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June 2018 Newsletter

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Student Art



It is hard to believe that this is our final newsletter of the 2017-2018 school year. As the year comes to a close we would like to congratulate all of our students on a successful year and wish you a restful / fun-filled summer vacation!

As the 2017-2018 year winds down the preparations for the 2018-2019 year are in full swing. To all of our families who are leaving Hilltop, I would encourage you to notify us, if you have not already done so, as this assists with our planning for next year.

We have a busy June in our school with final exams and the usual year-end celebrations and performances. Please look over the enclosed June calendar carefully and post it in a prominent place in your home. With regards to planning for next year, 2018-2019 calendars are posted on our web site at www.hilltophigh.ca.

June always brings us farewells and new “welcomes”. Hilltop High School would like to say a very well-deserved thank-you and best wishes to Mr. Thomas who will be retiring at the end of June. Best wishes to Mr. Mireau and Mrs. Walsh, as they move on to new chapters in their lives. Hilltop staff and students would also like to thank Mr. Brown, Ms. Bezushko and Ms. Campbell for their work this year. We wish them the best in their future endeavours! We are excited to be welcoming Ms. Laramie Hlus and Ms. Hayley Thomas to the Hilltop community. Ms. Hlus will be teaching computers while Ms. Thomas will be following in her dad’s footsteps to teach science.

There are a number of other changes to be aware of for the 2018-2019 school year. We will be moving to 82 minute blocks for students. With this shift, classes will begin at 9 am and students will be dismissed at 3:15 pm. We have also tweaked the attendance policy. Beginning in September, students will be admitted to class without a phone call but will receive a detention that day if a phone call is not received by lunchtime.

Please check the calendar included in this newsletter to make note of important dates and times including exams and our graduation ceremony.

On behalf of all of our staff, it has been a pleasure to work with all of you this school year and we look forward to seeing you at Hilltop High School next year. Best of luck to our graduating students. We wish you a restful summer vacation and, on a final note, Happy Father’s Day to all our fathers!





Your partner in education,
Brent Northcott
Principal

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

June Important Dates

- 6: Gr. 8 Parent Meeting 7pm
- 7 & 8: Drama Production 7pm
- 17: Father’s Day
- 21: Aboriginal Day
- 22: Last Day of Classes
- 29: PD Day– No School
- 29: Grad Ceremony 4pm



<p>June 6 FLEX DAY 1 English/Social/ Other</p>	<p>June 7 & 8 Hilltop Drama Production 7:00 pm Dessert included.</p>	<p>June 17 Father's Day I ♥ Dad</p>	<p>June 22 Last day of classes for all grades</p>	<p>June 29 PD Day</p>	<p>June 29 Class of 2018 Graduation 4:00 pm Scott Safety Centre</p>
<p>June 13 FLEX Day 2 Math/Science/Other</p>	 More details below.	<p>June 21 National Aboriginal Day</p>			

JUNE 6 at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium
Grade 8 Orientation



See Page 21 for the June Exam Schedule

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

Gateway Academy
Career Exposure
 Summer Boot Camps
July 3 - 13, 2018
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Explore your options in technology, trades, business, science and the arts.

Register online at ngps.ca


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.

Merit Marvelous Makeover

Phase two of the Merit Marvelous Makeover is now complete. Thanks to a generous grant from Merit Contractors, students have spent countless hours over the past two years working with Mr. Jack Reid to construct various items of need for the Repeat Boutique’s renovation. Students built apparel racks, storage bins, bike racks, bookcases and signage to name a few. Repeat Boutique sells previously loved merchandise donated by the community and is volunteer run by the Friends of Whitecourt Society. Over their 50 years in operation they have donated over 3 million dollars to the local hospital and other health and wellness initiatives within Whitecourt. Be sure to stop by Repeat Boutique to see all the enhancements of Merit Marvelous Makeover, say hello to the volunteers and support your community.



