

“A great place to LEARN...and more!”

Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School



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September 2017 Newsletter

Message from the Administration

Welcome back to another school year! We, at Hilltop High School, are excited to be starting another wonderful year full of new learning, new experiences, new opportunities, and new beginnings. It's great to hear the excited students in the hallways and classrooms as we get used to routines, and it's wonderful to see their smiling faces and hear all about their summer holidays.

I would like to thank the custodial and cleaning staff for working hard to make sure our school is clean and ready for the opening of school. I would also like to thank the Maintenance Department of Northern Gateway Public Schools for the work they have done throughout the school including the new gym floor. The school looks great!

The staff of Hilltop is proud of the inclusive atmosphere at our school. It is one of the things that makes Hilltop "a great place to learn... and more!" We also have the most extensive course offerings of any of the schools in the local area. Our programs prepare students for the workplace, post-secondary, and beyond. This year we have added a couple of new programs to our already extensive course roster. In semester two, high school students will have the opportunity to register for Military Studies and Science Fiction and Fantasy. Grade 9 students will get to experience a second language with German being offered as one of our Grade 9 options.

This promises to be another exciting year with the staff and community working together to provide the best possible learning opportunities for our students. We are proud of the extensive opportunities provided for our students through dual credit, RAP, and Work Experience. We are also thankful for the community members who contribute to the unique learning opportunities we provide at Hilltop.

We would like to welcome Ms. Bailey Campbell and Ms. Kendall Mercer to the Hilltop staff. Ms. Campbell teaches Science and Biology while Ms. Mercer is our new Foods teacher. Both ladies fit in well with our school as they are both warm and welcoming people.

We are hosting our Meet the Teacher night on Wednesday, September 20 at 6 PM. please come and meet your children's teachers. Immediately following the Meet the Teacher event, will be the first Friends of Hilltop School Council meeting beginning at 7 PM. Parents are invited to learn more about our school and become a part of the School Council that helps guide the direction the school takes. Lastly, there will be a meeting for parents of Grade 12 student on the evening of September 27th at 7:00 pm to provide important information regarding graduation. Please come out to these events. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

On September 22, students will have the opportunity to take part in the Education and Career Expo at the Allan and Jean Millar Centre. Thank you to parents for completing the permission form as part of our registration package.

In an effort to reduce our impact on the environment, we will no longer be printing paper copies of our newsletter for all students. Please contact us if you would like a paper copy. We will gladly provide one for you. Otherwise, the newsletter will be available on our website, Facebook, Twitter, and through our Remind app. Please check our calendar for a list of updated events.

On behalf of our staff, I welcome you to Hilltop High School. It truly is "a great place to learn... and more!"

Your partner in education,
Brent Northcott
Principal

Important Days

September 20:

Meet the Staff Night 6pm

September 20:

FOH meeting 7pm

September 22:

Career and Education Expo

September 22:

CATS home game 4pm

September 27:

Graduation Information

Meeting 7pm

September 29:

Picture Day

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

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.

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.


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.

<p>Meet the Staff Night</p>  <p>September 20 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Friends of Hilltop Parent Council Meeting</p>  <p>September 20 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Career and Education Expo</p>  <p>September 22 10:00 am - 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Graduation Information Meeting</p>  <p>September 27 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Picture Day</p>  <p>September 29</p>
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Important Date Changes

Please be advised of the following dates that are incorrect or inadvertently missed in the student agendas. We apologize for any inconvenience. The correct dates are listed below.




September 22: Career and Education Expo

October 4: **NOT** a FLEX day as previously listed

October 19: Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

October 19: Grade 12 Post-Secondary Meeting 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



School Expectations

There are school expectations the staff at Hilltop High School believes to be important to ensure the success of your child in our school setting. Abiding by these expectations will greatly assist in promoting a safe and caring school environment. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Respectful Communication

Definition: Appropriate communication between staff members, between students, between students and staff, and between students, staff and parents. Appropriate communication is the practice of non-heated conversations, positive body language, appropriate volume, tone and choice of language, as well as active listening.

Expectation: Respectful communication is to be used at all times.

Lates/Attendance

Definition: Lates: coming after the usual, proper or expected time. Attendance: being in the classroom and actively learning

Expectation: Students are expected to arrive in class before the bell rings and attend class on a daily basis.

