



“A great place to LEARN...and more!”

Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School



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Welcome Back September 2020 Newsletter

Message from the Administration

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are so excited to have students back in school. While these past five months have been challenging, I hope you have had a relaxing summer and that you are all ready to return to near-normal school. School will look a little different as we begin the year, but rest assured that the staff have done a tremendous job at getting everything ready for the new year.

First of all, all students and staff are required to wear a mask and sanitize upon entering the building. Sanitization stations are also located at the entrances of all classrooms. While masks are not mandatory in classrooms, students are required to disinfect their hands when entering and leaving the room.

Secondly, we have moved our timetable to the quarter system so that we can cohort students. Students will have two classes per quarter; one in the morning and another in the afternoon. The dates of the quarters are located on our website calendar and in this newsletter. Grade 12 students will have four Diploma Exam periods this year. Students will no longer need an exam week because final exams can now be completed in class.

At the moment all visitors to the building will require an appointment. They will also have to wear a mask, sanitize and sign in upon entering the building. Therefore, parents will not be able to just drop into the school to drop off lunches or items for their children. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

There are more rules to follow this school year, but we are just excited to have our students back. It has been great to see their masked faces in the first few days of school. The real learning begins right after the Labour Day weekend. This year, more than ever, attendance is extremely important. Just missing one day of class this year, will be the equivalent of three days in our old system. If at all possible, it would be good to book appointments and holidays for times outside of the school schedule. A weeklong vacation will be the equivalent of three weeks in the old system. It is important to keep up with your studies because each quarter is only 46 days long.

We will be holding our first Friends of Hilltop School Council meeting in person on September 16 at 7 PM. Please come out and get involved in the school. This first meeting will be an organizational meeting to elect the officers of the council.

Welcome back! We missed you.

Your partner in education,
Brent Northcott

Important Dates

Quarter One

September 2 - November 5

Quarter Two

November 12 - January 28

Quarter Three

February 1 - April 21

Quarter Four

April 22 - June 28

September 10

Picture Day

September 16

FOH Meeting 7pm

September 30

Orange Shirt Day

Bell Schedule

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

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NEWS AND EVENTS

September 7

Labour Day
NO SCHOOL



September 10

Picture Day



September 16

Friends of Hilltop
School Council
Meeting

7:00 pm



September 30

Orange Shirt Day



**Career and
Education Expo**

POSTPONED until
March 18, 2021



**PLEASE RETURN
TEXTBOOKS YOU
STILL HAVE FROM
THE 2019-2020
SCHOOL YEAR**



YEARBOOKS

2019-2020 yearbooks will arrive sometime later this fall. We will announce through our various channels of communication as soon as they arrive. Grads of 2020, please remain on the Grad Remind group, this is how we will advise you when your yearbooks and grad ceremony pictures are ready for pickup. Thank you Yearbook Committee for all your hard work!

Parent/Guardian Reminder

- * If a student is going to be 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 we must receive notification from a parent/guardian when students are leaving the building for any reason, including in the event of an emergency. Students can be signed out by a parent/guardian by calling the school at 780-778-2446.

Staff News

We would like to warmly welcome new staff to the Hilltop family!

Ms. Eileen Smith will be joining the Science/Math department and **Mr. Colton Cutrell** joins the Social and Physical Education departments.

Gateway Academy continues to flourish with the addition of **Mr. Kevin Babiuk** to the teaching staff. Gateway Academy is also thrilled to welcome back Educational Assistant, **Ms. Jennifer Osmond**.

Attention Parents

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. Power School is also available as an app for smart phones.



- * 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 if you have any concerns.

We appreciate your cooperation



REGISTRATION

We are still accepting new student registration. Registration packages can be found on our website at hilltophigh.ca, please contact the school to schedule an intake meeting with administration before registering. Our office is open, Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

In June, student **validation forms** were sent home in report cards. We are asking that parents please carefully read over the information on these forms and update with the necessary changes, please return by September 8, 2020. If you have misplaced your validation form we will provide you with a new one at the front office once classes resume.

Please remember when registering, it is vital that you include two emergency contacts for your child. In the event of an emergency, evacuation or sickness, if we are unable to reach the students parents we will then reach out to the students emergency contacts.

