



# HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Administration

Hello Parent/Guardians,

Principals in Northern Gateway Public Schools were asked to discuss why the different schools within the Division all operated using different test schedules. The main question was the timing of the last day of classes for Junior High and High School Students.

Following the discussion we were asked by our Superintendent, Mr. Kevin Andrea to develop a common schedule for all Junior High and High School students.

In our Hilltop School Agenda the last day of classes is listed as **June 12, 2015**.

### The new schedule is as follows:

Last Day of classes for Grade 9 is Monday, **June 22, 2015**.

Last day of classes for Grade 10, Grade 11 and Grade 12's is Friday, **June 19, 2015**.

Please note: There is school for Grade 9 students on Monday, April 20th as Grade 8's will not be visiting HTH. It is the 2nd Annual Forest Industry Career Day held at the AJ Millar Centre.

We are currently busy planning for the 2015/2016 School year. Students are beginning to select courses for the next school year. Stay tuned for our early registration in June.

Enjoy your Easter Break.

Mr. Egbert Stang  
Principal



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Report Cards will be issued on  
**Friday, April 17th, 2015**

## Fine Arts Night

- **When:** April 22 & 23
- **Time:** 5:30~8:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Hilltop High School

Come out and see the masterpieces that Art 9, 10, 20 and 30 students have been working on this year!

Also as an added bonus Photo students will be showing off their talents as well!



### Special points of interest:

- First day of classes is April 13
- FOH Meeting ~ April 16th, 7:00 PM ~ Conference room
- April 17th~Report Cards issued
- April 22nd/23rd ~ Fine Arts Night
- April 22nd/23rd ~ P/T Interviews 5:30~8:00 PM

There is **SCHOOL** for grade nine students on **Monday, April 20th**.

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



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



With the warm weather upon us, we can actually look forward to the halfway point of the second semester and for our graduating students, their final semester!

Congratulations to our basketball teams for all their successes in the past months at various tournaments! Way to go teams and coaches!!

Grad activities are coming together and there is still plenty of opportunity to become involved in several of the committees.

Several students will be departing for IRELAND & SCOTLAND on Wednesday, April 1st, travelling over the Easter break.

A special thanks to Miss Mehl, Mr. & Mrs. Keay & Mrs. Vandekerckove for making this trip available to our students. We wish you all have a great time touring and shopping!! Next years destination is London, Stonehedge and Bath! Be sure to check out this fantastic opportunity for your students!

Our Grade 9's will be participating in the PARTY PROGRAM on Wednesday, **April 22nd**.

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, **April 15th**, at 7:00 PM.

Be sure to enjoy "Spring Break" and the time with your family & friends!



Marilyn Roach 780.706.2707

Kim Tschigerl 780.648.2291

Kim Nendsa



**GRADUATION 2015**

Dear Grads:

This month, there are two significant dates for GRADS. The first is Wednesday, **April 29<sup>th</sup>**. Mrs. Wendy Poirier is organizing the Seniors' Supper where parents and Grads work together to provide an evening out to the Senior Citizens of our community. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to give back to the Community which has given us so much. Please book the night off so you can attend, Grads. There is a sign-up sheet on the GRAD BOARD. Be sure to sign yourself and your parents up. If you would like further information, please call Mrs. Poirier at 780 778 2623.

The other important date is Wednesday, **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Interested Grads can sign up on the GRAD BOARD to make a cake to donate for the Grad Cake Auction to be held that evening during Parent Teacher Interviews. The funds raised during the Cake Auction will be used to provide interested Grads with Dinner and a Movie on a TBD Date in May. What a great way for the Grad Class to spend some quality time together.

Other upcoming events related to Grad include the Parent Organized Grad Banquet on Saturday, **May 30<sup>th</sup>** and the Grad Ceremony on Saturday, **June 27<sup>th</sup>**.

YOLO

Dustin Jendrick  
Secretary/Treasurer



**GRAD BANQUET INFORMATION**

The Grad Banquet is organized by a volunteer committee made up of parents. This year's chair is Laura Davey. Feel free to contact her at 780 778 0050 or [dalawne@telus.net](mailto:dalawne@telus.net).

