



# Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School

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## April 2017 Newsletter

“A great place to LEARN...and more!”

### Message from the Administration



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Welcome to spring! March went out like a lamb and now we are looking for those April showers to bring May flowers and to keep the fire index down. The extended hours of daylight are already a welcome sight.

April is a short month due to Easter break, but we have lots of things happening this month. First of all, we will be asking the students their opinions on education with a Students' Voices session on the morning of April 28.

Parent Teacher Interviews take place on the evening of April 6. We are also hosting our Fine Arts Showcase and Grad Dessert Auction that evening. Please come out to visit your child's teachers and see some of the great things that are taking place at Hilltop. Ms. Mehl and Mr. Babiuk will not be available for interviews on April 6 because they will be departing with our students on the Vimy 100 Trip.

If you have not signed up for Parent Portal yet, please drop by to get information on how to do so. The receptionists will be available to help during Parent Teacher Interviews. To date, 90% of our parents are signed up to access their students' grades and attendance using the Parent Portal. If you still prefer a printed report card, please let the front office staff know.

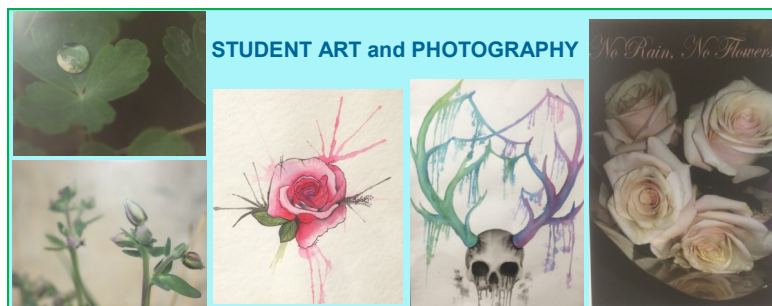
I would also like to emphasize the importance of FLEX for catching up on missed work or exam rewrites. If a student has been nominated for FLEX they are expected to be attend for that period. I appreciate the support I get from parents when students miss FLEX. Students who miss FLEX will receive a mandatory detention.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. The break begins on Thursday, April 13 and students return on Monday, April 24. Enjoy the break!

Your partner in education  
Principal  
Brent Northcott

### Bell Schedule

9:00 AM	Warning Bell
9:05 AM	Block 1
10:11 AM	Break
10:15 AM	Block 2
11:21 AM	Break
11:25 AM	Block 3
12:31 PM	Lunch Break
1:11 PM	Warning Bell
1:15 PM	Block 4
2:21 PM	Break
2:24 PM	Block 5
3:30 PM	Dismiss



### Important Days

April 6  
Parent/Teacher Interviews

April 6  
Fine Arts Night

April 8  
First Aid Course

April 5 -16  
Vimy Trip

April 13 - 23  
Easter Break

April 26:  
Administrative Professionals  
Day

**April 6**

Last Day of  
Grade 9 Options

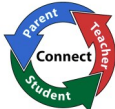
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**April 6**

Parent/Teacher  
Interviews


**4:00 pm – 8:30 pm**  
*Drop-in Basis Only*



**April 6**

Fine Arts Night

**4:00 pm - 8:30 pm**  
Students will be showcasing  
their skills in Wood-Working,  
Art, Photography and more.



**Fine Arts Night**

**April 13**

Easter Vacation  
Begins



**Happy Easter!**

**April 24**

First Day of  
Classes  
following Easter  
Vacation





## More with Merit's Marvelous Makeover





We are thrilled to be partnered with Merit Contractors for the Marvelous Makeover of Repeat Boutique. The Repeat Boutique, a division of Friends of Whitecourt Society, has been in operation for 50 years and has done many remarkable things for our community. Let us share with you a little bit about the history of Repeat Boutique and why we are so excited for this venture with such a deserving local business.

- Their first second hand store was located in the former police station in the old Town Hall, complete with jail cells. They were open for 4 hours per week and earned approximately \$100.00 a month profit.
- In 1974 they moved to a 10' x 20' garage and became "Bargain Alley". They rented the building for \$75.00 per month and their shelves were built of wooden milk crates and egg boxes.
- In 1988 they officially became "Repeat Boutique" when they purchased a vacant house as their new location. (currently the home of Community Lunchbox).
- With an increase in business and popularity they moved to their current location in July 1994 and their floor space grew to 6,720 sq. ft.
- Supporting many families of Whitecourt, along with, fire victims, wildfire evacuees, victims of violence, needy individuals and school children in need of clothing.
- Completely volunteer run with 50 volunteers who log up to 1500 hours per month!
- An incredible amount of support for local health care. Including candy strippers, incentives for new doctors considering moving to our community, \$125 000.00 towards the Spruceview Lodge and donating over **three million dollars** worth of equipment to the Whitecourt Healthcare Center. Completely funding the
- Offering a \$2500.00 scholarship to applying graduates pursuing a career in the medical field.

***Thank you for your passion and commitment to our community!***

Throughout this project Hilltop students are not only learning the importance of giving back to their community but they are also learning valuable skills towards furthering their education. Here are just a few things they have been working on.





Katelyn Steinke designs a website for Repeat Boutique– watch for it coming soon!



Sorting boxes being constructed in Shop class.



Shop class completes their first project – sandwich boards for outdoor advertising.



Katlyn Szybunka works on business cards.

## Thank You



Special thanks to Schaffers' Welding for your generous support with Merit's Marvelous Makeover project!

## Administrative Professionals' Day

Wednesday April 26th, 2017



## Thank You

Thanks to **Kim McConnell** and **Andrea Fletcher** for joining our staff during Professional Development Day to demonstrate a Kairos Blanket Exercise. The Kairos Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history we rarely taught. Participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the blankets represent the land. Grade 9 students will be taking part in a Kairos Blanket Exercise on **April 5th**.

For more information go to [www.kairoscanada.org](http://www.kairoscanada.org).

Special thanks to

**Trish Gilmore** for providing breakfast to all our students twice a week as well as continuing the much loved tradition of grilled cheese day once a month. We are very grateful for your dedication to Hilltop!



## NGPS School Board Trustees visit Hilltop

On March 16 we were privileged to have our School Board Trustees visit Hilltop. Special thanks to Ashley Cairns and Caelyn Basaraba for guiding the tour. Our Trustees spent their time touring shop and computers class to see some of the various projects taking place in conjunction with the Merit project. As well, they had some fun with the Photography class learning how to paint with light, see the fun photo of Mr. Hailes below.



