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Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School



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December 2019 & January 2020 Newsletter

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Message from the Administration



2019 is quickly coming to a close. Winter has us in its cold grip for the next few months. Before you know it, we will be well into the Christmas season and hearts will be warm with celebration.

Now that volleyball has ended, we have more excitement with basketball season beginning. I would like to congratulate our volleyball teams on a great season. All teams played hard with Charger pride easy to see. Thank you to all of the coaches who gave up your time to enrich the lives of our students. A special congratulations goes out to the Jr. Girls for winning Gold at Zones and the Senior Girls who brought home Silver from Zones. Congratulations to the Cats football team for making it to the Provincial Quarterfinals.

I would like to remind parents and students of our attendance policy. If students are absent or late they require a phone call from a parent. In the absence of a phone call, students are assigned a lunch detention. Failure to show up to a detention will mean the student will be assigned an in-school suspension. Nominated students who miss FLEX are also assigned an in-school suspension.

With the fast approaching Christmas break, students taking Diploma courses need to be preparing for the exams that go along with them. Diploma Exams begin shortly after we return in January. The first exam, English Part A, is on Monday, January 13, 2020.

The staff of Hilltop High School would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
 Brent Northcott
 Principal



Important Dates

December 12 & 13
 Drama Production 7pm
December 20
 Last Day of Classes
January 6
 First Day of Classes
January 22
 FOH Meeting 7pm
January 22
 Last Day of Classes
 Before Exams
January 31
 Professional Development Day

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




December 12 & 13

Hilltop Drama Production

7:00 pm

Tickets \$10.00 each (include show and dessert)



December 20

Last day of classes before Christmas break.

Happy Holidays!

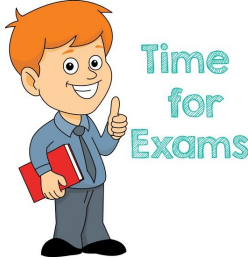
January 6

First day of classes after Christmas break.

2020
HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 22

Last Day of Classes Before Exams




January 31


Professional Development Day

No Classes

PD DAYS ROCK!



January Exam Schedule on Page 18



FLEX Days: December 4 & 18
January 8 & 15

Grade 9 Options: December 2: First Day 3/6

Highlights From Hilltop High School's Annual Academic/Athletic Awards Ceremony

It was a night to remember! A record breaking full house of honoured guests at Hilltop's Annual Academic/Athletic Awards ceremony. **280 awards** were presented for the 2018-2019 school year!



Student of the Year Jr. High: **Kaycie Turcotte**

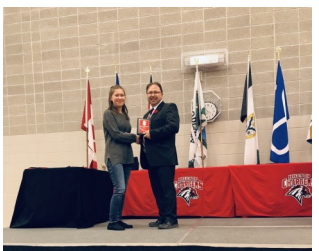


Student of the Year Sr. High: **Madison Martell**

Hilltop is proud to recognize and congratulate all award recipients on their outstanding achievements. We commend you on your hard work and determination to succeed. Thank you friends, families, dignitaries, staff and students who joined us on this special day.



NGPS Scholarship Jr. High: **Ashley Brown**



Highest Overall Grade 9: **Miriam Epp**



Highest Overall Grade 10: **Summer Doerksen**



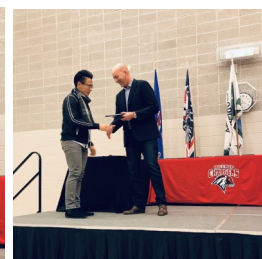
Highest Overall Grade 11: **Emma Schlosser**



NGPS Scholarship Sr. High: **Madison Martell**



Athlete of the Year Jr. Girls: **Dineka Elchyson, Kyleigh Baxter & Abigail Bryant**



Athlete of the Year Jr. Boys: **Ngan Pham**



Athlete of the Year Sr. Boys: **Kevin Blain**

Hilltop High School's Annual Academic/Athletic Awards

Individual Awards

Art Awards

Randelle Spence ~ Art 9
Abbygail Trigg & Summer Doerksen ~ Introductory
Kayla Dickson ~ Advanced

Automotives Awards

Declan Finan
Kenneth Zadderey

Computing Awards

Kallie Soch ~ Computers 9 3D Design
Rebecca Birtles ~ Computers 9 Graphic Design
Zachary Spivak ~ Computers 9 Robotics
Jaxon Perrin ~ Sr. High Graphic Design
Mackenzie Whatmore ~ Sr. High Graphic Design