Appropriate Dress

Definition: Wearing clothing that is respectful of the learning environment.

Expectation: Students and staff will wear clothing that is non-revealing and does not have inappropriate slogans.

Cell Phones or Text Capable Electronics

Definition: Any device capable of making a phone call or text messaging.

Expectation: Cell phones or text capable electronics are not allowed in class unless authorized by a teacher. They are off limits in all exams.

SMOKING, VAPING AND RESTRICTED AREAS

Hilltop High School is a smoke/vap-free zone. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 years to smoke or be in possession of nicotine. Senior High students who are of legal age must be off school property. The arena parking lot, curling rink and back alley area are out of bounds for grade 9 students from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. All Students are not allowed to leave the school building during class or during the break between classes. Cigarettes, vaporizers and any illegal paraphernalia will be confiscated and not returned.

Other school expectations exist. We encourage you to check the student agenda for more information.



Stay Connected



Keep track of schedules, grades and attendance with PowerSchool. If you have not signed up for Parent Portal with PowerSchool please visit the front office for your username and password.



Receive important reminders from teachers and Hilltop with Remind 101. Text @hilltophig to (587) 316-7407



Like us on Facebook at Hilltop Jr/Sr High School.



Follow us on Twitter @ngpshth



Read our monthly newsletter on our website at hilltophigh.ca



Contact us at 780-778-2446

The Attendance Policy at Hilltop High School is as follows:

Regular attendance and punctuality is the responsibility of the student and his/her parent as the student is required in all classes. The parent or guardian is responsible for advising the school of his/her child's absences and lates by telephoning the school 780.778.2446 prior to, or on the day of the absence. Unconfirmed absences will result in the school's automated system phoning the parent or guardian that evening to advise of the absence.



Pay for school fees, field trips and sports activities with School Cash on our website at hilltophigh.ca



Hilltop High School

The Key Study Guide Order Form

Key Study Guides are a resource published by Castle Rock Research for students to use when preparing for quizzes, tests, final exams, Provincial Achievement tests and Diploma Exams. The Study Guides contain

- Summary of main concepts in each unit in the course
- Practice questions and problem solving strategies
- Sample tests with detailed solutions

Key Study Guides can be pre-ordered by Hilltop students until **Friday, September 23rd, 2017**. *The Key Study Guide is not required and is being offered only as a service to students to help them in their preparation for final exams.*

Methods of payment accepted: -Debit, Credit Card, Cash

-Online via School Cash (schoolcashionline.com or hilltophigh.ca)

Grade 9	\$20.00 ea
English 9	
Math 9	
Science 9	
Social 9	

Grade 10	\$20.00 ea
English 10-1	
Math 10-C	
Science 10	
Social 10-1	

Grade 11	\$20.00 ea
Biology 20	
Chemistry 20	
English 20-1	
Math 20-1	
Physics 20	
Social 20-1	

Grade 12	\$20.00 ea
Biology 30	
Chemistry 30	
English 30-1	
English 30-2	
Math 30-1	
Math 30-2	
Physics 30	
Social 30-1	
Social 30-2	

Check off each Study Guide that you ordering.

Total number of study guides that are checked x \$20.00 = _____

Payment method: Debit/Credit _____ Cash _____ Online _____

Please return completed order forms with payment to Ms. Greenshields in the Library.

Summer Boot Camp Highlights

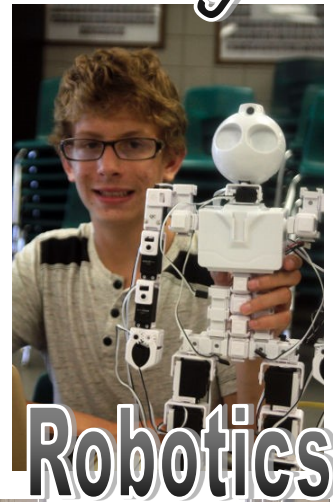
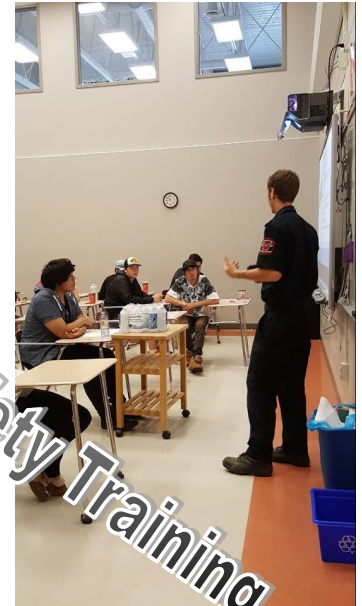
This July Northern Gateway Public Schools offered students from Whitecourt and area Summer Boot Camps. These camps gave students the opportunity to learn new career focused skills while earning high school credits at the same time. Numerous boot camps were held at Hilltop and taught by various industry professionals, Culinary Arts, Medical Minds, Safety Training and Construction, to name a few. Students were able to develop their skills and create some amazing projects. Students in the construction camp were even able to give back to the community by donating two playhouse structures they built during their time at camp, one to Wellsprings and one to the Boys and Girls Club. This was the first year for this kind of initiative and with its success we hope this unique opportunity will continue to grow into the future.



