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Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School



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May 2018 Newsletter Message from the Administration

Welcome to May! Spring has finally sprung. The warm weather is a welcome change from the nearly seven months of snow. The end of the year is just around the corner. Before you know it June will be here and students will be preparing for exams. For Grade 9 students, exams begin early with the writing of Part A of the Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test on May 8.

It does not seem possible that another school year has come and almost gone. Administration is currently in the planning process for next year. Students have chosen their courses and now comes the building of next year's timetable. There may be a change to our bell schedule for the 2018 - 2019 school year to accommodate needed changes in Whitecourt busing. We will inform all parents once the final decision has been made.

This is a good time for students to review the dress code that is included in our Student Agenda. The expectation at Hilltop High School is that students and staff will wear clothing that is non-revealing and does not have inappropriate slogans and/or references.

I would like to congratulate our students who participated in Skills Canada. Our students brought home three gold medals from the Northwest Regional Skills Canada and have advanced to Provincials. Congratulations to Kyle Molnar in Photography, Hunter Cartwright and Daniel Hutyra in TV Video, and Ashlee Underwood in Intermediate Hairstyling. Good luck at Provincials!

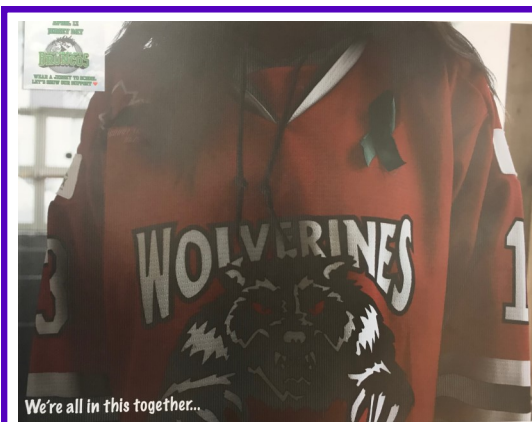
Students will get an opportunity to provide feedback to administration on May 4 when we hold our annual Student Voices focus group. This event follows the Speak Out program and gives students an opportunity to effect change in the school as they have their voices heard on a number of topics.

As we near the end of the year I would like to remind students that this is now a good time to begin a solid study routine to prepare for your final exams. It would be a good opportunity to self-nominate yourself for FLEX to ensure you have the best possible understanding needed to achieve your potential in all of your courses.

Your partner in education,
Brent Northcott
Principal

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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



#humboldtstrong



May Important Dates

- 2 - Hats On!
- 4 - Student Voices
- 8 - Gr. 9 New Options
- 13 - Mother's Day
- 16 - BSN Meeting
- 16 - Orange Shirt Day
- 17- 21 - No School
- 23 - FOH Meeting 7pm

Support mental health awareness and wear a hat on May 2!



April 30 – May 4 Education Week

Celebrating education across Alberta

May 8

First day of grade 9 options, term 6/6



May 13

Mother's Day



May 17

Professional Development Day
No Classes



May 18

Day in Lieu of PTI
No School



May 21

Victoria Day
No School



June 7 & June 8

7:00 pm
Hilltop Drama Production



Details Below



New Student Registration NOW OPEN

Registration packages for the 2018 –2019 school year are now available on our website at hilltophigh.ca or you can pick up a copy at the front office. These forms are for new students only. Students returning to Hilltop will be given a validation form to confirm their information is accurate before the end of the year.

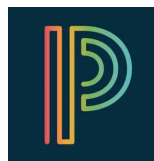
Hilltop Drama Presents
A Hoax With A Punchline
By Ty Babiuk & Sandy Gartner
Hilltop High School Auditorium
June 7th & 8th
7:00 pm
Dessert Theatre 10.00



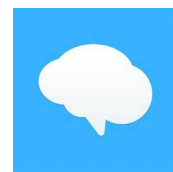
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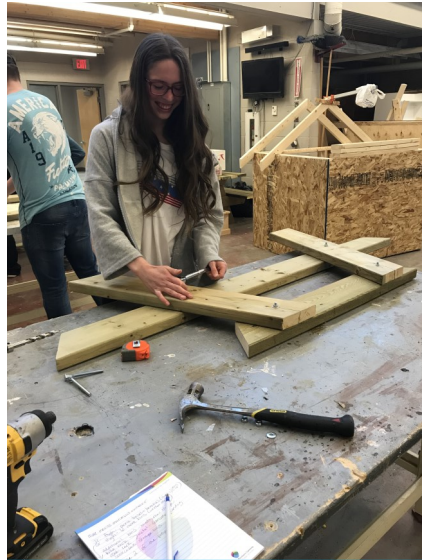
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Merits Marvelous Makeover Continues

