

“A great place to LEARN...and more!”

# Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School



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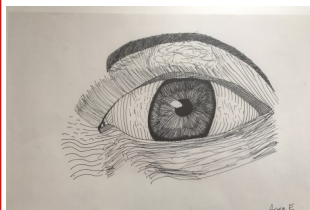
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#### Student Creations



Welcome to November! Can you believe we have completed 39 days of school already? That's 20% of the school year and 40% of Semester 1. As we move into the third month of school, Hilltop is a very busy place.

We are hosting the Jr. GCAA Volleyball tournament on Monday, November 6. Come out and watch some great volleyball.

We are holding our Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday, November 7 during Block 2. We invite parents to join us for this important ceremony. It is important to take a few minutes to pause and give thanks to those who have sacrificed so that we have the freedoms we enjoy.

There is no school for students from November 8-10. This fall break is a good time for parents and students to relax after a couple of busy months of school. Students, enjoy the break.

Finally, good luck to our volleyball teams as they head into league finals and zones. Good luck also to the Cats as they take part in the Athabasca Bowl this weekend. Whitecourt is hosting the Athabasca Bowl at Graham Acres. The game begins at noon. Our sports teams are having great seasons.

Thank you to all parents who came out to Parent Teacher Interviews in October. If there is something you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, you can call to make an appointment at any time. You do not need to wait for Parent Teacher Interviews. Communication between home and school is vitally important.

Finally, I would like to invite you to our annual awards ceremony on Thursday, November 16 at 7 pm in the gymnasium. This ceremony is to recognize the hard work of our students from last year.

Your partner in education,  
Brent Northcott

### Important Days

- Nov. 5 - Daylight Savings Time
- Nov. 8 - 10 - No School
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day
- Nov. 16 - Picture Retakes
- Nov. 16 - Academic Awards Ceremony: 7pm
- Nov. 30 - First Day Grade 9 Options 3/6

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

# Special Guest Speakers at Hillstop

**November 5**  
Daylight Savings Time



**November 8**  
PD Day  
No Classes



**November 9 & 10**  
Days in Lieu of PTI  
No School



**November 11**  
Remembrance Day



**November 16**  
Picture Retake Day



Bring photo package if returning

**November 16**  
Hilltop's Annual Academic Awards Ceremony

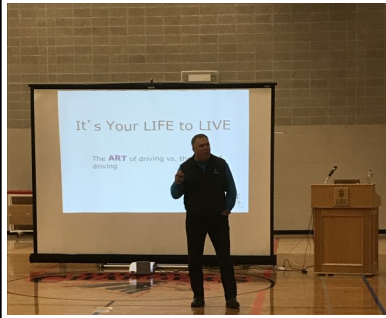


7:00 pm in the gymnasium

**November 30**  
First Day of Grade 9 Options 3/6



**"It's Your Life to Live"** was the message delivered by retired RCMP Sgt. Grant Aune during his presentation to students on October 17th. Mr. Aune lost two brothers to car accidents and has made it his mission and passion to speak to youth about the risks involved in driving. Every year 1/4 million people are injured in car accidents, most of which were preventable. Distracted driving kills more people than drunk driving. Mr. Aune encouraged students to think about how they drive and explained that driving is an ART not an ACT, skill comes with experience. Do not leave your life up to luck, consider these safety tips instead; anticipate while you drive, wear a seatbelt, put your phone away, concentrate, maintain your tires and drive to the conditions. Thank you Mr. Grant Aune for your presentation, and for sharing real life cases and images with our students. We are confident our students will remember your advice and that you have encouraged dialogue between families about the importance of driving safely. Thank you to the members of the public who attended the presentation, including local police and firefighters. **Special thanks to Mr. Rob Stauffer, Woodlands Manager at Millar Western for sponsoring this powerful presentation.**



We celebrated Small Business Week with guest speaker Barb Stegemann. Barb is an entrepreneur from Atlantic Canada and was the first woman to land a capital deal on the TV show Dragons' Den for The 7 Virtues Beauty. She is the creator of a number one fragrance collection, best-selling author and has been named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women. Ms. Stegemann encouraged students to follow their passions, take care of their mind, body and soul, travel, help others, grow with friends and always ask lots of questions. Barb's presentation was insightful, impactful and empowering, it was a pleasure to have her at Hilltop.