Details: **When:** Saturday, **May 30<sup>th</sup>** @ St. Joseph's Parish Hall Seating @ 5:30 pm  
**Time:** Meal @ 6:30 pm  
**Speeches:** 8:00 pm  
**Entertainment:** 8:30 pm (hypnotist)



Forms are available at the office or on the Hilltop Website. Tickets are projected at \$30.00 each.

To keep ticket prices reasonable there will be a bottle drive on Saturday, **April 25th** from 12:00-5:00 pm at Wal-Mart.

**\*\*Please Note:** Attendance for the Banquet is optional as this is not a School Organized event.



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## Staying Connected: SMS (Text) Subscription

March 19, 2015

Northern Gateway Public Schools is committed to ensuring families are informed by and connected to the schools their children attend. Synvoice SchoolConnects is a program that allows messages to be sent to families as phone calls, emails, and text messages.

Because SMS (Text) messages can come at a cost to the person receiving them, this system of communication requires the parent(s)/guardian(s) to sign up, indicating permission to send SMS (Text) messages.

Here are the steps:

1. To the number 56360, send a text message with the word "Join"
2. A message will be returned to you. It will either thank you for joining or ask you to update the information with your school.

If you receive a message that asks you to update your information with the school, it is because the cell number you have messaged from is not connected to a student in our system and therefore you will not receive messages.

Once subscribed, you will remain connected for as long your child attends any school in NGPS, provided you do not change your cell number. You only need to subscribe once, even if there are children attending different schools in NGPS: as long the cell number is updated at the schools, you will receive messages from each school as well as from the Division.

Note that you can opt out of these messages at any time by sending the message "STOP" to 56360.

Please feel free to contact your child's school should you have questions or wish to update your information.



### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



WILL BE HELD ON  
Wednesday APRIL 22nd & Thursday, APRIL 23rd  
Time: 5:30 ~ 8:00 P.M. Drop-in basis

**THANK YOU**

First day of classes following Easter Break is Monday, April 13th.

The staff & students would like to **thank our substitutes & custodial staff** for all their efforts in keeping Hilltop

*"A great place to LEARN... and more!"*

**The Breakfast Program**

The Breakfast program continues with many options everyday of the week with juice, muffins and bagels. A variety of toppings to add to their breakfast choices giving the students and staff a kick start to their day.

Anyone that can help on these mornings would be **very much appreciated**. Please feel free to stop by any morning or if you have any questions or concerns call Trish Gilmore at 780-779-7706.

"There is no I in team" is a great cliché, but ultimately, someone has to be responsible, and in CATS football that is Coach Babiuk, and as much as he hates the recognition, this is for you, our 2014 Tier 3 "Coach of the Year"

He led the Cats, by example, to a place none of us, last season, would have predicted. He spoke often about The Teamwork and The Coaches and The selflessness, it took to get to be Tier 3 Provincial Silver Medalists, a compliment to all of the players and coaches. He stressed how, as a team, the Cats worked together to become a winning team. He said "he had never before coached such a selfless group of players – Well, it is clear that the selflessness is a result of his leadership. He is a humble, selfless leader.

He said repeatedly to others, he did not do it alone. Every time accolades were given to him, he responded with "– I am not the only coach; it took all of us" - Or - I couldn't have done it without the help I got from everyone.

However, at the start of the 2013 football season, so just two seasons ago, HALF our players, HALF, had NEVER played in a football game, ever – Some had never even watched one...

His team was the only one at the provincial level, out of 32 teams, that had no feeder team...

"Who are they? Where are they from? Was what we heard at provincials " Well, they know now!

As a team, with great leaders, the cats showed who they are, what they are made of and where they are from!

There is no doubt that, if we had a less than stellar season, he would feel responsible soooo the flipside is, he must be responsible because the CATS had an **amazing** season – He is and I stress **OUR Coach of the Year!** And we are very proud!

