



HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Administration

Here at Hilltop, we are pleased to bring you Parent Portal, the online connection to Power School and Power Teacher, the student information system used by Hilltop and all Northern Gateway Public Schools. Parent Portal is an access point for parents/guardians which provides the opportunity for you to stay on top of your student's attendance and grades. Letters with information on how to sign up to the Portal as well as relevant passwords were mailed out

the last week of February. For a quick tutorial on how to use this tool to track your child's success, check out the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkEv1zVsCY8>.

If you have any questions or comments about the Parent Portal, feel free to give us a call or send us an email.

Egbert Stang
 Principal

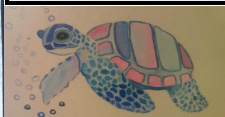
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Boys Curling Team: Alex Slobodian, Mikhail Koscielny, Jonathan Common, Troy Common & Lynden Kuehn modelling their Charger jackets.



Mayor Maryann Chichak with Barb Stegemann, Author/Social Business Innovator spoke to the student body on Monday, March 2nd. Barb shared her personal story about hope, optimism and how we can all make a difference!



Special points of interest:

- March 6th/7th ~ NO SCHOOL ~ Professional Development Day
- Interim Report Cards ~ March 9th
- FOH Meeting March 18th, 7 PM - Conference Room
- March 20 ~ Ski Trip



Monday, April 20
 there is
SCHOOL



for all **grade 9 students** at Hilltop.

Please note that there is an error in the school Agenda.

Please call Ms. Hleck at the school, 780.778.2446 if you have any questions.



Congratulations to Mr. Babiuk named Coach of the Year! Way to go!



To All Parents of Hilltop Students From Friends of Hilltop Parent Council



With our second semester well underway, we will soon be counting down the days until our Easter Break. The Grads are hard at work with the preparations for their big day on June 27th. Please be sure to sign up for Grad 101 to keep up to date with upcoming events and information to help make your Grads' day a success.

Please help support the Lunch Box Program, which has grown into a great asset at Hilltop. Our students rely on the cafeteria, while Trish, Bonnie, Melissa and all the other volunteers work diligently everyday to

offer a high quality menu that our students love. If you have some free time, volunteers are always needed for the Breakfast Program at all our schools in Whitecourt!!

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 18th @ 7:00 PM.

Wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day! Wear Green!



Marilyn Roach 780.706.2707

Kim Tschigerl 780.648.2291

Kim Nendsa

Artist of the Month

~ Chelsea Brunner ~



Chelsea has refined her drawing skills to an almost photographic resemblance. Her ability to layer pencil crayon, blend colours and capture realism creates beautiful portraits of ferocious animals. Recently, Chelsea has started to branch this skill into painting, a much harder medium to control. Yet, her abilities have transferred over seamlessly allowing her to create different affects and of course stunning paintings. Chelsea's dedication to building her realism techniques and perfecting her practice has made her a truly talented individual.

Humanitarian Society

First off thank you to all of those who bought roses to support our cause. We sold over 200 roses, hopefully bringing smiles to multiple faces. We know it will bring smiles to the children we are helping.



We have a few busy months ahead of us full of catering and helping at other various events. Be sure to look out for us passing out food and cleaning up dishes. We can always use extra help. So if your looking for a *feel good* opportunity come out to our meetings Thursday's at lunch in Mrs. Rosvold's room.

PARTY Program

Our local Party Program for grade nine students is back again in 2015--this time on Wednesday, April 22, 2015--conference style over the course of a full day.

The Party Program delivers learning to grade nine students on safety in regards to having fun socially in a safe way. Students will have the opportunity to witness a simulated vehicle rescue and hear from outstanding guest speakers in breakout sessions. Look for consent forms coming home in mid-March.

Lunch will be provided. See Mr. Mireau for more information.



Pink Shirt Day is a day students wear a pink shirt or any other pink clothing item such as scarves or hoodies to signify bullying is wrong.

