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December 2020 & January 2021 Newsletter

Message from Administration

Welcome to December! We are fifteen days away from Christmas Break. While this is usually a time of joy with the anticipation of time to spend with family and friends, this year is a little different. With the COVID-19 virus still very much a part of everyday life, the provincial government has made the decision to move Grade 7-12 students online for the remainder of December and the first week of January.

As we once again move into online learning, it is important for students and parents to be aware that this round of online learning is different from the emergency situation we experienced from March to June of last year. This time around, students are expected to be in attendance and must complete the entire curriculum of each course. Teachers have shared their schedules with students and are all ready for learning to continue. I want to thank school staff for the time spent preparing to ensure students have access to the high quality education Hilltop is known for.

I encourage parents to keep in contact with their childrens' teachers and to check PowerSchool regularly. It is vital that students remain engaged in their learning as this time around, there will be no automatic passes given. Students have to complete their work to earn credit in their courses.

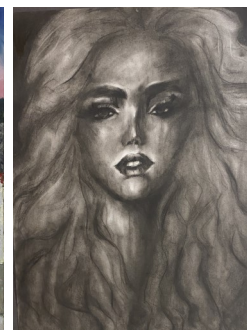
I would like to welcome Ms. Erin Yanew to the staff of Hilltop. Ms. Yanew started with us at the beginning of Quarter 2. Mrs. Gartner has moved into Cosmetology and Ms. Yanew is teaching English.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the joy of the season be merry and bright in your household. Hopefully the curve will be flattened and we can get back to all the holiday season has to offer. We look forward to seeing our students once again on January 11.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Your partner in education,

Brent Northcott
Principal



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Important Dates

November 30 - January 8
Online Learning

December 18
Last Day of Classes before
Christmas Break

January 4
First Day of Classes after Christmas
Break (online learning continues)

January 29
PD Day

Quarter Two
November 12 - January 28

Quarter Three
February 1 - April 21

Quarter Four
April 22 - June 28

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

Grad Photos Postponed until February 8-11



December 18

Last day of classes before Christmas break



January 4

First day of classes after the Christmas break (Online until Jan 8)



January 11-28



Diploma Exams

Optional for the rest of the school year.

A letter will be sent home offering students the option to write should they choose to.

January 29

PD Day
No Classes

Mandatory Restriction – Province Wide Starting Nov. 30

IMPORTANT Grades 7-12 students

Move to at-home learning **Nov. 30 to Jan. 8**, except during winter break*

Resume in-person classes **Jan. 11**

Diploma exams are optional for rest of the school year. Students and their families can choose whether to write an exam or receive an exemption for the January, April, June and August 2021 exams.



Employee Recognition

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following Hilltop staff members for their years of service and commitment to education within NGPS.

- Kevin Babiuk - 30 years**
- Sandy Gartner - 20 years**
- Vanessa Long - 10 years**
- Shawna Bendrien - 10 years**
- Jackie Dewitz - 5 years**
- Natalie Christianson - 5 years**
- Taylor Button - Edwin Parr Award**

Staff Update

We would like to wish farewell and all the best to Ms. Cartwright as she moves to Spruce Grove Composite High School to teach Cosmetology. We warmly welcome Miss. Erin Yanew to the Hilltop family. Miss. Yanew will teach English as Ms. Gartner moves to the Cosmetology program.

STUDENT POWER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Students PowerSchool information is the same as their Chromebook login information. There is **NO LONGER** a PowerSchool letter for students.

Most students have already reset their passwords for the year. If you have not done so, please do that first. If you have a password saved from last year, you must remove it. It seems to override the new password. Also, when going to Power School, please use the information below:

<p><u>PowerSchool through the Mobile App</u></p> <p>District Code: PSNT</p> <p>Username: firstname.lastname</p> <p>Password: what you have set up for this year</p>	<p><u>PowerSchool through the web</u></p> <p>Go To: ps.ngps.ca/public</p> <p>Username: firstname.lastname</p> <p>Password: what you have set up for this year</p>
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Parents/Guardians can stay informed about their child's assignments, grades and attendance by contacting the school to receive their PowerSchool login information.



Having access to reliable internet is essential in today's interconnected world. But for low-income families and people with disabilities, it can still be a struggle. **Internet for Good**® is an innovative program offered in BC and Alberta that provides eligible Canadians with the tools and connectivity they need to succeed. To find out if you qualify please visit their website [telus.com](https://www.telus.com).