*General Manager & Team President  
Mrs. Stephanie Wynn*



*Speech written & read by Morgan Runge at Coach Babiuk's Dinner.*

In terms Mr. Babiuk would understand - I would characterize him as a benevolent socialist dictator when it came to coaching football. Mr. Babiuk taught us a great deal about football - but he also taught us important life skill. He taught his players how to be men. Coach Babiuk instilled in us the values of hardwork, dedication and commitment; the values of team play, toughness and perseverance and that with these qualities in hand we could be successful in life.

He taught us to win with grace and that one should be humble in victory, but more importantly he taught us to lose with dignity. He taught us to have pride amidst defeat and that losing isn't the end of the world.

After our defeat at the provincial finals in Lethbridge he said to us. "The sun will rise tomorrow, you just have to get up and enjoy the sun." On the field Mr. Babiuk had a no-nonsense, - do it the right way or take the highway approach to football. This attitude inspired those around him to pursue excellence and fostered player development, to be better athletes; and better citizens in our community.

At the beginning of the football season Mr. Babiuk wrote a quote on the chalkboard asking us "where will the journey take us." Without Mr. Babiuk's guidance the cats football team of 2014 couldn't have reached its full potential; and without his guidance couldn't have accomplished the feats that it did. Thank you.

*Morgan Runge*  
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**Thursday, April 16  
Hilltop High School  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker & Discussion**

All Whitecourt coaches are invited to attend the annual Coach Appreciation Dinner!

The event is our way of saying thank you to all of the hard-working coaches who devote their time to providing opportunities, encouragement, and guidance to the youth of our community.

**RSVP to the Allan & Jean Millar Centre at 780-778-3637 by April 7.**

Funding support from Alberta Innovation and Advanced Education through the Whitecourt/Lac Ste. Anne Support for Adult Learning and Literacy

Artist of the Month

Christa Betson has taken her artwork to the next level, using her projects to promote a positive message. Her Art 30 series is focusing on female stereotypes specifically when it comes to strength and athleticism. Christa's "This Girl Can" painting promotes the physical power of girls, showcasing a young lady lifting a heavy weight high above her head. Her "Strong" painting contrasts strength with the feminine design of henna, demonstrating that these two ideals can successfully be combined. Her ideas are helping her become more technically skilled and motivated her to push herself outside of her comfort zone. It is wonderful to see how much Christa has grown over the year and to see her ideas blossom into successful pieces of art. (Christa Betson on Page 1 "STRONG")



**Help Youth Stay Hydrated to Perform Their Best**

Eating healthy meals and snacks and drinking enough fluids (staying hydrated) are important for good health as well as school and sport performance. Drinking enough fluid helps the body to control its temperature. Not having enough fluid can increase the risk of injury, lead to low energy, and have an impact on performance. Active youth need to drink enough fluids before, during and after exercise to help the body work at its best.



Try these simple tips to help your teenager stay hydrated:

- Encourage your teen to drink plenty of fluids throughout the day so they arrive at sports events well hydrated. Youth should aim for 400–600 mL of fluid at least 2–3 hours before sports.
- Ensure that youth have easy access to free water.
  - provide water stations during sport events
  - encourage youth to bring water bottles to gym class and to keep at their desk
  - ensure easy access to water fountains
- Encourage youth to drink during activity and allow for regular water breaks. They need about 150–300 ml of fluid every 15 to 20 minutes. When an event lasts less than 1 hour, water is the best fluid to drink.
- If your teen will sweat a lot during a non-stop, intense activity (e.g. running, biking, swimming) for longer than 1 hour, they may need to have a sports drink during the activity to help replace energy stores, fluid levels and electrolyte losses. Teens do not need a sports drink before or after activity because water and food are the best fuel at these times.
- Encourage fluids after activity is over as well. Water, milk, and soups are great options.

Discourage your teen from drinking soft drinks, fruit juices, and energy drinks. These tend to be higher in sugar (which could cause stomach aches and tooth decay) and many also have caffeine. Healthy food and drinks play an important part in school, physical activity and sports performance. Active youth need plenty of fluids throughout the day, with extra water during and after activity.