Construction Award

Ally-Ann Romanchuk & Kaycie Turcotte ~ Construction 9
Kaleeah Gunderson ~ Sr. High

Cosmetology Award

Kaylee Veroba ~ Introductory
Brianne Kerr ~ Advanced

Drama Awards

Hannah Clarke ~ Sr. High Drama
Montana Blackstock ~ Sr. High Drama

Fabrication Award

Jaron Osborne

Foods Awards

Randelle Spence ~ Jr. High
Lina El Sayed & Irene Myung ~ Sr. High

French Award

Irene Myung ~ French 10
Sarah Mohler ~ French 30

Knowledge and Employability Award

Kyilee Paquette

Photo/Video Awards

Miriam Epp ~ Photo 9
Jayden Greenwood ~ Sr. High Photo
Madison Martell ~ Sr. High Video

Physical Education Awards

Kaden Goudreau & Kaycie Turcotte ~ Jr. High
Katie Dickson ~ Sr. High

RAP Award

Sebastian Gallant

Urban Gardening Award

Reed LaValley

Work Experience Award

Jayden Greenwood

Athletic Awards

Athlete of the Year

Abigail Bryant & Kyleigh Baxter & Dineka Elchyson ~ Jr. Girls
Ngan Pham ~ Jr. Boys
Tanisha Gano-Murray ~ Sr. Girls
Kevin Blain ~ Sr. Boys

Gold Charger Award

Kevin Blain
Tanisha Gano-Murray

Silver Charger Award

Cruz Wheeler
Dillan Stewart
Mason Wilson
Alyssa Borg

Bronze Charger Award

Jayden Dibben
Ethan Woodman
Lainey Granley
Noal Adams
Jared Mott
Areanna Fast
Cody Newman

Highest Achievement Awards

Highest Achievement in Language Arts/English

Grade 9:	Randelle Spence
Grade 10/10-1:	Meagan Locke
Grade 11/20-1:	Emma Schlosser
Grade 12/30-1:	Adam Cunningham
Grade 10/10-2:	Brady Augot
Grade 11/20-2:	Ian Butler
Grade 12/30-2:	Rebecca Benko

Highest Achievement in Social Studies

Grade 9:	Miriam Epp
Grade 10/10-1:	Madison Martell & Jenna Merrifield & Jaron Osborne
Grade 11/20-1:	Emma Schlosser
Grade 12/30-1:	Hannah Rennie
Grade 10/10-2:	Kristen Cook & Charmayne Gervais
Grade 11/20-2:	Brody Bizeau
Grade 12/30-2:	Seth Doerksen & Bradley Jarvis

Highest Achievement in Math

Grade 9:	Miriam Epp & Randelle Spence
Grade 10/10C:	Irene Myung
Grade 10/10-3:	Michael Hanton
Grade 11/20-1:	Emma Schlosser
Grade 12/30-1:	Adam Cunningham
Grade 12/31:	Adam Cunningham
Grade 11/20-2:	Tristin Blize
Grade 11/20-3:	Kadence Kostyk
Grade 12/30-2:	Colby Day
Grade 12/30-3:	Brody Wells

Highest Achievement in Science

Grade 9:	Kyleigh Baxter & Miriam Epp
Grade 10/10:	Irene Myung
Grade 10/14:	Samantha Heer
Grade 11/20:	Hannah Lyver
Grade 11/24:	Thomas McLean
Grade 12/30:	Tyler Braun

Highest Achievement in Biology

Grade 11/20:	Emma Schlosser
Grade 12/30:	Emma Schlosser

Highest Achievement in Chemistry

Grade 11/20:	Alexa Fowler & Kyra Paul
Grade 12/30:	Adam Cunningham

Highest Achievement in Physics

Grade 11/20:	Emma Schlosser
Grade 12/30:	Adam Cunningham

Highest Overall

Grade 9:	Miriam Epp
Grade 10:	Summer Doerksen
Grade 11:	Emma Schlosser
Grade 12:	Adam Cunningham

Student of the Year

Junior High:	Kaycie Turcotte
Senior High:	Madison Martell

Northern Gateway Public School's Scholarship

Ashley Brown - Jr. High (\$100.00)
Madison Martell - Sr. High (\$500.00)

FUN IN FASHION



Students become designers in Mrs. Cartwright's Fashion class! Check out the fabulous outfits these wonderful young ladies are sporting, created entirely out of reusable materials!