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ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC AWARDS



Congratulations to our 2019-2020 Grade 12 Valedictorian, **Emma Schlosser**.

We were thrilled to present Emma with an impressive and well-deserved haul of academic awards, including the highly prestigious **Governor General Award**, which recognizes academic excellence in high school with the highest overall average. We are so proud of you Emma and we wish you all the best in University and in your bright future ahead.

- 2019-2020 Governor General Award**
- Highest Achievement English 30-1**
- Highest Achievement Math 30-1**
- Highest Achievement Math 31**
- Highest Achievement Social 30-1**
- Highest Achievement Chemistry 30**
- Highest Achievement Physics 30**
- Grade 12 Honours**
- Grade 12 Highest Overall Average**

Student of the Year

The Student of the Year Award is based on academics & school involvement (athletics, service to the school including yearbook, humanitarian, breakfast club and student council, attitude & attendance). The awards committee will take care of the academic marks and attendance/attitude.

Jr High Award Recipient

Emma Headington



Sr High Award Recipient

Alyssa Borg

(pictured to the left)

NGPS AWARD

The Northern Gateway Public Schools Award is presented annually to one student in Jr. High and one student in Sr. High

Successful candidates must fulfill all criteria as follows:

- take part in extracurricular activities
- demonstrates positive leadership qualities
- show interest and participate in school activities
- be academically engaged in curricular studies
- volunteer in order to enhance the community and/or school
- act in a respectful manner towards self, others and the environment

A student is eligible to receive the award once in Junior High (grade 7-9) and once in Senior High (grade 10-12).

Jr. High NGPS Award (\$100.00)
Jacob Stoyles

Sr. High NGPS Award (\$500.00)
Alyssa Borg



ANC Memorial Scholarship

Emma Schlosser (\$1000.00)

ANC Scholarship

Sydney Sharp (\$750.00)

Merit Contractors Award

Landis Van Der Meer (\$300.00)

Registered Apprenticeship Scholarship

Orren Baxter (\$1000.00)

Damon Irwin (\$1000.00)

Caleb Tobin (\$1000.00)

Taylor Topilka (\$1000.00)

ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC AWARDS

Grade 9 (2019-2020)

Individual Awards

Art Awards

Stephanie Cunningham ~ Art 9

Computing Awards

Simon Puddicombe ~ Jr High 3D Design
Jacob Stoyles ~ Jr High Graphic Design
Brady Turple ~ Jr High Robotics

Construction Award

Kaida Everhart & Tyson Schmidt ~ Jr High Construction

Drama Awards

Aspen Krogg ~ Jr. High Drama

Fashion Awards

Abigale House ~ Jr. High

Foods Awards

Rylee McKennitt & Aubree Sadoway ~ Jr. High

Leadership Awards

Ainslie Husak & Dryden Czenczek ~ Jr. High

Physical Education Awards

Taylor Cartwright ~ Jr. High

Athletic Awards

Athlete of the Year

Taylor Cartwright ~ Jr. Girls
Zachery Merrifield ~ Jr. Boys

Highest Achievement Awards

Highest Achievement in Language Arts

Isabel Rennie

Highest Achievement in Math

Kevin Lai
Simon Puddicombe

Highest Achievement in Science

Kevin Lai

Highest Achievement in Social Studies

Kevin Lai
Zachery Merrifield
Simon Puddicombe

Highest Overall

Kevin Lai

Grade 10 (2019-2020)

Individual Awards

Art Awards

Jorie Johnson ~ Advanced

Computing Awards

Jorie Johnson ~ Sr. High Graphic Design

Cosmetology Award

Rebecca Birtles ~ Introductory

Drama Awards

Sarah Fromager & Karizma Cross ~ Sr. High Drama

Fabrication Award

Pearson Amiot ~ Sr High

French Award

Alyssa Niziol ~ Sr High

Photo/Video Awards

Jesse Day & Thomas Pashko ~ Sr High

Physical Education Awards

Dineka Elchyson ~ Sr. High

Highest Achievement Awards

Highest Achievement in English

Grade 10/10-1: Maddie Vonstein
Grade 10/10-2: Hailey Gano & Seth Lanctot

Highest Achievement in Math

Grade 10/10C: Kyleigh Baxter
Grade 10/10-3: Charlize Dixon

Highest Achievement in Science

Grade 10/10: Miriam Epp
Grade 10/14: Kristen Cook

Highest Achievement in Social Studies

Grade 10/10-1: Miriam Epp & Susana Perez
Grade 10/10-2: Charlie Petrovic

Highest Overall

Maddie Vonstein & Miriam Epp

ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC AWARDS

Grade 11 (2019-2020)