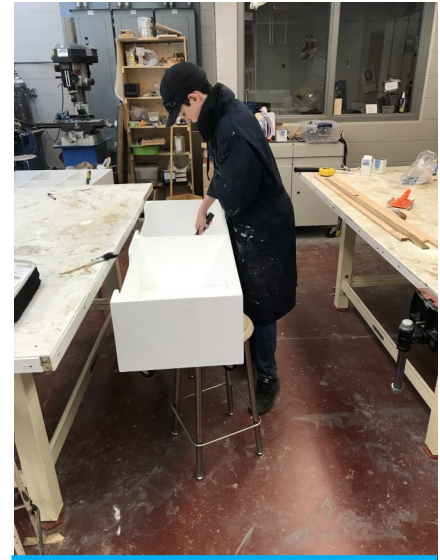
Phase two of the Merits Marvelous Makeover is well underway. Mr. Jack Reid continues to work with our students to further enhance the new additions at Repeat Boutique thanks to a generous two year grant from Merit Contractors. This year Mr. Reid will also be helping Gr. 9 students to build picnic tables for the Huestis Demonstration Forest in Whitecourt. Repeat Boutique will see further improvements from our Senior Construction students with signage, chair storage, bins and bookcases. Students in Senior Welding class will be fabricating clothing racks and even a bike rack.



Easton Long paints storage bins.



Abby Dixon assembles picnic table legs.



Caleb Tobin finishes painting bins.



Brodie Gaffney cutting wood to size.



Ethan Schar building picnic tables.



Mackenzie Murray assembles bins.

Thank you Mr. Jack Reid for sharing your expertise and skills with the following students who we greatly appreciate participating in this important community project; Tyson Nakucyj, Caleb Tobin, Caleb Oschner, Thomas Carriere, Mackenzie Murray, Dawson Keefe, Brayden Wilkinson, Easton Long, Max Ostrander, Brodie Gaffney, Reese Ramstead, Cody Cunningham, Ethan Schar, Travis Peters and Abby Dixon.

Hilltop High School is Proud to Present



**Dustin Stamp - Pow Wow, Twin Bustle, Northern Fancy Dancer
and
Sacred Drum Group**

Orange Shirt Day
In conjunction with the Whitecourt BSN Meeting
(details below)



**WHITECOURT
BUSINESS SUPPORT NETWORK**

Business Support Network Meeting

Hilltop High School is thrilled to be hosting an Indigenous themed Business Support Network meeting on May 16th, featuring Indigenous Drummers. The focus of the presentation will be on supporting Encounters Canada, the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and the Youth Career Exposure Summer Boot Camps.

What: Business Support Network Meeting

When: May 16th, 2018 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Where: Hilltop High School Cafeteria with lunch provided by Hilltop High School

For: All businesses and those interested are invited to attend

Register online at www.whitecourtnsn.ca



**First Nations, Métis and Inuit
(FNMI)**

Mrs. Smith-Tomke, FNMI Liaison Worker

Tansi, Abawashded

May is my favorite month of the year, especially since we have an Indigenous culture celebration on May 16, 2018. Please join us this day as we commemorate Orange Shirt Day and bring honour and awareness to the experiences of residential school students. Our ceremony will include bannock, tea, an Elder visit, and fancy dancer Dustin Stamp, accompanied by the Sacred Drum group.

Any First Nation, Metis or Inuit student completing their **final year of high school**, and demonstrate a commitment to the Indigenous culture may qualify for the \$3,000.00 scholarship offered by Nelson. Please stop by Student Services, and obtain more information.

I hope to see you all in the near future

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A Quiet Crisis

Dave McKay, President and CEO of Royal Bank of Canada has recently released a study about how young Canadians can prepare for the future and thrive in an age of disruption, these are his remarks.