**Smokeless Doesn't Mean Harmless**

In Alberta, using spit tobacco (also known as smokeless tobacco) is a concern. As a matter of fact, spit tobacco use is higher in western Canada than in any other part of Canada.<sup>1</sup> In 2012, 40% of all spit tobacco shipments in Canada were sent to Alberta.<sup>2</sup> Spit tobacco is a mixture of tobacco, nicotine, sweeteners, salt, abrasives, and chemicals. It's highly addictive. As a parent, it's important to know that flavours, such as cherry and grape are added to mask the harsh taste of the tobacco. This creates "starter products" that are easier for new customers to use. Although spit tobacco was once used mainly by older men, it is now used most often by boys and young men.<sup>3</sup> Using spit tobacco is not harmless. There are over 3000 chemicals in spit tobacco, including at least 28 that cause cancer.<sup>4</sup> Because nicotine is so addictive, it can be very hard to quit using. Using spit tobacco can cause hairy tongue, a harmless but ugly raised stains on the tongue.

Spit tobacco has been linked to many serious health problems, such as:

- mouth cancer
- white patches inside the mouth, called leukoplakia, that may turn into cancer
- heart disease, high blood pressure, and heart attacks

For more information and support, visit [www.albertaquits.ca](http://www.albertaquits.ca) or call 1-866-710-QUIT (7848).

<sup>1</sup> Physicians for Smoke-free Canada. (2011). *Smokeless Tobacco: New Trends for an Old Product*. Retrieved from [http://www.smoke-free.ca/pdf\\_1/smokeless-2011b.pdf](http://www.smoke-free.ca/pdf_1/smokeless-2011b.pdf)  
<sup>2</sup> Health Canada email correspondence to Alberta Health Services. (July 2012).  
<sup>3</sup> Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. (2013). *Smokeless Tobacco and Kids*. Retrieved from <http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0003.pdf>  
<sup>4</sup> Oral Health America NSTEP National Spit Tobacco Education Program. (2013). *What you need to know*. Retrieved from <http://oralhealthamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/What-you-need-to-know.pdf>

**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 at lunch 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.

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

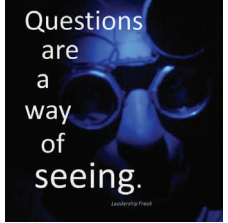
In March we did a March Madness week that went over really well. Students were able to dress up in Disney wear, 80's wear and formal wear. Many students has tons of fun and got very creative with their outfits. We also sent out matchmaker surveys for the students to fill out. Over 180 results have been sold so far. They surveys told the students who their best match was in the school and other information about who their best friends could be. For April we are planning an Easter egg hunt for the **2nd of April** as it is our last day of school before the Easter break. There will be many Easter eggs for all students to find all over the school.

Hope everyone has a great Easter break!



**School Reach**

School Reach is a sport that uses brain power and knowledge to compete against



other students in the pursuit of victory. This year our School Reach teams are comprised of two senior teams. Our teams have been working hard on training to represent our school and school division in the provincial tournament. It is an honor for our students to represent our school and community in provincials. Our School Reach team has represented us several times at the provincial level and also at the national level where we represented our province. We will be heading off to provincials on **April 18**. If anyone is interested in coming out and learning about School Reach, they can come to Miss Mehl's room, room 304, on Fridays at lunch time.

Rap at its best, theatre at its most compelling!  
An adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy

# THE BOMB-ITTY OF ERRORS!

by Jordan Allen Dutton, Jason Catalano, Gregory J. Qaiyum, Erik Weiner and Jeffrey Qaiyum  
presented by Edmonton Actors Theatre

**Thursday, April 9 @ 7:30 pm**  
Hilltop High School Auditorium

Doors open at 7 pm  
Rated PG 13  
\$20 per ticket

Tickets for sale at Allan & Jean Millar Centre and at the door

Theatre Alberta, the Arts Touring Alliance of Alberta and Fringe Theatre Adventures are proud to present with the Whitecourt & Woodlands Performing Arts Society

# Storefront School



Time is a ticking which means students need to meet their due dates to insure success of their respective courses.

