

“A great place to LEARN...and more!”

Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School



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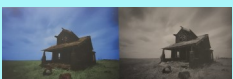
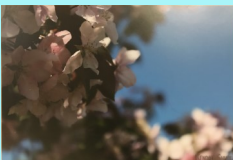
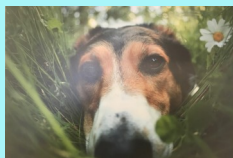
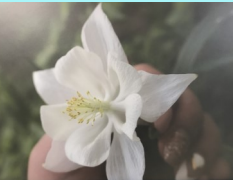
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Student Photography



Welcome to April. It is hard to believe April is here already. The last three months of school are traditionally the busiest months as planning for next year is in full swing. If you know your family will be moving away please let the office staff know as soon as possible. We are currently accepting applications for new students for the fall.

I would like to invite parents to our Parent Teacher Interviews and Fine Arts Night on Thursday, April 11 from 4-8:30 pm. Please come visit your child's teachers to get a face to face update on your child's learning as we move into the final thirty percent of the school year.

I would like to congratulate our students and staff on the great results from January's Diploma Exams. Our students performed at or above the provincial average in all of their courses. This is due to the dedication of our students and our staff in preparing the students for the exams. Detailed results were shared at the March Friends of Hilltop School Council meeting. A summary of results can be viewed on page 3.

Our Grade 9 students will once again be participating in the PARTY Program on April 18. The Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth Program is a one-day hard-hitting injury awareness program for grade 9 students. This program is very important since three out of every four teen deaths in Alberta are from risk-related injury. The program presents the reality of risk-taking behavior from people who know: RCMP, paramedics and survivors of risk-related trauma. The program is presented at the Whitecourt Town Shop. Field trip permission forms will be sent home early in the month.

Easter Break takes place from April 19-26. Enjoy the break with your families. I look forward to the students returning from the Easter Break with renewed energy to make the push to the end of the year.

Your partner in education,

Brent Northcott

Bell Schedule

Warning Bell	8:55 AM
Block 1	9:00 AM - 10:22 AM
Break	10:22 AM - 10:26 AM
Block 2	10:26 AM - 11:48 AM
Lunch Break	11:48 AM - 12:22 PM
Warning Bell	12:22 PM
Block 3	12:27 PM - 1:49 PM
Break	1:49 - 1:53 PM
Block 4	1:53 PM - 3:15 PM

Important Dates

April 7 - 13
Volunteer Week

April 11
Parent Teacher Interviews
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

April 11
Fine Arts Night
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

April 18
Grade 9 Party Program

April 19 - 28
Easter Vacation

April 7 - 13
National Volunteer Week
 Thank you Hilltop Volunteers!



April 11
Parent/Teacher Interviews
 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm



April 11
Fine Arts Night
 Students showcase their work in their CTS courses.
 Art, Photo, Hair and More!



April 19 - 28
Easter Vacation



FLEX Days
 April 10
 FLEX Day 2
 English/Science/Other

April 12
 Mayor Chichak and the Town of Whitecourt volunteer recruitment day.



April 18
 Grade 9's attend
 PARTY Program



April 24
 Administrative Professionals Day



April 26
 Skills Canada




Hilltop High School



We are now open for registration for the 2019-2020 school year!

We have so much to offer at Hilltop High School! From core academics, Computer Sciences and a red seal chef instructed Foods program, to Media Arts, Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Work Experience. We offer students a multitude of opportunities to direct their own learning!

Options like Photography, Mechanics, Art, Drama, Cosmetology and Welding, to name a few!
 A rich range of extracurricular programming including competitive sports, numerous clubs and humanitarian pursuits.
 Gateway Academy—Whitecourt Campus is our Outreach school offering flexible and alternative learning options to meet students' individual needs.

Registration Package forms must be fully complete, signed & include the full fee payment along with a copy of your child's birth certificate before students can choose their lockers. Payment is accepted via school cash online or with Mrs. Runge in Rm 503. If you have paid with school cash online please include a copy of your receipt with registration forms. Any questions please contact us at 780-778-2446.

- School Fees for 2019/2020 are as follows:
- Technology Access and Maintenance Fee: \$30.00 (mandatory)
 - CTS Fee: \$25.00 (mandatory)
 - Locker Rental Fee: \$2.00 (mandatory)
 - Yearbook: \$25.00 (optional)
 - School Agenda: \$3.00 (optional)



January 2019 Diploma Exam Course Results (in percentages)

Course	Hilltop Standard of Excellence (Reached over 80%)	Hilltop Acceptable Standard	Province Standard of Excellence	Province Acceptable Standard
Biology 30	31.0	96.6	41.3	96.0
Chemistry 30	48.0	96.0	47.4	96.9
English 30-1	10.0	100	22.2	98.4
English 30-2	15.1	100	9.7	96.7
Math 30-1	31.6	100	42.4	94.2
Math 30-2	18.2	100	21.5	94.1
Social 30-1	30.8	100	29.7	99.0
Social 30-2	21.4	100	13.4	95.3

Gateway Academy

Career Exposure

Summer Boot Camps

Summer Boot Camps

We are thrilled to announce that Summer Boot Camps will be returning for the third year! Summer Boot Camps allows students from the community to sign up for one week and two week programs over the summer where they can learn

new skills, explore potential career opportunities and earn high school credits. There is a large variety of courses offered this year with industry professional teaching each course.