**THE 7 VIRTUES™**

- Wonder
- Moderation
- Truth
- Courage
- Justice
- Joy
- Beauty



On October 25th, guest speaker Tuval Nafshi with the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters spoke to our students about the Family Violence Initiative program along with Youth Outreach Worker Rebecca Hansen. Students were asked to enter the Whitecourt Crisis Line phone number into their contacts on their cell phones and told to understand that if you have ever experienced family violence you have the right to get support and there is help for you. Family violence can be verbal, emotional, physical and/or sexual. If you are experiencing violence within your family please call the **Crisis Line 780-778-6209**. Our students are encouraged to be role models, leaders and eliminate violence and abuse.



Thank you to Mr. Rob Merrifield for taking the time to speak to our students about the Species at Risk Act (SARA) and its relation to the Little Smoky A La Peche caribou herd, as well as, the possible solutions the federal and provincial governments and industry have proposed.





**Hilltop High School Off-Campus Education  
Registered Apprenticeship Program**



Name: Taevan Keylor  
Grade: 12  
Employer: Veteran Oilfield  
RAP Position: Welder  
Future Plans: Weld Pipelines



Any trade interested in taking on a RAP student please contact Lesia Hleck at 780-778-2446

Ms. Campbell's class dissects sheep eyeballs.



**Hilltop Helps**

Students in Mrs. Kendall's English 20-1 class are responding personally, critically and creatively about a topic that affects us ALL~ teen mental health. In collaboration with Timberstoke Board, Bike & Paddle & Evermore Art & Wellness Studio, students are creating mixed media visuals on real skate decks. How cool is that?!! Visuals will be inspired by the teen's written personal responses about their experiences

regarding teen mental health and wellness. When asked the purpose of their project, students shared that they wanted other teens to know they are not alone.



**FREE EVENT FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**MARIJUANA: LET'S TALK ABOUT IT**

**November 29, 2017 – Forest Interpretive Centre**

If you've turned on the news in the last year, you may be aware that marijuana legalization is coming to Canada in July 2018. Of course, with an initiative as large as this, there are many questions that need to be answered. We are here to help with that! Whitecourt Addiction Services is excited to announce their upcoming FREE presentation titled "Marijuana: Let's Talk About It." This presentation explores legalization, what we know thus far, and what this means for our community and surrounding areas. It will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 PM at the Forest Interpretive Centre. Snacks and refreshments to be provided. We hope to see you there! For more information please check out the posters around in the community or call 780-778-7123. NOTE: This presentation may contain sensitive subject matter and is intended for those 16 years of age or older.

**Cosmetology class learns the proper techniques to cutting hair**



The 45th Annual Whitecourt Christmas Hamper Project is currently being organized for the 2017 season. We have served our community since 1972. Last year, 137 families that included 284 children received hampers due to the generous ongoing support of our donors.

**Whitecourt  
Christmas  
Hamper**



**Donations can be delivered to Hilltop High School. We are asking for the following donations:**

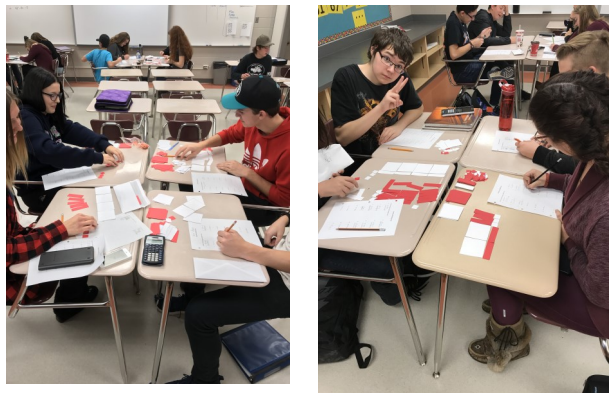
**Donations of food** - canned goods, pack-aged goods, non-perishable

**Gifts** - new, unwrapped for all ages.

Requests for hampers must be made in person at the Repeat Boutique on the following dates:

- November 29, 2017      11 am to 3 pm
- November 30, 2017      7 pm to 9 pm
- December 2, 2017      11 am to 3 pm
- December 6, 2017      11 am to 3 pm
- December 7, 2017      7 pm to 9 pm
- December 9, 2017      11 am to 3 pm

Mrs. Properzi's math class is factoring polynomials using algebra tiles.