Students constructed various types of storage bins and department signs, as well as fabricating clothing and bike racks to name a few of their projects during Merit’s Makeover phase 2.



Thank you Merit Contractors for supporting our students and community. Thank you Repeat Boutique for your support, patience and for welcoming us in so graciously. Thank you Mr. Jack Reid for sharing your expertise and skills. Thank you to the following students; 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 for your dedication and hard work in this important community project.

#250Project

A few months back Mrs. Kendall's students were inspired by guest speaker, Ian Hill and were challenged to be leaders, finding ways they could make a difference in the world. With this, the #250project was born and a Charity Luncheon was organized. Tickets were only \$20.00 and included a three-course Italian lunch, live entertainment and a silent auction.



Students chose three worthy organizations to split the raised funds between, the Hilltop Humanitarian Society, Lornes Blanket and the Canadian Nurses for Africa. Thank you to everyone who supported this meaningful community project.

Health Care Aid Graduates

Congratulations to the 2018 Norquest College Health Care Aide graduates, **Emily Pilgram, Briana Kingdon and Darby Wells!** We are incredibly proud of your remarkable achievements!



Congratulations to Hilltop's own Chef Kendall Mercer on your induction into the Alberta Teachers Association!



Congratulations to **Ethan Schar** and **Sadie Bounds** who won summer passes for the AJMC and Transit Bus from the Town of Whitecourt's Transit Bus App contest!



Art students have been busy this semester! Here they are making amazing piñatas and exploring Henna with special guest Justine from Evermore!



Urban Gardening students had a successful growing season, producing over 300 tomato plants along with peppers and geraniums. Students then held a sale for the public and sold nearly all of the plants, the rest were donated to the Well-spring's Garden. Thank you to everyone who came to the sale to purchase plants and support the Urban Gardening students who have worked so hard!



Medieval Club

Hilltop's Medieval Club spent an evening training for battle.



Literacy for all Ages

Hilltop and Gateway Academy students spent an afternoon reading to Pat Hardy students!



Student Voices

Each year students have the opportunity to sign up for Student Voices. This gives students the chance to advocate for their school, sharing ideas and exploring options within their school's programming. Thank you to the students who signed up this year, your feedback is appreciated.

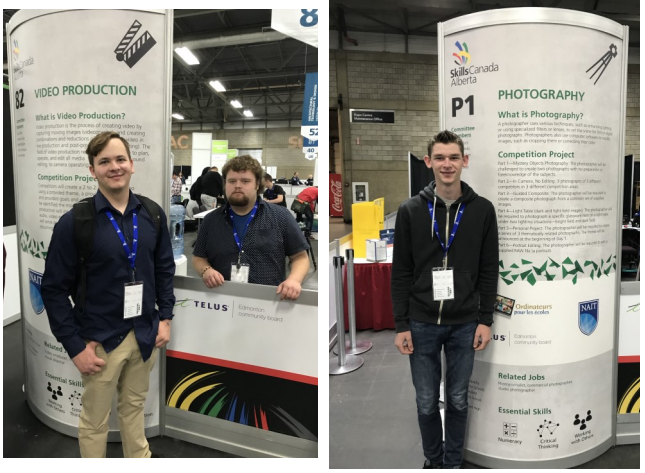
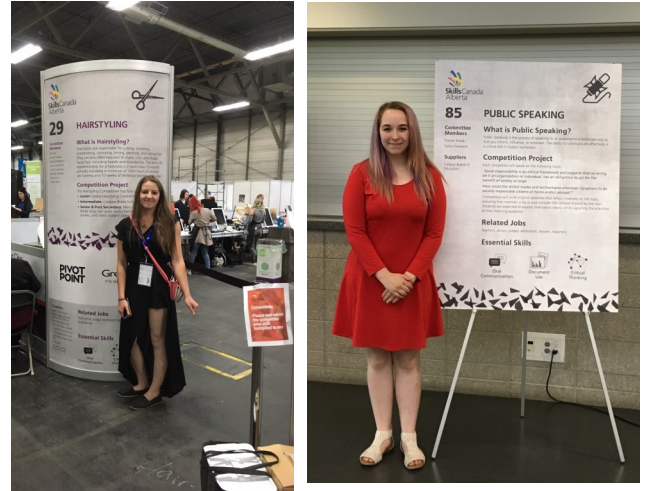