July 2 - 12, 2019

- Cooking
- Baking
- RCMP Boot Camp
- Safety Training
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Auto Tech
- Motorcycle Tech
- Art
- Welding
- Construction
- Medical Minds
- Coding, Website and APP Development
- Gaming
- Networking
- Robotics
- Aesthetics, Hair and Nails
- Land Based Learning/Forestry
- Forklift Operator
- Driver License Prep
- Yoga
- Financial Literacy
- Video Production

Registration will be opening soon online at ngps.ca, stay tuned!

Career and Education Expo returns for next year!

October 3, 2019

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Allan and Jean
Millar Centre

CAREER & EDUCATION EXPO

ATTENTION JOB SEEKERS, STUDENTS & PARENTS

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Norquest will once again be offering the Dual Credit Health Care Aide course for the 2019-2020 school year. Students will attend the complete program at partnered high schools with a qualified Health Care Aide Instructor. Upon completion, students will receive a Certificate from Norquest College certifying them as a qualified health Care Aide. If you are interested in the health Care Aide program for the 2019-2020 school year please contact Mrs. Van De Kerckhove at (780) 778-2446 for more information.

Health Care Aide program

Northern Gateway Public Schools

Dual Credit Health Care Aide

ngps.ca

Travel Club

The Hilltop Travel Club will be one the road again in 2020! They will be venturing to Europe's Old World - Germany, Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary. Some of the highlights students will experience on the tour include; visiting Matthias Church while in Budapest, travel through the Tatra Mountains in Slovakia and visit Auschwitz-Berkeineau concentration camp while in Krakow, to name a few.



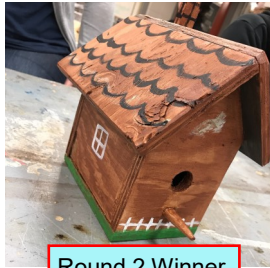
If you would like more information please see Miss. Mehl in Room 304.

Friendly Competition

Miss. Hlus' Construction students held a friendly competition with staff judges. Students were asked to build any project they wanted as long as it followed the following specific criteria; students had 3 classes to make their projects, they to be made completely of scrap wood, they had to be FUNCTIONAL, STURDY, and look NICE. Well done students, amazing work.



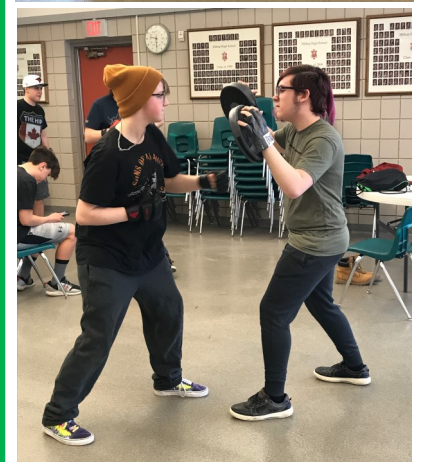
Round 1 Winner



Round 2 Winner



Students roll with the punches in Mr. St. Louis' boxing class.



Urban Gardening class is beginning to bloom!



Mr. Schlosser's Outdoor Education class continues their learning of the great outdoors by cooking on handmade individual cook stoves.





Grad News



Grad 2019 Remind

Parents/Students please sign up to receive important reminders via text message regarding Grad 2019

Text the message @hthgrad19 to the number (587) 316-7407

Grad 2019 Parent Volunteer Opportunities:

- Winter/Spring Formal Dance
- Grad Ceremony Decorations
- Cake Auction

Grad 2019

Grad Song:

"Don't you (forget about me)
by Simple Minds.

Grad Quote: "No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world."
- Robin Williams.

Grad Logo: Pictured



Important Days to Remember

Grad Application/Biography Forms
NOW OVERDUE

* Forms can be found on our website at hilltophigh.ca
*** Please include one baby photo and one childhood photo in digital format emailed to jessica.bezushko@ngps.ca**

April 11

Grad Cake Auction
Grads fundraise by auctioning off handmade cakes and baked goods. Parents can drop off donations the day of. Thank you in advance to everyone who donates.

May 3, 2019

Grad Spring Formal
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
(tickets will go on sale early April)

June 26

Grad Dress Rehearsal
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
(Grads, please plan to book this time off work well in advance)

June 28, 2019

Hilltop's 52nd Graduation Ceremony
Time: 1:00 pm
(Grand March to Follow)
Scott Safety Centre
(Grads must be at the gym by 11:00 am)

Your 2019 Grad Council

(Left-Right)
Mikayla Tipler, Briana Kingdon,
Jacob Davidson, Sadie Bounds,
Jorden Albaya and
Tanisha Gano - Murray



Senior Supper Highlights

Every year the grads host an appreciation dinner for the local seniors to thank them for their continued support of Hilltop's graduating classes. This meaningful tradition has carried on for nearly 40 years. We were thrilled to have over 120 local seniors in attendance and many of our grads. Thank you to our event organizer Tamara Blackstock, Grad Council, the Class of 2019, all of our amazing volunteers, and of course our fabulous senior community!