Mrs. Long's class visited the Phillip J. Currie Museum in Wembley to learn about dinosaurs and so much more!



Gateway Academy has been spending some of their time volunteering with the Whitecourt Community Lunchbox program. Students have been sorting bottles and helping bag groceries.



**ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA**

During the month of October, two Hilltop students took part in Encounters with Canada. A week long educational experience in Ottawa where students can take part in various themed events. To learn how you can become a part of Encounters with Canada read page 6 for more details. Read below to hear about Jacob and Elita's experience.



**Jacob Davidson** took part in the Science and Technology themed week and although Jacob was worried he would be bored, he thoroughly enjoyed the experience instead. Jacob spent his time learning about Science and technology related skills such as 3D printing, biotechnology and genomics. He also visited the Canadian Museum of Nature, played glow in the dark mini golf and visited the Parliament Building. Jacob said that his favorite part was the amazing people he met, and the fun they had doing skits and a talent show before everyone parted ways and went home. Jacob also mentioned that one of the most surprising parts of the trip for him was his new found sense of pride for his country and province after visiting Ottawa.



**Elita Whitehorse** took part in the Medicine and Health themed week and took home a lot of valuable information about the industry. She got to hear from several of the industry's professionals and learned about stem cells, cancer cells, ultrasounds tested on her self and different massage techniques and their benefits to the health of the human body. Elita also took part in some fun events such as bowling and a Senators hockey game. Elita, like most students who go on Encounters with Canada, said the best part of the experience was meeting new people and making life long friends.





On November 2nd grade 9 students will participate in **“Take Your Kids to Work Day”**. We are thrilled to have so many students participating and thank you to the following businesses for their support with this program.

Eden Abar	TD Insurance in Edmonton	Hayley Marcotte	Woodlands County
Dakota Berube	Stella's Logging	Stephanie Brazil	Town of Whitecourt
Jaden Dibben	ANC	Kendra Thompson	G Mindus and Sons Ltd
Jada Edmundson	Whitecourt Insurance	Haley Measures	Baron Oilfield Supply
Brooke Kettlewell	Pembina Pipeline	Samatha Jesky	Senior Centre
Meagen Locke	Allan and Jean Millar Centre	Samantha Rhynold	Paul Flasha Contracting
Maddy Martell	Aquarius Hair Salon	Josh Robinson	ATB Financial
Irene Myung	The Ritz Cafe	Maren Hadley	KALTIRE
Hailey Weesemat	Microtel	Kaylee Veroba	Whitecourt District Preschool
Aaron Wilde	ANC		ANC
Kenneth Zaddery	Family Dental Health or RCMP	Allysa Lapointe	Outlier Resources
Jaron Osborne	Hardrock Homes	Dakota Bryant	Whitecourt Central School
Samantha Stewart	Blue Ridge Lumber	Corbyn Beck	Millar Western
Reiley Ruban	Mayerthorpe RCMP	Brant Smith	Home Office With Mom
Ethan Willberg	Mara-Leigh Cleaning	Max Ostrander	Pat Hardy School
Abigail Jeffery	Whitecourt Healthcare	Declan Finan	Stars Ambulance
Kendall Shuck	Valley Center Dental	Jenna Merrifield	MAX Fuel
Logan McSorely	Eagle River Chrysler	Rory Buxton	Cenovus Energy
Isabelle Kunzelman	Woodlands County	Charlie Smith	RPM Powersports
Serenity Willsher	ANC	Noah Humby	Whitecourt Care
Jonah Nicholls	Cardinal Energy	Brodie Gaffney	RCMP
Kaiden Wharton	W-4 Oilfield Consulting	Haydn Penney	Mayerthorpe Day Homes
Katie Dickson	Hilltop High School	Bri Mobey	Whitecourt Home Building Centre
Kyle Prokipchuk	Millar Western	Emma Estabrook	
Reed LaValley	Philip Lewis Contracting	Brooke Naslund	Swan Hills Hospital
Mikayla Nickolson	Remax	Sam Ottley	Alberta HealthCare Services
Xander Archambault	Crystal Glass		Whitecourt Central School
Sami Heer	Precision Autobody	Kelsey Juengling	Boston Pizza
Lexa Wharton	Woodlands County	Brady Augot	Mayerthorpe Health Care Center
Landis Van Der Meer	Total Oilfield Rentals	Summer Doerkson	
Shyla Berube	Stella's Logging		Town of Whitecourt
Ryan Borg	Northern Gateway Public Schools	Lee Arcand	Aquarius Beauty Boutique
Natasha Palmateer	Granger Labour Services LTD	Mackenzie Martel	Paramount
Ethan Schar	Total Oilfield	Reese Ramstead	Whitecourt Central School
Ryan Oliver	Phoenix Industrial	Bayley Fast	Town of Whitecourt
Alex Hutchinson	Mayerthorpe High School	Kristen Cook	Private Contractor
Alison Wolfe	ANC	Jordan Dixon	Whitecourt Central School
Abbigail Trigg	Hilltop Vet Clinic	Jenna Mohler	Whitecourt Fire Department
Treydon Daniels	Illusion Dance	Jacqueline Pritchard	
Ashley Anderson	Millar Western or Geographic Info Systems	Vanessa Keough	Footprints Massage