The day originated in Nova Scotia with two boys, David Shepherd and Travis Price, who purchased 50 pink t-shirts for students to wear at their school after a new student was ridiculed for wearing pink.

Pink Shirt Day is one step towards recognizing and solving the issue.

Cool Camp

25 Hilltop students participated in our community's Annual COOL Camp program on March 3rd & 4th. What an exceptional leadership opportunity for our students! Thank you to Hilltop facilitators for your outstanding mentorship of Percy Baxter's Grade 8 students.

Congratulations to this year's facilitators:

Mark Englebert	Jason Law	Jordan Giroux
Curtis McLeod	Zach Mytrunec	Brycen Jocksch
Denby Keylor	Lynden Kuehn	Mark Gilmore
Kelli Butler	Britanny Childs	Sarah Hutchings
Malia Tracy	Sara Nogel	Emily Head
Rachel Wise	Olivia Walters	Lauren Skinner
Haylee Doepker	Ashley McKinney	Taylor Sharp
Morgan Richmond	Meagan Jensen	Montanna Cameron

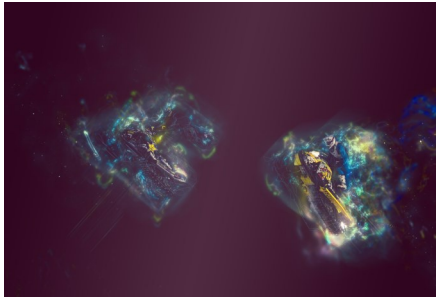
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Kendall 780.778.2446.



CANADA WATERWEEK
March 22 ~ 28, 2015
WORLD WATER DAY
March 22, 2015



2015 WORLD SNOWMOBILE INVASION



Congratulations & thanks to the Photography Video Class at Hilltop for being the official video crew of the 2015 World Sled Invasion! The students worked for five days straight, capturing the essence of the WSI.

They were involved in filming various events, including two world records! The crew got the chance to work for the X Games crew from Octane Addictions!

Pretty cool experience for all!

The students involved were: Haylee Doepker, Regan Manz, Bailey Hearn, Mackenzie Watson, Christian Basaraba, Rachel Wise and Shaun Kramer. Great job!

Mr. Schlosser



On Tuesday, 
 March 17th,
 wear GREEN!




Pi day is coming. It will be epic as 3.1415926 is how far we are going!

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A DELICIOUS COINCIDENCE?

STUDENT FORUM



"We need to prepare kids for their future not our past" Dr. Richard Moniuszko

Twenty-nine brave Hilltop students participated in the first ever STUDENT FORUM on February 26th. The following students volunteered to give voice to their ideas, feedback and education needs. Jessica Adams, Connor Adams, Kennedy Bahm, Danyelle Bakke, Caelyn Basaraba, Christian Basaraba, Christa Betson, Alexis Bianowsky, Joe Boll, Noah Brent, Ashley Cairns, Chantelle Calitz, Layne Carlson, Justine Davey, Emily Dunstall, Ryan Govenlock, Rhyleigh Henault, Darnell Jendrick, Natalya Koscielny, Mikhail Koscielny, Destine McLeod, Sarah Newhook, Willa Priest, Emily Rae, Kiley Rae, Sofia Sanez-Lopez, Shaelyn Thibault, Darby Wells and Elita Whitehorse.

The morning begin with an overview of the three **E's** of education in Alberta: **Engaged Thinker**, **Entrepreneurial Spirit** and **Ethical Citizen**. With this in mind, the students were given three questions to discuss and respond to:

- i** 1. What does it look like when you are learning at your best?
- 2. What can adults do to improve how education looks and feels?
- 3. If you were principal of Hilltop, what changes would you make?



The feedback was very thought provoking and inspiring. Answers ranged from building relationships, passion in ones teaching, and the role of technology in the classroom. Students were also asked questions such as what are your favorite things about Hilltop? "Love the sports programs" "The innovation in some of the classrooms" "RAP is great!" What can Hilltop improve on? " Four day rotating timetable" "Longer Outdoor education classes" "Longer lunch hours" The information gathered was shared at the staff meeting the following Monday and will be used to plan for the 2015-16 school year.