Hilltop Alumni and Cosmetology Skills Canada winner Ashlee Underwood returns to the Cos room with her mom, this time for some pampering of their own.

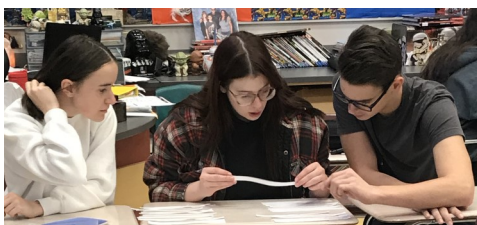


The Van de Graaf generator made an appearance in Mr. Schlosser's grade nine science class

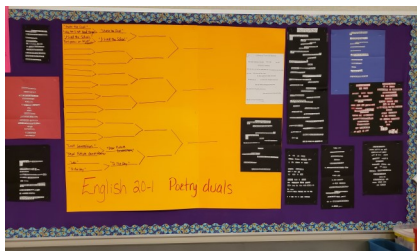


Poetry Fun

Mrs. Gartner's English 30 class was challenged to take a scrambled poem and put it back together.



Mrs. Koudelka's English 20 class is working on a poetry dual, where each student chooses a poem and then the class votes on which poem moves on to the next level.



Special Guest Presentation

Thank you to our special guest Mr. Grant Aune for your impactful and informative "It's Your Life To Live" presentation. Mr. Aune was an RCMP officer for over 25 years, specializing in the investigations of motor vehicle collisions.

Today's message promoted the importance of driving safely and how our behaviors while driving can lessen our risk of an accident. The art of driving vs the act of driving. He encouraged us to stay focused, remove distractions, understand the road, the conditions and our vehicles, and to always wear our seatbelts.

Motor vehicle accidents are the number one cause of fatality in people ages 4-34, the number one cause of brain injury and the greatest risk in your life. 90% of automobile accidents result from driver errors. It is your responsibility to drive safely.

Thank you Mr. Aune, CEO of Advantage Fleet Services. Thank you Alberta Newsprint Company and Millar Western for not only sponsoring this important message to youth but for also providing doughnuts for over 500 grateful students!

Thank you



A big thank you to Wellsprings for speaking to our grade 9 & 10 students about the responsibilities we have with our cell phones and the digital footprint we are leaving behind.



Hilltop Travel Club Fundraiser

The Travel Club students are once again fundraising for their annual trip. Mom's Pantry sells a variety of items, from cookie dough to spices. Please consider ordering online and supporting the Travel Club.

Order #: 301218 Group Passcode: 36190



Mom's Pantry
CANADA'S FUNDRAISING SPECIALISTS

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HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL TRAVEL CLUB

WEBSITE UPDATE!
For a complete list of ingredients, nutritional information, and high quality product photos, please visit our website at moms pantry.ca

EASY ONLINE ORDERING!
Simply add items to your cart, and check out using the numbers below!

ORDER NUMBER: 301218 GROUP PASSCODE: 36190



Work Experience is a great opportunity to earn high school credits while you work! If you need forms or time sheets, please see Mrs. Trebilcock in Student Services. Or, if you have already picked up forms, please return them as soon as possible so Mrs. Trebilcock can start the process of job site visits.

WE REMEMBER

Staff, students and honoured guests respectfully participated in our Remembrance Day service on November 7. At Hilltop we are proud to take the time to honour and remember those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and we thank those who continue to serve and protect our country.



Hilltop Drama Production

Tickets Now Available

B&G Productions Presents

Watch Your Back

By Ty Pabink & Sandy Gartner

December 12th & 13th
@ 7:00 pm
Hilltop High School
Dessert Theatre \$10.00




Quality Learning Environment
QLE
Environment

THE FOCUS OF THE QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (QLE) IS LEARNER CENTERED



The focus of the Quality Learning Environment (QLE) is student or learner centered. Everything we do as Educators, from how we teach and what resources we use, to how we assess learning and plan for instruction, revolves around our students - their needs, their abilities, their aspirations.



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.

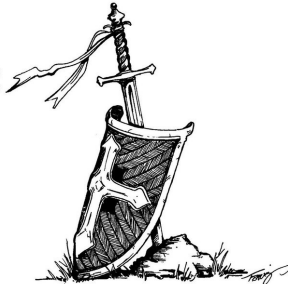
Medieval Club

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!




Grade 10-12 students! Are you interested in a trip to Ottawa to learn about medicine? Technology? Canada's Parliamentary Democracy? Law? Business? Then Encounters With Canada is the program for you! For under \$800 you can travel to our nation's capital, spend a week with students from across Canada and discover careers in 15 different theme weeks!