Individual Awards

Art Awards

Kristen Cook ~ Introductory

Automotives Awards

Declan Finan ~ Sr High

Computing Awards

Ashley Anderson ~ Sr High Information Processing

Foods Awards

Ben Rhodes & Alex Hutchinson ~ Sr. High

Knowledge and Employability Award

Mitchell Patey ~ Sr High

RAP Award

Jaron Osborne

Work Experience Award

Reese Ramstead

Highest Achievement Awards

Highest Achievement in English

Grade 11/20-1: Samantha Rhynold

Grade 11/20-2: Aiden Szott

Highest Achievement in Math

Grade 11/20-1: Irene Myung

Grade 11/20-2: Shyla Berube

Grade 11/20-3: Sasha Corriveau

Highest Achievement in Science

Grade 11/20: Katie Dickson & Landis Van Der Meer-

Grade 11/24: Ethan Willberg & Zak Lapierre

Highest Achievement in Social Studies

Grade 11/20-1: Dakota Berube

Grade 11/20-2: Xander Bartsch

Highest Achievement in Biology

Grade 11/20: Summer Doerksen & Irene Myung

Highest Achievement in Chemistry

Grade 11/20: Irene Myung

Highest Achievement in Physics

Grade 11/20: Allison Wolfe

Highest Overall

Irene Myung

Grade 12 (2019-2020)