The deadline to have all course work and final tests completed for diploma courses is **June 4, 2015**. June 4, is also the deadline for students to submit work experience hours and PE hours. It is also important that students remember to hand in modules as they are completed and to not hand in several on the day they are due.

The staff at Storefront would like to remind students to make sure they keep within course timelines so they can earn credits in their respective courses. Remember to pass in your course work in a timely manner. If you need help with your work please drop by or call us.

We would like to thank Krista Perreault of NorQuest for her presentation on current post-secondary opportunities right here in our community.

Furthermore, Hilltop Storefront School will be holding summer school this summer. All courses with the exception of diploma courses will be available for Grades 10-12, for the month of July. For more information, please call (780) 778 5865.

**Storefront Hours:**  
 Monday ~ Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 Friday 8:30 a.m. - .noon  
 Phone 780.778.5865



We are excited to bring back Summer School!

After a one year hiatus, Summer School will be offered at our Storefront Campus from **July 2** through **July 30, 2015**. The school will be opened Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. This is an open campus. Attendance is not required; however, students are welcome to stay for the day and do their work as well as access teacher support. There is a \$100 non-refundable fee to register. Registrations will be accepted as of **June 1, 2015**. Watch the June newsletter and the school website for the forms. Registrations continue until **July 9, 2015**. Course materials can be picked up the first day of Summer School, **July 2, 2015**.

Grade 10s, this is the perfect opportunity for you to get your CALM/HCS 3000 and Phys. Ed 10 Grad Requirements out of the way so that you have more room for elective/option courses. Work Experience will also be offered as well as a wide variety of other core and non-core courses. No Diploma Courses or Exams will be offered during this term. Please call Storefront (780 778 5865) for any course inquiries.

## First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI)



Tansi! With Easter just around the corner, many things are developing. Our team in Student Services has been very busy preparing for the **Forest Industry Career Day, The Speed Dating for Jobs** event, and many other exciting presentations that will enhance your learning experience at Hilltop High School. I encourage our Aboriginal students in Grade 12 to apply for bursaries and scholarships available to them as they prepare to continue with their journey. Also there are many RAP positions offered throughout the year at Hilltop, if you are interested, please let me know. We will create a resume and cover letter that will increase your chances of employment considerably. I look forward

to the next couple months, as the sun is warm, and the days are long.



Mrs. Smith-Tomke  
 FNMI Liaison Worker

## Ireland and Scotland Tour 2015

On **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the Hilltop Travelling Road Show will be heading out on our adventure to stunning Ireland and Scotland. I know many students are getting ready to head out and many have even started packing. Students will be checking out the sights of the Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle, Dublin, Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Robert Burn's Cottage and Edinburgh. Travellers will also be learning a lot about the Irish and Scottish culture throughout the trip as we meet the amazing people of these two countries. We have a group of 28 travelers this year and we will be chaperoned by Miss Mehl, Mr. Keay, Mrs. Keay and Mrs. Vandekerckove. We return on **April 12<sup>th</sup>** after an unforgettable tour. The Hilltop Travelling Road Show bulletin board in the main hallway has already been changed to let everyone know that we will be doing preliminary planning for a trip to London, Stonehenge and Bath, England on Easter of 2016. The next few days before we leave will be a time of excitement and preparation for departure.

Take a look at our pictures on the bulletin board in the main hallway by Student Services. Have an excellent day everyone!



# Basketball

## BADMINTON

### Jr. Boys Basketball Roster

Jack Schlosser  
 Ryan Govenlock  
 Ben Adams  
 Austin Dean  
 Brody Pelley  
 Peter Damm  
 Hayden Landrie  
 Logan Seu  
 Chase Hummel  
 Reid Woykin  
 Carter Cook



### Jr. Girls Basketball Roster

Jenna Dixon  
 Kyla Brody  
 Kaley Carter  
 Emily Taylor  
 Emily Dunstall  
 Maddy Bryson  
 Darby Wells  
 Willow Vandenhouten  
 Macen Chernuka  
 Emma Maxwell  
 Rhyleigh Henault