Spots are limited! See Mrs. Keay if you are interested!



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.

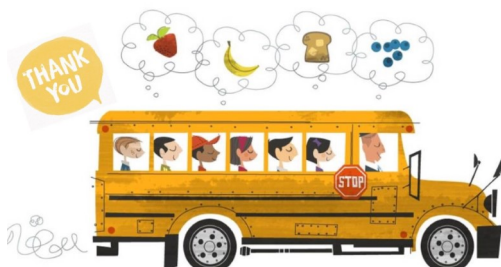


THANK YOU

A special thank you to **G. MacRitchie Forestry Services Ltd.** for their generous donation to our Breakfast Program. We are so grateful for your support!



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



Friends of Hilltop Parent Council
 2019-2020 Friends of Hilltop Council Members
Chairpersons: Tammy Dickson and Avy Fast
Secretary: Joanne Merrifield
Treasurer: Roxanne Amiot



NEXT MEETING: January 22 at 7:00 pm

We are now offering PIZZA LUNCH approximately every 2 weeks to support our free Breakfast Program. **Next pizza lunch is DEC 13.**

Hilltop High School is not part of Breakfast Clubs of Canada and is run by 100% Parent, community, and student volunteers. Mrs. Bell has been graciously helping us while she is trying to run the Bistro, but definitely needs extra hands.

Whitecourt Bottle Depot will accept any recycling you have and wish to donate – just say they are for Hilltop High School.

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



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.

December Bistro Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Loaded Tater Tots	3 Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread	4 Classic Tuna Casserole w/ Side Salad	5 Perogies & Garlic Sausage	6 Beef Stroganoff w/ Side Salad
9 Tater Tot Chicken Casserole	10 Bacon Cheeseburger with Potato Chips	11 Chicken Caesar Wrap w/ Beef Barley Soup	12 Mrs. Bell Away	13 Pizza Day
16 Macaroni & Cheese	17 Smokies and Coleslaw	18 Aloha Chicken & Rice	19 Taco In A Bag	20 Meatball Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread
23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 Merry Christmas NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL
30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL			



Daily Lunch Special
Full Order \$5.00
Half order \$3.00

- Small Chocolate Milk \$1.00
- Milk 2 Go (Chocolate, Banana, Strawberry) \$2.50
- Keurig Cup \$1.00
- Cookie \$0.50
- Loaf \$1.50
- Muffin \$1.00
- Square or Pastry \$2.00
- Veggie Cup \$1.00
- Sandwiches \$3.50
- Yogurt Parfait \$1.50
- Cheese, Meat & Crackers \$3.50



Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News

(formerly called Storefront)

Phone: 780 - 778 - 5865 Fax: 780-778-5683

SCHOOL HOURS

- Monday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
- Tuesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
- Wednesday: 12:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- Thursday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
- Friday: No School



December Events:

Upcoming Options at Gateway:
 First Aid Course **December 16th & 17th**
 Food Safe Course **December 18th**
 Please contact Maureen or Tammy to register (780)7785865.
 Gateway Academy Christmas Lunch **December 10th @ Noon**
 Secret Santa Gift Exchange **Thursday, Dec 19th @ Noon**
 Join us for an afternoon of Star Making with Selene on **Thursday Dec 19th** . Craft starts at **1pm**.
 Last day before our Holiday Season is **Thursday, December 19th**.

January Events:

School resumes **Monday, January 6th**.
 Welcome back Taco in a Bag lunch **Tuesday, January 7th**.
Grade 12s-- Please look at the Exam Schedule for your diploma exam dates.
 Mr. Thomas, Maureen, Tammy & Selene wish all of our students and their loved ones a restful and joyful holiday season.



Grad News



Grad 2020 Remind

Parents and students please sign up to receive important reminders regarding Grad 2019 via text message.

Text the message @hthgrad20 to the number (587) 316-7407

Important Days to Remember

Hilltop High School's 53rd Graduation Ceremony

Grad 2020
Friday, June 26 at 2:00 pm
All Grads must arrive at gym by 12:00

Grad Photo Re-takes
February 5

Grad Application Forms
Part A Due **March 31, 2020**
Part B Due **June 17, 2020**

Forms can be found on our website hilltophigh.ca/graduation information



Grad Council 2020

- Emma Schlosser - President
- Kyra Paul - Vice President
- Kenzie Beck - Secretary
- Randi Lemoal - Treasurer
- Kat Taylor - Public Relations
- Hannah Lyver
- Luc Aubin
- Shanitha Murry
- Rianna Hodgson

Grad Advisers: Mrs. Christianson, Mrs. Blain and Mrs. Van De Kerckhove



GRAD SURVEY

Grad Council wants to hear from you! Please take a few moments and go to our website or Facebook or Twitter and complete the short survey regarding graduation day before December 10. We appreciate your feedback.