Individual Awards

Construction Award

Zachary Stoyles ~ Sr High

Cosmetology Award

Brianne Kerr ~ Advanced

Athletic Awards

Athlete of the Year

Alyssa Borg ~ Sr. Girls

Cruz Wheeler ~ Sr. Boys

Highest Achievement Awards

Highest Achievement in English

Grade 12/30-1: Emma Schlosser

Grade 12/30-2: Gabriel Prichard

Highest Achievement in Math

Grade 12/30-1: Emma Schlosser

Grade 12/31: Emma Schlosser

Grade 12/30-2: Areanna Fast

Grade 12/30-3: Gavyn Abraham

Highest Achievement in Science

Grade 12/30: Noel Tapp

Highest Achievement in Social Studies

Grade 12/30-1: Emma Schlosser

Grade 12/30-2: Cassie Hough

Highest Achievement in Biology

Grade 12/30: Jayden Greenwood

Highest Achievement in Chemistry

Grade 12/30: Emma Schlosser

Highest Achievement in Physics

Grade 12/30: Emma Schlosser

Highest Overall

Grade 12: Emma Schlosser

ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC AWARDS

Grade 9 Merit Recipients	Grade 9 Honours Recipients	Grade 10 Merit Recipients	Grade 10 Honours Recipients
<p>Bisson, Emma Bizeau, Sidney Burke, Megan Clark, Liam Coffee, Maggi Czenczek, Dryden de Jongh, Denver Duchesne, Baylee Gray, Renee Hay, Emily Hill, Liam House, Abigale Kerr, Erinn Keyes, Ally Lamb, Taryn Leighton, Caleb MacRitchie, Kenneth Marin, Alexander Mombourquette, Abby Munro, Brynn Newton-Robichaud, Gracie Pierson, Carson Prystupa-Switzer, Kohin Ruszkowski, Alina Sherburne, Jessica Skrecek, Brooklyn Smith, Cali Tapp, Sean Tremblay, Alexandra Wold, Tristan Wood, Ethan Young, Pheonix</p>	<p>Birtles, Tyler Blain, Madeline Boudreau, Grace Bradley, Cole Carlson, Logan Cartwright, Tayler Cunningham, Stephanie Davio, Megan Fowler, Kale Graham, Adria Headington, Emma Kluke, Brittany Krog, Aspen Lai, Kevin Lynch, Nathan Machuk, Ava McKennitt, Rylee McKennitt, Tegan Merrifield, Zachery Pastoor, Jordyn Paul, Cohen Perrin, Layla Puddicombe, Simon Rennie, Isabel Rodominski, Alexa Sadoway, Aubree Seguin, Maddox Stoyles, Jacob Trudzik, Tayla Van Dyke, Tyson Wierstra, Ella Wittmann, Carson</p>	<p>Amiot, Pearson Bryant, Abigail Corke, Kael Cross, Karizma Delaronde, Mariah Fickell, Angel-Lee Fromager, Sarah Gallant, Erin Gibbs, Rain Goudreau, Kaden Green, Jacob Gunderson, Haley Hadley, Claudia Lancot, Seth MacRitchie, Ella Newell, Braden Newhook, Travis Olson, Kord Ottley, Micah Paquette, Kyilee Pilgrim, John Possnett, Hunter Pratt, Darian Robinson, Wylie Rutherford, Cody Sadoway, Bryden Steines, Chase Turcotte, Kaycie Water, Paige Woods, Emmalee Woykin, Peyj Zimmer-Erhardt, Ashton</p>	<p>Baranitsky, Grace Barraclough, Carter Baxter, Kyleigh Birtles, Rebecca Brown, Ashley Camposano, Allysa Carson, Tyler Cote, Amber Davidson, Eric Day, Jesse Diaz, Jencel Dixon, Charlize Elchyson, Dineka Epp, Miriam Gano, Hailey Gower, Tatum Gunderson, Jordin Headington, Kyle Hodgson, Michael Johnson, Jorie Keyes, Brody Larupay, Nicole Ashley Mullin, Kate Niziol, Alyssa Pashko, Thomas Perez, Susana Petrovic, Charlie Pham, Ngan Pigeon, Sadie Romanchuk, Ally-Ann Spivak, Zachary Townsend, Hailey Van Dyke, Hailey Vonstein, Maddie Waters, Sophia</p>
Grade 11 Merit Recipients	Grade 11 Honours Recipients	Grade 12 Merit Recipients	Grade 12 Honours Recipients
<p>Augot, Brady Bartsch, Xander Beck, Corbyn Bryant, Dakota Cook, Kristen Corriveau, Sasha Deane, Nevin Dixon, Jordan Fast, Bayley Finan, Declan Gaffney, Brodie Gervais, Charmayne Hadley, Maren Hanton, Michael Heer, Samantha Juengling, Kelsey Klein, Sarah LaValley, Reed Measures, Haley Nickolson, Mikayla Osborne, Jaron Ottley, Samuel Palmateer, Kayla Rhodes, Ben Shuck, Kendall Stewart, Samantha Thibodeau, Samantha Thompson, Kendra Van Der Meer, Landis Wharton, Lexa Young, Serenity</p>	<p>Anderson, Ashley Baird, Hayley Berube, Dakota Berube, Shyla Daniels, Trey Dibben, Jaden Dickson, Katie Doerksen, Summer Edmundson, Jada Evenson, Chloe Gatchalian, Andrei Hutchinson, Alex Locke, Meagan McGregor, Shantelle Merrifield, Jenna Mohler, Jenna Molho, Maddy Myung, Irene Rhynold, Samantha Sibbal, Aarav Wharton, Kaiden Wilde, Aaron Willberg, Ethan Wolfe, Allison Zadderey, Kenneth</p>	<p>Adams, Noel Aubin, Luc Augot, Zachary Baxter, Orren Beuker, Paige Blize, Tristin Brandt, Jay Clarke, Hannah Davidson, Samia Fowler, Alexa Granley, Lainey Hough, Cassie Johns, Keegen Lavallee, Enila Leduc, Gabrielle Lemoal, Randi Lyver, Hannah McNeil, Tia Newman, Brady Tapp, Noel Wilson, Conrad</p>	<p>Beck, Kenzie Blain, Kevin Borg, Alyssa Braun, Tyler El Sayed, Lina Fast, Areanna Greenwood, Jayden Iggulden, Falyn Irwin, Damon LaValley, Ashley Mundell, Brook Paul, Kyra Perrin, Jaxon Schlosser, Emma Sharp, Sydney Taylor, Joshua</p>



HEALTH AND SAFETY

COVID-19 INFORMATION – HOW LONG TO STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL

This summary, based on the October 2020 Government of Alberta update, [COVID-19 Symptoms – Student illness](#), provides further clarity to parents about the ‘isolation’ period or ‘stay home’ period if a child has presenting symptoms.