## Support the Humanitarian Society

The Hilltop Humanitarian Society is a group of students along with supervisor Martyn Chapman who work together to support underprivileged children in Uganda. The Hilltop Humanitarian Society has been helping over 50 children at the Masulita Village in Uganda since 2007, sending approximately \$1000.00 a month to assist them with educational materials, health care, eye care and transportation needs. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Donations gratefully accepted via [schoolcashionline.com](http://schoolcashionline.com) or at the front office. Thank you for your support.



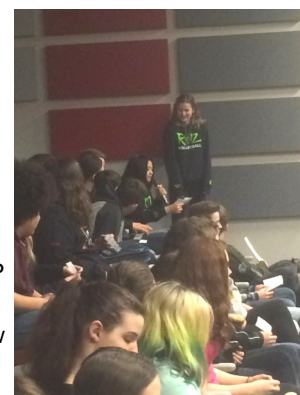
The **Hilltop Humanitarian Society** has been putting on pizza lunches at Hilltop for several months now. Pizza is ordered from Dominos and students have the choice of pepperoni, cheese or Hawaiian pizza at the cost of \$2.50 a slice. To date, the sales of pizza at lunch have provided the Humanitarian Society with around **\$1200.00** in profits!! Thank you Hilltop students for supporting this and helping out the Humanitarian Society.



Special thanks to **Arnold Viersen, MP Peace River- Westlock** for speaking to our grade 9 students on March 14, 2017. Mr. Viersen spent a few minutes sharing with students his background before Parliament. He grew up in the small town of Neerlandia, just outside of Barrhead, Ab and was initially an automotive mechanic before getting into politics. He is now a Member of Parliament for the Peace River-Westlock area, an area that spans as large as Iceland. He is also on the Northern and Aboriginal Affairs Committee, where he takes part in the discussion of laws before they go into to the House of Commons. He is also a Deputy Critic for Rural Affairs, where discussions take place regarding matters such as farming and public transit. He encouraged students who have an interest in government and a passion for controversy to seriously consider a career in politics. Mr. Viersen continued his presentation by sharing some facts and information about the government of Alberta and the current state of our economy. He then proceeded to take questions from the audience. Students asked a broad range of very well thought out questions regarding his stance on topics such as; Women's Rights, Islamic



Rights, LGBTQ, marijuana legalization, Wynn's Law and assisted suicide. Mr. Viersen spoke openly to students about his stance on each topic and concluded with a generalization of the Conservative Party's view point. His party believes in freedom and equal treatment under the law and they believe in protecting people rather than ideas. To learn more about MP Viersen's political efforts in Alberta you can check out his Facebook page or follow him on Twitter.





**Taeven Keylor** has recently become a member of the Community Services Advisory Board for the Town of Whitecourt. He is currently the only youth member on the Board. Congratulations Taeven and thank you for your commitment to our community.



### Travel Club: Remembering Vimy

April 5-16

The Travel Club will be travelling to France for the 100 year Vimy Ridge Memorial Ceremony. They will also be going to Paris, Netherlands and Germany. The following students will be travelling from April 5th – April 16th with staff supervisors Ms. Mehl and Mr. Babiuk:

- Elita Whitehorse
- Hana Bissett
- Teron Funk
- Aileen Kim
- Jacob Davidson
- Keegan Phillip
- Dawson Smith
- Ashley Cairns
- Jordan Gano-Coady
- Rachel Wise
- Logan Tschigerl



### Health Care Aide and Dual Credit Opportunity

Northern Gateway Public Schools is now offering an exciting Dual Credit opportunity in Health Care Aide. The program will start in September 2017 and continue until the end of July. The program will be run out of Mayerthorpe, however, it is also available to Hilltop students. The program consists of 7 courses and 17 tests and will run 4 afternoons a week from 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Students will do theory via video conference from Hilltop and travel to Mayerthorpe for labs. You must be 16 years or older to do clinical. Students must have at least 70% or higher to pass and will then earn 25 high school credits. Training obtained will not transfer to LPN but will provide you with a valuable understanding of the medical field and important skills to get you started. Only 24 students maximum will be accepted and grade 12 students will have first priority. The program also requires a \$400.00 deposit.

Students who are interested should see Ms. Hleck before April 01, 2017 to register.



Northern Gateway  
Public Schools



**MacEwan**  
UNIVERSITY

Special thanks to Grant MacEwan for visiting Hilltop and talking to Ms. Zack's Art class about the opportunities within the Fine Arts program at Grant MacEwan.

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### Congratulations

Congratulations to Keegan Phillip for securing a RAP position with Whitecourt Machine and Welding. He will be learning the Trade Machinist.



### Forestry Industry Career Day



On March 30 all Grade 9 students, as well as, senior high students who had signed up, attended the Forestry Career Day event at the Allan and Jean Millar Centre to explore careers within the Forestry trades such as Millwrights and Loggers. Watch for more in the May newsletter.

### School Reach Club

School Reach is a club devoted to quiz game shows. Students gather in room 304 at lunch on Fridays to test their knowledge about pop culture, music, sports, entertainment, history, literature, movies and much more. Come bring your lunch and some friends to try out our amazing game show buzzer system while answering some questions! Everyone is welcome and we have a great time during lunch hour.

### Service Rig Dual Credit Program

Northern Gateway Public Schools has partnered with Northern Lights Public Schools to offer students a dual credit opportunity as a Service Rig Floor Hand. This hands on experience will take place the week April 3 -7, 2017. Students will also receive a variety of industry recognized safety certificates on top of their Service Rig Training. Congratulations to the following students who have applied for the program and been accepted.

- Darin Orge
- Riley Henke
- Shaun Lapoint

### Medieval Club

Have you ever wondered how knights fought back in medieval times? Hilltop's Medieval Club meets at lunch on Thursdays to learn all there is about the medieval times as well as how to do medieval style combat. Students can learn all about the medieval ways of fighting as well as about honour and chivalry. Students can learn about making medieval crafts like chainmaille and wire weaving, but also about making armour as well as how to engage a foe with cunning skill and accuracy. If you would like to find out what we do in Medieval Club, please come and speak to Miss Mehl in Room 304!



### Message from the Bistro



The Hilltop Bistro will be temporarily closed until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Hilltop Cosmetology** students offer a variety of services to the general public at excellent prices to assist them in their training. Haircuts, perms, coloring, facials, manicures, waxing and so much more. To book an appointment or inquire about services and pricing please call the main office at 780-778-2446.