Hilltop was proud to host this months Business Support Network Meeting with a special Indigenous performance. Thank you to our Whitecourt dignitaries, community businesses and Registered Apprenticeship Program partners for attending and supporting Hilltop and the Business Support Network.



Skills Canada Provincials

Students went to Skills Canada to compete in Provincials. Congratulations to the following students on your outstanding achievements in photo, video, hairstyling and public speaking; **Daniel Hutyra, Hunter Cartwright, Kyle Molnar, Ashlee Underwood and Sadie Bounds.**



Weston Hellekson continues his Harley Davidson training in Fairview.



Thank you Lorraine Jackson with Careers: the Next Generation for your presentation on upcoming summer boot camps and the career opportunities available in power engineering and water and waste management.



Students in Military Studies class are making dioramas depicting some events of the Miracle of Dunkirk (evacuation of allied troops in WWII). Students were asked to pick a perspective from the air, land or water.



Hilltop's Oil and Gas Production program sent students headed to Peace River to gain on site experience with Shell.

Alberta Hiring Summary

The attached document is a labour market summary based on the current hiring demands in Alberta.

April 2018 Hiring Demand Bulletin for Alberta

5/8/2018

About **16,600** new job openings

were advertised directly* by employers in Alberta's on-line media. This is down by over 5,300 postings compared to the previous month.

Job types

84% full-time** positions; 16% part-time positions.

Top 5 Locations

Location	Ads
Calgary	5,612
Edmonton	5,351
Grande Prairie	593
Red Deer	559
Lethbridge	550

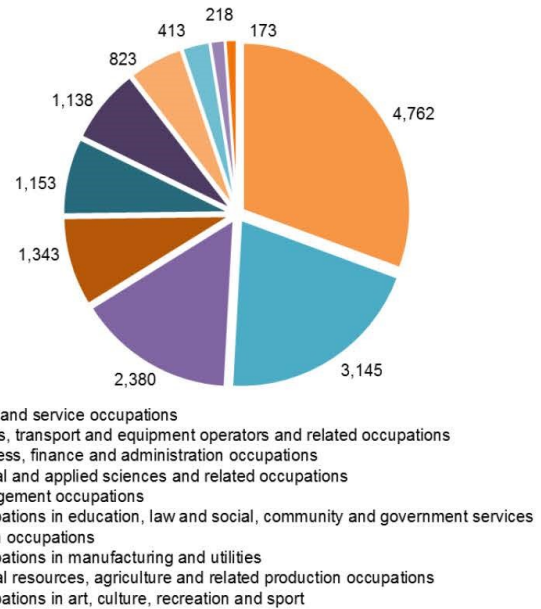
Top 3 Employers

Alberta Health Services	776
Scotiabank	187
Loblaw Companies Ltd	183

Top 5 Occupations

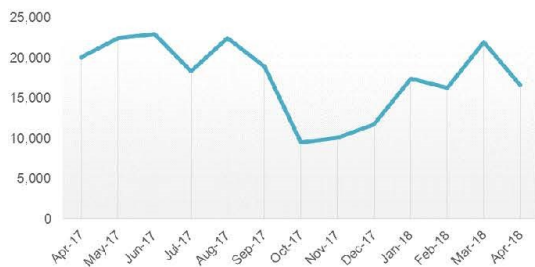
Transport truck drivers	712
Retail salespersons	603
Retail sales supervisors	553
Food service supervisors	464
Cooks	409