School Fees can be paid via SchoolCashOnline. To register your child please visit <https://ngps.schoolcashonline.com/>

HEALTH AND SAFETY

SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES

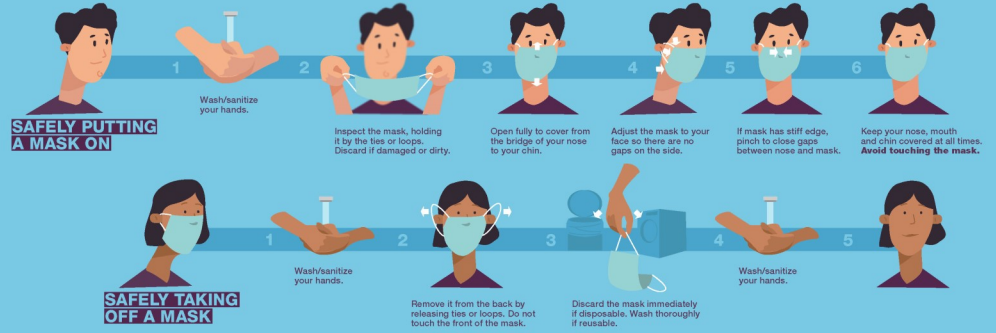


COVID-19 INFORMATION

HOW TO WEAR A NON-MEDICAL MASK

Non-medical masks, including homemade cloth masks, can help prevent the spread COVID-19. They are another tool to use in places where it's difficult to keep two metres from other people for extended periods of time – such as public transit, grocery stores, pharmacies, hair salons, airplanes and some retail shops.

Masks do not replace proper hygiene, physical distancing or isolation to prevent the spread.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WEARING AND CARING FOR YOUR MASK

alberta.ca/masks



COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR ALBERTANS

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS

You can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Alberta. Prevention starts with awareness.

- Practice physical distancing
- Self-isolate if you're feeling sick
- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Do not travel outside of Canada

PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

All Albertans have a responsibility to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Take steps to protect yourself and others:

- Limit the number of times you leave your home
- Stay at least 2 meters away from others when you go out for groceries, medical trips, and other essential needs
- Have groceries or other items delivered if possible
- If you go outside for fresh air maintain 2 meters distance from others
- Avoid overcrowding in elevators and other enclosed spaces
- Wash your hands after touching communal surfaces such as handrails, handles
- Postpone family visits, friend gatherings, and group outings, especially if household or family members are senior citizens or have high-risk medical conditions
- Do not gather with other people if you have a fever or a cough, even if symptoms appear to be mild.
- Obey all mandatory self-isolation requirements and mass gathering restrictions now in place in Alberta.

Legally enforceable public health measures are in place to limit the time Albertans spend in contact with each other. Anyone violating these restrictions is now subject to fines.

MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 symptoms are similar to influenza and other respiratory illnesses. Symptoms can include:

- cough
- fever
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- sore throat

If you have any of these symptoms stay home and self-isolate; do not go to an ER or medical clinic. **Call Health Link at 8-1-1 for more information.** Services are available in 240 languages.

SELF ISOLATE

You are legally required to self-isolate for:

- **14 days** if you returned from international travel or are a close contact of a person with COVID-19
- **10 days** if you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition

If you are self-isolating:

- Stay home — do not go to work, social events or any other public areas or community settings
- Avoid close contact with other people, including household members but especially seniors and people with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems
- Do not use public transportation or ride sharing
- Do not go for walks in public places. This includes children in mandatory self-isolation.
- If you go outside, you must remain on private property not accessible by others.
- If you live in an apartment building or high-rise, you must stay inside and cannot use the elevators or stairwells. If your balcony is private and at least 2 metres away from other balconies, you may use your balcony to get fresh air.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

HELP IS HERE FOR YOU

The COVID-19 outbreak has changed our daily routines and adjusting hasn't been easy. Not for anyone. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed and struggling to cope, help is available—24/7.

Visit alberta.ca/mentalhealth to find resources.



COVID-19 INFORMATION

Screening Questionnaire

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS MUST USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE DAILY TO DECIDE IF THE STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL

Risk Assessment: Initial Screening Questions

		CIRCLE ONE	
1.	Do you, or your child attending the program, have any of the below symptoms:	YES	NO
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the person attending the activity/facility travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you/your child had close <u>unprotected*</u> contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters/6 feet) with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days <u>and who is ill**?</u>	YES	NO
4.	Have you/your child attending the program or activity had close <u>unprotected*</u> contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters/6 feet) in the last 14 days with someone who is ill**?	YES	NO
5.	Have you/your child or anyone in your household been in close <u>unprotected*</u> contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

* "unprotected" means close contact without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

** "ill" means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above"

If you have answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** enter the school at this time. You should stay home and use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

If you have answered "No" to all the above questions, you may attend school.