## 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.**





**Congratulations to Tanner Possnett** for obtaining a RAP position with CCRVT.com as an RV Service Technician.



**Congratulations to Josh Ross** for obtaining a RAP position with KW Mechanical as a Heavy Duty Mechanic.



Introducing **Gabe Lewis**, the newest Voice of Hilltop! Tune in to XM 105 radio every Wednesday morning at 8:00 am to hear what's happening at Hilltop!




**Student Council News**


If you are interested in joining Student Council, please attend our meetings on Tuesday's in room 403 at noon hour. We would love to see you!

Student council had a "guess the number of candies in the bin" contest for all classes in D block on Oct. 24. Each class submitted one guess for their entire class. Mr. Schlosser's Senior High photo guessed 483 and won the bin of candy!! The actual amount in the bin was 471.

On Halloween, student council had a dress up contest for anyone wearing a costume. Names of who were dressed up were collected by teachers in their first class on Tuesday, October 31. Names were organized according to grade and a winner was drawn from each grade. Prizes were \$10.00 Tim Horton's gift cards. Stay tuned for more great activities in November!



# Grad News



**Your 2018 Grad Council:** Daniel Hutyra, James Woodford, Caelyn Basaraba, Rhyleigh Henault, Catelynn Lewis, Jenna Dixon and Emily Dunstall.

**Grad Application Part 1 due Nov 30.** Applications can be found on our website at [hilltophigh.ca](http://hilltophigh.ca)

**Grad Logo**  
You can design the 2018 Grad logo!  
  
Submissions must be handed in or emailed by **November 7 to Mrs. Woodford.**  
  
Voting will be held on **November 16.**

**Grad 2018 Remind**  
  
Text the message **@hthgrad18** to the number **(587) 316-7407**  
  
Parents/Students please sign up to receive important reminders regarding Grad 2018 via text message.

**Grad Ceremony**


Friday, June 29th, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Scott Safety Center

**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.

**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.



# Athletics



Be a Charger...Take Charge!





## Volleyball

**Sr. Boys Volleyball**  
Nov 3 & 4 – Edson  
Nov 17 & 18 - Zones Morinville

**Sr. Girls Volleyball**  
Nov 3 & 4 – Edson  
Nov 17 & 18 - Zones Westlock

**Jr. Boys Volleyball**  
Nov 15 - St. Joseph School

**Jr. Girls Volleyball**  
Nov 15 - Drayton Valley





## Basketball

Sr. Girls Basketball Tryouts  
Nov. 7th 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

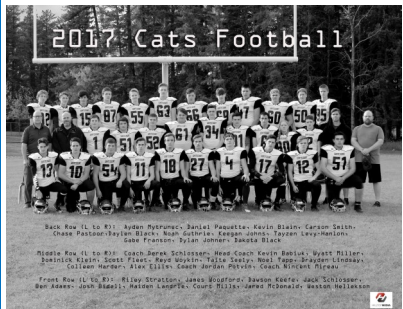
**Sr. High Boys and Girls Important Dates**