### First Aid Course

#### Advanced First Aid

Instructor: Shawna Prince

Cost: \$50.00 ( non-refundable)

When: **April 8th**

Sign up at the front office



*Special thanks to **Shawna Prince** for instructing and allowing an affordable opportunity for our students to obtain valuable skills in first aid.*

## Hilltop Senior Computer Technology

We have the technology to print and press to create **PERSONALIZED ITEMS!**

*If you have a design in mind, our students can create it!*

**We can print and press images on to the following items:**

- \* Poster
- \* Decal
- \* Magnet
- \* Lanyard
- \* Ornament
- \* Keychain
- \* T-shirt
- \* Puzzle
- \* Frosted Mug
- \* Mug – white or coloured interior
- \* iPhone Case
- \* Samsung Case
- \* Flip Flops
- \* Bag
- \* Water Bottle
- \* Travel Mug
- \* 8G USB Stick
- \* Apron
- \* Black Hoodie

**Please contact Mrs. Walsh for more information!**  
meagan.walsh@ngps.ca

## Spirit Wear

Hilltop Charger Spirit Wear is available for sale at reduced prices. Items are available through [www.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.schoolcashonline.com) or from Mrs. Runge in room 503. Spirit Wear will also be available at Parent/Teacher Interviews.

## Passport Photos

Available in the Media Lab

**\$15.00**

Appointments are available Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and noon. Call or Text Derek Schlosser at 780-268-3375 to book an appointment



Make online payments with **SchoolCashOnline**

- ✓ Field trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

Register at [SchoolCashOnline.com](http://SchoolCashOnline.com)



### Synervoice/ Automated Calls Home

Please be advised if our system has rejected your phone number due to a cancelled landline, we will use the next available phone number (ex: cell phone number) for emergency purposes and automated calls home in the event of student absence.

Hilltop High School would like to request that all students leave any valuables at home. We also, encourage all students to keep their combinations for their hall & gym lockers confidential.

### Attention Parents

Please remember that we **no longer print report cards**. All students courses, assignments, grades and absences are available on Power School to view at any time. If you have not signed up for Power School, or are having difficulty signing in, please contact the front office and we will help get you started.

### Parent/Guardian Reminder

Please remember that **ALL** students must be signed out by a parent/guardian when leaving the building for any reason, including in the event of an emergency or evacuation. Students can be signed out by a parent/guardian either in person or by calling the school at 780-778-2446. We appreciate your cooperation.

Check out our live Google calendar on our website. Updated regularly.



**Does the school have your child's current contact information?**

**Please contact the school to verify if you have concerns @ 780.778.2446.**

*If you are going to be late or absent for any reason, please have your parent or guardian call the school at 780.778.2446.*

*Please use our answering machine if you need to call before or after school hours.*



# Athletics



**Be a Charger...Take Charge!**

## Badminton 2017

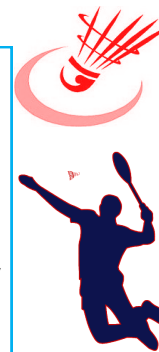


### April Badminton

**Sr. High Team:** GCAA April 3rd @ Mayerthorpe  
 Cougar Invitational April 8th @ Valleyview  
 Conferences April 24th @ Barrhead  
 Zones April 26th @ Saville Center (Edmonton)

### May Badminton

**Jr. High Team:** GCAA  
 May 4th @ Hilltop  
**Sr. High Team:** Provincials  
 May 5th and 6th @ Red Deer



Thank you to the following students for scorekeeping during the GCAA Junior High Basketball Tournament held at Hilltop on February 28th.

**Caleb Tobin, Abigail Dixon, Zach Stoyles, Zach Wise, Mykayla Lourenco and Cody Oliver.**



The ski trip scheduled for March 31, was unfortunately cancelled due to a lack of participants.

Thank you Coach Jordan Veitch for the fun pictures of the Sr. Girls Basketball team from their season wind up get together.



## Jr. Basketball

What a season for our Junior Basketball teams! Both the Jr. Boys and Jr. Girls teams played incredibly hard and continued to grow throughout the season. Congratulations to the Jr. Boys who earned Gold in the GCAA finals and Bronze at Zones. Girls finished off in 6th place. Well done Chargers! #chargerpride



## Sports Coming Soon!

### Track and Field

Junior GCAA - May 24 (rainout day May 26)

Junior Zones - June 1

### Flag Football

June 8 at Percy Baxter

### Golf

Early Bird Jr. and Sr. Mayerthorpe Tournament: Date TBD

GCAA: September TBD



## CATS Football Spring Schedule

Spring Camp begins in May...Equipment Draw is **May 3** after school.

Practices are from 4:00 pm -6:00 pm on the following dates:

May 9,10,11

May 15,16,17

May 23,24,25

Westlock Jamboree - May 27

Registration Packages will be emailed out or can be picked up from Mrs Wynn beginning April 10.

For Information, contact Coach Babiuk or Mrs. Wynn.



# Grad News

Your 2017 Grad Council: Mark Gilmore, Sydney Damberger, Rebecca Lee, Dylan Wittman, Rachel Wise, Leah Hillaby, Krista Dewitz, Payton Levins, Chantelle Calitz and Hana Bissett  
 Grad Advisers: Mrs. Woodford, Mrs. Long and Mrs. Properzi.

## April 6

4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### Dessert Auction

During Parent/Teacher Interviews and Fine Arts Night

Sign up on the grad board, all ingredients must be listed.



**Grad Rehearsal**  
**Wednesday June 28th, 2017**  
**2:00pm**  
**All grads MUST attend.**

**Grad 2017**  
**Hilltops 50th Graduation**  
**Exercise**  
**Friday, June 30th, 2017**  
**Ceremony: 4:00 pm**

**Part Two Grad Forms are due to Mr. Mireau by April 27th.**

Attention all male graduates: If you are interested in receiving a coupon for Moores Clothing please see Mrs. Christianson at the front office. We have coupons for 40% off the purchase of a tuxedo or \$40.00 off suit rentals. While supplies last.

This years theme is 1920's old

Parents and students are asked to join our Remind 101 designed specifically for Grad 2017 by texting @hthgrad to (587) 316-7407 to receive regular reminders.

There will be an **"Appy Hour"** **June 30th, 2017 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm** for grads and families. Tickets are unlimited at \$25.00 per person and available in June. Please **RSVP by April 26** to Sheila Hanas at 780 - 706 - 6033 by text or call. For more information please see the graduation section at hilltophigh.ca

### Helpful Hint from the Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP)

One of the most important skills that we can teach our children is empathy. This is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Empathy gives us the ability to build close relationships, maintain friendships, and develop strong communities.

Research tells us that kids who engage in meaningful conversations about emotional experiences have higher levels of empathy. Kids whose parents and caregivers ask questions like, "How do you think she felt when that happened?" are helping to increase this skill within their children.