Special thank you to Ms. Mehl for her technical expertise, Mr. Sullivan for his patience with technology, Mrs. Kendall for her smile and Mr. Lacey, Mrs. Damery and Ms. Brennick from NGPS district office and most of all the students who attended.

A Student Forum will be held for grade 12 students by Student Services in the spring.



GRADUATION 2015

Dear Grads:

Last month, Grad Wear was on sale from February 17th to February 20th at lunch time. This Grad wear is a great way for Grads to remember Hilltop High School and all they have accomplished while here. We hope to have these delivered to you by mid-March.

Don't forget, the Grad Ceremony is scheduled for **Saturday, June 27th** at the Athabasca Arena at 3:00 pm. Tickets are not necessary for this event. Each Grad will receive four invitations as Keepsakes.

We have two additional upcoming events: the Senior Supper and the Grad Banquet. The Senior Supper is being spearheaded by Mrs. Wendy Poirier and the Grad Banquet by Ms. Laurie Davey. If you are interested in being involved in either of these events, please contact Ms. Otto and she will provide you with contact information. You can watch for updates for both these events on our school website, Hilltophigh.ca, and watch Remind on your phone. Grads, be sure to watch the grad board and school announcements, as well.

Just a reminder to Grads to forward any comments or concerns you have to your Grad Committee. Thank you everyone and have a great month! #GRAD2015



On behalf of Grad Committee,
Dustin Jendrick
Secretary/ Treasurer



CURLING

Thank you everyone for coming to Spruce Grove and making this year's zone curling a success. Here are the results for gold, silver, and bronze for the three categories.

	Mixed	Boys	Girls
Gold	RF Staples	Roland Michener	RF Staples
Silver	Edwin Parr	RF Staples	Morinville
Bronze	Roland Michener	Barrhead	Living Waters



First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI)

Tansi! Spring is the time to start thinking about plans for the summer, so perhaps Bold Eagle is the program for you!

It is a unique summer employment program that combines Aboriginal culture and teachings with military training.

Bold Eagle is a challenging yet rewarding opportunity that helps to develop valuable skills such as self-confidence, self-discipline, teamwork, time management, respect and fitness to list but a few.

Bold Eagle provides the following specific benefits:

- Meals and accommodation;
- Military clothing and equipment;
- Transportation to and from Wainwright;
- Just over \$3700 in salary; and
- Potential to be awarded secondary school work/career experience credits

Apply before April 30, 2015.

This is just one of the many opportunities for youth and summer camps, please come for a chat in Student Services if you are interested.

Mrs. Smith-Tomke
FNMI Liaison Worker



Hurry! Hurry! Sweep harder.....this was the sound that echoed in the curling rink in Spruce Grove on February 20th and 21st. Hilltop's Boys curling team, coached by Mr. Rodney Koscielny took on teams from Slave Lake, Barrhead and Living Waters.

The team of Jonathan Common, Troy Common, Lynden Khuen, Mikhail Koscielny, and Alex Slobodian represented us well. They lost the first two games but ended their season with a victory against Living Waters.

A huge thank you to the Rodney Koscielny for coaching and the Whitecourt Curling Club for their continuous support for this program.

Storefront School



Time is ticking which means students need to meet their due dates to insure success of their respective courses. The deadline to pick up any diploma course at storefront will be Friday, March 14, 2015.

The deadline to have all course work and final test completed for Diplomas courses is Friday, June 5, 2015. It is also very important that students remember to hand in completed modules, PE hours and work experience and to not hand in several on the day of the due date.

Students are continuing to cook on Tuesday's and so far have cooked taco in a bag and hot roast beef.

Krista Perreault with NorQuest will be presenting on Tuesday, March 24 about local post-secondary opportunities.

A reminder for students to make sure they come in and get help if they are not making the progress they need to in order to be successful.