Dec 1 & 2 - Grand Trunk - Evansburg  
Dec 8 & 9 - Parkland - Edson  
Dec 15 & 16 - HOME Tournament  
Jan 19 & 20 - R.F. Staples - Westlock  
Feb 16 & 17 - Mayerthorpe  
Feb 23 & 24 - Barrhead  
Mar 9 & 10 - ZONES: Drayton Valley (BOYS)  
Morinville (GIRLS)




## SKI TRIP

Students interested in attending the ski trip on **December 8th** are to see Mr. Schlosser to sign up. First come, first served, max 47 students.  
\* Snowboarders Welcome

Shout out to the following students who are involved with refereeing basketball games for the Whitecourt Youth Community Basketball program.

**Reed LaValley**  
**Keaton Dixon**  
**Ethan Schar**  
**Meagan Locke**  
**Jaden Dibben**  
**Josh Robinson**



REVZ Volleyball is a Whitecourt and area indoor youth volleyball club.

We are focused on developing youth volleyball teams for all age groups 13 -18 years, boys and girls.

Pre-Registration/Information Night/AGM is being held Tuesday, November 21 at Percy Baxter School.

**This meeting is a must attend if you are interested in playing volleyball for the 2018 season.**



**Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News**



(formerly called Storefront)

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

Some of our upcoming events for November will be our Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:30 am on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Our students will be making spaghetti and meatballs on Tuesday, November 14. Some of our students will be bagging groceries at IGA on November 7.

If students are looking to earn work experience credits, please see Sarah or Tammy about volunteer opportunities in the community.

We would like to thank Pam with the Community Lunch Box Program (CLBP) for her continued support by delivering doughnuts, bread and other food supplies on a regular basis. We would also like to thank Freddy's 2 for 1 Pizza for donating delicious lasagna to our students! Special thanks to our students for their volunteerism efforts; students help sort bottles once a week for the CLBP and help bag groceries at IGA on the first Tuesday of every month.

Students please pay attention to course due dates and attend often to ensure success in your educational pursuits. Experience has shown that students who attend often make better progress and find success in their course work than those who do not. Students who do not follow due dates will be placed on academic probation with the possibility of being withdrawn from the program if work is not handed in weekly. Attendance is not mandatory, but handing in work on a regular basis is.



Pumpkin Carving  
 ←  
 Cooking Jiggs Dinner  
 →



Mrs. Long's Science 20 class visited a local pond for a hands on activity testing water quality.



**Friends of Hilltop Parent Council**



**2017-2018 Friends of Hilltop School Council**  
**Chairpersons: Tammy Dickson and Avy Fast**  
**Secretary: Amber Borg and Joanne Merrifield**  
**Treasurers: Niki Underwood and Judy Watson**

Start saving for your student's school fees, grad garb, school sports 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 to pay 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 or call the office for more details.

Next Parent Council (Friends of Hilltop) meeting, **November 15th at 7pm.** Please join us – no commitment necessary, for information only!



**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>
<b>Community Kitchen</b> 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	<b>Girls Group</b> 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Homework &amp; Pizza/ Unplugged</b> 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	<b>Teen Choice</b> 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Movie Night</b> 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

## 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 Mrs. Tomke or Mrs. Kendall for an appointment.

### Important Notice from the Learning Commons

Please be advised that the Learning Commons (Library) will be closed on Thursdays during the lunch hour.



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

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 Ms. Heck 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. Heck 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](http://learnerregistry.ae.alberta.ca).

### In House Programming:

- Registered Apprenticeship Programs
- Dual Credit Programming
- Work Experience
- Timetable Building (Including one-on-one conferencing with students to review graduation requirements and appropriate course selection.)
- Course Withdrawals
- My Blueprint (Career & Course Planning, Credit Counting)
- My Pass (Diploma Exam Marks, **Unofficial** Detailed Academic Record)
- Post - Secondary Planning & Scholarship Information (Rutherford, etc.)
- Support our GSA Group (Gay Straight Alliance)

### Referrals to:

YOLO (Wellness Program with Alberta Health Services)  
Rupertsland Institute  
OCYA (Office of the Child - Child & Youth Advocate Alberta)  
FASD Network  
Healthy Families, Healthy Futures  
Wellspring's New Hope Groups & Youth Outreach  
Family Community Liaison Program  
Counselling Services Provided by Canniff & Associates  
Child & Family Services  
AHS: Addiction & Mental Health Services  
McMan Youth Family and Community Services  
Alberta Health Services