The Class of 2019 is very grateful for the generous donation of \$1099.75 from the Whitecourt Senior Centre community. As per tradition, the graduates will be giving back and donating the money to a charity of their choice, on behalf of the Whitecourt Senior Centre and the Class of 2019. This will be determined at the next grad council meeting, stay tuned.

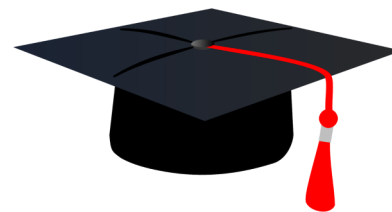


Graduation 2019 is quickly upon us and that means we can start thinking about Graduation 2020! Honestly, it is never too early to start thinking about High School Graduation and your plans after. During the month of April, we will be meeting with all current grade 10 and 11 students to hand out a *Student Graduation Planning Portfolio*, this will be something we hope you will keep with you for the remainder of your high school career. There will be a lot of information in it, to help you plan for graduation and life after high school. If you are currently in grade 10 and 11, you need to start keeping track of your credit count.

The **minimum** requirements for an [Alberta High School Diploma](#) are as follows:

**** 100 credits earned by the end of your grade 12 year.**

- * English 30-1 or English 30-2
- * Social 30-1 or Social 30-2
- * A 20- level Mathematics course
- * A 20- level Science course
- * Physical Education 10
- * Career & Life Management (CALM 20)
- * 10 credits in any combination from:
 - o CTS
 - o Fine Arts (Art, Drama)
 - o Physical Education 20 and/or 30
 - o Second Language Courses
 - o RAP courses
 - o Locally Developed Courses
 - o Learning Strategies
- * 10 credits in any 30- level course (in addition to ELA and Social) These course may include:
 - o 30-2 level CTS
 - o 30 level Work Experience
 - o 30 level RAP course
 - o 30 Green Certificate Specialization Course
 - o Special Projects 30
 - o Science 30
 - o Mathematics 30-1, 30-2, or 31
 - o Art 30
 - o Drama 30



If you are earning a [High School Certificate of Completion](#), a student must earn a minimum of **80 credits** including the following:

English Language Arts 20-2 or 30-4
Mathematics 10-3 or 20-4
Science 14 or 20-4
Social Studies 10-2 or 20-4
Physical Education 10 (3 credits)
Career and Life Management (CALM) 3 credits
HCS3000 must be completed before Work Experience 1 credit

5 credits in one of the following options:

- 30-level Knowledge and Employability occupational course (Horticulture or Child Care Services) **or**
- 30-level Career and Technology Studies (CTS)

AND

5 credits in one of the following options:

- 30-level Knowledge and Employability Workplace Practicum course, **or**
- 30-level Work Experience course, **or**
- 30-level Green Certificate course, **or**
- Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) course

If you are a current grade 12 student, your **Graduation Application Forms** are now **past due**. You must have them completed and handed into Mrs. Keay sooner rather than later! As well, you should have had your second one-on-one meeting with Mrs. Keay already. Your forms will not be complete until this is done. If you have missed your appointment, please contact Mrs. Keay as soon as possible to reschedule. If you have already completed your meetings and paperwork, but just need to chat, you can always pop by Mrs. Keay's classroom (302). Graduation can be a scary and exciting time. You don't have to have all the answers, no one ever does. But there are dozens of people at Hilltop that are here to help and make it a little less scary.

“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson



Hilltop High School Off-Campus Education

Registered Apprenticeship Program, Dual Credit
and Work Experience



Current RAP/Dual Credit Opportunities

If you are interested in the Registered Apprenticeship Program or are a business interested in taking on a RAP student, please contact Mrs. Van De Kerckhove at 780-778-2446

****NEW****

Powerline Technician

Pre Req: Must be 16 years old
Valid Drivers License
HCS 3000

Application plus Resume and Cover Letter due May 3
Starting Wage: \$22.00 - Summer Position

**Harley Davidson Technician
Oilfield Operator (2 year program)
4th Class Power Engineering
Service Rig Floorhand
Health Care Aide (2019-2020)
Educational Assistant
Office Administration**



Introduction and Hands on Training for Equipment

You will experience how to drive and maneuver a small Bobcat skid steer. Learn how to dig and remove dirt works with a mini excavator. Lift and drive a genie to work at heights and learn the proper way to dress in a harness and tie off. Introduction to hooking up trailers, driving and backing into locations. Picker truck set up and guiding to lift loads. Possible introduction to welding. This opportunity is being offered **April 1-5, 2019 from 4-6pm** every day.