GRAD WEAR

Thank you grads for ordering grad wear! We are hoping for all orders will arrive before Christmas. Thank you Stitch n Time for helping Grad Council bring their grad wear vision to life.

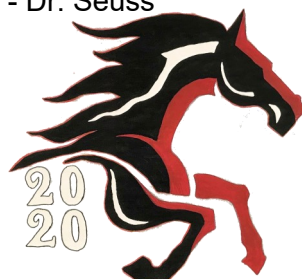


Your winning grad logo, quote and song!

Logo Artist: Falyn Iggulden.

Quote: "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory." - Dr. Seuss

Song: "I Lived" by One Republic



RETAKES



Grad Photo Retakes February 5

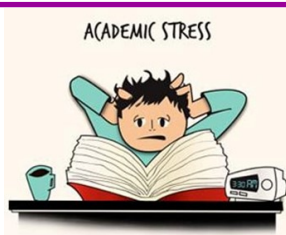


Class of 2020!! At this point, you should have all met with me at least once. We will begin our second one on one meetings in February after Diploma Exam marks have been released. Grad Lists are now being posted monthly. **How do you make the list?** Right now, it is simple: earn 50%+ in all your registered classes. The idea is that if Graduation was next week, and every class you are registered in is required, would you be able to participate? *If you have any questions, please stop by room 302 and see me.*

Speaking of Diploma Exams, I strongly recommend that you begin preparing **now!** Cramming for exams is a bad strategy and almost always backfires. You should be spending 30 minutes a day *per course* reviewing and preparing. This includes practice questions, vocabulary, reviewing major concepts, memorization of basic facts and writing outlines or attending FLEX Block for tutorial session with your teacher. Further to this, there is an excellent program in Edmonton and Spruce Grove called **Rock the Diploma** (www.rocktheploma.com). At Rock the Diploma, you will spend 2-3 days in an intensive study session reviewing the major concepts of your course with instructors that have significant teaching backgrounds in their subject areas and have been involved in diploma exam item writing and marking. Please email info@rtdlearning.com if you'd like more information or to contact an instructor. I can help you register or choose the right session. That doesn't mean your Hilltop teachers won't be offering study sessions and 'boot camps', dates will be announced in January.

Finally, if you have been accepted to a post secondary institution, I want to know and celebrate this milestone! Pop by room 302 so we can chat about it.

"Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead."—Nora Ephron



Exams Causing You Stress??

Do You Feel Like You Have No Idea How to Study??

Help is available!

Join Mrs. Keay in Room 302 during FLEX Block December 4 to learn Study Skills and Test Taking Skills.



Athletics

Be a Charger...Take Charge!

Basketball Tournaments



December 6 & 7
JV Girls Tournament Morinville

December 6 & 7
Sr. Girls Tournament Evansburg

December 13 & 14
Gr. 9 Basketball Tournament Morinville

December 13 & 14
Sr. Boys Tournament Barrhead

December 13 & 14
Sr. Girls Tournament Fort Saskatchewan

January 10 & 11
Gr. 9 Home Tournament Boys and Girls

January 10 & 11
Sr. Boys and Girls Tournament Parkland

January 24 & 25
Gr. 9 Basketball Tournament Holy Redeemer

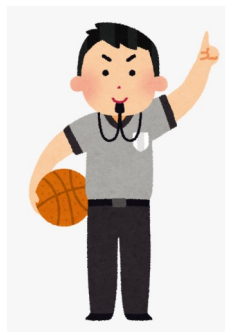
January 31 & February 1
JV Girls Hinton

January 31 & February 1
Sr Girls and Boys Richard Danks Memorial Home Tournament

Basketball Referee Clinic

Sun, December 1

Cost \$45 per person



You will be certified to referee Jr. Basketball games. If you are interested in refereeing Sr. Basketball games you must pay an additional \$110 and write an exam.

For more info, contact karla.sanderson@ngps.ca

Curling



Curling practices will be every Thursday starting December 5. Practices will run from 3:30 - 5:00

Curling season will run from December to beginning of March.