The next generation is entering the workforce at a time of profound economic, social and technological change. RBC Future Launch is our 10-year commitment to that cause, to help young people prepare for and navigate a new world of work that, we believe, will fundamentally reshape Canada. For the better, if we get a few big things right. Our team conducted one of the biggest labour force data projects in Canada, and crisscrossed the country to speak with students and workers in their early careers, with educators and policymakers, and with employers in every sector. We discovered a quiet crisis - of recent graduates who are overqualified for the jobs they're in, of unemployed youth who weren't trained for the jobs that are out there, and young Canadians everywhere who feel they aren't ready for the future of work. The age of automation need not be a threat. If we apply our humanity - to be creative, critical and collaborative - it can be a competitive advantage. If we find new ways to support and unleash the skills of Canada's youth, they'll launch an amazing future - for themselves, and for all of Canada. Below is a summary of what was found during this study.

- More than 25% of Canadian jobs will be heavily disrupted by technology in the coming decade. Fully half will go through a significant overhaul of the skills required.
- An assessment of 20 000 skills rankings across 300 occupations and 2.4 million expected job openings show an increasing demand for foundational skills such as critical thinking, co-ordination, social perceptiveness, active listening and complex problem solving.
- Despite projected heavy job displacement in many sectors and occupations, the Canadian economy is expected to add 2.4 million jobs over the next four years, all of which will require this new mix of skills.
- Canada's education system, training programs and labour market initiatives are inadequately designed to help Canadian youth navigate this new skills economy.
- Canadian employers are generally not prepared, through hiring, training or retraining, to recruit and develop the skills needed to make their organizations more competitive in a digital economy.
- Our researchers developed a new way of grouping jobs into six "clusters," based on essential skills by occupation rather than by industry.
- By focusing on the foundational skills required within each of these clusters, a high degree of mobility is possible between jobs.
- Digital fluency will be essential in all new jobs. This does not mean we need a nation of coders, but a nation that is digitally literate.
- Global competencies like cultural awareness, language, and adaptability will be in demand.
- Virtually all job openings will place significant importance on judgement and decision making and more than two thirds will value an ability to manage people and resources.

For more information on this study or to read the full published report go to rbc.com/humanswanted.

Hair Coloring in Cosmetology

Thank you Keune color educators for visiting Hilltop and teaching the cosmetology class Keune theory and application techniques.



Thank you to the Town of Whitecourt for visiting us and showing students how to sign up with the new transit app!

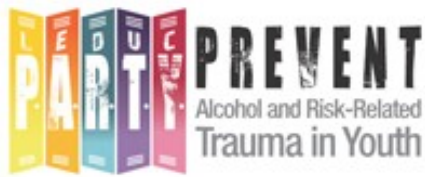




Student Voice

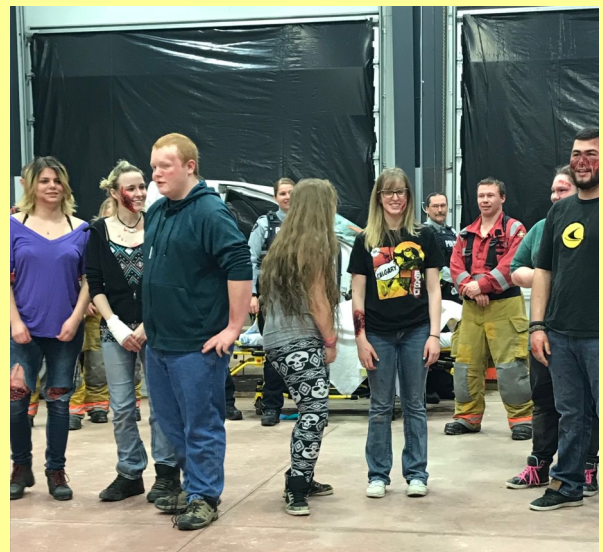
Friday, May 4

Promoting student engagement and success at Hilltop by listening to and learning from students. If you are interested in sharing your voice please sign up at the office.

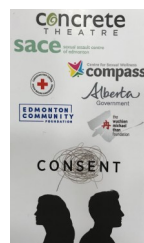


P.A.R.T.Y Program

On April 11, Grade 9 students participated in the Party Program. The Party Program has been in operation for over 30 years and is designed to prevent alcohol and risk - related trauma in youth by reenacting a real accident scene and following the emotional journey of a trauma patient. Students hear from industry professionals trained in trauma about the life threatening consequences related to drinking and driving, as well as, distracted driving. Thank you to the Town of Whitecourt, Fire Department, RCMP, Victim Services and the Hilltop Drama Students for their participation and support of this valuable program.