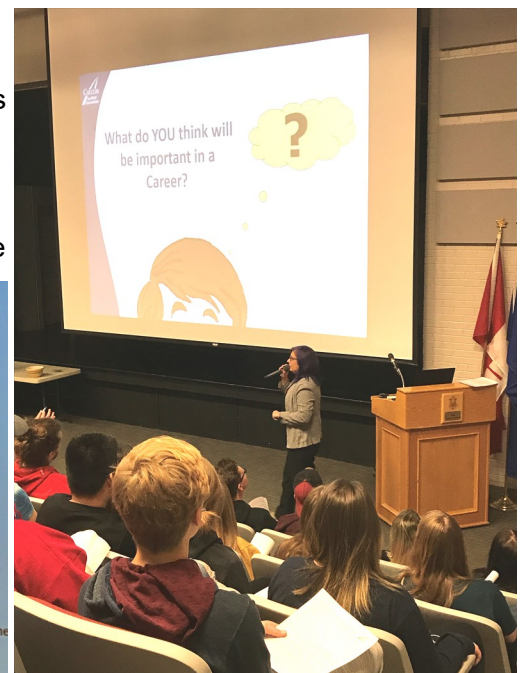
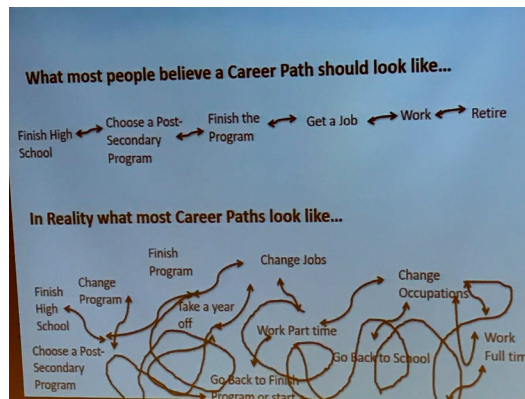
For more information contact Dannie with any questions 780-779-7765. If you are willing to learn, we are willing to teach. It doesn't cost anything but your time.

Off-Campus Education Presentation

It was a pleasure to have Patrysha Korchinski from Careers: The Next Generation join us for a special presentation on the benefits of participating in off-campus education. Students were asked, "What do you want to do with the rest of your life?" It is a fact that the average person will have between 5-15 careers in a lifetime. 30% of Gr. 12 students claim to know exactly what they are going to do with their life after high school, yet only 7% are actually doing it by the age of 24. Discover your skills, employers value your skills. Are you a good communicator? Are you a problem solver? Are you a gamer? Are you hands on? Do you like to be active?

These skills can serve you well in a variety of careers. Careers: The Next Generation works to help connect youth to employment through avenues such as the Registered Apprenticeship Program. Through off-campus education, students have the opportunity to learn vital skills in the work force while earning a paycheck and up to 40 high school credits. There are 127 different trades available in the industry, with most being 1-4 year programs. After a year in training students will qualify for \$1000.00 towards post-secondary. There is currently a large focus on women in trades

with a specific program now designed for females. If you are interested in off-campus education please stop by the front office and speak to Mrs. Van De Kerckhove for current available opportunities.



Student Spotlight

INTRODUCING KATIE DICKSON

Katie Dickson has had a very busy semester!

She has started this semester working with the Dual Credit program to become an Educational Assistant. Katie has started her training at Pat Hardy and is thoroughly enjoying it. After completion of her training Katie will become certified as an Educational Assistant and will be earning college course credits while still in High School.



Katie also participated in the Encounters with Canada program and just recently returned from a week in Ottawa. Katie was part of the Democracy and Youth program and she packed in a lot of sites in her short time there. She had a tour of the Supreme Court, Rideau Hall, the Canadian War Museum, Diefen Bunker and the Canadian History Museum in Quebec. She really enjoyed the trip to the history museum, to get there they had to cross a bridge where the two provinces joined in the middle of the bridge. They also participated in a mock election where parliamentary interns explained how question period works and they got to hear from MP's where they shared their political beliefs.

Katie had the special honour of being chosen to Emcee their awards banquet as well as write and perform a speech, she was chosen from over 180 people for this honour. She also was one of a few chosen to sit in on a real Supreme Court case involving a violent protest. Katie thoroughly enjoyed the experience and all the people she got to meet. Thank you for sharing your adventures with us Katie, keep up the great work!



BIG KIDS MENTORING SMALL KIDS

We are excited to announce the following students who have accepted positions to be Mentors for students at Pat Hardy. We see the importance in older children setting good examples for younger children, and are so very proud of our students and their commendable efforts.

- Kyra Paul
- Tia McNeil
- Luc Aubin
- Shyla Berube
- Randi Lemoal
- Hayley Marcotte
- Kat Taylor
- Taylor Topilka
- Emilie Wolfe



HILLTOP ALUMNI

**Connor Bissett
Hilltop Graduate
Class of 2018**

Congratulations to Connor Bissett who recently represented Team Canada at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi.

More than 7,000 athletes from 190 nations competed in the event.

Connor placed first in the men's 50 metre backstroke and 100 metre freestyle, as well as second in the men's 50 metre relay.