Construction



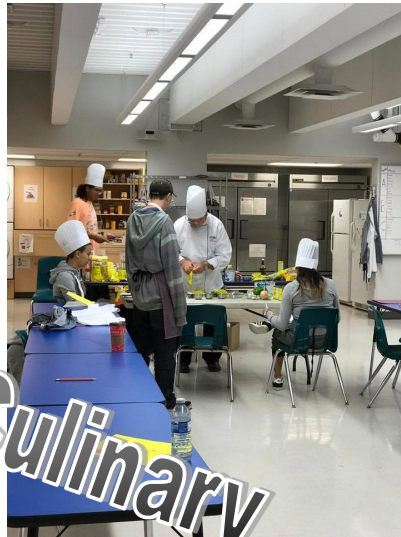
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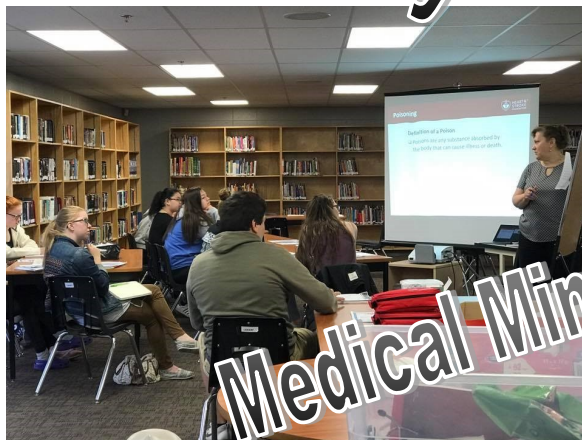
Robotics



Culinary



Art



Medical Minds





Grades 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) Quick Facts for Parents/Guardians

What are PATs?

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) are administered to students in grades 6 and 9 and have three main purposes:

- to determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn;
- to report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling;
- to assist schools, authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning.

When are PATs administered?

PATs are administered in May and June annually in English and French language arts, mathematics, science and social studies in grade 6 and grade 9. Some grade 9 students write PATs in January of each year.

Are there any practice questions my child can do before writing PATs?

Yes. Students can try out the released questions from previous PATs that are located at <https://questaplus.alberta.ca/PracticeMain.html>.

When will I find out my child's PAT results?

After PATs are administered, school staff share the preliminary results with parents. Each fall, Individual Student Results (ISPs) are made available to schools that contain official student results. School staff then share the ISPs with parents and keep a record of the ISP on the student's record in accordance with the *Student Record Regulation*.

Want to know more?

More information and resources for the PATs are available on the Alberta Education website at <https://education.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests>.

The personal information collected in the Provincial Achievement Testing program is collected pursuant to section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (RSA 2000, C. F-25). This information will be used for the purpose of administering the Provincial Achievement Testing program as well as support program and policy evaluation and measurement.

Questions regarding the program and collection, use and disclosure of information may be directed to the Director, Provincial Achievement Tests, Student Learning Standards, Alberta Education, 6th Floor, 10044 -108 Street, 44 Capital Boulevard, Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6 or by telephone at 780-427-6204. (Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free from outside the Edmonton area.)



Are you interested in meeting students from across Canada and learning about our nation? Encounters Canada is for you!

Encounters with Canada is our country's largest and foremost youth forum!