NORMAL, FOR RIGHT NOW

Back to school planning typically brings feelings of anxiety, fear, nervousness, and excitement. This year, in the middle of a worldwide pandemic and global uncertainty, these feelings can have us parents feeling completely overwhelmed, vulnerable and hopeless.

What is a parent to do? So many decisions, confusion and few places to find unbiased information. Do we send our child to school with a flippant wave "sayonara, kiddo, may the odds be ever in your favour?" or do we mask up, bubble wrap, bathe in sanitizer and invest in a hazmat suit. Perhaps we should board up our windows and doors and hibernate until it is all over. All joking aside, our reality is truly no laughing matter. The stakes are high and the consequences grave. I cannot say what the right answer is. Every family has different circumstances. Whatever you decide to do with your child, I can share with you my perspective as a Division Office staff member and a parent, and perhaps that will calm your fears.

Every District Office staff, Administrator, and school staff member at Northern Gateway Public Schools have been working around the clock since March 15 to ensure that children and staff will be as safe as absolutely possible, while continuing to provide a high quality education. **Education and safety has been the number one priority** and what is being accomplished is outstanding. Each risk factor has been analyzed and discussed with solutions being found. If you decide on the at-home, on-line learning format for your child, be assured that there is ample support and dedicated teachers to connect with, build a relationship with and make the experience successful.

On a personal level, I am sending 3 of my children back to school for in-class learning. I am confident that our school division and staff are prepared for a safe and healthy environment.

Trust me, as a school division, the last thing we want is to have a student or staff member become sick. **We need EVERYONE to be healthier than they have ever been:** staff, student, parent.

The schools are doing their part. **As parents, there is much we can do to prepare our children** for back to school in the middle of this pandemic.

The most important thing: MODEL CALMNESS and CONFIDENCE; in our words and actions. Our children are watching and listening.

Practice having children put on and take off their mask on their own. Practice storing it properly. [Listen to this catchy song about masks.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMVsCwKeARQ) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMVsCwKeARQ>) Or you can read [a social story about wearing masks.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InP-uMn6q_U) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InP-uMn6q_U)

We have heard this a thousand times already, children must be able to practice good hand cleaning and hygiene on their own. We cannot leave it to teachers. [Here is a cute little "Hand washing Hero" video.](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-19-hand-washing-heroes-dv.html) (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-19-hand-washing-heroes-dv.html>)

Keep the immune system strong. Get enough sleep, eat a large variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, drink plenty of water, exercise regularly, get outside for healthy doses of sunshine, and try to keep stress to a minimum.

As September approaches and we send the ones most precious to us to school, either in person or on-line, be confident that they will be safe. Our children's **teachers, school and district office staff are completely and wholeheartedly prepared** for them.

There are many arguments, attitudes and thoughts about COVID-19. You may have your own personal opinion on the virus, masks, social distancing, whether schools open or not, etc. As a school division, we are following the direction and guidance of the Government of Alberta and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Deena Hinshaw.

School in September will not be normal and we hear the words "new normal" tossed about. I do not like the term "new normal"; there isn't anything normal about this! Wearing masks everywhere, sanitizing our hands a thousand times a day and staying 6 feet apart is not normal! I prefer the term: **"normal for right now"**. We are hardwired for connection, structure, stability and collaboration. But, FOR RIGHT NOW, we must follow provincial guidelines and mandatory health instructions. **We are all in this together and together we can get through this pandemic** with as few long term negative effects as possible.

Despite all our School Division is doing, remember, as parents, **we have the most influence on resilience and the psychological wellness of our child.** It is critical that we manage our own discomfort and angst, because our children pick up on our feelings. Yes, we are terrified and feel we are not ready. We may fear what is to come. **But we (children too!) are strong, brave and adaptable.** Have faith that the leaders of our schools are prepared, excited and ready for September!

This article was written 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 teenagers.

EMPLOYMENT AND OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION

Hilltop High School Off-Campus Education

Registered Apprenticeship Program, Dual Credit and Work Experience

Off Campus Education students were hard at work this summer!