Congratulations Connor!



Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus

News

(formerly called Storefront)



Hours of Operation Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Phone: 780 - 778 - 5865 Fax: 780-778-5683

Important April Dates

Parent Teacher Interviews on April 11th from 4-8pm or by appointment.

Easter Dinner @ Noon on April 16th

Tutorials

English 30-2 **April 11th & 18th** from 1-3pm

Social 30-2 **April 10th & 17th** from 1-3pm

Yoga **April 3rd & 17th** 9:30-10:30

Walk to Rotary **April 10th @ 9:30**

Spring Break Starts **April 18th**, Back to School **April 29th**





Athletics

Be a Charger...Take Charge!



Badminton

April 8th: Sr. GCAA in Mayerthorpe

April 10th: Pembina Badminton Conferences in Barrhead

April 17th: North Central Badminton Zones in Edmonton

April 30th: Jr. (Grade 7,8,9) GCAA @ Hilltop

Hilltop Chargers 2018-2019

Jr Boys Volleyball – Coach: Wade Aspirot

Brody Keyes, Ngan Pham, Cody Rutherford, Tyler Evasiuk, Brody Primeau, Kaden Nicholls, Ernesto Olivia, Tristen Mindus, Connor Packham, Arik Aspirot, Bryden Saddoway, Gage Steiger-Haggart, Dryden Millard, Logan Estabrook

Jr Girls Volleyball - Coach: Debbie Elchyson

Kyleigh Baxter, Kaycie Turcotte, Rebecca Birtles, Ashley Brown, Dineka Elchyson, Ella MacRitchie, Tatum Gower, Kate Mullin, Abigail Bryant, Rain Gibbs, Claudia Hadley, Taylor Leidl, Annabel Taylor

Sr Boys Volleyball – Coaches: Brandon Haugen & Dexter Robinson

Ethan Woodman, Cruz Wheeler, Dillan Stewart, Aydan Waters, Logan Tschigerl, Mason Wilson, Jared Fry, Jacob Olford, Jonah Nicholls, Declan Finan, Jordan Dixon

Sr Girls Volleyball – Coach: Chris Keay

Jenna Mohler, Bayley Fast, Alyssa Borg, Areanna Fast, Maren Hadley, Sasha Corriveau, Enila Lavallee, Dakota Bryant, Lainey Granley, Tanisha Gano-Murray, Kelsey Juengling

Sr Boys Golf - Coach: Michel St. Louis

Taylor Topilka, Owen Chamberland, Lane Johnston, Carter Wilde, Zach Augot (alternate)

Sr Girls Golf - Coach: Michel St. Louis

Mckenzie Whatmore, Hannah Clarke, Colleen Harder, Tanisha Gano-Murray

CATS Football - Coaches: Kevin Babiuk, Vincent Mireau, Derek Schlosser (Team Manager: Stephanie Wynn)

Pearson Amiot, Kevin Blain, David Csuka, Nevin Deane, Jaden Dibben, Noah Guthrie, Keegan Johns, Reed LaValley, Jared Mott, Ayden Mytrunec, Caleb Ochner, Chase Pastoor, Gabriel Phaneuf, Elijah Rivard, Joshua Robinson, Ethan Schar, Zachary Stoyles, Noel Tapp, Aaron Theede, Ethan Willberg, Jacob Wilson, Kenneth Zaddery

Sr Boys Basketball – Coaches: Dwayne Dibben & Damon Deacon Manager: Charlotte Blain

Cody Newman, Mason Wilson, Cruz Wheeler, Jared Mott, Ethan Schar, Jacob Oldford-Roszko, Dillan Stewart, Kevin Blain, Samuel Ottley, Corbyn Beck, Jaden Dibben

Sr Girls Basketball – Coaches: Michel St. Louis & Derek Schlosser Manager: Katrina Zack

Tanisha Gano-Murray, Ashley LaValley, Brekkan Bowes, Alyssa Borg, Emma Schlosser, Areanna Fast, Bayley Fast, Kristen Cook, Charmayne Gervais, Hailey Weesemat, Jenna Merrifield, Madison Molho, Maren Hadley, Meagan Locke, Falyn Iggulden

Jr Boys Basketball – Coach: Anshil Shah

Pearson Amiot, John Pilgrim, Kodan Whitehorse, Bryden Sadoway, Ethan McIrrick, Thomas Pottinger, Arik Aspirot, Tristan Mindus, Ayan Hudda, Connor Packham, Brandon Shields, Zack Merrifield

Jr Girls Basketball - Coach: Karla Sanderson & Eveylyn Cartwright

Kyleigh Baxter, Alicia Betteridge, Rebecca Birtles, Abby Bryant, Dineka Elchyson, Rain Gibbs, Claudia Hadley, Myah Heisler, Ireland Hockett, Jorie Johnson, Alyssa Niziol, Chelsea Rhynold, Amanda Wilson, Peyj Woykin, Madeline Blain, Taylor Cartwright

Curling - Coach: Laramie Hlus

Kendall Shuck, Maddy Martel, Ashley Anderson, Jacob Wilson, Caleb Tobin

COACHES NEEDED



TRACK & FIELD

*Do you enjoy working with young athletes?
Do you have a passion for Track and Field?
Would you like to coach the Hilltop Chargers
in their upcoming Track and Field season?
We want to hear from you!*

We are seeking coaches for both the Jr. High(Gr. 9) and Sr. High Track and Field teams. If you are interested in coaching or would like more information please contact Mrs. Van De Kerckhove at (780) 778-2446.