Chart 1: New job ads by occupation group



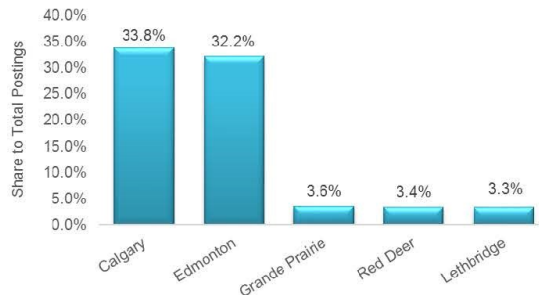
New Job Ads

Chart 2: Number of online job ads



Data Source: CEB TalentNeuron; data retrieved on May 8, 2018.
* Excludes Ads that are only advertised through Staffing firms
** Ads are assumed to be full-time if job status is not disclosed.

Chart 3: Top 5 hiring locations





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: Orren Baxter
Grade: 10
Employer: Trican
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: Ashlee Underwood
Grade: 12
Employer: Terry's Hairstyling
RAP Position: Hairstylist



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

Recognizing Community Partnerships

Thank you to the following businesses for your continued support with our Off - Campus Education Program and Work Experience Program.

Registered Apprenticeship Program Partners

- Alberta Newsprint Company
- Brendale Contracting
- Canada's Certified RV and Trailer
- FLEX Tank and Vac Trucks Ltd.
- FLINT
- Hilltop High School
- KW Mechanical
- LB Energy
- Millar Western
- Strike Energy
- Tarpon
- Terry's Hairstyling
- Total Oilfield Services
- Town of Whitecourt
- Tri Hi Pressure
- Trican
- Verteran Oilfield Services
- Whitecourt Machine and Welding
- Whitecourt Transport
- Woodlands County

Work Experience Partners

- Allan and Jean Millar Centre
- Booster Juice
- Boys and Girls Club
- Carlan Services Ltd.
- Cheap Smokes & Cigars
- Curl Up and Dye Hair Salon
- Danali's
- Eastlink Park
- Evermore
- Freddy's 2 for 1 Pizza
- Glen Hollow Shorthorns
- Hilltop High School
- Home Hardware
- Husky
- IGA/Sobey's
- JR Pressure Services
- Kana Oilfield Services Ltd.
- LB Energy Services Ltd.
- Magic Lantern Theatres
- Marks
- McDonalds
- Northwest Helicopter Services Inc.
- Pharmasave
- Smitty's
- Sobeys
- Subway
- Tangle Creek
- The Brick
- Tim Horton's
- Vav's Detailing
- Walmart
- Wendy's

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 the 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.

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.

Special Performance

It was a privilege for us at Hilltop to honour Orange Shirt Day with a special Indigenous performance. Thank you to our special guests, the Honourable O'neil Carlier, Elder Annabelle Kootenay, Fancy Dancers Dustin Stamp & Jayson Callihoo and the Sacred Drumming group from Saddle Lake for sharing your culture with us in a beautiful performance.



First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI)

Mrs. Smith-Tomke, FNMI Liaison Worker

Tansi, Abawashded

Our Orange Shirt Campaign celebration was amazing! Thank you to Dustin Stamp, and Jayson Callihoo for dancing, and the Sacred Drum singers and drummers for the wonderful performance. These cultural events are always a very special time at Hilltop High School, and everyone appreciates the efforts we all put in. A special thank you to Elita Whitehorse for presenting protocol, and thank you students for the respect you show to our Indigenous culture.

Graduation is coming soon, and I am very proud to present our First Nation Graduates with the Eagle feather, and our Metis students with The Order of the Sash. Both presentations truly honor our Indigenous culture, and the pride we all feel for being part of the history of Canada.

Any questions or inquiries about scholarships, awards and bursaries, please come to see me in Student Services

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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.



JUNE already! Where did the school year go? Here is to the last month for this school year so let us make it a productive one and get all those unfinished courses, successfully completed.