Parents sometimes struggle with how to turn regular conversations into meaningful conversation. Here are some strategies to help create an empathetic conversation:

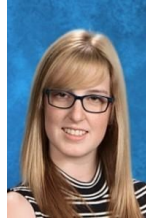
1. "WH" Questions – Who? What? Where? Why?
2. Repeat and Add – Repeat what your child said and add a bit more.
3. Follow the Leader – Let your child lead the conversation. Follow with questions such as "What else happened?" Or "Tell me more about this part."
4. Ask for Feelings – Ask about more than just events, ask about feelings.
5. Connect Events – Help your child connect to a similar event in the past.

**The Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP) provides individual counselling and family support. For more information about the program or the referral process, feel free to contact Kyria or Kateryna at the FCLP office at (780) 778-8755.**



## Congratulations

### Annick Greenwood



**Annick recently qualified for the 2017 Provincial Skills Competition in Edmonton in May. She placed in the top 20 of over 250 entries for Photography. Congratulations Annick and good luck!**

### To All Parents of Hilltop Students from Friends of Hilltop Parent Council

**Please welcome your 2016-2017 Friends of Hilltop School Council**  
**Chairperson: Tammy Dickson**  
**Vice Chairperson: Avy Fast**  
**Secretary: Amber Borg**  
**Treasurers: Niki Underwood and Judy Watson**

Please support our school and YOUR pocketbook by purchasing IGA cards. Cards can be purchased at the school or at Remax. Families purchase the cards from Friends of Hilltop and can purchase groceries from any Sobeys store (Edson, Drayton Valley, Spruce Grove, Edmonton, Whitecourt, or St. Albert) which can come in extra handy on those out of town sport tournaments.

Have you checked out those marks on the Parent Portal through Power School; you can get an app for your phone for this too. It's a great way to keep connect with our school and engaged in your child's education. You can get assistance signing up at the office. Also, you can check Diploma Exam results through the myPass system. Alberta Education no longer mails out results.

Our IGA gives the Friends of Hilltop (FOH) a discount when we purchase them, the amount we save between purchase and sale is the fundraiser. We track the amount families purchase, 5% of the amount purchased is placed in an account – which YOUR family can spend on school fees; sport fees; pictures; school supplies; grad fees; grad dresses just to name a few.

\*\*\*Funds raised through this initiative can go to support an upcoming trip to Hawaii for Volleyball team and travelling trips in the future.

If you have questions please feel free to ask any Friend of Hilltop Parent Council member.

**Next Meeting: April 26th at 7:00 pm**

**Everyone Welcome**



### Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News

*(formerly called Storefront)*

#### Hours of Operation

**Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Phone: 780 - 778 - 5865**

Spring Break is just around the corner! I hope everyone takes the opportunity to enjoy the well-deserved break.

As part of the Caring for Community initiative, student's prepared chicken vegetable soup and wraps for the volunteers at Repeat Boutique. The ladies really enjoyed it and the students are really enjoying doing great things for the community.

Wellness Group with Kyra from FCLP will begin after Spring Break.

This group will allow students the opportunity to join small group discussions about issues that matter to teenagers.

The end of the school year is fast approaching and students should pay attention to course timelines and school goals to ensure success.

The staff at Gateway Academy would like to remind students to make sure they keep within course timelines so they can earn credits in their respective courses. Remember to pass in your course work in a timely manner. **Due date for all diploma course work and exams is Thursday, June 8, 2017.**

If you need help please call or come in and visit us.



## Student Council News

Student Council brought in March with a March Madness Week! On Monday we had Pajama Day, Tuesday was Twin Day, Wednesday was Jersey Day, Thursday was Hilltop Pride Day and Friday was Fancy Friday or wear green for Saint Patrick's Day. The winners were:

- James Woodford** (PJ Day)
- Shanitha Murry & Maria Vasseur** (Twin Day)
- Macyne Packham** (Jersey Day)
- Katlyn Szybunka** (Hilltop Pride Day)
- Jacob Davidson** (Green Day)

Winners for each day got two free pieces of pizza, a bag of chips and a pop at the March 24th pizza lunch day!

We are looking forward to handing out some great Spring break treats at the dance on the day before Spring break!



**The Teen Centre will be open every weekday from 12:00 - 1:15 and 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm for ages 11-17.**

Programming at Teen Centre

- Tuesdays** - Arts and Crafts
- Wednesdays** - Homework Help
- Thursdays** - Cooking & Baking
- Fridays** - Movie and Pizza

#### Other Events & News:

**Free lunches 12:00 pm -1:15 pm every day**  
Menu's will be displayed at the Teen Centre and on our Facebook page.

We now have all nominations for the Spirit of Youth Awards on **May 3rd** - invitations will be going out at the beginning of April - if you do receive an invitation please be sure to RSVP!

To keep up to date with other events, news and programming from the Teen Centre, please like our page on Facebook - Whitecourt TeenCentre and follow us on Twitter @TeenCentreWCT

## First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI)

*Mrs. Smith-Tomke , FNMI Liaison Worker*

Tansi , Abawasheded

Spring is here, and there are so many exciting things happening at Hilltop High School. I would like to congratulate **Jordan Aginas, Lexi Vanderwolf, Daniel Taylor, and Dylan Wittmann** as they were the chosen nominees for the **Indigenous Shining Student Award**. These students are amazing ambassadors for our school, and we are so proud of their accomplishments.



Please contact Mrs. Smith-Tomke if you are:

- Grade 9 or grade 10 students interested in facilitating the **Blanket Celebration**.
- Indigenous students requiring information on status cards, bursaries, scholarships and awards.



Ms. Kendall

Mr. Mireau

Ms. Jody Smith-Tomke

## Student Services Newsletter

The Student Services Dept. has a wealth of information that will help all students throughout the year; whether its deciding on a career choice, finding a job or working on one of the computers to complete a school project.

The job opportunity/volunteer board will be updated weekly so students can find a part time job or volunteer within our community.

**Are you undecided about a career?** One of the best web sites for **Career Planning, Education and Employment** is [www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca). It also includes information on **financial assistance**.



## Work Experience

Sign up is easy! See Mr. Mireau for more information. Your hours do not count until the site has been approved by Mr. Mireau.

## Individual Grade 11 Meeting

Grade 11 meetings are now underway. Students are welcome to book an appointment with Mr. Mireau, who is available A, C and D blocks. Parents are welcome to join. The meeting is designed to check graduation requirements and investigate career and post-secondary pathways.

## Applying for Post-Secondary

Most schools accept applications from October 1st onward. Do not delay. Receiving an offer of acceptance can take a long time. Remember, once you have applied, you must periodically update the post-secondary institution via your online account.