CATS FOOTBALL

Spring Camp begins in May!
Equipment Draw May 1 at 3:30 pm

For more information about CATS Football please see Mr. Babiuk or Mr. Schlosser.



SKI TRIP

In March numerous students went to Marmot for our annual ski trip. Thank you to Ms.Hlus, Mrs. Van De Kerckhove and Mrs. Brandt for supervising.



Support your school with SPIRITWEAR!

NEW! 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**

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

PRICE REDUCED! Reduced Spirit Wear
 Short Sleeve & Long Sleeve T-Shirts **\$3.00 each**
 Shorts **\$3.00 each**




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.



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.






Hilltop Bistro



Open Daily

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.


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




Friends of Hilltop Parent Council
 2018-2019 Friends of Hilltop Council Members

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!!



NEXT MEETING: April 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm

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 Breakfast Program. Stop by or call the office for more details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The Breakfast Program is looking for helpers before the start of the school day to help with prep and serving of breakfast. Hilltop High School is not part of Breakfast Clubs of Canada and is run by 100% Parent Council Volunteers. Mrs. Bell has been graciously helping us while she is trying to run the Bistro, but definitely needs extra hands. If you can help at all – even one morning a week, please see her at the Bistro. **Any students looking to fulfill needed volunteer hours this is a fantastic way to get them! Thank you in advance!!**

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 Ms. Trebilcock or Mrs. Smith - Tomke for an appointment.



NEW Scholarship Opportunity

Please view hilltophigh.ca for more information and application forms.

APEGA Foundation Student Award
(Applications due June 28)

ANC Scholarship
(applications due May 3)



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

If you are interested in a RAP position and would like to find out more information, please see Mrs. Van De Kerckhove in the front office.

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.**

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.



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](http://hilltophigh.ca/parents-and-students-tab).

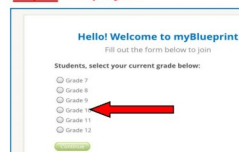


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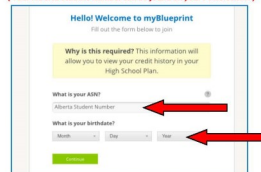
Step 1: Type in our school password "hilltop" and click on create account.



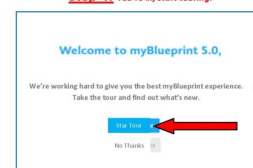
Step 2: Choose your grade.



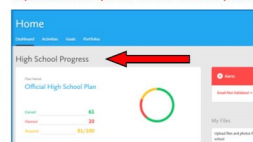
Step 3: Enter your Alberta Student Number and birthdate. (Your Alberta Student Number can be found on your PowerSchool)



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.



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.



Passport Photos

Available in the Media Lab

\$20.00 each

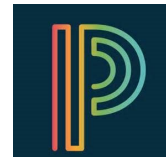
Appointments are available Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and noon. Call Hilltop and ask for Derek Schlosser at 780-778-2446 to book an appointment.



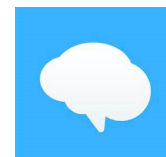
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PowerSchool for Student Grades and Attendance



Join Hilltop Remind

School Fees

CTS Fees, school fees, and grad fees are available to pay on schoolcashonline.ca. Please check your account regularly to make sure you don't have any outstanding fees on your account.



What is Kidsport?

KidSport Whitecourt is a charity in our community that believes that no kid should be left on the sidelines and that all kids should

have the opportunity to experience the positive benefits of organized sport. We are one of 40 locally organized chapters in Alberta that provide grants to families who are facing financial obstacles and require assistance in paying their children's sport registration fees. To apply see the office for an application. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Smith-Tomke, or The Town Of Whitecourt's, FCSS Program Coordinator at 780-778-3637 ext.417

KidSport Whitecourt is also looking for donations to help us help community youth. To donate contact Mrs. Tomke or The Town Of Whitecourt's, FCSS Program Coordinator at



Hilltop High School would like to request that all students leave any valuables at home.

We encourage all students to keep their combinations for their hall & gym lockers confidential.



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

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.