Gateway Academy will host its Annual Awards Celebration on Tuesday, **June 12, 2018** at 11 a.m., to recognize the students’ hard work and accomplishments for the year.

On June 14, Gateway will host its year-end party with pizza and soccer at Rotary Park (weather permitting) at 11 am. All students are encouraged to attend.

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.

We would like to thank our community support network for all you do for Gateway Academy students throughout the school year. The Community Lunch Box for allowing the students the opportunity to prepare hot meals as well as providing other healthy alternatives for snacks and lunches. Pam from Community Lunch Box for bringing snacks to the school on a weekly basis. Freddy’s 2 for 1 Pizza for supplying lasagna for the students. Rebekah from Wellsprings for coming and talking with the students and providing after school support groups. Mandy from FCLP for coming to the school and providing support for students and their families and Gerrit from Caniff for providing supports for the students. The help of the community within the school is greatly appreciated.

Reminder to all students who have outstanding resources to please return all course resources back to Hilltop’s front office or to Gateway Academy. Also students who are currently enrolled are reminded that all their course resources will need to be handed in at the end of the school year, even if the course isn’t complete.

Students who wish to register for summer school can do so by contacting Hilltop High School at (780) 778 2446.

Finally, we would like to wish our students and staff a safe and fun summer, and we hope to see you in the fall.



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 is open after school from 3:30-8: 00 pm every day.

Come hang out, play pool, video games or grab a snack.

Summer Hours will be 12:00-8: 00 pm Monday-Friday

Teen Centre is hosting a Teen Dance June 22, 2018, Volunteers are needed!

If staff or parents are interested in volunteering to chaperone please call Alicia Smallwood at 780-778-6696

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



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.

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




BREAKFAST

Thank you Alberta Newsprint Company for your generous donation to our 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!!

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.

Have a Fantastic Summer!!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

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

THANK YOU to ANC for your donation 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 Bottle Depot all summer long—please mention Hilltop High School.

Thank you for helping our students!!

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.



Now is the best time for grade 12 students to apply for scholarships, we are in the heart of peak scholarship season.

**JONATHAN WHITE MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) (Music)**

**WENDY CALLIOU "Heart of Gold"
AWARD (\$750) (Humanitarian)**

**ASSOCIATE MEDICAL CLINIC GARY
NELSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
(\$1000) (Must be going into Sciences
or program within the Medical field.)**

Visit hilltophigh.ca for scholarship application forms or see Mrs. Kendall.
Deadline to apply is June 7.

Also, check out ScholarTree.ca, **100% free to students!** At scholartree.ca we are continuing to improve on what is already the best site for Canadian students to find and apply for scholarships.



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.



Athletics

Be a Charger...Take Charge!



Hilltop Annual Athletic Awards

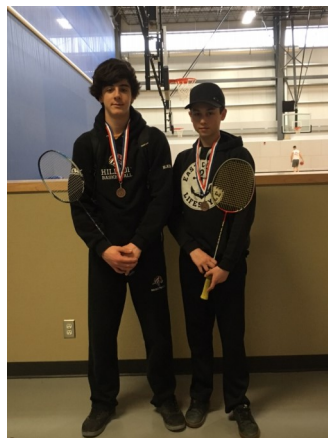
June 13, 2018

1:15 pm

Hilltop Gymnasium

Athletic Awards

A LOOK BACK AT ATHLETICS THROUGH THE YEAR



Go Chargers!



Be Advised Venue/Time Change



Saturday, July 7, 2018

Hilltop Chargers "Family Reunion"

A Reunion for all Hilltop Staff and Volunteers over the years!

@ Hleck/Cote Acreage

(follow the signs/balloons past the Forest Interpretive Centre and Lions Campground)

Hilltop Tours
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Socializing
3:00 pm

Potluck Supper
6:00 pm

*(Bring your own meat/potluck dish and lawn chairs)
(BYOB, non-alcoholic beverages provided)*

Group Picture

7:00 pm
(bring your charger wear and/or memorabilia)



For more information:
Email: onceacharger@gmail.com
Facebook: Hilltop Chargers "Family Reunion"

"Once a Charger...Always a Charger!"