We are hosting the Sr. conferences on **April 15th** and the Jr. GCAA should be some day that week. Sr. GCAA will be in Mayerthorpe and I will confirm the dates and times on the GCAA meeting March 23rd. Zones will be in Edmonton at the GO Center **April 22**. Provincials will be May 2/3 in Lloydminster. Thank you again for all your hard work this season,

*Go Chargers Go!*

Chris Keay  
 Athletic Director



### Sr. Girls Basketball Roster

Mikayla Bakker  
 Maggie Nendsa  
 Sara Nogel  
 Gillian Larson  
 Jenna Carter  
 Samantha Soper  
 Ashley Marion  
 Korie Furlong  
 Haley Nickolson  
 Leah Hillaby  
 Samantha Mik  
 Cassie Payne

### Sr. Boys Basketball Roster

Matt Bakker  
 Derricke Steineke  
 Steven Ando  
 Mackenzie Watson  
 Laine Aginas  
 Ozzy Beatty  
 Kyle Regan  
 Jace Mattson  
 Jordan Giroux  
 Etienne Dejongh  
 Dason Nichols  
 Brendan Halverson  
 Tyler Keefe

Great Job ... six of our grade 9 students gave back to Percy Baxter School in the form of referring & assisting in their FAIR PLAY tournament.

- Jack Schlosser
- Ben Adams
- Emily Dunstall
- Madison Bryson
- Ryan Govenlock
- Jenna Dixon



**Monday, April 20th, 2015** there is **SCHOOL** for all **Grade 9s & all students.** The Percy Baxter Grade 8 tour will be at a later date. Please call Ms. Hleck at the school 780.778.2446 if you have any questions or concerns.



Hilltop High School would like to celebrate the past & step into the FUTURE!

### ALUMNI

from Hilltop High School are looking for any old uniforms, team jackets & memorabilia that you would like to lend or donate to the school.

With the new entrance to the gym, we would like to introduce a "Athletic" wall from the past!

Please call Ms. Hleck 780.778.2446 if you have any clothing that you would like to contribute to the school.



Now that our basketball season is over and done for another year, I would like to take a moment and thank all of the coaches that took time to work with our Charger teams. First with the Jr. girls team Shelby McSorley, Tenaya Mindus and Mrs. VanDeKerchove. The girls had an amazing season with only two loses and twenty wins.

The Jr. boys with Mr. Schlosser had did very well and improved as the season went on and finished the year with a key win over a rival team in the final game at zones.

The Sr. girls had a young team this year and represented Hilltop well, led by Miss Deacon and Miss Johnson. The girls will surely be a powerhouse team in the next seasons to come with the valuable experience gained this year.

The Sr. boys with Mr. Moody at the helm had very good season as well. The boys managed to make a top three ranking for themselves heading in to the zone tournament.

Once again thanks to all the coaches, teachers and parents who supported our teams this past season. Without your support the students would not be able to participate in a sport that so many love to play. Well done Chargers!

Chris Keay, Athletic Director

**Vote = Voice: Project Based Learning at Hilltop**

While attending the Buck Institute for Education workshop on Project Based Learning (PBL), we had the opportunity to develop a complete project based learning unit that is cross-curricular and cross grade. This project will be executed in September of 2015, the first of its kind; examining voter trends and apathy in Federal elections. Our purpose is to eliminate and conquer voter apathy through education. Using Google Apps for Education (such as Google Classroom and Forms) to reverse instruction, students will collaborate and investigate historical and current trends in voter apathy. Working together, students will analyze statistical data to suggest solutions to eliminate voter apathy in Whitecourt. This project will culminate with an Information Night where students will present their findings to the public, as well as help to educate the voter population about the issues and platforms in the 2015 Federal Election (Monday October 19, 2015). We chose this approach because there are many benefits of Project Based Learning:

- It's a student-centered approach.
- PBL requires the use and development of 21st Century Skills and Attributes (collaboration, communication, critical thinking, problem solving).
- Typically students find it more enjoyable and satisfying.
- It allows students to master content and apply higher level thinking skills.
- Students with PBL experience are able advocate and self-assess, increasing achievement.
- PBL develops lifelong learning skills.