### Partnerships:

- Forestry Day: West Fraser, Alberta Newsprint Company and Millar Western
- Career & Education Expo
- Take Your Kids to Work Day
- KidSport & Jumpstart Funding
- Family Violence Prevention
- COOL Camp Mentorship
- PARTY Program
- Host Information Sessions & Booths from various Post-Secondary Institutions
- Community Lunch Box
- Boys & Girls Club (BE-YOU-tiful Grad Dress Campaign)
- Northern Gateway Public Schools Summer Boot Camp
- Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County
- Careers: Next Generation
- Various businesses, companies and government agencies



## MYPASS.ALBERTA.CA

To access your records after writing a diploma, you will need to have a [myPass.alberta.ca](http://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](http://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.



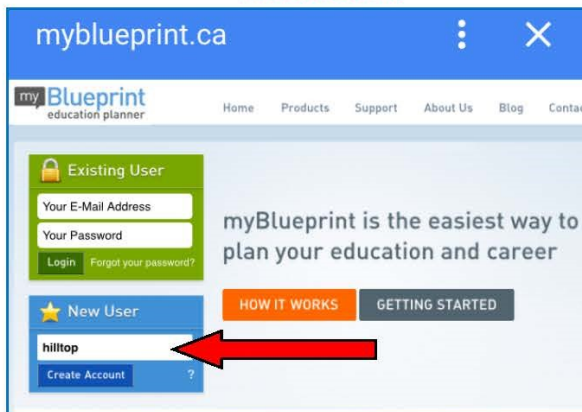


# myBlueprint

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:

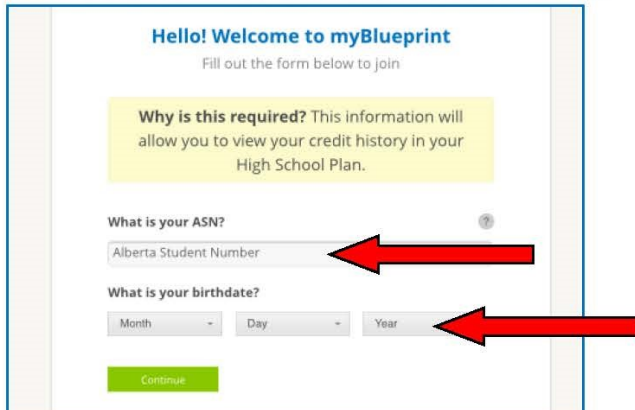
**Step 1:** Type in our school password "hilltop" and click on create account.



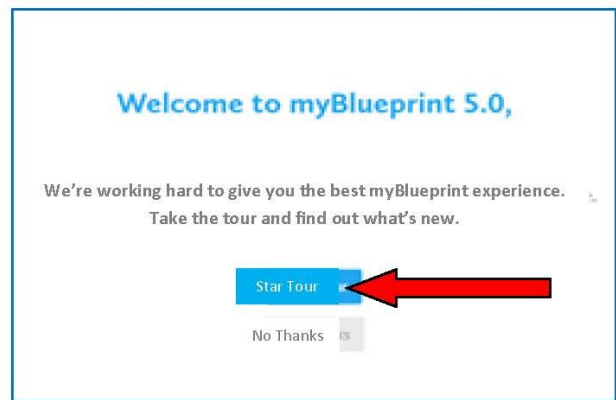
**Step 2:** Choose your grade.



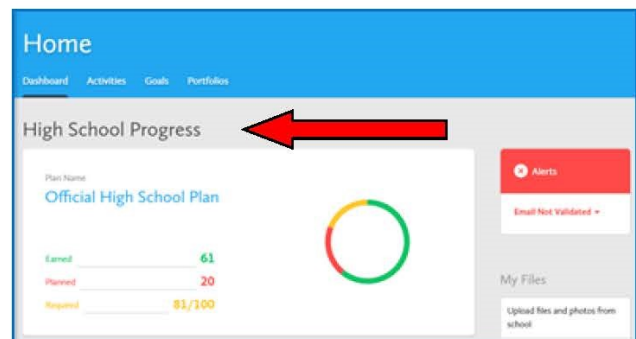
**Step 3:** Enter your Alberta Student Number and birthdate. (Your Alberta Student Number can be found on your PowerSchool)



**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.



**Does the school have your child's current contact information? Please contact the school to verify if you have concerns @ 780.778.2446.**

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.