New players and old players are welcome!

Basketball Rosters

Senior Girls: Charmayne Gervais, Alyssa Borg, Falynggulden, Emma Schlosser, Areanna Fast, Hailey Weesemat, Maren Hadley, Lobi Efughi, Dakota Bryant, Kyleigh Baxter, Maddy Molho, Claudia Hadley, Rain Gibbs

Senior Boys: Ben Rhodes, Corbyn Beck, Cruz Wheeler, Dillan Stewart, Jan Kenji Mangusin, Jaden Dibben, Kevin Blain, Mason Wilson, Patrick Blize, Reed LaValley, Ryan Borg, Sam Ottley, Tristen Mindus

Junior Varsity Girls: Abigail Bryant, Jenna Merrifield, Brooke Naslund, Rebecca Birtles, Peyj Woykin, Kaycie Turcotte, Ella MacRitchie, Ashley Brown, Shainna Burrows, Dineka Elchyson, Myah Heisler, Meagan Locke, Rhylee Sound, Kelsey Juengling, Micah Ottley, Shaikha Aranas

Junior Girls: Tayler Cartwright, Baylee Duchesne, Mikaila Ridland, Gracie Newton-Robichaud, Emily Hay, Jessica Sherburne, Tochi Efughi, Renee Gray, Cassidy Gervais, Megan Davio, Madeline Blain, Brittany Kluge, Amelia Clair, Rylee McKennitt

Junior Boys: Sidney Bird, Logan Carlson, Dryden Czenczek, Noah Fry, Kevin Lai, Zac Merrifield, Cohen Paul, Kohin Prystupa-Switzer, Carter Schar, Maddox Seguin, Braiden Stone, Sean Tapp, Carson Wittmann



Volleyball

Congratulations to all our volleyball teams on another great season. A big congrats to our Jr. Girls Volleyball team for their hard earned GOLD at Zones. Congrats to our Sr. Girls on their SILVER medal at Zones! Well done Chargers!



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.



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.

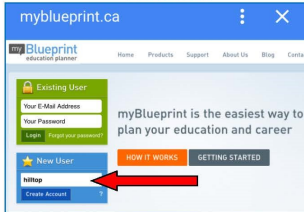
For more information: hilltophigh.ca / parents and students tab.


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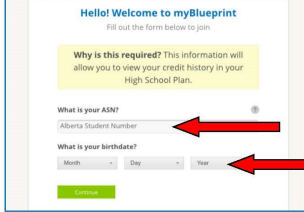
Step 1: Type in our school password "hilltop" and click on create account.



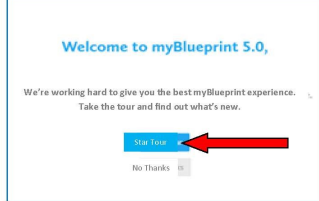
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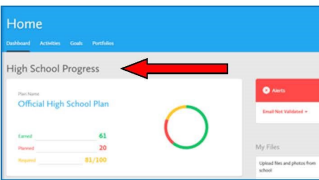
Step 3: Enter your Alberta Student Number and birthdate. (Your Alberta Student Number can be found on your PowerSchool)




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:

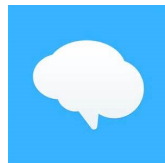
1. Go to myPass.alberta.ca
2. Create a login using "Sign me up, I'm new!" Do not use your @ngps.ca email. A confirmation link will be sent to your personal inbox.
3. Click on the confirmation link in your inbox. Confirm your birthdate and Alberta Student Number. You can find your ASN at <https://extranetapp.learning.gov.ab.ca/learnerRegistry/forms/>
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.



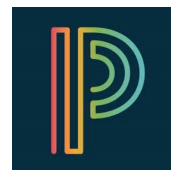
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PowerSchool for Student Grades and Attendance



Safe at School



HOLD AND SECURE is used when there is a threat or potential threat of violence **OUTSIDE** the school.

This includes events such as: criminal activity; police pursuits; or a dangerous offender in the area (not in the school).

- All exterior doors and windows are locked.
- No outsider access into the building while protocol is in effect.
- If the Hold and Secure extends past dismissal times, doors will remain locked and parents will be provided dismissal information.
- Students will not be released until the Hold and Secure is over.



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.



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.