Every week of the school year, 120 to 148 teens from across Canada (ages 14 to 17) come to Ottawa. Here they discover their country through each other, learn about Canadian institutions, meet famous and accomplished Canadians, explore exciting career options, develop their civic leadership skills and live an extraordinary bilingual experience. Over 100,000 youth have lived the EWC experience, to date!

If you are interested in any of the programs, please see Mrs. Keay ASAP - The early fall programs fill quickly!

You will need a Teacher Recommendation (See Mrs. Keay for the Link to the Google Form)

For more information, check out: <https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/>



Forum for Young Canadians

Forum is now accepting applications for the 2018 sessions!



Would you like to contribute to the future of your community and country? Are you interested in decision-making and politics? **Forum for Young Canadians** is for **YOU!** Take part in a week long youth conference, giving you a behind the scenes look into the world of Canadian Parliamentary Democracy! You will learn to communicate, collaborate and transform your ideas into meaningful community action!

Meeting decision-makers where the decisions get made.

This includes:

- Visits to the House of Commons and Senate with the Speakers of each House as well as Clerks and pages. They show you how the institution works before getting to see Question Period live in action.
- A reception where MPs are invited to come meet and chat with participants. All MPs are invited and last year over 100 MPs came to at least one reception. The Prime Minister came to two events in 2016.
- A breakfast at the Senate with Senators hosted by the Speaker of the Senate. It's a chance to ask them what they do.
- A visit to Rideau Hall, residence of the Governor General, which is a great opportunity learn about his role and responsibilities. In 2017, some participants met the Governor General His Excellency The Right Honourable David Johnston during their tour of Rideau Hall.

The total cost for the **entire** week is \$895.00 per student including G.S.T. (Accommodation, Airfare, Meals, and Program fees included). Students are responsible for travel to and from Edmonton to the airport. [Forum for Young Canadians Website](#)

If you are in grades 10-12 and are interested in this once in a lifetime opportunity, please see Mrs. Keay.

Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)

Where do you picture yourself after high school? Are you interested in a trade? If the Registered Apprenticeship Program sounds like the path for you please stop in at the office and speak to Ms. Hleck.



Hilltop Graduate Daniel Taylor , Power Engineer Apprentice for Millar Western.



Lexi Vanderwolf, Hairstylist Apprentice for Curl up and Dye.



Medieval Club



Have you ever wondered how knights fought back in medieval times? Or what arts and crafts people used to make? Perhaps you are into sports and martial arts or maybe you are just curious about what kind of skills were needed to be a medieval artisan. 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!

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.

A message from the CTS Department



Could your business or organization use a new shed?

The 20 level Construction Students will be building four small storage sheds (6'x8') this fall. If any Whitecourt businesses or community organizations are in need of a small storage shed please contact Mark Scott at Hilltop High School (780 778 2446) or email mark.scott@ngps.ca

Grad News



**Grad 2018 - Date and Time
TBA**

Grade 12 students and parents, please plan to attend the Graduation Information Meeting on September 27th at 7:00 pm.

Students wanting to join Grad Council can sign up at the meeting.

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 or at the front office. Thank you for your support.

Student Council News

FIRST MEETING: Noon on September 12th in room 403



Welcome back to Hilltop! We hope you have had a relaxing and fun summer! The 2017-18 school year will be great! If you are interested in joining student council we will be having our first meeting at noon on Tuesday Sept 12 in room 403. Anyone who has been involved with student council in the past is welcome to come or if you are new to the school you are welcome to attend too. If you want to just check out what we are all about please attend the first meeting! If you have any questions you can see Ms. Koudelka for more information. Student council is a great group to join if you wish to be involved in planning events for the whole school. We aim to have inclusive events where the entire school benefits. We hope to see you there!

Special thanks to Student Council for welcoming our new Grade 9 students with free freezies on their first day to Hilltop!

Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News



(formerly called Storefront)

Hours of Operation
Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Phone: 780 - 778 - 5865

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone had a great summer and a great start-up for the new school year.

This year promises to be another exciting one at Gateway Academy. We will be offering Foods Courses throughout the school year with Taco in a Bag being the first menu on **September 18th** and Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, **October 3rd**. PE will take place on Wednesday afternoon's, so remember to bring proper Physical Education clothing. We want to welcome back Mr. Chris Thomas who will be here in the afternoon's first semester. He will be teaching Math and Science, and we also want to welcome back Tammy Johnson who is Gateway's secretary. Special thanks to Safeway Consulting for continuing to foster partnerships with Gateway Academy through providing safety programs. Students, who have outstanding books, please return them to us here at Gateway Academy or to Hilltop High School.