It was a pleasure to have the Concrete Theater company from Edmonton visit us to present the play Consent. Consent is designed to help students understand their individual rights regarding sexual consent, gender equality, personal conduct and respect in a relatable and age appropriate production. Actors used a school like setting and incorporated dance to capture their audiences attention. **#talkaboutit**



Art students make plaster masks in sculpture class.



Special thanks to Valleyview Trustees Gerry Steinke and Anita Portsmouth for taking the time to visit our Art 9 class and teach our students new techniques using stained glass.



Military Studies Class

Learning to strategize and work as a team as well as how to mess people over. A lesson in battle strategy in Military Studies class.

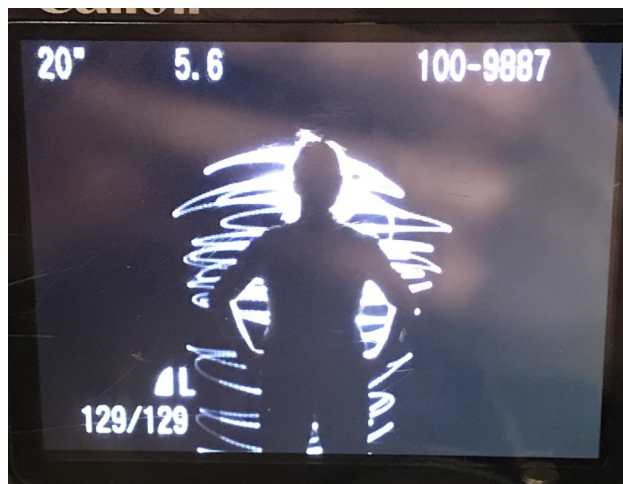


Urban Gardening

The Urban Gardening class continues to bloom. Students are now seeing their hard work blossom and grow. We have tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers almost ready to harvest.



Hilltop Media students learn new photo techniques, painting with light!



Congratulations to **Seth Hawley** and **Taeven Keylor** who will be attending the Floor Service Rig training course in Bonnyville from May 14 - 16.

Italy and Greece Tour 2018

On April 1st, the Hilltop Travelling Road Show headed out on our adventure to stunning Italy and Greece. I know many students had the best time of their lives and are planning to do more travelling in the future. Students checked out the sights and culture of the Rome, Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast, Delphi and Athens. Travelers learned a lot about the Italian and Greek culture as well as about its history. We travelled with a group of 26 travelers this year as well as Miss Mehl, Mr. Keay, Mrs. Keay and Mrs. Fancy as the four chaperones. We returned on April 10th after an unforgettable tour of making friends and gaining new experiences. Our tour director John was amazing and they went out of his way to make sure everyone was having a great time. Our students as well as John will be in our minds and hearts for a very long time. Both students and chaperones took many photos of our experiences which we hope to display around the school. Hilltop wishes all the best to our students in their future travel adventures!



Thank You
You
 Thank You
 Wellspring Family
 Resource and Crisis
 Centre for working with our grade
 9 students to deliver the program
 Healthy Youth Relationships, a
 Red Cross: RespectED program.

Table Tennis Practice and Fun Night



Who: Beginner and Advanced
 Table Tennis Players

When: Every Monday
 Youth - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Adults - 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Percy Baxter Gym

Cost: Free



For more information contact
 Ambrose at 780-779-7636
 Facebook: Table Tennis Friends
 Whitecourt

Passport Photos

Available in the Hilltop 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.

The following students went to Skills Canada in Fairview

Photo: Kyle Molnar & Jayden Greenwood

Video: Hunter Cartwright, Daniel Hutyra, Freddie Moore & Kjell Granely

Cosmetology: Hannah Clarke, Ashley Underwood, Montana Blackstock and Savannah McCaffery.



Students spent months preparing for Skills Canada. Pictured above are some of the cosmetology students practicing their bridal and braiding hairstyles. **WOW!**



Regional Skills Canada Results

Gold in Intermediate Hairstyling for Ashlee Underwood
Gold in Photography for Kyle Molnar
Gold in TV Video for Hunter Cartwright and Daniel Hutyra
Congratulations!