Attention Parents/Guardians

- * All students courses, assignments, grades and attendance are available live on Power School and can be viewed 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 at 780-778-2446. If you have no access to internet you are welcome to stop in to the Learning Commons and access Power School through our internet. Power School is also available as an app for smart phones.
- * If a student is going to be late or absent for any reason, a parent or guardian must notify the school at 780.778.2446. Please use our answering machine if you need to call before or after school hours
- * 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.
- * If there is no call or notification of a students absence from a parent or guardian then it will be considered **unexcused** and an automated call will go home that night. 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)

*** Please contact the school to verify your contact information or if you need to make any changes.**

We appreciate your cooperation

I SMELL SPRING

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” ~ Audrey Hepburn

Who is loving the warm sunshine and watching the snow melt? I sure am! A person does not realize how heavy the long, dark, cold days of winter are until we take a walk outside in the spring sunshine. Ok, Ok, maybe the mud, manure, garbage, and dog poo under all that snow is not very pleasant, but when we relish in the warm sun beams, the song of birds, it feels as though a weight has been lifted from our weary shoulders.

In particular, for those who suffer with depression and/or Seasonal Affective Disorder, spring can be a natural anti-depressant. The sound of kids playing outside, families walking down the street, bicycles out, seeing the spring colors and dog walkers emerging from their homes can bring such joy.

With winter activities coming to an end, a new semester in school has begun, now is a great time to connect with your kids to enjoy the season. Here are a few natural, affordable, winter busting, spring loving ideas for families:

1. *Start some vegetable seeds at home: in egg shells, plastic flats, yogurt containers, egg cartons, milk containers, etc. If you do not have garden space to transplant them, plant in large planters, or give away as a gift.*
2. *Fly a kite: find a dry field or parking lot (watch for power lines!)*
3. *Go for a hike: listen for different birds, notice the tender plants sprouting from the earth.*
4. *Earthworm hunting!*
5. *Play in an April rain shower. Breathe in the fresh smell!*
6. *Decorate Easter eggs.*
7. *Join a community clean-up day. It gives a sense of pride in the community you live in.*
8. *Paint flower pots.*
9. *Wash and pack away winter wear (put a couple dollars in the pockets to be a pleasant surprise next winter!).*
I love doing this: Adios, Cold Weather!
10. *De-Clutter a room, or closet, or even just a drawer. Enlist help from your kids. It feels good to simplify.*
11. *Go playground hopping. Visit ones that you may not have been to before.*
12. *Snap some pictures of newly budding flowers or trees. Use it as a wallpaper on your phone.*
13. *Plant sunflower seeds.*
14. *Go on a spring scavenger hunt.*

Spring is like a second opportunity at new resolutions. So gather your kids and maybe the neighbor's kids too, and truly enjoy the season!

This article was submitted by Tammy Charko BA, BSW, RSW. Tammy is Northern Gateway Public School's Student Support Facilitator. Tammy advocates for students and parents, providing a link between to other supports within the community. Tammy has been a social worker for over 20 years and is a mother to 4 children, 3 of which are teenagers.

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training

TRADE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Successful completion of the following courses:

RECOMMENDED PATH
Alberta High School Diploma that includes the following courses:

CATEGORY A	English 10-2 Math 10-3 OR A pass mark in all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) tests OR Entrance Exam	English 30-2 Math 30-3 Physics 20 OR Chemistry 20 OR Science 20 Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses

CATEGORY B	English 20-2 Math 20-3 Science 10 OR A pass mark in all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) tests OR Entrance Exam	English 30-2 Math 30-3 Physics 30 OR Chemistry 30 OR Science 30 Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses

CATEGORY C	English 10-2 Math 10-3 Science 10 OR A pass mark in all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) tests OR Entrance Exam	English 30-2 Math 30-3 Physics 20 OR Chemistry 20 OR Science 20 Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses

CATEGORY A	Baker	CATEGORY B	Agricultural Equipment Technician	CATEGORY C	Auto Body Technician Landscape Horticulturist Machinist Outdoor Power Equipment Technician Recreation Vehicle Service Technician
	Bricklayer		Appliance Service Technician		Rig Technician
	Cabinetmaker		Automotive Service Technician		Roofer
	Carpenter		Boilermaker		Instrumentation and Control Technician
	Concrete Finisher		Communication Technician		Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
	Cook		Electric Motor Systems Technician		*See the individual trades on tradesecrets.alberta.ca for Category D trade entrance requirements.
	Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator		Electrician		Equivalencies will be considered for entrance requirements.
	Floor Covering Installer		Elevator Constructor		If you have an existing trade certificate, it can serve as your entrance requirement when registering in an additional trade.
	Glazier		Gasfitter		
	Hairstylist		Heavy Equipment Technician		
	Insulator (Heat and Frost)		Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)		
	Ironworker		Motorcycle Mechanic		
Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic)	Natural Gas Compression Technician				
Locksmith	Plumber				
Metal Fabricator (Fitter)	Power System Electrician				
Painter and Decorator	Powerline Technician				
Parts Technician	Sprinkler Systems Installer				
Sheet Metal Worker	Steamfitter-Pipefitter				
Tilesetter	Transport Refrigeration Technician				
Water Well Driller					
Welder					

The importance of regular attendance and punctuality

Attendance

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Lates

He/She is only missing...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hr 40 min per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years



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



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



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



SUMMER SCHOOL

JULY 02ND - 25TH, 2019
AT HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL

All courses available except Diploma courses.