Friends of Hilltop Parent Council



2017-2018 Friends of Hilltop School Council

Chairperson: Tammy Dickson

Vice Chairperson: Avy Fast

Secretary: Amber Borg

Treasurers: Niki Underwood and Judy Watson

Welcome back everyone – we hope you have enjoyed your summer! To all parents, if you have ever thought about becoming part of the Friends of Hilltop Parent Council, this is the year to do it!

Plan to attend the VERY short meeting on **Wednesday, September 20**, immediately following "Meet the Staff Night" at 7:00pm. It is a great way to stay informed, contribute to the school, and to give back to your community. Friends of Hilltop welcomes new volunteers.

Did you know there is a way to save for your student's school fees, grad garb, and even school trips? Take advantage of the IGA vouchers sold by Friends of Hilltop Council. When you purchase grocery vouchers from FOH (available at Remax Office or at Hilltop High School) 5% of your purchase is placed in an account especially for you. It just stays there until you need to access these funds for a variety of school related expenses. IGA voucher cards are the ONLY fundraiser for Friends of Hilltop; we receive 3% of the total funds purchased. The money we fundraise together goes to teacher appreciation lunch, assists our school with recycling costs, and more. Stop by the office for more details.



The Teen Centre

The Teen Centre will resume the lunch program starting on **Monday, October 2nd** from 12:30 pm -1:15 pm. Lunch menu's will be posted at the Teen Centre and on the Teen Centre's Facebook page.

<u>MONDAYS</u>	<u>TUESDAYS</u>	<u>WEDNESDAYS</u>	<u>THURSDAYS</u>	<u>FRIDAYS</u>
Community Kitchen 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Girls Group 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Homework & Pizza/ Unplugged 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Teen Choice 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Movie Night 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
The Teen Centre opens the kitchen to youth who have an interest in getting creative in the kitchen or learning a new skill set. New recipes each week!	All girls, ages 11-18. Opportunity for older teen girls to become mentors. <i>All Guys Group Coming in 2018!</i>	Evenings are reserved for Homework & Pizza!!! Come in and get support with home work, projects or study for tests. (learners license study sessions available) Teens with no home work are welcome to come in for pizza and unplug from their devices! Board games, minute to win it challenges, crafts, pool tables and more are open to youth.	Teen Choice Night!!!! Fitness classes, Vision boards, DIY projects, instructed paint classes, papier-mâché projects, scavenger hunts ,baking/ cooking classes, pool tournaments, poker tournaments and more...each week will vary.	Come in for popcorn and a movie!

MONDAY-FRIDAY 3:30-5:30 Hang out after school! Drop in after school for snacks, free wifi, video games, pool table, other game tables and more. Free Time after school until 5:30pm

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



Athletics



Be a Charger...Take Charge!



Tryouts:

Sr. Girls Volleyball: September 8th at 4:00 pm

Sr. Boys Volleyball: September 12th and 14th at 6:00 pm

Games:

Sr. Girls Volleyball home tournament: September 22nd at Hilltop

Sr. Girls/Boys : September 29 at Spruce Grove



GOLF

Sr. Golf Tryouts: Wednesday, September 13th from 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm at the Whitecourt Golf and Country Club

Golf Zones: Monday, September 18th at 8:00 am (only those that qualify will attend)

Jr. Golf Tournament: Sunday, September 24th - See Mr. St. Louis for more details



CATS Football has begun!

Come cheer them on at their first home game on September 22nd at 4:00 pm!