Congratulations to Sadie Bounds who has qualified for Provincials with Skills Canada and will be attending in late May. Sadie will be participating in the Public Speaking category and given a topic on the spot. Good luck Sadie, we know you will do us proud!



Shout out to Weston Hellekson who is half way through his 15 week Harley Davidson training course in Fairview. This is the only such course of its kind in Canada. Weston is doing very well and loves the experience.

Keep up the great work Weston!





Hilltop RAP Stars



Watch the Whitecourt Star Bi-Weekly to see more Hilltop RAP Stars featured.

Hilltop High School Off-Campus Education Registered Apprenticeship Program



Name: Dustin Brewer
Grade: 11
Employer: Whitecourt
Transport
RAP Position: Heavy Duty
Technician



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

Hilltop High School Off-Campus Education Registered Apprenticeship Program



Name: Dylan Penney
Grade: 11
Employer: Town of
Whitecourt
RAP Position: Heavy
Duty Technician



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



Congratulations to **Alejandro Aponte** who has completed many hours at LB Energy as a work experience student and has now secured it as a RAP position. Keep up the hard work Alejandro!



Congratulations to **Orren Baxter** who has obtained a RAP position with Trican.



Health Care Aide Program

NGPS will once again be offering NorQuests Dual Credit Health Care Aide Program for the 2018 - 2019 school year in conjunction with Mayerthorpe High School.

If you require more information please contact Lesia Hleck at 780-778-2446.

Pre-Req for Program: English 10 - 1 or English 20 - 2 or English 30 - 2
(students must have their flu shot)

Cost: \$400.00 fee covers all costs except white nursing shoes.

Applications due to Ms. Hleck by **Friday, May 4.**

Career Exposure Summer Boot Camps at Hilltop High



We are thrilled to announce that NGPS will be once again offering Summer Boot Camps at Hilltop this summer. Last year almost 100 students participated and with even more opportunities this upcoming year we are hoping to have even more students involved. Summer Boot Camps allow students the opportunity to learn hands on career exposure and skills, as well as, earn high school credits.

Register at ngps.ca. FREE! NO CHARGE!

- Justice Studies**
- Medical Minds**
- Gaming and IT**
- Auto Service**
- Motorcycle Mechanics**
- Baking with Class**
- Aesthetics with Eveline Charles**
- Yoga**
- Art in Nature**
- And More!**

Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Congratulations to **Pharran McKinnon** who has been accepted to participate in the Youth Rotary Exchange Program.



Support the Humanitarian Society

The Hilltop Humanitarian Society is a group of students along with supervisor Ms. Koudelka 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 schoolcashonline.com or at the front office. Thank you for your support.



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.

Travel Club 2019

Do you want to visit Spain?

The Hilltop Travel Club has been travelling internationally for 11 years. Students are able to experience history and culture directly related to their studies first hand. The learning experience gained by students provides them with a lifetime of knowledge that will help guide them in our world. The following is a preliminary overview of the EF Tours trip proposal for Spring Break 2019. These dates are tentative in that they can move earlier or later by 2 days.

Location: Spain: Madrid, Granada, Toledo, Costa del Sol, Seville, Segovia, Cordoba, Barcelona

Tour Length: 12 days, 10 overnights

Requested Departure Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019

Requested Return Date: Monday, April 29, 2019

Gateway City: Edmonton, Alberta

For more information contact Miss. Mehl.

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!



Hilltop Bistro



Hilltop Bistro cards are available to purchase from Mrs. Runge in room 503. Accepted payments of Interac, Visa, Mastercard or cash. Bistro cards are punch cards that can be used in place of cash at the cafeteria. These cards are available in \$10.00 and \$20.00 values. Bistro cards are a great gift idea.

Daily Lunch Special \$5.00

- Small Chocolate Milk \$1.00
- Large Chocolate Milk \$3.50
- Milk 2 Go (Vanilla, Banana, Strawberry) \$2.50
- Keurig Cup \$1.00
- Cookie \$0.50
- Loaf \$1.50
- Muffin \$1.00

- Square or Pastry \$2.00
- Veggie Cup or Fruit Cup \$1.00
- Jello or Pudding \$1.00
- Pretzel & Hummus \$2.75
- Sandwiches \$3.50
- Yogurt Parfait (Peach, Strawberry, Blueberry) \$1.50
- Cheese, Meat & Crackers \$3.50



Grad News



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

Grad Song is... "Good Old Days" by Macklemore.
Grad Quote is... "Wherever you go, go with all your heart" - Confucius

Important Days to Remember

Grad Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 27 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Scott Safety Centre

All Grads **MUST** Attend - please schedule time off of work
Grads will receive their cap and gown at this time.