*A great opportunity to complete CALM and HCS 3000/3010
to create possibilities for your remaining high school years.*

**All students interested in enrolling in Summer School should
complete the application found on our website at hilltophigh.ca
and return to the main office with payment.**





Summer School 2019

Location: Hilltop High School

Dates: July 2nd - July 25th

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays ONLY*

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

Registration: \$100.00 payable Wednesday, July 2nd

Payment also accepted during exam week June 24 - 27

**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 25th. 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 _____



Events Calendar for: April, 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>april showers bring may flowers</p>	<p>1 Toddler Time (10:30-11:30 am)</p> <p>Mindful Monday (3:20 - 4:00pm)</p>	<p>2 NO ESL (Today!)</p> <p>Sassy Stitches (6:30—8 pm)</p>	<p>3 Storytime (10:30—11:30 am)</p> <p>Adventure Time with Cat & Ali (3:45-4:30 pm)</p>	<p>4 NO French Homework Help today!</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Storytime (10:30—11:30 am)</p> <p>Family Movie (1—3 pm)</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 Toddler Time (10:30-11:30 am)</p> <p>Mindful Monday (3:20 - 4:00pm)</p>	<p>9 La Leche League (My Baby and Me) (9:30-10:30 am)</p> <p>ESL (6:30-8 pm)</p> <p>Sassy Stitches (6:30—8 pm)</p>	<p>10 NO Storytime (10:30—11:30 am) [Today!]</p> <p>Adventure Time with Cat & Ali (3:45-4:30 pm)</p>	<p>11 Mind-Up Homeschool Group (1-2 pm)</p> <p>French After-school Homework Help (4-5 pm)</p> <p>Soapstone Carving Club (5:30 - 7:30 pm)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Storytime (10:30-11:30 am)</p> <p>Family Movie (1 pm)</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Adult Book Club (2 pm)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Mindful Monday (3:20 - 4:00pm)</p>	<p>16 ESL (6:30-8 pm)</p> <p>Sassy Stitches (6:30—8 pm)</p>	<p>17 Storytime (10:30—11:30 am)</p> <p>Adventure Time with Cat & Ali (3:45-4:30 pm)</p>	<p>18 NO French Homework Help today!</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 LIBRARY CLOSED EASTER SATURDAY</p>
<p>21 LIBRARY CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY</p>	<p>22 NO SCHOOL</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED EASTER MONDAY</p>	<p>23 NO SCHOOL</p> <p>ESL (6:30-8 pm)</p> <p>Sassy Stitches (6:30—8 pm)</p>	<p>24 NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Storytime (10:30—11:30 am)</p> <p>Adventure Time with Cat & Ali (3:45-4:30 pm)</p>	<p>25 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>26 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>27 French Storytime (10:30-11:30 am)</p> <p>Family Movie (1—3 pm)</p> <p>Adult Art Therapy (2-4 pm)</p>
<p>28 Paws to Read (1-3 pm)</p> <p>Pokemon Trading Club (1 - 2:30 pm)</p>	<p>29 Mindful Monday (3:20 - 4:00pm)</p>	<p>30 ESL (6:30-8 pm)</p> <p>Craft Night (6 - 7 pm)</p> <p>Sassy Stitches (6:30—8 pm)</p>	<p>Teen Night - Ages 10 to 16 (6-7:30 pm)</p>			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2019						
April Diploma Exam times are ONLY for students registered to re-write an exam.						
	1 Day 1 Diploma Exams Eng 30-1 Part A 9:00am Eng 30-2 Part A 9:00am	2 Day 2 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part A 9:00am Social 30-2 Part A 9:00am	3 Day 1 Diploma Exams Eng 30-1 Part B 9:00am Eng 30-2 Part B 9:00am	4 Day 2 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part B 9:00am Social 30-2 Part B 9:00am	5 Day 1 Diploma Exams Math 30-1 9:00am Math 30-2 9:00am Chemistry 1:00pm	6
7 National Volunteer Week	8 Day 2 Diploma Exams Biology 30 9:00am Physics 30 1:00pm	9 Day 1 Diploma Exams Science 30 9:00am	10 FLEX Day 2 English/Science/Other Tutorial	11 Day 2 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm Fine Arts Night 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm	12 Day 1	13
14	15 Day 2	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 1	19 Good Friday No Classes Easter Vacation Begins	20
21 Easter Sunday	22 Easter Monday Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Day 2 First Day of Classes following Easter Vacation	30 Day 1				



GALLERY



Jencil Diaz and Randelle Bounds help out in the Breakfast Program.



Cosmetology learns the art of foiling.



Games class with Mehl



Check out this amazing tool caddy built by Mackenzie Jendrick.

Jr. Girls earn Bronze at Zones and Gold at GCAA



Ethan Wilberg styles Serenity Wilshers hair.



Kylee Paquette shares delicious bannock with the office staff.



Sr. Boys earn Gold at GCAA



Garret Lubarsky built a ramp in shop class.



Mr. King takes PD seriously!



Sr. Girls earn Silver at GCAA



The wheels on the bus go to Marmot for the ski trip.