CATS Roster: Coaches/Management: Kevin Babiuk, Derek Schlosser, Vince Mireau, Blake Simon, Raphael Potvin, Jordan Potvin and Stephanie Wynn. **Players:** Ben Adams, Ethan Baranitsky, Josh Bidell, Dakota Black, Daylen Black, Kevin Blain, Alex Ellis, Scott Fleet, Gabe Fransen, Ethan Galliford, Noah Guthrie, Coleen Harder, Weston Hellekson, Chase Hummel, Dylan Johner, Keegan Johns, Dawson Keefe, Dominick Klein, Haiden Landrie, Draydon Lindsay, Jared MacDonald, Wyatt Miller, Court Mills, Ayden Mytrunec, Chase Pastoor, Daniel Paquette, Jack Schlosser, Taite Seely, Carson Smith, Riley Stratton, Noel Tapp, James Woodford and Reyd Woykin

Highlights from our 2016/2017 Athletic Awards

Ceremony took place in June 2017



Sr. Male Athlete of the Year
Etienne de Jongh



Sr. Female Athlete of the Year
Emma Strydhorst



Jr. Female Athlete of the Year
Alyssa Borg



Jr. Male Athlete of the Year
Kevin Blain

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.



Are you undecided about a career? One of the best web sites for **Career Planning, Education and Employment** is www.alis.gov.ab.ca. It also includes information on **financial assis-**

Work Experience

It is time to make sure all of your time sheets are submitted up to present. If you will be working through the summer, you need a new work agreement and learning plan. See Mr. Mireau to pick one up.

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.

RAP - Registered Apprenticeship Program

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

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.

Fondation Boursiers

LORAN 
Scholars Foundation

Deadline is Approaching!

Due: Tuesday, October 18th

First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI)

Mrs. Smith-Tomke , FNMI Liaison Worker

Abawashed, Tansi



Welcome to Hilltop High School for the 2017/2018 school term. I wish you all happiness and success for this upcoming year, and I look forward to hearing about your future plans!

September is the month chosen for Orange Shirt Day to honor and bring awareness to the experiences of residential school students. Due to picture day, Hilltop High School has chosen an alternate date for this commemorative event. If you wish to purchase a t-shirt for the orange shirt campaign please let me know. The price is \$10.00 and payment is due by September 21, 2017 to the front office.

For more information, please visit www.safeandcaring.ca

#OrangeShirtDay2017.

Jody Smith-Tomke



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.

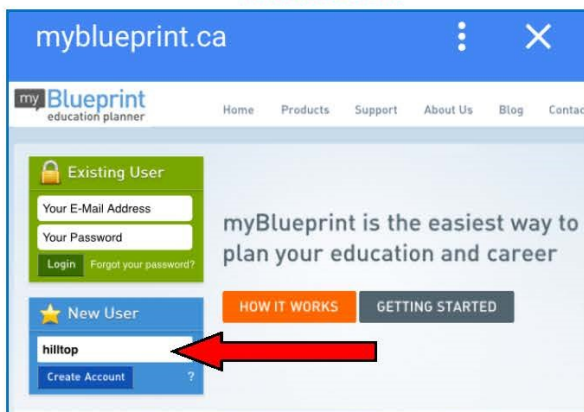


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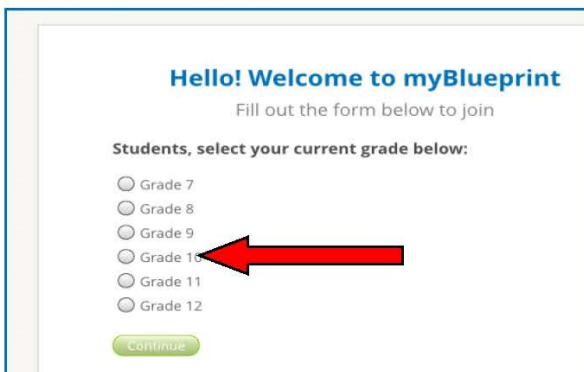
PLAN YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER

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:

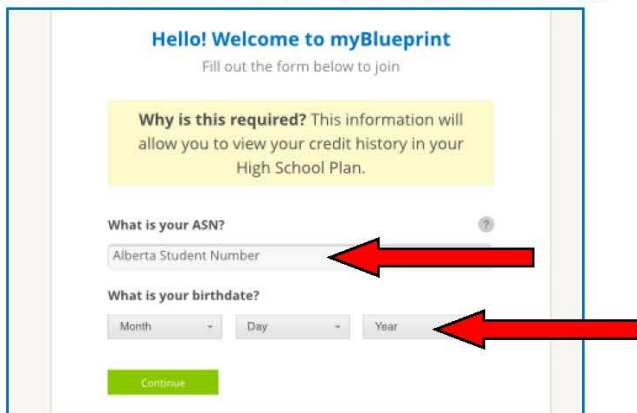
Step 1: Type in our school password "hilltop" and click on create account.