Grad Ceremony

Friday, June 29th, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Scott Safety Center
Doors open for grads at 2:30 pm at the Hilltop Gymnasium
Photo taken at 3:00 pm sharp

Grad Clean Up

Saturday, June 30 at 10:00 am.

Mandatory for all grads, if you can not come please arrange for someone else to come on your behalf.

Please do not forget to fill out the SHORT online form to help us with collecting information for grad. The link to the form is posted online at hilltophigh.ca or is on our grad remind. See Mrs. Keay if you have any questions.

Highlights from Senior Supper

The Grad class of 2018 held their Annual Senior Supper on April 12 and it was another success. Thank you to everyone who helped organize this event and participated in keeping this Hilltop tradition going.



Dionna Arcand performs for the seniors



Mrs. Maybelle Baxter presenting the students with a donation of **\$1031.50**. The grads will make a donation on behalf of the seniors.



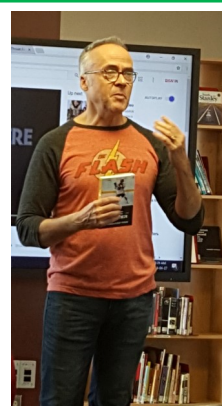
Grad 2018 Remind

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.

Thank you Serge Cote from the Alberta Apprenticeship Board for discussing trades with students. #RAP



Thank you to two great authors, Robert Feagan and Lorna Schultz Nicholson for sharing their love of story with our grade nine students as part of the Wordpower Tour. The Young Alberta Book Society and cenovus sponsor this tour.





Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News

(formerly called Storefront)

Hours of Operation Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Phone: 780 - 778 - 5865 Fax: 780-778-5683



Check out Gateway Academy’s new Facebook and Twitter pages. Follow us on Twitter and like and share our Facebook page @ngpsgaw.



Spring has SPRUNG...FINALLY! With all the great weather, the students at Gateway Academy will have the opportunity to take advantage of the nice weather to take part in more PE opportunities as well as clean up school grounds. With the weather being exceptionally nice, we are asking students to bring their PE gear, as we will be walking and doing various other physical activities at Rotary Park, weather permitting. We encourage students who are registered in PE to come at this time so they can get their teacher directed hours.

The students at Gateway will be continuing to cook for the month of May. On **Monday May 14**, the students will be making chicken ceasar salad and on **Tuesday, May 29**, taco in a bag.


Grade 9 students will be writing their Language Arts PAT Part A on Tuesday, May 8 at 9am.

Gateway Academy is on Twitter and Facebook. Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/ngpsgaw>. Like and share our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ngpsgaw>. In addition, there is a link off Hilltop High’s webpage that includes Gateway Academy info.

It is pertinent that students return their consent forms for all off campus field trips in a timely manner to take part. 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, work Ex and PE hours is Tuesday, June 12, 2018. If you need help, please call or come in and visit us.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, April 30 – Evermore Artistry
- Tuesday, May 1 – Interview Skills & Money Management
- Wednesday, May 2 (AM) - Reading at Pat Hardy Elementary
- Wednesday, May 2 – Wear a Special Hat for Mental Health Wellness
- Thursday, May 3 – Planting flowers and herbs
- Tuesday, May 15 – Presentation by Peter Banks
- Wednesday, May 16 – Indigenous Dancers at Hilltop
- Tuesday, June 12 – Annual Awards Ceremony commencing at 11 am at Gateway Academy



Gateway Academy Academic Awards Ceremony

Tuesday, June 12 at 11:00 am

Please join us as we celebrate our students achievements and success!



The Teen Centre will be serving a free lunch for Hilltop Students during the lunch hour. Everyone Welcome!

Homework & Pizza Night at the Teen Centre from 6pm-8pm.

On Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm youth gather at the Teen Centre for a slice of pizza and a chance to work on school assignments in a calm and supportive environment. Teen Centre Facilitator’s and Volunteer’s are available to help youth with homework, school projects or to get organized.