## COOL CAMP

Thank you to our Cool Camp facilitators who volunteered over 50 hours of their time at Camp He Ho Ha. This volunteer time not only helps build their resumes and leadership qualities but it also earns them two High School credits in leadership and mentorship.

**Thank you leaders for your commitment to this program!**

- Cody Oliver
- Dallas Magdiak
- Calum Scott
- Jacob Davidson
- Mark Gilmore
- James Woodford
- Haley Nicholson
- Elita Whitehorse
- Maddy Bryson
- Rachelle Warchola
- Paige Lanctot



## Scholarships

The following scholarship applications are available from Mr. Mireau:

### ANC SCHOLARSHIP:

For all regional graduates who excel. Distributed across the region. Hilltop students should apply.

### ANC SCHOLARSHIP:

Pierson and McGrath Memorial Scholarship available to all Hilltop graduates who excel and are involved in athletics in some capacity.

### DAVE DANKS ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP:

For students who have experienced significant adversity or have attended Gateway Academy (Storefront) that are registered for post-secondary studies next year.

### ROTARY CLUB OF WHITECOURT BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP:

For students who are registered to attend a business program next year.



## RAP

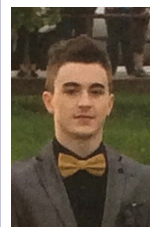
### Registered Apprenticeship Program

Interested in RAP? Please talk to Ms. Heck in the front office.

## MYPASS.ALBERTA.CA

To access your records after writing a diploma, you will need to have a myPass.alberta.ca account established. Use a personal email address and not your @ngps.ca email.

## Congratulations



To **Austin Baker** for recently being accepted into the University of Alberta.



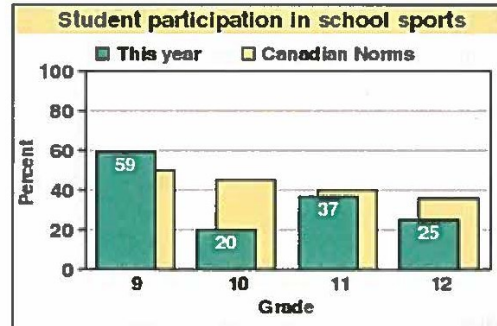


For the last few months Hilltop students have taken part in the OurSCHOOL online survey. This survey allows students to anonymously give their feedback and share their voices on their school environment, experiences at school, and any school improvement programs. Thank you students for your cooperation and participation, we value your input. Below you will find a few examples of the survey results.

**Student participation in school sports**

Students who play sports with an instructor at school, other than in a gym class.

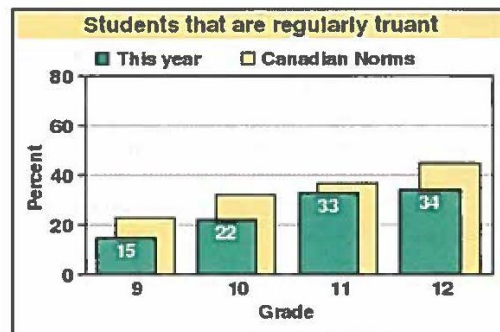
- 36% of students in this school had a high rate of participation in sports; the Canadian norm for these grades is 43%.
- 33% of the girls and 37% of the boys in this school had a high rate of participation in sports. The Canadian norm for girls is 38% and for boys is 48%.



**Students that are regularly truant**

Students who skip classes or miss days at school without a reason, or arrive late for school or classes.

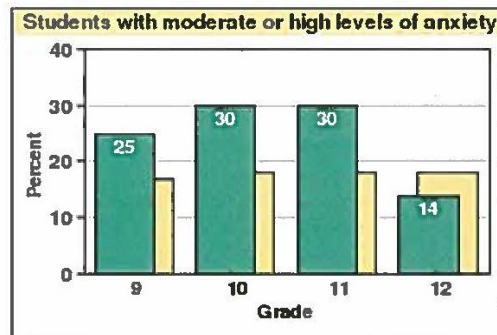
- In this school, the student truancy rate was 26%; the Canadian norm for these grades is 34%.
- In this school, the truancy rate for girls was 24% and for boys, 28%. The Canadian norm for girls is 31% and for boys is 38%.



**Students with moderate or high levels of anxiety**

Students who have intense feelings of fear, intense anxiety, or worry about particular events or social situations.

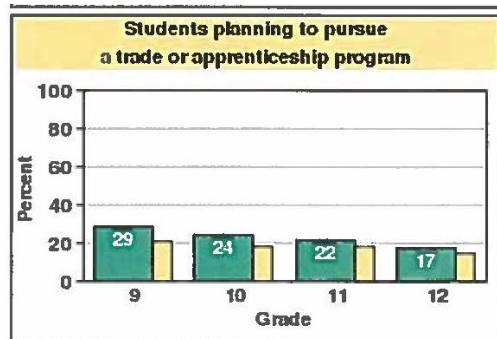
- 26% of students in this school had moderate to high levels of anxiety; the Canadian norm for these grades is 18%.
- 36% of the girls and 16% of the boys in this school had moderate to high levels of anxiety. The Canadian norm for girls is 21% and for boys is 14%.



**Students planning to pursue a trade or apprenticeship program**

Students who plan to finish high school, and afterwards pursue a trade or apprenticeship program.

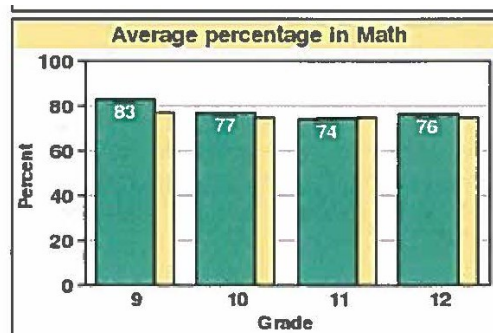
- 24% of students in this school planned to pursue a trade or apprenticeship program; the Canadian norm for these grades is 18%.
- 17% of the girls and 28% of the boys in this school planned to pursue a trade or apprenticeship program. The Canadian norm for girls is 14% and for boys is 22%.



**Average percentage in Math**

Students' overall marks in their current or most recent Math class were reported as a letter grade and converted to a percentage.

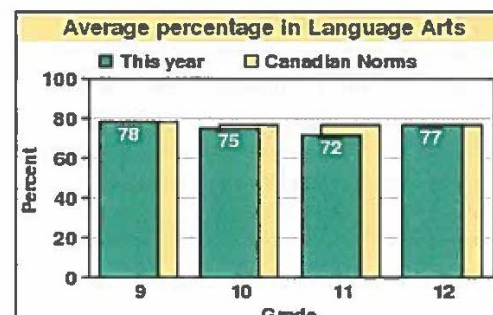
- In this school, students' average reported mark was 77%; the Canadian norm for these grades is 76%.
- In this school, girls' average reported mark was 77% and boys' was 77%. The Canadian norm for girls is 76% and for boys is 75%.