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



Make online payments with SchoolCashOnline

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

Register at SchoolCashOnline.com



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

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



Reduced Spirit Wear

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



BAD DAYS DURING THE “HAPPIEST TIME OF YEAR”



Advent calendars have a way of producing both excitement and anxiety for me. As a child, I loved the anticipation of the countdown but as an adult, it sends me into panic. Immediately following Remembrance Day ceremonies, along comes the familiar pressure of preparing for a “perfect Christmas”: finding the right gift, coordinating decorations, delicious baking, creating unique crafts, flamboyant lights, exciting activities, entertaining, attending school concerts, relaxing family time, travelling to relatives, trying to keep within a budget, and so on. All of this pressure creates a frantic tornado of red and green swirling around in my brain and well...I get a little short tempered and snappy with those closest to me, including my kids. I feel like I want to skip it all and go on a solo trip to Mexico!

As Student Support Facilitator for Northern Gateway Public Schools, I frequently see evidence of higher levels of both positive and negative stress, with many students. Christmas can be a difficult time with shared parenting, health concerns, grief, financial difficulties, job loss, family stress, etc. It can create dread, fear and nervousness. The structure and predictability of the school day, teachers and peers will not be available for two weeks, and for some children this is frightening. Being aware of such distress gives me a different perspective on the season.

Despite the excitement of the Christmas, all kids (and adults) can be overcome with stress, anxiousness and have a difficult day. I found this list on a blog I follow which may help you support those around you.

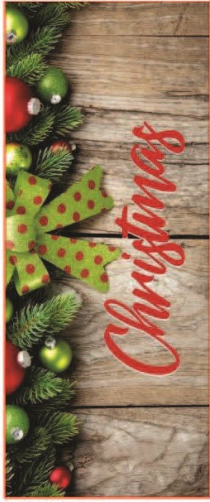
14 GOOD THINGS TO SAY TO YOUR CHILD WHEN THEY’RE HAVING A BAD DAY

I love you
 I am already proud of you
 Take a deep, slow breath
 This is not your whole story
 Do you want to talk about it
 I am on your side
 Do you want a hug?
 Can I give you hug?
 You won’t feel like this forever and I am here for you right now.
 Is there anything I can do to help?
 Just take the one next step.
 I know you’ll be able to get through this.
 How about some hot chocolate? (or a walk? Or a funny move?)
 I really, really love you

Permission to share from www.guiltychocoholicmama.blogspot.com




Christmas is so much more than the presents, decorations and entertaining. Take time this holiday season to focus on the gifts that you have been given, that are not under the tree. Let’s be intentional on building and celebrating the gift of relationships with those in our lives: big and small, young and old.

This article was submitted by Tammy Charko BA, BSW, RSW. Tammy is Northern Gateway Public School’s Student Support Facilitator. She advocates for students and parents, providing a link 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.



Events Calendar for:
December, 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Sign Club (KIDS) (4-5 pm) Sign Club (ADULT) (6-7 pm)	Rhymes That Bind @ AIMC (10-11 am) Sign, Say & Play (1-1:45 pm) BABY Sassy Stitches (6:30-8 pm)	Storytime (10:30-11:30 am) Adventure Time with Cat & Ali (3:45-4:30 pm)	French After-school Homework Help (4-5 pm) Teen Night Floor Curling (5:30-7:30)		Storytime (10:30-11:30 am) Family Movie (1-3 pm)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Toddler Time (10:30 - 11:30 am) Sign Club (KIDS) (4-5 pm) Sign Club (ADULT) (6-7 pm)	Rhymes That Bind @ AIMC (10-11 am) Sign, Say & Play (1-1:45 pm) BABY Sassy Stitches (6:30-8 pm)	Storytime (10:30-11:30 am) Adventure Time with Cat & Ali (3:45-4:30 pm)	French Storytime @ Daycare Centre (10-11 am) French After-school Homework Help (4-5 pm) Soapstone Carving Club (5:30-7:30)		French Storytime (10:30-11:30 am) Family Movie (1 pm)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Adult Book Club (2 pm)	Sign Club (KIDS) (4-5 pm) Sign Club (ADULT) (6-7 pm)	Rhymes That Bind @ AIMC (10-11 am) Sign, Say & Play (1-1:45 pm) BABY Sassy Stitches (6:30-8 pm)	Storytime (10:30-11:30 am) Adventure Time with Cat & Ali (3:45-4:30 pm)	Family LEGO Night (5:30 - 7:30 pm)		French Storytime (10:30 - 11:30 am) Family Movie (1-3 pm)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
French Club for Kids (2-3 pm)		CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	Storytime (10:30-11:30 am) Family Movie (1-3 pm)
29	30	31				
		CLOSED				