Resources available

- Project supplies
- Access to computers and printers
- Graphic calculators
- Organizing and study tips
- Assistance with homework
- School supplies
- Encouragement and support for success

No registration required, the Teen Centre is a drop in program for all youth ages 11-17

For more information please call: Teen Centre Manager & Youth Development Coordinator Alicia Smallwood (780) 778-6696

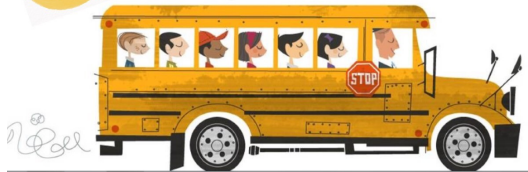


Hilltop High School

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Operated by Friends of Hilltop Parent Council Society

Please support our program by donating bottles at the Whitecourt Bottle Depot. Mention they are for Hilltop High School.



Families of Hilltop High School Students



Earn 5% profit grocery shopping at IGA and support Hilltop High School's Friends of Hilltop Parent Council.

EARN MONEY to pay for your student's school fees, grad garb, school sports and even school trips. When you purchase IGA grocery vouchers from the Remax office or at Hilltop's front office, 5% of your purchase is placed in an account just for you. It stays there until you need to access these funds to pay for any variety of school related expenses. Stop by or call the office for more details on how to sign up.



BREAKFAST

Thank you Aquarius Beauty Boutique and McDonald's for your generous donation to Hilltop's Breakfast Program!



Friends of Hilltop Parent Council

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



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

EARN MONEY to pay for your student's school fees, grad garb, school sports and even school trips. Take advantage of the IGA gift cards sold by Friends of Hilltop Parent Council. When you purchase grocery vouchers from the Remax Office or at the school office--5% of your purchase is placed in an account just for you. It just stays there until you need to access these funds to pay for any variety of school related expenses. IGA voucher cards are the ONLY fundraiser for Friends of Hilltop, other than bottle recycling to fund our new Breakfast Program. Stop by or call the office for more details.

Next Parent Council (Friends of Hilltop) Meeting May 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Please join us – no commitment necessary, for information only!

Have a Marvelous May!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our Breakfast Program is up and running and being enjoyed by a large number of students every day!!

THANK YOU to MCDONALDS and AQUARIUS for your donations to the Breakfast Program.

Please help support our students starting the day off right, by donating your empty cans/bottles to the Friends of Hilltop Parent Council.

Recyclables can be donated at the school or taken directly to the Bottle Depot—please mention Hilltop High School. Thank you for helping our students!!



Athletics

Be a Charger...Take Charge!



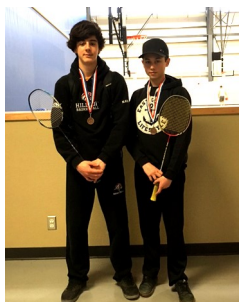
Track and Field

Hilltop High School is in need of a Track and Field Coach for the upcoming season. If you are interested please contact the front office at 780-778-2446.



May 22: Sr. Zones at Foote Field
May 29: GCAA
June 5: Jr. Zones at Fowler Park in Edmonton.

Congratulations to Caleb Tobin and Kevin Blain who earned bronze at Zones for badminton.



Congratulations to Mai Pham who will be attending Provincials in Grimshaw for Badminton.



Badminton

Sr. Badminton Roster: Coaches: Chris Keay and Michel St. Louis

Kevin Blain, Caleb Tobin, Mai Pham, Alyssa Borg, McKenzie Beck, Cruz Wheeler, Mason Wilson, Areanna Fast, Tanisha Gano - Murray, Carter Wilde, Daylen Black, Cody Oliver, Jordan Aginas, Logan Tschigerl, Dillan Stewart, Taylor Topilka, Annick Greenwood, Zach Mott, Damen Berry, Madison Bryson, Ally McNeil, Ryan Govenlock, Layne Carlson, Chris Twach, Logan Seu, Lainey Granely and Carsyn Cloke

Congratulations to the Sr. Badminton players who earned medals at their first GCAA tournament of the year.

GOLD: Mai Pham, Annick Greenwood, Kevin Blain & Caleb Tobin, Logan Seu & Chris Twach, Lainey Granely & McKenzie Beck



CATS Spring Camp

May 15, 16 & 17
 May 22, 23 & 24
 May 29, 30 & 31

Congratulations to **Brianna Pratt** who has been accepted to play for NAIT's women's volleyball team after grad! Way to go Brianna, we are cheering you on!