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



Join Hilltop Remind



PowerSchool for Student Grades and Attendance



Follow us on Twitter



Like us on Facebook

Travel Club

Students interested in travelling in 2020 or 2021 should visit EFTOURS.CA and browse potential tours and let Miss. Mehl know what tour you are interested in. Due to a lack of interest the travel club will not be travelling in 2019.

For more information contact Miss. Mehl.

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.



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 make a great gift idea.

Thank you to our Hilltop Bistro Cafeteria Cook Ms. Darlene Bell for cooking healthy and affordable options for our students every day. Special thanks to Bob Bell, Mark Bell, Destiny Noskye, Catelynn Lewis, Dakota Millard, Gabe Lewis, Jayden Fincaryk and Ms. Dewitz for your daily assistance in the Hilltop Bistro.



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.

Student Council News



Welcome to the last month of school! Student council had a great year with many activities this year such as:

- The welcome back BBQ in the fall
- Several candy guess contests
- Candy handouts at the winter break and at Valentine's Day
- Helping with the dances
- Christmas Hamper collection
- Pizza sales in the canteen
- Freezie sales in the canteen
- Christmas treats for the staff

A HUGE thank you goes out to the members of this year's student council group who were an integral part of making these activities happen. They are:

Rianna Hodgson
Ashley Cairns
Caelyn Basaraba
Pharron McKinnon
Miriam Ochsner
Rhyleigh Henault

As well, a HUGE thank you to grads Ashley, Caelyn, Rhyleigh, Miriam and Pharron who have been part of the Hilltop Student Council group for four years! We will miss you in Student Council and we hope your future endeavours are as successful as your time here at Hilltop!

SUMMER SURVIVAL GUIDE

If you are like me, you may be viewing the approaching summer with a mixture of excitement and dread. Depending on parents' work schedule it could be a mad scramble trying to find childcare and summer camps or you may be dreading the long days of keeping your child entertained, stimulated and out of trouble for eight weeks!

Many parents think that keeping their child occupied 24-7 will be beneficial for them. Have you heard of the term **"White Space?"** In the visual arts world, it is a term often referred to as a negative space; a portion in art or designs that is left unmarked, empty, and blank. Just like white space is important in the art world by giving balance and defining boundaries, white space in a child's life is important because it gives them a chance to stop, pause and breathe.

This summer, I am giving parents of Northern Gateway Public School students a terrifying suggestion (or a double dog dare, if you will): Give your child a full 24 hours with no internet, no video games, no phone, and yes, no chores. After an initial mental break down from you and your child, surprising things will happen...they (and you) will discover imagination, innovation, adventure and natural curiosity.

Why do we fear "unplanned time" or "white space"?

In today's generation it's almost the norm to keep our children occupied at all times. Whether it's scheduled play dates, school, sports, video games or electronics. Some of us see unplanned time as a waste or fear that it could lead to our child getting into trouble. Or the darlings drive us a little crazy with their constant complaints on "being bored" or fighting among themselves. At the risk of aging myself, I challenge parents this summer to go back to a few of parenting styles of the **1970's and '80's**. Okay, I am not saying to ditch the bicycle helmets and car seats and have your precious angels roll around the back of a station wagon, but I think we can all lighten up on the expectations to provide constant entertainment for our children over the summer months. Crack open a Tab, spray some "Sun-in" on your hair and relax.