Reece at Whitecourt Golf and Country Club



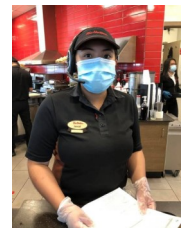
Connor at Sandbar Ranch



Anna at Deannas Painting



Alicia at Pharmasave



Jencil at Tim Hortons



Shyla at IGA



Hayley at Woodlands County



Niko at TSL



Jayden at Jayden's Lawn Care



Kaylee at Granny Grays



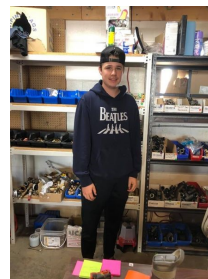
Rain at Hush Lash Studio



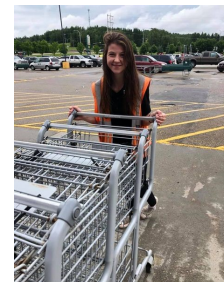
Jan at Romeos No Frills



Carter at Deanna's Painting



Carson at DCJ Plumbing



Kristen at IGA



Ashton at Moose Country

Work Experience students worked a total of over 10 000 hours this summer and earned a combined total of 400 credits. *WOW!*

Students, if you are currently employed and interested in the Work Experience program please see Mrs. Trebilcock in Student Services to sign up and get the proper paperwork.

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Registered Apprenticeship Program



Kyle is a Millwright Apprentice at Millar Western



Jaron is a Heavy Equipment Technician Apprentice at Alberta Newsprint Company



Allison is an Apprentice Hairstylist at Curl up and Dye



THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following businesses' for their continued support of Hilltop High School's Off Campus Education throughout this summer. We are grateful for the outstanding partnerships within our community.

A&W

- Alberta Newsprint Company
- Allan and Jean Millar Centre
- Booster Juice
- Boston Pizza
- Canadian Tire
- Cross My Heart Jewelers
- Curl Up and Dye
- Dairy Queen
- DCJ Plumbing
- Deanna Harapchuk Painting
- Fabutan/Hush Lash Studio
- Granny Grays Ice Cream

IGA

- Jayden's Lawn Care
- JFW
- Mayerthorpe Extended Care
- McDonald's
- Merrifield Farms
- Millar Western
- North Country Market
- Romeo's No Frills
- Panago Pizza
- Petro Canada
- Pharmasave
- Sandbar Ranch
- Tim Horton's
- TSL Enterprises
- Walmart
- Whitecourt Golf and Country Club
- Whitecourt Public Library

If you are a student interested in Off-Campus Education or are a business interested in taking on a RAP student, please contact Mrs. Van De Kerckhove at 780-778-2446

FOR NEW RAP OPPORTUNITIES WATCH HERE, ONLINE OR THE OFF CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

CHARGER PRIDE

Hilltop Jr/Sr High School student **Maddy Martell** will represent her school community, Northern Gateway Public Schools, and the voice of rural high school students on the Education Minister's 2020-21 Youth Council!

The Minister's Youth Council consists of 41 junior and senior high students with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from all regions of Alberta. Students on the council provide their perspectives on a number of education topics, serving a 10-month term that aligns with the school year. During the school year, the council attends 3 multi-day sessions.

Already an active community member, Maddy is looking forward to the new role and to learning more about politics and engagement through the experience:

"Everyone's voice is important. I like to share my opinions and to encourage others to share theirs. Many students might not feel comfortable sharing their views. I'm excited to have a voice in how we will be educated and to share the voice of others."



Maddy will begin her Grade 12 year at Hilltop Jr/Sr High School this fall where she is known for her positive contributions and participation both within and outside of the school community. She works part-time, volunteers with Whitecourt's Pumpjack Players and is a current member of Whitecourt's Youth Advisory Committee. She has met national and provincial political leaders and worked with students from across Canada through past experiences with Encounters with Canada, Forum for Young Canadians and the Whitecourt Rotary Club.

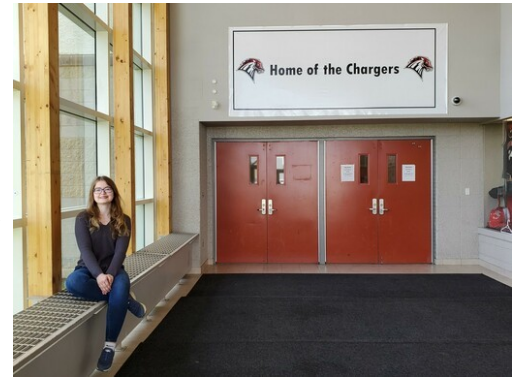
Hilltop Principal Brent Northcott is quick to praise the soon to be senior:

"Maddy is a very engaged student. She was our Student of the Year for high school last year. She is a very academic student, but is also involved in the school and her community in so many other ways with clubs and committees. Whatever happens at Hilltop High - Maddy's involved. We are excited to have her represent rural Alberta and Northern Gateway. She has good opinions and will do well at the Minister's table."