Storefront Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am- 3:30 pm
Phone 780.778.5865

Sarah Vanderkerchove
Storefront Coordinator

School Reach

School Reach is a school sport which uses brain power and knowledge to compete against other students in a quiz show format. A reader reads questions while students buzz in their answers with a quiz show buzzer similar to games you see on television. This year our team has two senior teams, however we have room for some intermediate teams (grades 9-10) to be formed.

Any students interested or just curious about what School Reach is, are invited to come check it out in Miss Mehl's room, room 304, on Fridays at lunch.

I hope to see you there!



Helpful Hint from the Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP)

Does your teen experience struggles when faced with life challenges or feel anxious to try new activities? Developing a teen's self-esteem is important and can make them feel loved and secure. As parents, it is important to develop your child's self-worth early on in life. Kids with a healthy self-esteem enjoy interacting with

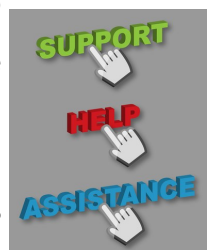


others and can thrive independently or within a group. When challenges arise, they can work toward finding solutions and voice discontent without belittling themselves. Parents can give care and encouragement in many areas.

Some tips that can help develop your teenager's self-esteem are to:

- Be a positive role model for them. Be careful what you say and remember to praise your child for their efforts.
- Identify and redirect incorrect beliefs. It is important to redirect irrational beliefs about what your child is saying about themselves.
- Give positive and accurate feedback. Acknowledge your teen's feelings and do not label their behaviors; however, discuss their feelings without judgment.
- Create a safe and loving environment. Kids who feel safe will have a higher self-esteem.
- Be spontaneous and affectionate. Let your kids know that you are proud of them and demonstrate this by showing up at their extra-curricular activities, spending time with them or just giving them a hug.
- Help kids become involved in constructive experiences. Activities that encourage cooperation with others will help develop your child's self-esteem. For example, have your child involved in a community group or team that has positive role models or mentors.

The FCLP provides individual counseling and family support. For more information about the program or the referral process, feel free to contact Kyria or Kateryna at the FCLP office at 780-778-8755.





SUNIA is a once in a lifetime, week-long program for high school students that takes place every August in the beautiful Rocky Mountains at the Goldeye Centre (near Nordegg, Alberta).

SUNIA 2015: August 16-21 or August 23-28

"An invaluable opportunity for young students to gain firsthand and realistic experience in the area of international affairs and United Nations activities"

- Stephen Lewis, former Canadian Ambassador to the U.N.



For more information, including testimonials, our 2015 video, FAQ, sponsorship opportunities and to register visit www.sunia.ca, or contact our registrar, Luke Melenberg, at registrar@sunia.ca



Participate in a mock Security Council as a member of the United Nations and explore an ongoing international issue.

Enjoy two beautiful hikes, including one to Mt. Baldy, the highest peak in the area.

Meet experts from the United Nations and Canada's Department of National Defense,

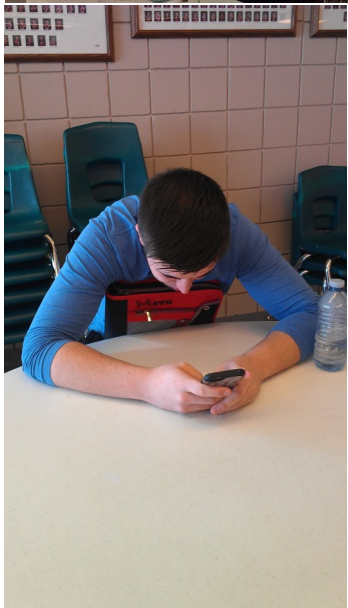
Swim, canoe, and enjoy campfires and a great camp atmosphere.

Meet other high school students from across Alberta, and from all around the world.

Become globally-minded citizens by exploring international development, immigration and international relations.