**Average percentage in Language Arts**

Students' overall marks in their current or most recent Language Arts class (e.g., English) were reported as a letter grade and converted to a percentage.

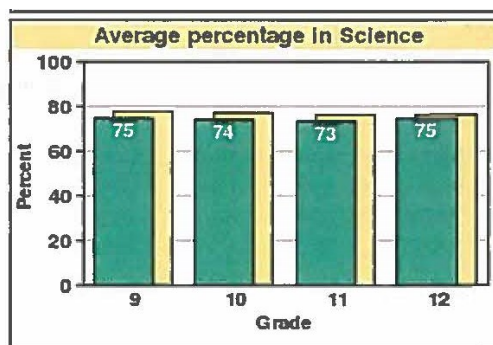
- In this school, students' average reported mark was 75%; the Canadian norm for these grades is 77%.
- In this school, girls' average reported mark was 77% and boys' was 73%. The Canadian norm for girls is 79% and for boys is 75%.



**Average percentage in Science**

Students' overall marks in their current or most recent Science class (e.g., general Science, biology, chemistry, or physics) were reported as a letter grade and converted to a percentage.

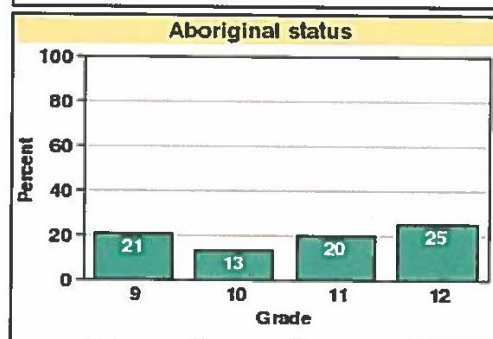
- In this school, students' average reported mark was 74%; the Canadian norm for these grades is 77%.
- In this school, girls' average reported mark was 74% and boys' was 75%. The Canadian norm for girls is 78% and for boys is 76%.



**Aboriginal status**

Students who are of Aboriginal origin, that is, North American Indian, Métis, or Inuk.

- 19% of students in this school are of Aboriginal origin.
- 17% of the girls and 21% of the boys in this school are of Aboriginal origin.



Your version of the **OurSCHOOL** student survey measures 34 indicators based on the most recent research on school and classroom effectiveness. This report provides highlights based on data from 341 students in this school that participated in the survey between 12 Dec. 2016 and 27 Feb. 2017. The number of students by grade level is:

- grade 9: 88
- grade 10: 85
- grade 11: 108
- grade 12: 60

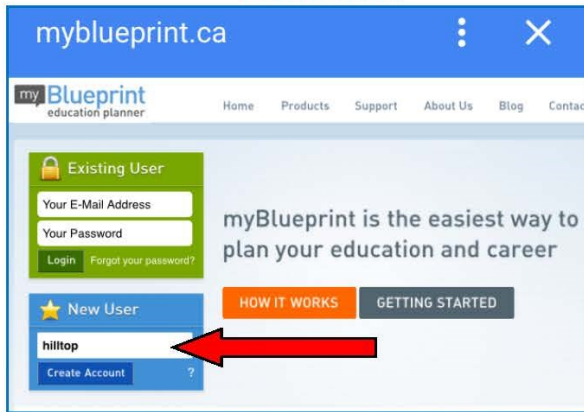


# myBlueprint

PLAN YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER

myBlueprint is a web based service for high school students to monitor their credits and graduation, and to research career pathways and post-secondary opportunities. myBlueprint is synced to the students' PowerSchool, and it updates in real time. Each student already has an account paid for. Here are the steps for getting started:

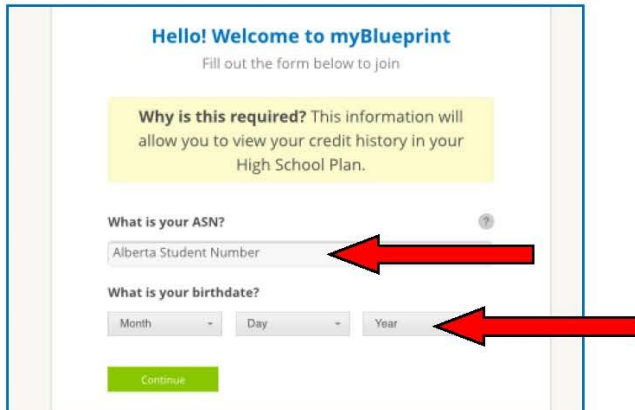
**Step 1:** Type in our school password "hilltop" and click on *create account.*



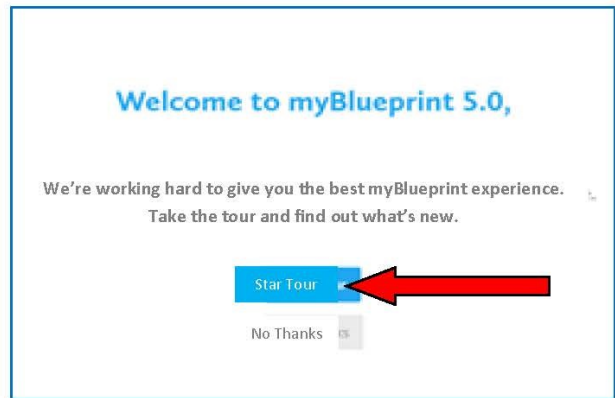
**Step 2:** Choose your grade.



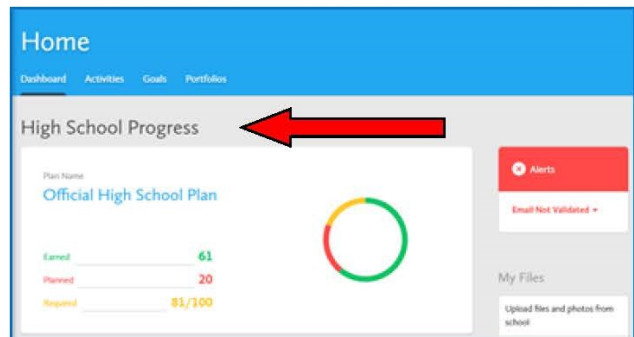
**Step 3:** Enter your Alberta Student Number and birthdate. (Your Alberta Student Number can be found on your PowerSchool)



**Step 4:** You're in, start touring!



**Step 5:** myBlueprint connects to PowerSchool automatically to count credits, check graduation requirements and help research schools and career pathways.





BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY FOR  
POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

# POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

MAY 2 & 3, 2017

FOREST INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

A UNIQUE TRAINING OF TRAINERS  
FOR CANADIAN COMMUNITIES

- BUILD & MAP ASSETS
  - SPREAD THE WORD
  - STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNITY
- 



LEARN HOW TO APPLY POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO YOUR LIFE AND WORK

**TUESDAY MAY 2 & WEDNESDAY MAY 3**

TRAINING TAKES PLACE AT THE FOREST INTERPRETIVE CENTRE (FIC)  
LOCATED AT 3002 33 STREET IN WHITECOURT  
LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED

**REGISTER BY  
APRIL 21**

SPACE IS LIMITED

**TO REGISTER:**

Contact Sara Sears at  
780-778-7123 or sara.sears@ahs.ca

**\$50/person**

For stakeholders, community partners  
and other agencies serving Whitecourt

**\$100/person**

For individuals from outside  
communities/agencies

**POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT** is an approach to intentionally structuring opportunities, supports and services for youth so that young people develop the skills they need to thrive and transition smoothly into adulthood.

**POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT** deliberately seeks to increase the number of protective factors surrounding a young person that can ultimately translate into more positive social behaviours and reduced risk-taking behaviours.

**Cisco Networking Academy**  
July 4 - 14  
Two Week Camp  
(5 credits)

IT Essentials covers fundamental computer and career skills for entry-level IT jobs. This course includes hands-on sessions that provide practical experience to prepare students for enterprise networking. Simulation tools will help students develop troubleshooting skills and practice what they learn.

**Art**  
July 4 - 14  
Two Week Camp  
(5 credits)

Throughout the grades, an articulated Art program involves students as creators, historians, critics and consumers. This hands-on camp will enable students to enhance the depth and breadth of their expression and intuitive response to art.



**Coding an App**  
July 4 - 14  
Two Week Camp  
(5 credits)

Like to code? Want to develop an app? Students will explore hardware, software and associated processes at an advanced level. They will extend their understanding of software development by moving from procedural programming approaches to an object-oriented approach.

**Culinary Arts**  
July 4 - 14  
Two Week Camp  
(4 credits)

Designed for cooks and bakers with a passion for food, this camp starts with the basics: food safety and sanitation, cooking, baking and an exploration of foods.

Registration Fee \$25  
For more information and to register go to [ngps.ca](http://ngps.ca).



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Northern Gateway  
Public Schools



**Summer Boot Camps Program Overview**

Northern Gateway Public Schools, in partnership with Living Waters Catholic Schools, Alberta Labour, the Town of Whitecourt, Community Futures and the Woodlands County are piloting unique and challenging Summer Boot Camp experiences for students currently in grades 9-12.

Students will be provided with the opportunity to explore an area of interest in-depth, in a hands on environment. These educational camps will engage youth and encourage them to better understand their skills and talents.

**Mission**  
Youth will be involved in a career area of interest in trades, technology, business, sports or science.



**Robotics**  
July 4 - 8  
One Week Camp  
(3 credits)

Robotics is a rapidly growing field that will have a significant impact on our workforce and society. Students will learn real world robotics and programming skills with the world's most powerful, versatile, and easy to use robot platform.

**Safety Certification**  
July 4 - 8  
One Week Camp  
(5 credits)

If you need your safety certification to get the job you want, this is the camp for you. Join a class taught by industry professionals and receive a 3-year certification in H2S Alive, Confined Spaces, Detection and Control of Flammable Substances, WHMIS 2015, Ground Disturbance, Fall Protection and Transportation of Dangerous Goods.

**First Aid for Animals**  
July 10 - 14  
One Week Camp  
(1 credit)

The Pet First Aid course will provide participants with a basic knowledge of first aid for dogs and cats including the prevention of illness and injury.



**Earn High School Credits**

Take a journey through the medical system and explore the multitude of careers available in the medical field. Students will receive certification in First Aid and CPR.

**Medical Minds**  
July 10 - 14  
One Week Camp  
(3 credits)

Students will have the opportunity to learn about business, engage in an in-depth program, develop a business plan and present their business concept on the final day to members of the business community. Build your future business while still in high school!

**Business Enterprise**  
July 10 - 14  
One Week Camp  
(3 Credits)

Learn about the forest industry as you work through various forestry courses; then use the forest equipment simulator to explore careers in the forestry sector including the operation of equipment including fork lifts.

**Forestry and Forestry Equipment Operation**  
July 4 - 14  
Two Week Camp  
(5 credits)

The Construction Boot Camp will provide students with a greater understanding of the many career possibilities in the construction industry. Students will have the opportunity to develop a variety of hands-on construction skills.

**Construction**  
July 4 - 14  
Two Week Camp  
(6 credits)

The transportation industry is one of the fastest growing industries in our province and there are jobs waiting for qualified individuals. If you are 18 years of age and already have a class 5 drivers this may be your opportunity to find a full time rewarding career.

**Class 1 Truck Driver Training**  
July 4 - 14  
Two Week Camp  
(3 credits)

**Earn High School Credits!**

# Healthy Schools Calendar

## April 2017

### Celebrating the Earth: From Wellness Event to Comprehensive School Health

How will your school celebrate **Earth Day** on April 22<sup>nd</sup>? There are many things in your school environment that affect the outdoor environment. Does your school have a recycling program? If your school has a cafeteria or foods program, are there practices in place to limit the amount of food waste? Does your school have a garden (inside or outside)? Are there natural green spaces for students and staff to enjoy nature? On Earth Day, consider preparing an outdoor class where students learn more about nature by watching birds or clouds, searching for bugs, doing an arts or craft project using items found in nature or participating in an outdoor obstacle course. Maybe a permanent outdoor classroom could be developed for your school. Whatever your plan for Earth Day, try and make it count...we only get one Earth!