Stay tuned for more information as this project unfolds! We hope that you are as excited about this student-centered, engaging, and relevant educational learning opportunity as we are.

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. J. Keay and Mrs. K. Woodford



**Career and Technology Foundations (CTF)**



Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) is a new digital curriculum for students in grades 5 to 9. CTF supports flexible, interdisciplinary learning where students explore interests and passions while making personal connections to career possibilities and technologies associated with various Career and Technology Studies (CTS) occupational areas. CTF is designed to be a unique curriculum that allows students to learn about occupational areas. Students will develop skills in the areas of business, communication, human services, resources, and technology while working through engaging challenges.

In the 2014–2015 school year, the draft Career and Technology Foundations Program of Studies for grades 5 to 9 will be available province-wide for scaling up. Provincial implementation of this optional, digitally based program will follow in the 2015–2016 school year.

Look for more information in the May Newsletter.

ANC is offering students great opportunities . . . education comes in many forms. ANC will be looking for 2 more candidates for their Millwright RAP program. They will be starting on May 20 and concluding in May 2016. ANC will require the student for 1 full day per week (Tue. or Wed.) during the summer months they will work Mon-Thur. 10 hrs./ day and can work any day during the school year that they do not have to report to school, like holidays or in service days etc. See Ms. Hleck for more information.



**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**.

- **First Aid - \$50.00 ~ May 8 & 9**
- **H2S Alive - \$50.00 ~ May 2**
- **Fire Extinguisher Certification - \$5.00 ~ May 15**
- **Ground Disturbance - \$50.00 ~ May 16**



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.



# Student Services

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

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, tutor or any other form of volunteerism you may qualify for high school credits. See Mr. Mireau.



## Scholarship



Check out the whiteboard outside Student Services to see up and upcoming job postings & events!



### ANC SCHOLARSHIP Alberta Newsprint Company Memorial Scholarship

in the amount of \$1000 - in memory of Brandon Pierson and Kyle McGrath. It is open to graduating students of Hilltop High School who are involved in some form of athletics (either competitive or recreational) and will be continuing their education at a college, technical school, or vocational institution. The application must include a cover letter, letter of recommendation from a peer or staff member of the applicant's school, a resume, and an essay on the provided topic. Information is available on the ANC website, or from Mr. Mireau in Student Services. **Application deadline is May 1, 2015 by 4:30pm.**

**Alberta Newsprint Company Scholarship.** It is open to graduating students of Hilltop High School who will be continuing their education at an accredited college, technical school, or vocational institution. The application must include a cover letter, letter of recommendation from a peer or staff member of the applicant's school, a resume, and an essay on the provided topic. Information is available on the ANC website, or from Mr. Mireau in Student Services. **Application deadline is May 1, 2015 by 4:30pm.**



### BLUE RIDGE LUMBER/RANGER BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

**Blue Ridge Lumber/Ranger Board (West Fraser Mills Ltd.) in Blue Ridge** offers two scholarships for \$1000 each to a student in Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe and Barrhead. This award is not necessarily awarded to the graduate with the highest marks. Priority will be given to students entering a post secondary program that could lead to a career in the forest industry. Although no formal application form is available, a student's application must include the post-secondary institution and program they are planning on attending with an essay providing specifics about reasons for choosing the program. Students who demonstrate involvement in extra curricular activities at school and/or within the community will be given priority. A recent transcript and confirmation of enrollment must be presented. Application and details are posted on West Fraser's website [www.westfraser.com](http://www.westfraser.com) under Profile. **Application deadline is May 1.**

### RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP



**Alexander Rutherford High School Achievement Scholarship** for students who have achieved an average of 80.0% or higher in Grade 10 (\$400), Grade 11 (\$800) and/or Grade 12 (\$1300) on selected courses, and for students who achieved an average of 75.0%-79.9% in grade 10 (\$300), grade 11 (\$500) and/or grade 12 (\$700). Applications are also available on our website at [www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships). **Application deadline is May 1 for post-secondary studies starting in September, or December 1 for post-secondary studies starting in January.**



### FORESTRY CAREERS DAY

**Monday, April 20, 2015**

Local forestry industry partners have come together to provide a day of engaging learning to students interested in forestry careers. All grade 9 students will participate as well as interested high school students.