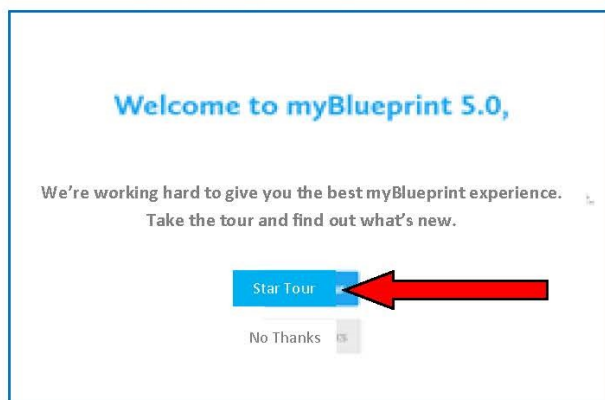
Step 2: Choose your grade.



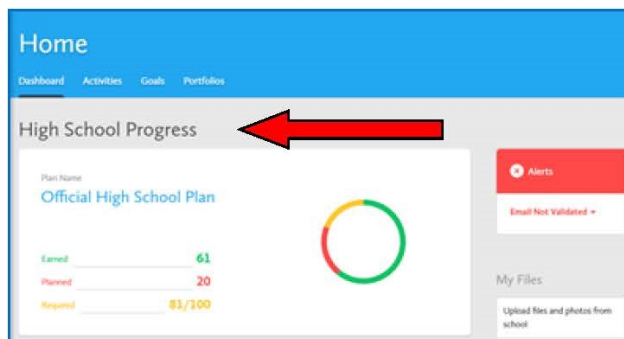
Step 3: Enter your Alberta Student Number and birthdate. (Your Alberta Student Number can be found on your PowerSchool)



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.



Thank You



Thank you to the Whitecourt Community Lunchbox for donating \$100 in school supplies to our students. The CLB will also be continuing the Breakfast Program at Hilltop on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as providing bagged lunches every day. We appreciate all the hard work you do at Hilltop and are grateful for your continued support.



Hilltop Bistro

Date of opening is to be determined.

Passport Photos

Available in the Media Lab

\$20.00 each

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

Spirit Wear

Hilltop Charger Spirit Wear is available for sale at reduced prices. Items are available through www.schoolcashionline.com or from Mrs. Runge in room 503.

Stay tuned for new Spirit Wear coming soon!



Make online payments with SchoolCashOnline

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

Register at 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.

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.



Time suggested for homework + studying

if you are pursuing academic excellence at Hilltop High School

GRADE TEN

Only four core classes are available. Instead of fast-tracking, explore your interests, try different electives, and complete PE 10. Perhaps you could explore sports and extra-curriculars. No homework, you say? Read the newspaper or explore something new.



20 min x 3 days of the week



20 min x 3 days of the week



20 min x 5 days of the week



30 min x 5 days of the week



exercise and sleep help you achieve

GRADE ELEVEN

Four science courses may become available to you: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Science 20. Many students manage two at a time quite well by keeping on top of things. Math 10C branches into two streams 20-2 and 20-1 (both for students interested in University, it mostly depends what you want to explore career-wise). To excel in Social, pay attention to current events. To excel in English, read lots of varied texts. It is also time to complete CALM.



Bio 20 - 5 x 30 min
Chem 20 - 5 x 30 min
Physics 20 - 5 x 30 min
Science 20 - 5 x 20 min
Science 24 - 3 x 15 min



20 min x 3 days of the week



Math 20-3 - 2 x 15 min
Math 20-2 - 5 x 40 min
Math 20-1 - 5 x 40 min



Social 20-1 - 3 x 30 min
Social 20-2 - 3 x 30 min

GRADE TWELVE

Put away your phone and buckle up. Apply for post-secondaries as early as October 1st. Think about working less and earning higher marks; you have your whole life to work. If you miss school, you have work to do!



30 minutes per week to work on scholarships and post-secondary preparations



Lots of sleep contributes to your ability to learn.



3.5 hours per science and math course /wk (spread out)

2 hours for English and Social, each /wk (spread out).

Is a part-time job a good idea?