For those of you younger than me and may not know what a **'70's and '80's** summer looks like, here a few ideas:

1. **They can play outside. All Day.** *If they're thirsty, drink from the hose *Run through the sprinklers *Swim in a kiddie pool *Spray each other with water guns *Search for ladybugs *Play hide and seek between houses *Run down the street gutters after a rain storm *Read under a tree *Catch butterflies *Put a spider in a jar *Camp in the back yard or on the trampoline. *Build a fort out of whatever they can find. Their creativity will be in full swing by this time, and they will readily seek out unique materials. * "Home Free", "Kick the Can" or "Man Tracker" with neighborhood kids, siblings, cousins, or even mom and dad! It is even more exciting in the dark!
2. **They can make stuff from whatever they can find.** No trips to Michaels or Dollarama for pre-cut, pre-stuck, pre-fabricated crafts. Find stuff in the garage or shed or under the deck and assemble it into something they can play with. No, they can't Google how to do it, there's no internet, remember?
3. **They can put on a talent show.** A real, genuine, sing and dance and entertaining talent show. No theme, no requirements, no directions, no anything. There is no right way to do it, and no you can't go on Pinterest for ideas. Children have an imagination will learn how to use it.
4. **They can set up a stand;** sell lemonade, freezies, popsicles, juice, Kool-Aid (yup, the kind with red food dye), Tang (is this even a thing anymore?), whatever you have on hand. The bonus is they will have extra cash for when the ice cream truck drives by! My dad always told me, never drive past a lemonade stand, even if you're not thirsty. Leave a generous tip, and tell the kids it is the best lemonade you have ever tasted.
5. **Send them on a scavenger hunt** that takes them (safely through the neighborhood) for an extended period of time. Think four leaf clover, a dead beetle, bottle cap, magpie feather or other weird, hard to find objects.
6. **They can play on a rainy day.** *Pull out the good old board games. Don't have any? Your local second hand store will have plenty. Leave a game on the table for a couple days, guaranteed your children will start playing them. *Have a picnic on the kitchen floor *Build a puzzle.

Great memories happen when we lower our expectations, turn off the screens, and harness the freedom of no school schedules. In our part of the country, the sunny, hot days of summer do not last long, so let's enjoy them while we can!

"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat." ~ Laura Ingalls Wilder

This article was submitted by Tammy Charko BA, BSW, RSW. Tammy is Northern Gateway Public School's Division Social Worker. She is a support for schools, students, parents and caregivers to encourage success in school. Tammy advocates for students and provides a link between the student and other supports within the community. Tammy has been a social worker for nearly 20 years and is a mother to 4 children, 3 of which are teenagers.



Summer School 2018

Location: Hilltop High School

Dates: July 3rd - July 26th

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays ONLY*

Hours of Operation: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Registration: \$100.00 payable Monday, July 2nd

Payment also accepted during exam week June 25-28

**Payment by cash or cheque only.*

**\$100 is the total fee; it is NOT \$100 per course.*

Please note: All courses, with the exception of DIPLOMA courses, are available for students to take.

Teachers:

Mrs. Kristine Woodford

Mrs. Jennifer Keay

Contact: kristine.woodford@ngps.ca

Contact: jennifer.keay@ngps.ca

Hilltop Summer School Application Form

Student Name: _____
 Grade: _____ Birthday: _____
 Address: _____
 Parent/Guardian: _____
 Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____

Student's Home School (Please check one.)

- Hilltop High School
- Gateway Academy Whitecourt Campus
- St. Joseph School
- Mayerthorpe High School
- Other (Please specify.) _____

Course(s) Registering for: _____

I, _____, will be taking _____ throughout Hilltop Summer School. I will complete and drop off the modules that are assigned to me by Mrs. Keay or Mrs. Woodford. I promise to complete the course, including any/all exams, prior to July 26th. My parents/guardians are aware that I am taking this course through Hilltop's Summer School.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Office Use Only

\$100 Registration Fee Paid: Yes _____ No _____
 Payment Made By _____ Cash
 _____ Cheque

Receipt Number _____



Learning for life. Together.

May 2, 2018

Dear Parents,

RE: IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

The Government of Alberta is currently reviewing the transportation support and funding it provides to school boards to ensure we have the necessary resources to provide busing services to our students.