Tom Higgins Visits Hilltop

We would like to thank Tom Higgins, former head coach for Calgary Stampeders, Montreal Alouettes, Edmonton Eskimos and Head of Officiating for speaking to our students about utilizing championship thinking for a successful life. Mr. Higgins reminded students that choices not chance determine your destiny and that you never fail until you stop trying. You can be anything you want if you believe in yourself, win the day!

Three Rules to Success

1. Do what's right.
2. Everything you do, do it to the best of your ability.
3. Golden Rule - Treat people the way you want to be treated.



Special thanks to Alberta Labour and Millar Western for sponsoring.



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. Smith - Tomke or Mrs. Kendall for an appointment.



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 assistance**.

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.



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.

For more information: hilltophigh.ca parents and students tab.

Work Experience

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

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.

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:

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 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.



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.

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.

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. Please contact the school to verify your contact information if you have any concerns.

Support your school with SPIRITWEAR!



Charger Spirit Wear

- Hoodies: \$40.00 each**
- Short Sleeve T-Shirts: \$15.00 each**
- Long Sleeve T-Shirts: \$16.00 each**
- Hats: \$10.00 each**



Reduced Spirit Wear

- Short Sleeve & Long Sleeve T-Shirts \$3.00 each**
- Shorts \$3.00 each**

Spirit Wear can be purchased from Mrs. Runge in room 503



Make online payments with SchoolCashOnline

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

Register at SchoolCashOnline.com



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. However, we can print a report card if requested. 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. If you have no access to internet you are welcome to stop in to the Learning Commons and access Power School through our internet.

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)

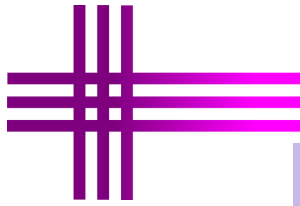
2 hours for English and Social, each /wk (spread out).

Is a part-time job a good idea?

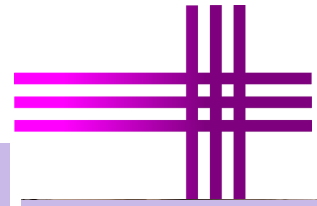


Healthy fun will help you maintain balance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2018						
Students should start studying for final exams.						
		1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5
6	7 Day 1 Last Day Gr. 9 Options 5/6	8 Day 2 Grade 9 PAT Exams- Language Arts Part A First Day Gr. 9 Options 6/6	9 FLEX Day 2 English/Science/Other Tutorial	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12
13 Mother's Day	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3 Orange Shirt Day	17 Professional Development Day	18 Day in Lieu of PTI	19
20	21 Victoria Day	22 Day 4	23 FLEX Day 1 Math/Social/Other Tutorial	No Classes	No School	26
27	28 Day 3 No School	29 Day 4	30 Day 1	31 Day 2		



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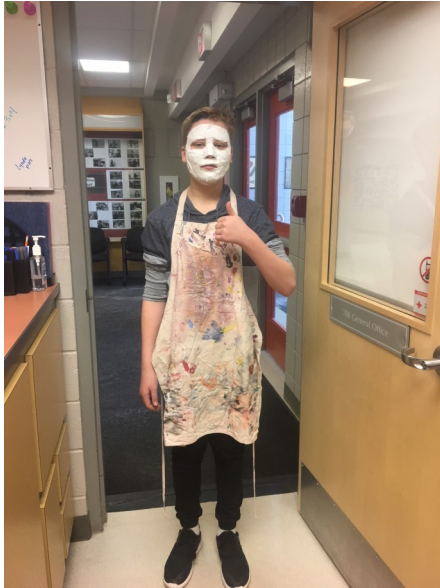
Ashlee Underwood 's gold medal hairstyle



Jayden Fincaryk help Mrs. Bell in the Bistro



Reed LaValley shows off his plaster mask



Grads celebrate Spring Prom



Students celebrate Spring Break with a dance



Students head to Skills Canada



Trystan Gunsch shows off tomatoe plants.



Erian Brick and Emma Estabrook



Cosmetology students learn the basics of hair cutting



Mr. Schlosser shows students how to paint with light