NOTE: Changes may occur during the month. For our most up-to-date information, checkout our Facebook page, or call (780) 778-2900

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2019</h1>						
1	2 Day 1 First Day of Gr. 9 Options 3/6	3 Day 2	4 FLEX Day 1 Math/Social/Other	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7
8	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 1	12 Day 2 Drama Production	13 Day 1 Drama Production	14
15	16 Day 2	17 Day 1	18 FLEX Day 2 English/Science/Other	19 Day 2	20 Day 1 Last Day of Classes Before Christmas Break	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	M erry Christmas and Happy New Year! C hristmas Vacation: December 23, 2019 – January 6, 2020			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2020						
Welcome back, we hope your holiday was a restful one. Best of luck to all students as you write your Diploma and Final Exams.						
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6 Day 2 First Day of Classes following Christmas Break	7 Day 1	8 FLEX Day 1 English/Social/Other	9 Day 2	10 Day 1	11
12	13 Day 2 Diploma Exams Eng 30-1 Part A 9:00am Eng 30-2 Part A 9:00 am	14 Day 1 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part A 9:00am Social 30-2 Part A 9:00am	15 FLEX Day 2 Math/Science/Other	16 Day 2	17 Day 1	18
19	20 Day 2 Grade 9 PAT Exam Week Diploma Exams Biology 30 9:00am	21 Day 1 Diploma Exams Chemistry 30 9:00am	22 Day 2 Last Day of Classes Gr. 9-12 Last Day Gr. 9 Options 3/6 Diploma Exams Math 30-1 9:00am Math 30-2 9:00am Friends of Hilltop School Council Meeting 7:00pm	23 Gr. 9 PAT Exam Week Diploma Exams Eng 30-1 Part B 9:00am Eng 30-2 Part B 9:00am	24 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part B 9:00am Social 30-2 Part B 9:00am	25
26	27 Grade 9 PAT Exam Week Diploma Exams Biology 30 9:00am	28 Diploma Exams Chemistry 30 9:00am	29 Diploma Exams Physics 30 9:00 am	30 Diploma Exams Science 30 9:00 am	31 Professional Development Day No Classes Richard Danks Memorial DQ Classic Basketball Tournament	

Exam Schedule January 2020

**last day of classes for all grades January 22nd*

Part A Diploma exams:

9:00 am	January 13 th	January 14th	January 22 rd
	English 30-1 English 30-2	Social 30-1 Social 30-2	Math 30-1 Math 30-2

Exam Schedule

9:00 am	Thursday January 23 rd	Friday January 24 th	Monday January 27 th	Tuesday January 28 th	Wednesday January 29 th	Thursday January 30 th
Diplomas	English 30-1 English 30-2	Social 30-1 Social 30-2	Biology 30	Chemistry 30	Physics 30 <i>am</i>	Science 30 <i>am (Class not Offered this Term)</i>
	English 10-1 Part A	Social 10-1 Part A	Math 10C	English 10-1 Part B	Science 10	Social 10-1 Part B
	English 10-2 Part A	Social 10-2 Part A	Math 10-3	English 10-2 Part B	Science 14	Social 10-2 Part B
	English 20-1 Part A	Chemistry 20	Math 20-1	English 20-1 Part B	Physics 20	Social 20-1 Part B
	English 20-2 Part A		Math 20-2	English 20-2 Part B	Science 24	Social 20-2 Part B
	Social 20-1 Part A		Math 20-3			
	Social 20-2 Part A		Biology 20			
PAT Exams	Math 9 Part A (9-2, 9-3)	ELA 9 Midterm Part A (All 9s)	Science 9 (9-1, 9-4, 9-5)	Social 9 (9-2)	ELA 9 Midterm Part B (All 9s)	Math 9 Part B (9-2, 9-3)
12:30 PM	French	Military Studies			Science Fiction and Fantasy	

Part A- Written Part B- Multiple Choice

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We love Foods class!



If you build it, good marks will come!



Mrs. Tobin is up, up, and away!



Mrs. Van De Kerckhove and Cdt. Joshua Taylor



Sr. Girls win again vs Whitecourt RCMP



Fashion Fun with Alexa Rodominski



Cohen Paul and Tyson Schmidt build a stool for the office



Devon is feeling the holiday spirit!



Cruisin to Mechanics



Handmade pajamas in Fashion Class