As part of the review, the government is asking families to participate in an online survey.

Transportation is a significant issue for Northern Gateway Public Schools and the NGPS Board has been advocating for change for a number of years. As your Board Chair, I encourage you to participate in this survey online at <http://bit.ly/2vJ4HHN>.

NGPS Transportation Facts:

- Northern Gateway Public Schools manages 83 school bus routes.
- We own and operate our own fleet of 13 school buses and work with 7 private contractors to provide busing service on 70 additional routes.
- We ensure 3,555 students receive daily transportation to 16 public schools and 3 Catholic schools in our region.
- Each day, 83 school bus drivers travel more than 10,607 kilometres.
- NGPS operates a Transportation garage which is located in Valleyview.
- The cost of buses has increased. In 2013, a bus cost \$85,000 CDN. In 2016, the cost was \$113,000 CDN.

On behalf of Northern Gateway Public Schools and the Board of Trustees, I thank you in advance for participating in this important survey. Your voice matters and our collective voice has the potential to positively impact transportation funding for rural students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Muir".

Judy Muir
Board Chair



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2018</h1>						
3	4 Day 4	5 Day 1	6 FLEX Day 1 English/Social/Other Tutorial	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9
10	11 Day 4	12 Day 1	13 FLEX Day 2 Math/Science/Other Tutorial Diploma Exams English 30-1 Part A English 30-2 Part A 8:50am start	14 Day 2 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part A Social 30-2 Part A 8:50am start	15 Day 3	16
17 Father's Day	18 Day 4	19 Day 1	20 Day 2 Diploma Exams English 30-1 Part B English 30-2 Part B 8:50am start	21 Day 3 National Aboriginal Day	22 Day 4 Last Day of classes Gr. 9-12 Last Day Gr. 9 Options 6/6 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part B Social 30-2 Part B 8:50am start	23
24	25 Day 1 Grade 9 PAT Exams- Math Diploma Exams Math 30-1 Math 30-2 8:50am start	26 Day 2 Grade 9 PAT Exams- Language Arts Part B Diploma Exams Chemistry 30 8:50am start	27 Day 3 Grade 9 PAT Exams- Science Diploma Exams Biology 30 8:50am start	28 Day 4 Grade 9 PAT Exams- Social Diploma Exams Physics 30 8:50am start Science 30 1:00 pm start Last day for students	29 Professional Development Day No Classes	30
Best of luck to all students as you write your Diploma and Final Exams. Have a safe and happy Summer.						

GALLERY



These thoughtful students found a lost budgie bird and returned it to its very grateful owners.
Great job guys!



Military Studies Battle



Ms. Hleck volunteers for Mchappy Day!



Staff News

We would like to say goodbye and thank you to the following teachers for their dedication to Hilltop. Mr. C. Thomas, Mr. V. Mireau, Mrs. M. Walsh, Mr. L. Brown, Ms. J. Bezushko and Miss. B. Campbell. You will be dearly missed, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.
Once a Charger, Always a Charger.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. H. Thomas and Ms. L. Hlus to the Hilltop Family.



Noah Guthrie practices his welds

School's Out For Summer!!!



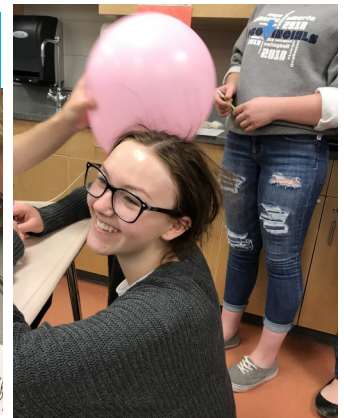
Henna designs in Art



Beautiful Besties



Lainey Granelly performs for the #250Project Luncheon



Electrifying fun in Science 30

Easton Long and Tyson Nakucyj hard at work on the Merit project.



Gateway Academy supports Hats On for Mental Health Day!



Tomatoes, tomatoes, tomatoes!