This year SUNIA will be running two different sessions in August. *Week A* will be from the 16th to the 21st, and *Week B* from the 23rd to the 28th. The total cost this year is \$575 to attend, which consists of a \$100 registration fee and a \$475 dollar participation fee - all of which goes entirely towards the students' SUNIA experience. We recognize that the cost may not be feasible for some students, and as such we do have various bursaries and scholarships for those who require them. In our 63 years of operation SUNIA has never had to turn away a student due to lack of funds.

Please see Mr. Mireau for more information.



Who am I?

Medieval Club

Have you ever wondered how knights fought back in medieval times? Perhaps you are into sports and martial arts or maybe you are just curious about what kind of skills were needed to be a knight of old. Well, Hilltop has a Medieval Club that meets after school on Mondays to learn all there is about the medieval times as well as how to do medieval style combat. If you would like to check it out or have any questions, please come see Miss Mehl in room 304 for more information.



The Breakfast Program

- We are continuing to offer healthy choices every morning of the week with muffins, bagels, juice, ham, cheese and a variety of bagel toppings.
- Toast is available all day if students have a spare and want to have a snack with Jam and all the fixings.
- Please feel free to stop by any morning, as I am at the school by 8:15 most mornings or feel free to call Trish @ 780.779.7706.



SPORTS UPDATE



Junior Basketball

The basketball season for our grade nine teams have ended on a gold and silver note. Both teams travelled to Onoway on February 27 & 28th to participate in their Game Country Athletic Association playoffs. The league consists of teams from Onoway, Mayerthorpe, St.Joes, Fox Creek, Percy Baxter and Drayton Valley (boys only). The girls were ranked first in the league going into the playoffs and the boys were ranked second. This is exactly how the final game of the league ended. The boys, coached by Derek Schlosser, came up 7 points short to St. Joes to win the silver medal. The girls were victorious over Mayerthorpe for the gold. The girls team was coached by Tenaya Mindus and Shelby McSorely.

The teams will be attending zones on March 7th in Mayethorpe. The competition will be tough but both teams are up for a great challenge.

Senior Basketball

From 7 o'clock in the morning to 9 o'clock at night you can hear basketballs bouncing on the floors as our senior teams continue to practice their skills.

The senior girls team that is coached by Miss Johnson and Miss Deacon (former Chargers and now teachers at our school) and senior boys team coached by Mr.Moody (volunteer coach from Percy Baxter) have spent many hours working on offense and defense so they would be competitive in league and tournament play. The North Central Zone 2A/3A league consists of two divisions. Hilltop is in the South division and compete against Edson, Mayerthorpe, Hinton, Holy Redeemer of Edson, St. Joes and Frank Maddock of Drayton Valley. The scores from these games are used towards zone rankings. Both teams will be competing at zones the weekend March 13 & 14. The girls will be traveling to Athabasca and the boys will hit the court in Morinville.



Safety Classes will be available once again to grade 11 and 12 students preferred. First Aid and H2S Alive will be delivered by **Safeway Consulting Services**. A \$50.00 deposit is required but no refunds. Classes are \$160.00 if taken through any other company in Whitecourt! Dates yet to be determined....Stay Tuned!

If you and any questions or concern regarding any of the above information please contact Ms. Hleck in the front office or call her at the school 780.778.2446 Ext. 1711.



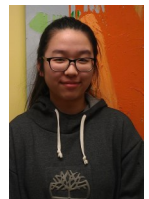
Graduation will be taking place on Saturday, June 27th, 2015



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

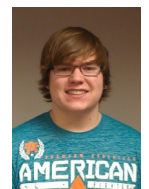
The following students from Hilltop are part of the Whitecourt Youth Advisory Committee. They each share how valuable this experience and opportunity has made in their life.