Maddy is one of 138 junior and senior high students across Alberta who applied to the Minister's Youth Council and one of 64 students interviewed by ministerial staff.

Congratulations on this prestigious appointment Maddy! We hope you keep sharing your voice, lending your hands, encouraging others and exploring every opportunity that Hilltop Jr/Sr High, your community and the greater global community have to offer!

Credit: ngps.ca



JFR

This summer, **Josh Robinson**, took part in the Junior Forest Ranger Program at Beaver Lake Fire Base, near Lac La Biche. The JFR program is a seven week journey that allows students to explore a wide variety of career options in the fields of wildfire, forestry, ecology and more.

Well done, Josh!





Hilltop Bistro



Open Daily

** The Breakfast Program will not be operating for the month of September.*

** All vending machines and microwaves are closed at this time.*

September Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	8 Loaded Tater Tots	9 Macaroni and Cheese	10 Perogies and Sausage	11 Butter Chicken and Rice
14 S&S Meatballs with Mashed Potatoes & Corn	15 Chili Cheese Dog	16 Tacos in A Bag	17 Cheesy Ravioli Bake	18 Bacon Cheese Burger with Potato Chips
21 Oven Baked Meatball Mozza Sandwiches	22 Aloha Chicken and Rice	23 Smokies in a Bun w/ Potato Salad	24 Meatball Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread	25 Pulled Pork with Coleslaw
28 Chicken Fettucine Alfredo	29 Lasagna w/ Side Salad	30 Sloppy Joes w/ Toppings		

Daily Lunch Special \$5.00
Small Chocolate Milk \$1.00
Large Chocolate Milk \$3.50
Milk 2 Go (Vanilla, Banana, Strawberry) \$2.50
Keurig Cup \$1.00
Cookie \$0.50
Loaf \$1.50
Muffin \$1.00
Square or Pastry \$2.00
Veggie Cup or Fruit Cup \$1.00
Jello or Pudding \$1.00
Pretzel & Hummus \$2.75
Sandwiches \$3.50
Yogurt Parfait \$1.50
Cheese, Meat & Crackers \$3.50

Friends of Hilltop Parent Council

2020-2021 Friends of Hilltop Council Members

Tammy Dickson, Avy Fast, Joanne Merrifield and Roxanne Amiot

Earn 5% profit on your regular grocery shopping at IGA!!

To All Parents of Hilltop Students
From FRIENDS OF HILLTOP PARENT COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Welcome Back!!

****At this time Friends of Hilltop cannot offer a Breakfast Program. Please stay tuned in the future for more information.**

You can continue to **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 --**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. Please call the office for more details.



Grad News



Grad 2020 Remind

Parents and students please sign up to receive important reminders regarding Grad 2021 via text message.

Text the message @hthgrad21 to the number (587) 316-7407

Important Days to Remember

Hilltop High School's 54th Graduation Ceremony

Grad Day 2021
Date & Time: TBA

Graduation/Scholarship Information Meeting
TBA

Grad Council Applications Due
September 30

Grad Pictures
November 30 - December 3

Photo sessions can be booked online approximately a week before. Communication will be sent out via the Grad Remind with full instructions once online booking is available and open.

ONE ON ONE MEETINGS

Mrs. Trebilcock will be in charge of tracking our Grade 12 academics to ensure all Grade 12 students are on track to successfully graduate. She has created a Google Classroom and invited all Grade 12 students to join. A calendar will be created for the grads to sign up and have a one on one meeting with Mrs. Trebilcock.

Class of 2021 Grad Council



Join Grad Council! Applications are available at the office and due by September 30



NEW LIBRARY HOURS

(**Starting August 31st 2020)******



Monday	10 am to 6 pm
Tuesday	12 pm to 8 pm
Wednesday	12 pm to 8 pm
Thursday	12 pm to 8 pm
Friday	10 am to 6 pm
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED



FOR THE TIME BEING, CHILDREN 12 & UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY SOMEONE OVER THE AGE OF 18 WHEN ENTERING THE LIBRARY





Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News

(formerly called Storefront)

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

Text: 780-779-1193

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Friday: No School



Welcome Mr. Kevin Babiuk to Gateway Academy and the return of EA Ms. Jennifer Osmond!

