christmas season upon us, I find traditional images of the holidays are often too optimistic and too perfect. We see cozy, cheerful, tastefully decorated homes, surrounded by white, pristine snow, with happy, well-dressed families gathered around a table sharing a large dinner cooked to Instagram perfection.

Unfortunately, life can be complex and messy and it's impossible to guarantee a picture perfect Christmas. Yet, every year, we still expect it. We work, plan, bake, shop, decorate, craft, build, organize and clean all the while expecting a fun, peaceful, relaxing Christmas. Most of the time we end up with a chaotic and stressful one. It's extremely difficult to be going through a tough time when everything around us looks like a Hallmark movie. For some of us, we would rather stay under the covers and wake up in January! Though the instinct may be to hibernate until it is over, it is not practical or healthy!

When I looked at my social circle, I realized there are many who are going through horrible, trying times: disease, death of a child, a spouse, a friend, a parent, divorce, bankruptcy, job loss, moving away from friends and family. I asked some of my wise friends how they manage the season of "joy" when life seems anything but joyous. This is a summary of what I learned from them:

- 1. Have a "Survival Plan":
  - a) Give yourself permission to say no to social events or engagements that you feel will drain you
  - b) Limit how much you are willing to participate in events. Perhaps you can attend for an hour, and leave early? Will you come to the potluck, but only bring store-bought items and rather than stressing out about bringing something homemade?
  - c) Create a code word with your significant other so that once you have reached your ability to cope, you can communicate your need to leave with your partner quickly and easily.
- 2. When going through dark times, our first inclination is to shut people out. That is the worst thing to do. Remember, you are not alone, so try to surround yourself with supportive friends and family.
- 3. If you know someone who is grieving or has experienced a loss, do not be afraid to invite them to an event. Ask if you can pick them up and try to stay with them throughout the event for support. Talk about the loved one they lost, share your memories, say their name. It is okay if there are tears. Hearing warm memories of someone who has been loved and lost is like a balm to the grieving person's soul.
- **4. Do something different** go away or visit different relatives or friends. By changing your routine you may not be triggered to spiral into despair.
- **5. Don't push yourself beyond what you feel able to do**. Stress, bereavement, tragedy, or sickness, are all exhausting. Remember to get enough sleep and don't feel you have to do everything you have done in previous years.
- **6. Keep traditions. Or lose them.** Give yourself permission to keep or toss whatever doesn't feel right this year. It doesn't mean you'll never take up those traditions again. But maybe a change of pace is necessary, if only for this season. And maybe, you'll find a new tradition that honors your loss that you will want to keep around for years to come.

- 7. Make self-care a priority. Take a break from social media, and the perceived "perfect" family and "perfect" Christmas. Nourish your body with nutritious food. Get outside, if even for a short walk or a breath of fresh air. Take a relaxing bath to de-stress. Schedule some time with your therapist so you have a safe person who can help you navigate the ups and downs of the holidays. Escape in a good book, or a binge-worthy Netflix show. Wrap yourself in a warm blanket and cuddle with your pet.
- 8. Write a letter to the ones you are missing this Christmas. Whatever it is that you wish you could have said to them go ahead and say it. Even if they'll never have a chance to read it.
- 9. Allow yourself to feel all the feelings of the holidays the good and the bad. Sometimes we think that because we are mourning, or we are going through a very difficult time, we should not laugh, smile or otherwise feel merry. But the truth is, we need to smile when we want to smile and laugh when we find joy. The presence of joy does not take away the sadness we are also feeling. It merely indicates that we are indeed still alive, still human, still standing.
- **10. Stick to your budget so you do not create more stress.** You can't buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts. Rather, donate to a charity in someone's name, give homemade gifts, start a family gift exchange, give a gift of experience such as concert or movie tickets, cooking, art or dance classes, a gift of time such as babysitting, carwash, date night out.

The holidays don't have to be perfect, families change and grow, traditions and rituals change as well. Choose a few to hold on to and be open to creating new ones. Volunteering your time to help others can lift your spirits and broaden your friendships. You can make it through the Christmas season with generous self-compassion and kindness. My hope for you is that you will discover some magical moments of joy this holiday season.

This article was written by Tammy Charko BA, BSW, RSW. Tammy is Northern Gateway Public School's Student Support Facilitator. She advocates for students and families and provides a link between the student and other supporters within the community. Tammy has been a social worker for more than 20 years and is a mother to 3 teenagers and one young adult.