"My experience at the Youth Advisory Committee was both meaningful and fun. There are many opportunities to prove and show your leadership. I have met great people through the committee as well!" *Grade 10 - Rebecca Lee*



"My name is *Dustin Jendrick* and I have been a part of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee for three years and I am going into my fourth. My job as a committee member is for me to bring concerns from youth and discuss them at our meetings and we feel if its worth changing, adding or taking away. Then we will present it to Town Council. I believe this is a great committee and anyone who wants to join is more than welcome." *Grade 12*

"My experience with the Youth Advisory Committee is great. The things that I do and the things that I get to be a part of are awesome. As well, my peers on the committee that I have the pleasure of working with are amazing people. I am very grateful to be a part of this committee. *Grade 10 - Mark Gilmore*



Student Services

Work Experience Students

To sign up for Work Experience please see Mr. Mireau in Student Services.

Don't forget to submit your timesheets weekly!

Are you graduating with enough credits? Any Grade 12 students who are concerned about their credits should see Mr. Mireau asap.



ANC Scholarship

Alberta Newsprint Company has made a 1000.00 scholarship available for graduands, to honour to memory of Brandon Pierson and Kyle McGrath former students of Hilltop High School.

The scholarship is to encourage Hilltop students to pursue a post secondary education at an accredited College, Technical School or Vocational Institution. Students must be involved in some form of athletics.

Applications must be received prior to May 1, 2015.

See Mr. Mireau for more information.

Interim Report Cards will be issued on Monday, March 9th, 2015



POST-SECONDARY

Time is running out on the application period for school in Fall 2015. If you have plans to attend a school in Fall 2015 and wish to live on their campus, consider applying soon.



Derek Snow is the successful applicant for a RAP position at RALCOMM. The trade is a communication technician. This is a great challenge and opportunity for Derek!

Ireland and Scotland Tour 2015

On March 2nd, the Hilltop Travelling Road Show will be 30 days out from leaving on our adventure to the breath taking countries of Ireland and Scotland. I know that many students are getting ready to head out and many have even started packing. Students will be checking out the sites of the Ring of Kerry, the Blarney Stone, Dublin, the Titanic Museum, Giant's Causeway, the birthplace of Robert Burns, the Royal Mile in Edinburgh as



well as Stirling Castle. Students will be learning a lot about the Irish and Scottish cultures as well as experiencing some amazing historical sites. We have a group of 28 travellers this year and we will be chaperoned by Miss Mehl, Mrs. Keay, Mr. Keay and Mrs. Van De Kerckove. We will return on April 12th after an unforgettable tour. Be sure to keep an eye out on Travelling Road Show bulletin board in the main hallway for the announcement for our trip on Easter of 2016.



Check out HTH website for all the current Scholarship information.

Are YOU a Volunteer?



Volunteer Services

If you volunteer to coach a team, help with seniors, tutoring or any other form of volunteerism you may qualify for high school credits. See Mr. Mireau for more information

Scholarships

- **Alberta Snowmobile Association** offers a \$2000 scholarship and the winner will be entered into the Western Chapter of the International Snowmobile Council, who offer a \$2000 scholarship. These will be awarded to either a graduating senior from high school or a person who is currently enrolled in college. This will be given to the winner regardless of other grants or scholarships that the student might also receive.
- **Retail Council of Canada - 2015 Retail as a Career Scholarship Program.** There are 26 scholarships available this year – one \$5000 Interac Scholarship in addition to twenty-five \$1000 Industry-Sponsored Scholarships. To be considered for one of the scholarships applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - Enrolled full-time or part-time at a Canadian college or university Fall 2015
 - Pursuing a retail, business or marketing-related program
 - Currently working part-time or full-time within the retail industry.





Always Plan Ahead! FOR STUDENTS GRADE 12 & UNDER ONLY
 STUDENT ID REQUIRED
 NO ID = NO RIDE
 THURSDAY/FRIDAY/SATURDAY
 10pm to 4am Only
 \$2 from 10pm to 1am
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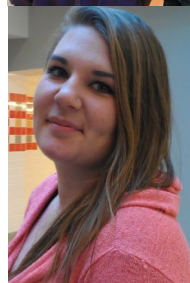
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@ngpshth I want to add that I think your Principal is truly an amazing human being. He gets what matters. The kids really demonstrated that!

BarbStegemann@BarbStegemann