Healthy fun will help you maintain balance.

Healthy Schools Calendar

September 2017

International Literacy Day: From Wellness to Comprehensive School Health

The start of the school year is an ideal time to promote literacy with students and their families. International Literacy Day on September 8 is an opportunity to encourage students to express their thoughts, feelings and ideas in writing. Literacy events in schools can also incorporate healthy eating and active living activities. Have students read aloud and add movements or dance to express the storyline. Or, hold a school wide scavenger hunt to find hidden words reflecting health related themes. Engage parents by sending home literacy activities that families can do together, such as writing funny poems, creating song lyrics or documenting family stories. Invite the community to join in to promote literacy!

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



Resources to Support Healthy School Communities

- [Heart-Mind Online](#)
- [Social Thinking](#)
- [Can We Talk?](#)

Funding Opportunities

Alberta Community Initiatives Program (CIP)	This project-based grant provides financial assistance for equipment purchases, facility construction or renovation projects, hosting/travel/special events, new programs or special funding requests.
Breakfast Club of Canada	Breakfast Club of Canada accepts applications year round from schools, school boards, registered not-for profit and community organizations that meet specific criteria. Grants are open to both new and existing programs.

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September 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOW AVAILABLE - September issues of Healthy Children and Healthy Teens newsletter for parents (aussi disponible en Français). For resources to support building healthy school communities visit www.ahs.ca/csh					1	2
3	4 Labour Day	5	6	7	8 International Literacy Day	9
10 Grandparents Day	11	12	13	14	15 CIP Grant Due	16
17	18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Terry Fox National School Run Day	29 Orange Shirt Day	30

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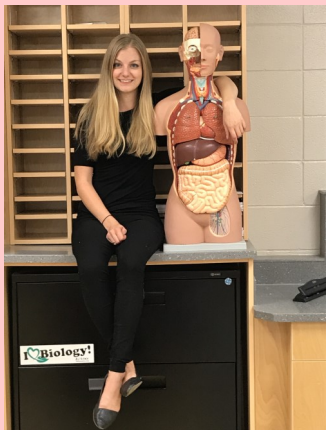


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<h1>September 2017</h1>						
Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing summer and is looking forward to the new school year with excitement and enthusiasm.						
3	4 Labour Day	5 Day 1 Regular Classes Begin for All Grade 9 Students First Day Gr. 9 Options 1/6	6 Day 2 Regular Classes Begin for All Students	7 Day 3 Organization Day for Staff Only	8 Day 4 Organization Day for Staff Only	9 Day 4 CATS @ Renegades (4:30pm)
10	11 Day 1 No School	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 1 CATS @ Sabres (5pm)	16 Day 1
17	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4 Meet the Staff Night 6:00pm Friends of Hilltop Meeting 7:00pm	21 Day 1	22 Day 2 Career and Education Expo 2017 Sr. Volleyball Tournament at Hilltop Pioneers @ CATS (4pm)	23
24	25 Day 3 CATS Cards Blitz Night	26 Day 4	27 FLEX Day 1 Math/Social/Other Tutorial Graduation Information Meeting 7:00pm	28 Day 1	29 Day 2 Picture Day CATS @ Titans (ckc 5pm)	30
			30 August	31 August	1	2

GALLERY

New Staff

Please welcome Ms. Bailey Campbell and Ms. Kendall Mercer to the Hilltop family. Ms. Campbell will be teaching Science/Biology and Ms. Mercer will be teaching Foods.



Ms. Campbell



Ms. Mercer

Hilltop History

Hilltop High School 1974.

The original wing, to the right, was built in 1967.



Welcome Back Grade 10's



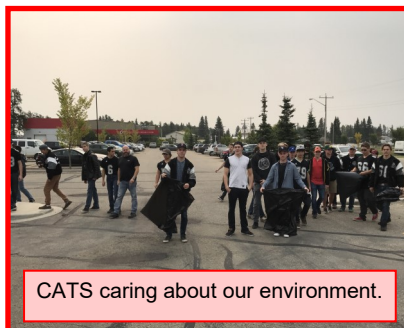
Welcome to Hilltop Grade 9's



Welcome Back Grade 11's



Welcome Back Grade 12's
Class of 2018



CATS caring about our environment.



Encounters Canada 2016-2017
See Mrs. Key to sign up for this