Gateway Academy is Hilltop High School's outreach program. This alternative program is designed for students that are unable to attend a traditional high school program. We offer programming for Grades 9 through 12. The program is based on Alberta Education's curriculum and students receive credit as they would in the regular program.

We offer a nurturing environment that supports not only academic development but emotional, social and intellectual growth. We also offer:

- Flexible time schedule;
- Individualized study program;
- Access to a variety of Core and Option courses;
- Personal Support (including access to counselling with a psychologist from Canniff & Associates)
- Staff mentorship to aid in planning high school courses and school-career transitions.
- Students may enroll in a partial program at the outreach while maintaining enrollment in other courses at their local high school.

The Gateway Academy Program is designed for students who:

- Are unsuccessful in the regular school setting;
- Prefer working independently and are highly self motivated;
- Need only a few credits to complete their high school diploma;
- Have work commitments or difficulties interfering with regular attendance;
- Are single parents who are unable to commit to a full-time program;
- May have experienced difficulties and dropped out of school;
- Have relocated mid-semester and are unable to register in regular school;
- Exhibit a desire to improve their education and career options.

We are located in downtown Whitecourt, on the corner of 51st Street and 51st Avenue (5104- 51 Ave.)

STEPS TO REGISTER

Students wishing to register at Gateway Academy must complete a registration package available at the school. Current Hilltop students must first have permission from Hilltop administration before beginning the registration process.

Students must come to the school for an intake interview, which they may schedule or attend on a drop-in basis. As well as your completed registration package, make sure you have the following information ready for your intake meeting:

- Birth Certificate or passport
- Legal first and last name
- Name of last school attended and contact person (Phone number if possible)
- If you have completed Grade 9 and have not been registered in a high school, a report card from Grade 9 must be provided.

Completion of the package does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Staff may require time to gather information to determine whether or not

Gateway Academy can provide the appropriate education.



Hilltop High School STAY CONNECTED



Access student schedules, attendance and grades online at any time with PowerSchool. **Also available as an app for smart phones.* To create an account, please contact us to receive your individual username and password.



Receive important reminders from Hilltop High School by text message through Remind. **Also available as an app for smart phones.* To sign up text @hilltophigh to (587) 316-7407.



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Read our monthly newsletters online at hilltophigh.ca or pick up a copy at the front office.



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For more information visit our website at hilltophigh.ca.



Contact us directly at (780) 778-2446 or email hilltop@ngps.ca.

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

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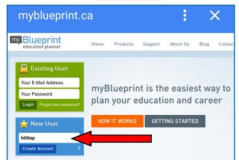
For more information: hilltophigh.ca / parents and students tab.


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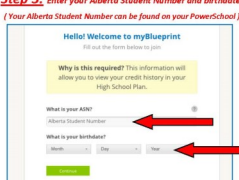
Step 1: Type in our school password "hilltop" and click on create account.



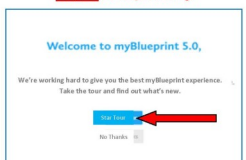
Step 2: Choose your grade.



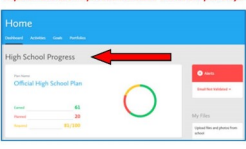
Step 3: Enter your Alberta Student Number and birthdate. (Your Alberta Student Number can be found on your PowerSchool)

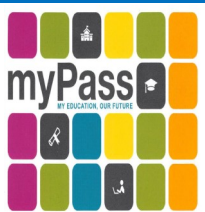


Step 4: You're in, start touring!



Step 5: myBlueprint connects to PowerSchool automatically to count credits, check graduation requirements and help research schools and career pathways.