Saturday	ary 4, 2022	4	11	18	25 Christmas Day	
Friday	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Christmas Vacation: December 20, 2021 – January 4, 2022	3 Day 2	10 Day 1 Drama Production	17 Day 2 Last Day of Classes Before Christmas Break	24 Christmas Eve	31 New Year's Eve
Thursday	Merry Christmas and Happy New Yearl	2 Day 1	9 Day 2 Grad Picture Week Drama Production	16 Day 1	23	30
Wednesday	21	1 FLEX Day 2 English/Science/Other	8 Day 1 Grad Picture Week	15 Day 2	22	59
Tuesday	er 2021		7 Day 2 Grad Picture Week	14 Day 1	21	28
Monday	Jecember		6 Day 1 Grad Picture Week	13 Day 2	20	27
Sunday	De		വ	12	6	26 Boxing Day



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Saturday	1 New Year's Day	8	15	22	29	ul one. oma and Final Exams.
Friday		7 Day 1	14 Day 1	21 Day 2 Diploma Exams Eng 30-1 Part B 9:00am End 30-2 Part R 9:00am	28 Day 1 Diploma Exams Science 30 9:00 am	Welcome back, we hope your holiday was a restful one. Best of luck to all students as you write your Diploma and Final Exams.
Thursday		6 Day 2	13 Day 2	20 Day 1 Diploma Exams Math 30-1 9:00am Math 30-2 9:00am Last Day of Classes for Semester 1	27 Day 2 Diploma Exams Physics 30 9:00 am Family Literacy Day	Welcome back, we hop Best of luck to all studer
Wednesday	$\sim$ l	5 FLEX Day 1 English/Social/Other	12 FLEX Day 2 Math/Science/Other Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part A 9:00am Social 30-2 Part A 9:00am	19 Day 2 Friends of Hilltop School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	26 Day 1 Diploma Exams Chemistry 30 9:00am	
Tuesday	y 2022	4 Day 1 First Day of Classes Following Christmas Break	11 Day 1 Diploma Exams Eng 30-1 Part A 9:00am Eng 30-2 Part A 9:00 am	18 Day 1	25 Day 2 Diploma Exams Biology 30 9:00am	
Monday	January	က	10 Day 2	17 Day 2	24 Day 1 Exam Week Begins Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part B 9:00am Social 30-2 Part B 9:00am	31 Staff Planning and Development Day – No Classes
Sunday	<u> </u>	2	ത	9	23	30

## **Exam Schedule January 2022**

## \*last day of classes for all grades January 20th

## Part A Diploma exams:

9:00 am	January 11 <sup>th</sup>	January 12th	January 20 <sup>th</sup>	January 21 <sup>st</sup>
	English 30-1 Part A	Social 30-1 Part A	Math 30-1	English 30-1 Part B
	English 30-2 Part A	Social 30-2 Part A	Math 30-2	English 30-2 Part B
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## **Exam Schedule**

9:00 am	Friday January 21*	Monday January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday January 28 <sup>th</sup>
Diplomas	English 30-1 Part B English 30-2 Part B	Social 30-1 Part B Social 30-2 Part B	Biology 30	Chemistry 30	Physics 30	Science 30
	English 10-1 Part A	Social 10-1 Part A	English 20-1 Part B	Math 10C	Chemistry 20	Science 10
	English 10-2 Part A	Social 10-2 Part A	English 20-2 Part B	Math 10-3	Science 14	Physics 20
	English 20-1 Part A	Social 20-1 Part A		Math 20-1	Science 24	Social 20-1 Part B
	English 20-2 Part A	Social 20-2 Part A		Math 20-2		Social 20-2 Part B
				Math 20-3		
PAT Exams/ Midter ms	ELA 9 Midterm Part A (All 9s)	Math 9 Midterm (All 9s)	Science 9 (9-1, 9-4, 9-5)	K&E ELA 9 Part B	Social 9 (9-2, 9-3)	ELA 9 Midterm Part B (All 9s)
	K&E ELA 9 Part A					Social 10-1 Part B
12:26 PM	Science 20	CALM	English 10-2 Part B	Biology 20	English 10-1 Part B	Social 10-2 Part B

Part A- Written Part B- Multiple Choice

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Lab time in Science 20



Fashion Fun



Sr Girl vs Boy in Volleyball



Caleb Carnell wins gift cards!

Happy Holidays!



Stephanie Cunningham wins the Remembrance Day Poem Contest



Jeffer and Jayden decorate the tree!



Best Buds!



Sr Girls celebrate a win!



Kaylee Paine - Jr High Student of the Year 2020-2021



Bo LaValley - Highest Overall Gr 9



Simon Puddicombe -Highest Overall Gr 10



Miriam Epp - Highest Overall Gr 11



Kodan Whitehorse -Merit Contractors Scholarship Recipient