*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.**



## 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.

## Hilltop Bistro OPENING SOON



### Passport Photos

Available in the Media Lab **\$20.00 each**

Appointments are available Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and noon. Call Hilltop and ask for Derek Schlosser at 780-778-2446 to book an appointment.

### 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.



### Spirit Wear

Hilltop Charger Spirit Wear is available for sale at reduced prices. Items are available through [schoolcashionline.com](http://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](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.

### 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.



## 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



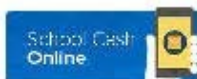
Read our monthly newsletter on our website at [hilltophigh.ca](http://hilltophigh.ca)



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](http://hilltophigh.ca)





What would you do?

## **MAYOR** **FOR A DAY**

Let us know what you would do if you were **MAYOR FOR A DAY** and what improvements you'd like to see made.

- Submissions must include a completed application form and an essay attachment.
- Application forms are available at [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) or by contacting Fay Arcand at [fayarcand@whitecourt.ca](mailto:fayarcand@whitecourt.ca) or 780-778-3637 ext. 417.
- Applications will be accepted until noon on Monday, December 4, 2017 and can be emailed, faxed, mailed or dropped off directly to the Allan & Jean Millar Centre.
- Two winners will be selected by Town Council based on a panel recommendation; one in middle school (grades 6 to 8) and one in high school (grades 9 to 12).
- Winners from both categories will be awarded a prize and will be declared "Mayor for a Day" on specified dates.
- Contact Fay Arcand at [fayarcand@whitecourt.ca](mailto:fayarcand@whitecourt.ca) or 780-778-3637 ext. 417 for more details.

[www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca)

Whitecourt

# Healthy Schools Calendar from Alberta Health Services

November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
<p><b>NOW AVAILABLE</b> - November's issues of <b>Healthy Children and Healthy Teens</b> newsletter for parents (aussi disponible en Français).</p> <p>For resources to support building healthy school communities visit <a href="http://www.ahs.ca/esh">www.ahs.ca/esh</a></p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Saving Time Ends						Remembrance Day
			Media Literacy Week			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	World Kindness Day			Canadian School Gardens Grant Due	International Day for Tolerance	
			Bullying Awareness Week * National Addictions Awareness Week			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	National Child Day National Jersey Day					International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women
26	27	28	29	30		

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 AHS does not endorse or recommend any pharmaceutical company, commercial product, process, or service associated with grants or events listed in this document.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November 2017</b>						
On Remembrance Day, take the time to remember those who sacrificed their lives to achieve freedom for us all.						
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Athabasca Bowl Games
5 Daylight Savings Time	6 Day 4	7 Day 1 Remembrance Day Assembly @ Hilltop 10:15 am	8 Professional Development Day No Classes	9 Day in Lieu of PTI No School	10 Day in Lieu of PTI No School	11 Remembrance Day
12	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 FLEX Day 2 English/Science/Other Tutorial	16 Picture Day Retakes 2016-2017 Awards Ceremony 7:00pm	17 Day 1	18
19	20 Day 2	21 Day 3	22 Day 4	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25
26	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 FLEX Day 1 Math/Social/Other Tutorial Last Day of Gr. 9 Options 2/6	30 Day 1 First Day of Gr. 9 Options 3/6		





# GALLERY



Shaped cookies made in Foods class.



Health Care Aide students Darby Wells, Emily Pilgrim and Briana Kingdon.



Cats football team supports Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative with the "Breakfast with the Guys" event.



Indigo Bryant shows off the deck she completed in English class. (see page 3)



Sadie Christianson colors Mrs. Cartwright's hair.



Hannah Rennie wears her scarf inspired by the novel she published.



Gateway Academy celebrates Thanksgiving with turkey dinner



### New Staff at Hilltop

Please join us in welcoming Educational Assistant Laurie Harnum to the Hilltop family.



### Hilltop High Halloween Highlights