### PARTY PROGRAM 2015

**April 22, 2015**

Community partners have teamed up again this year to provide education to grade 9 students. First-responders will simulate the response to a motor vehicle collision instigated by drunk driving. Students will experience the value of planning for safety and making smart choices. HSE Integrated is hosting the morning event and the afternoon portion will occur at Hilltop. Thank you to HSE Integrated.

# The Rotary Club of Whitecourt



**Is proud to sponsor\* Youth Adventure Programs for 2015 across Western Canada.**



**RYPEN Rotary Youth Enrichment Program**

May 14 to 13, 2015,  
Jasper Palisades  
RYPEN is for youth in grade 10-12 who are in search for a positive identity. Not normally recognized for academic performance, and are not known for their disruptive behavior.

**SUNIA (Seminar on United Nations and International Affairs)**

Week A: August 16 to 21, 2015  
Week B: August 23 to 28, 2015  
Nordegg, AB  
Students have the opportunity to engage in a simulated United Nations Security Council and a development simulation i  
[www.sunia.ca](http://www.sunia.ca)

**Adventures In Technology**

April 27 to May 1, 2015, Saskatoon, SK  
Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana  
four and one-half day exploration of advanced technology, research, development and applications  
[www.rotarynutana.org](http://www.rotarynutana.org)

**Adventures in Citizenship**

May 2 to 6, 2015  
Ottawa, ON  
**Rotary Club of Ottawa**  
Through meetings with political leaders, senior officers and others, you will learn a great deal of **Studies** our democratic institutions



**Adventures In Forestry & Environmental**

May 6 to 10, 2015, Prince George, BC  
This program not only educates participants about forestry And environmental studies, it also demonstrates the wide range of employment opportunities in a perceived declining industry  
[www.clubrunner.ca/princegeorgeyellow](http://www.clubrunner.ca/princegeorgeyellow)

**Adventures in Photography and The Night Sky**

11 September, Friday night 7 pm to 1 am  
12 September, Saturday afternoon and night 1 pm to 2 am  
13 September, Sunday afternoon 1 to 4 pm

**RYLE Rotary Youth Leadership Experience**

April 30 to May 3, 2015, Camp Nakamun (Busby AB)  
For those interested in improving their leadership skills. This program recognizes emerging youth leaders.  
[www.campnakamun.ca](http://www.campnakamun.ca)



If you would like to attend one of these programs please complete an application. To request more information or request an application contact Dana Martin at [dana.martin@scotiabank.com](mailto:dana.martin@scotiabank.com) or phone 780 706 4017 EXT 4000. Paper applications can be dropped off at Scotiabank, Attn; Dana Martin.  
\*Cost of program, accommodation and travel costs will be paid by the Rotary Club of Whitecourt, however travel arrangements will need to be made by parents of the successful applicant.

## **WHITECOURT BLUE DOLPHINS**

**ROOKIE WEEK Monday, May 4th to Thursday, May 7th**

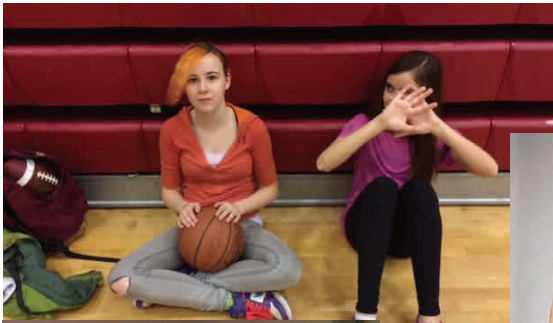
**5:00 to 6:00 PM for RETURNING Swimmers      6:00 to 7:00 PM for ROOKIES**

**COST is \$1.00/DAY**

Come out and experience our club, meet new people and make lasting friendships!

Call Charlotte Blain at **780.779.3409** for additional information.





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