Need support? Every school jurisdiction in Alberta has an assigned Alberta Health Services staff member to support **Comprehensive School Health**. To find out who the contact is for your jurisdiction email: [healthychildrenandyouth@ahs.ca](mailto:healthychildrenandyouth@ahs.ca)

#### Resources to Support Healthy School Communities

- [Community Gardens Handbook](#)
- [Eco Kids for Teachers & Parents](#)
- [Imagine Our Future: A Visioning Activity](#)

#### Funding Opportunities

<b>Canada Post Community Foundation Grant</b>	Funding will be allocated to projects for children and youth in the following areas: education programming to help children reach their full potential; programming supporting healthy children; building safe, kid-friendly community services for children and youth with special needs and their families; programs that promote the interest of children and youth; and mental health programs for children and youth.
<b>Green Up Grant</b>	This program is designed to help create or enhance an environmental program for students in elementary/junior high schools. Schools must be in a Fortis Alberta <a href="#">service area</a> .
<b>Girls in Motion Grant</b>	Girls in Motion is a "girl-friendly" program that provides high-quality recreational, sport/physical activity programs specifically for girls aged 10-14 years in Alberta. Communities are encouraged to apply for a grant to address the needs of inactive girls and those girls who are unable to access activity programs due to limitations of income, location, culture, family or perceived ability.
<b>Go Girl Grant</b>	Go Girl is a one day event aimed at supporting teenage girls to adopt more physically active lifestyles. Teen girls are invited to spend the day trying a variety of physical activity pursuits. Communities are encouraged to apply for a grant to host such an event.
<b>Take the Lead Grant</b>	This grant helps Albertan girls and women become experienced leaders in sport and recreation. Grant funding can be used for training, course fees, professional development, professional certification, clinics, and other training-related activities.

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April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day Green Up Grant Due Girls In Motion Grant Due Go Girl Grant Due
2	3	4	5	6	7 World Health Day	8
9	10 Canada Community Post Foundation Grant Due	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 International Dance Day
National Dance Week * National Volunteer Week						
30 Take the Lead Grant Due	NOW AVAILABLE - April issues of <a href="#">Healthy Children</a> and <a href="#">Healthy Teens</a> newsletter for parents (aussi disponible en Français). For resources to support building healthy school communities visit <a href="http://www.ahs.ca/csh">www.ahs.ca/csh</a>					

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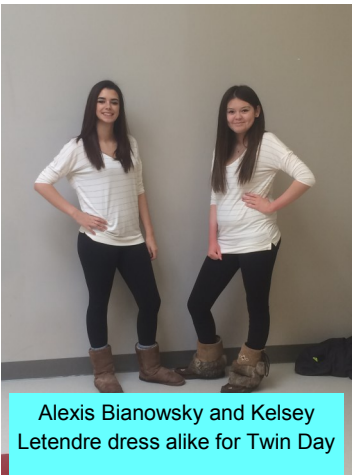
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2	3 Day 1 Sr. High Badminton GCAA in Mayerthorpe	4 Day 2	5 English 30-1/30-2 Part A Diploma Exam 8:50am English/Science/Other Tutorial	6 Last Day Gr. 9 Options 6/8 Social 30-1/30-2 Part A Diploma Exams 8:50am Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-8:30 Fine Arts Show 4:00-8:30	7 Day 4 English 30-1/30-2 Part B Diploma Exam 8:50am	8 Sr. High Badminton Cougar Invitational in Valleyview
9	10 Day 1 Social 30-1/30-2 Part B Diploma Exams 8:50am	11 Day 2 Math 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exams 8:50am (30-2 digital only) Chemistry 30 Dip Exam 1:00pm	12 Day 3 Biology 30 Dip Exam 8:50am Science 30 Dip Exam 1:00pm (Sci 30 digital only)	13 Easter Vacation Begins	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20 No School	No School	22
23	24 Day 4 First day of classes following Easter Vacation Sr. High Badminton Conferences in Barrhead	25 Day 1	26 Day 2 Sr. High Badminton Zones in Edmonton	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29
30	<p><b>P</b>arent/Teacher Interviews April 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Interviews will be on a drop-in basis for both evenings.</p> <p><b>E</b>aster Vacation April 13 – April 21</p>					



# GALLERY



Noah and Jacob Newton celebrate Twin Day

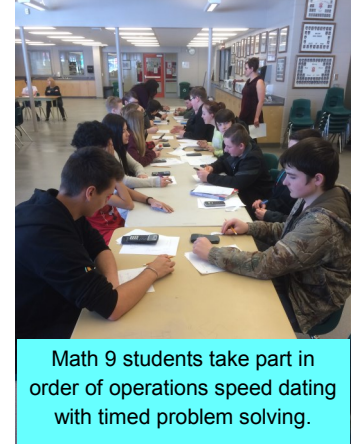


Alexis Bianowsky and Kelsey Letendre dress alike for Twin Day



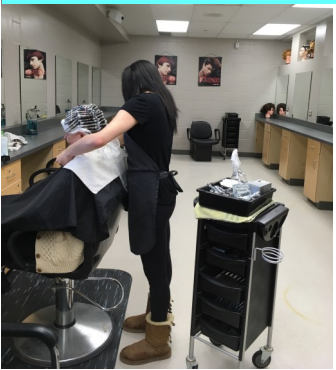
Studying tone in English 10 by looking at written excerpts

Honouring Cole Bartsch in the halls of Hilltop.

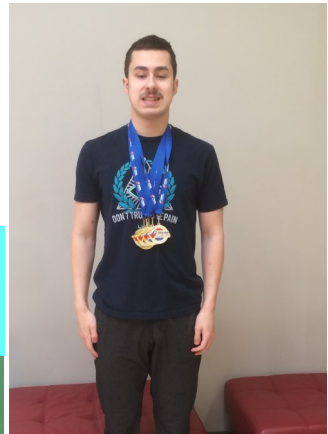


Math 9 students take part in order of operations speed dating with timed problem solving.

Cosmetology RAP student Lexi Vanderwolf does a perm on one client and a color for Mrs. Smith-Tomke



Ms. Zacks Art students create this unique composition of Mrs. Wynn so everyone can send her farewell messages and wish her well in her upcoming retirement. Mrs. Wynn, you will be so incredibly missed.



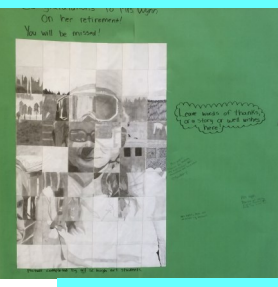
Connor Bissett earns 5 gold and one silver at his last swim meet.



Montana McKellar brings her pooch into the photo lab for pet day!



MP Arnold Viersen proudly shows off his Charger wear!



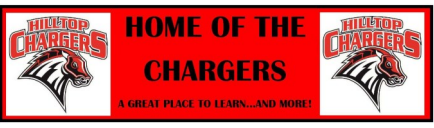
Potato Bacon Soup in Foods



Kelton Webb built this amazing wood bowl in shop.



Saying goodbye to Jillian Duffy as she moves on to a new community.



Students cheer on the Chargers during the GCAA basketball tournament.



Mr. St. Louis takes his class for a walk to enjoy the Spring sunshine.