MYPASS.ALBERTA.CA

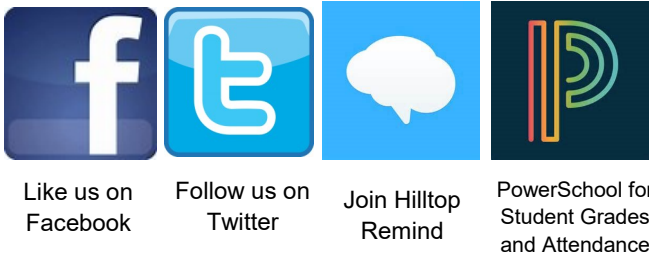
To access your records after writing a diploma, you will need to have a myPass.alberta.ca account established.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP FOR MyPass

**Alberta Education has decided that Diploma results will only be available via your MyPass account. *The school cannot create your account on your behalf.*

How to sign-up:

1. Go to myPass.alberta.ca
2. Create a login using "Sign me up, I'm new!" Do not use your @ngps.ca email. A confirmation link will be sent to your personal inbox.
3. Click on the confirmation link in your inbox. Confirm your birthdate and Alberta Student Number. You can find your ASN at <https://extranetapp.learning.gov.ab.ca/learnerRegistry/forms/>
4. Using a button on the subsequent screen, request that a secure verification code be mailed to your home via post. It should arrive within two weeks.
5. Upon receipt in the mail, login and enter the code. It will expire. Act promptly.
6. You will now have access to all of your academic records.



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PowerSchool for Student Grades and Attendance



Time suggested for homework + studying

if you are pursuing academic excellence at Hilltop High School

GRADE TEN

Only four core classes are available. Instead of fast-tracking, explore your interests, try different electives, and complete PE 10. Perhaps you could explore sports and extra-curriculars. No homework, you say? Read the newspaper or explore something new.



20 min x 3 days of the week



20 min x 3 days of the week



20 min x 5 days of the week



30 min x 5 days of the week



exercise and sleep help you achieve

GRADE ELEVEN

Four science courses may become available to you: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Science 20. Many students manage two at a time quite well by keeping on top of things. Math 10C branches into two streams 20-2 and 20-1 (both for students interested in University, it mostly depends what you want to explore career-wise). To excel in Social, pay attention to current events. To excel in English, read lots of varied texts. It is also time to complete CALM.



Bio 20 - 5 x 30 min
Chem 20 - 5 x 30 min
Physics 20 - 5 x 30 min
Science 20 - 5 x 20 min
Science 24 - 3 x 15 min



20 min x 3 days of the week



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



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

GRADE TWELVE

Put away your phone and buckle up. Apply for post-secondaries as early as October 1st. Think about working less and earning higher marks; you have your whole life to work. If you miss school, you have work to do!



30 minutes per week to work on scholarships and post-secondary preparations



Lots of sleep contributes to your ability to learn.



3.5 hours per science and math course /wk (spread out)

2 hours for English and Social, each /wk (spread out).

Is a part-time job a good idea?



Healthy fun will help you maintain balance.

PUT TOGETHER WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE STAFF AT HILLTOP HIGH. www.hilltophigh.ca

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.

2020-2021 School Fees

\$ 31.50 Technology Access Fee (mandatory)

\$ 25.00 Yearbook (optional)



Make online payments with SchoolCashOnline

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

Register at SchoolCashOnline.com



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. Power School is also available as an app for smart phones.

* If a student is going to be 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 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

Looking for a Tutor?

Willing to work with: Grades 7-12 and university students
Focus in Math and Science (Biology, Chemistry, Calculus, Statistics, Physics)

Cost:

One-on-one: \$25/hour

Cohort: \$25/hour base plus

\$5/hour each additional person

Credentials:

Bachelor of Science in Biology
(with distinction)

Highschool valedictorian

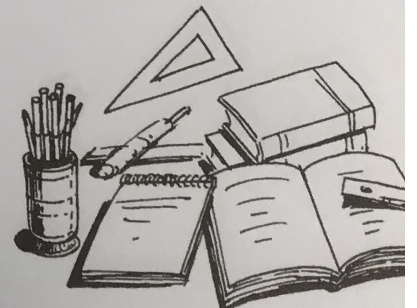
Contact:

Mikayla Bakker

Mikayla.bakker@gmail.com

780.778.9448

for more details



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2020						
30 August	31 August Organizational Day – Staff Only	1 Organizational Day – Staff Only	2 Regular Classes Begin for All Grade 9 Students Only Quarter One Begins	3 Regular Classes Begin for All Grade 10 Students Only	4 Regular Classes Begin for All Grade 11 (Morning) and Grade 12 (Afternoon) Students Only	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 Regular Classes Begin for All Students	9	10 Picture Day	11	12
13	14 No School	15	16 Friends of Hilltop School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day	Welcome back Chargers! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer, and is ready for a new school year.		

September

GALLERY