It is still expected that parents complete [Alberta Health’s Daily Checklist](#), each day, before sending you child to school.

If a student has these symptoms:

- Fever (temperature of 38°C or higher)
- Cough (continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma)
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell or taste (not related to other known causes or conditions)

What to do:

- The child is to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms.
- Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation.

Your child may return to school:

- Once the 10-day [isolation](#) is complete and symptoms have resolved
- OR**
- When your child has received a negative COVID-19 test result, has no known exposure to the virus, and symptoms have resolved.

Other symptoms:

- Chills
- Sore throat/painful swallowing
- Runny nose/congestion
- Feeling unwell/fatigued
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Unexplained loss of appetite
- Muscle/joint aches
- Headache
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

One of these other symptoms:

- Keep your child at home and monitor for 24 hours.
- If the symptom improves after 24 hours, your child can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary.
- If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.

Two or more of these other symptoms:

- Keep your child home.
- Use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.
- Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.



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GRADE 9-12 STUDENTS

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AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECH

 **NOVEMBER 10**
STEAMFITTER/PIPEFITTER

 **NOVEMBER 25**
ICT PROGRAM LAUNCH

 **DECEMBER 8**
ELECTRICAL

 **DECEMBER 16**
INDUSTRIAL MECHANIC (MILLWRIGHT)

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WORKING FOR**



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Congratulations to the following Hilltop graduates who were the recipients of the \$1000.00 High School Apprenticeship Scholarship. Well done!

- Orren Baxter**
- Damon Irwin**
- Caleb Tobin**
- Taylor Topilka**

Caleb Tobin

Heavy Equipment Technician - Truck and Transport Mechanic Apprentice

I come from two generations of mechanics. My Grandfather and my Dad are both automotive mechanics, so you could say that mechanics run in my family. I love working with my hands and have a passion for fixing things. It was an easy decision for me to choose my career path to be a Heavy Equipment Technician. I believe you need to pursue a career that you are passionate about and love doing. I would like to thank my parents and all my friends for helping me get to where I am now. I am very lucky to have the opportunity to pursue this career through the apprenticeship program.



Orren Baxter

HIGH SCHOOL: Hilltop High School

Damon Irwin

HIGH SCHOOL: Hilltop High School
EMPLOYER: Alberta Newsprint Funding Corporation
High School Apprenticeship Scholarship :
Jacobs Catalytic

Caleb Tobin

HIGH SCHOOL: Hilltop High School
EMPLOYER: JBS Mechanical

Taylor Topilka

HIGH SCHOOL: Hilltop High School
EMPLOYER: Sniper Pressure Services

Cooking with Chef Mercer

Chef Mercers students made perogies from scratch, and now you can too!

Perogies

Equipment List DAY 1: *Please grab all the necessary equipment before you start the recipe*

- Large bowl x2
- Ingredient bowls x2
- Wooden Spoon
- Liquid Measure
- Medium pot with lid
- Strainer
- Potato masher
- Chef knife
- Peeler
- Cutting board

Ingredients

- 2 + ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon extra oil virgin olive oil

- 2-3 yukon potatoes, peeled and cubed
- ¼ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1-½ teaspoons processed cheese sauce
- onion salt to taste (optional)
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a large bowl, stir together the flour and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk together the butter, sour cream, egg, egg yolk and oil. Stir the wet ingredients into the flour until well blended. Cover the bowl with a towel, and let stand for 15 to 20 minutes. Then place into refrigerator overnight. (DO NOT FORGET TO LABEL)
2. Place potatoes into a pot, and fill with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, and cook until tender. about 15 minutes.
3. Drain, and mash
4. Once potatoes are mashed mix in the shredded cheese and cheese sauce while still hot.
5. Season with onion powder, salt and pepper. Place into a 1L container... allow to cool slightly before you place it in the refrigerator. (LABEL IT)

Equipment List DAY 2: *Please grab all the necessary equipment before you start the recipe*

- Baking sheet with parchment
 - Rolling pin
 - Cookie cutter: will need to share
 - Large pot with lid
 - Large frying pan, black skillet
 - Slotted spoon
 - Pastry brush
 - Small ingredient bowl, 1
6. Separate the perogie dough into two balls. Roll out one piece at a time on a lightly floured surface until it is thin enough to work with, but not too thin so that it tears.
 7. Cut into circles using a cookie cutter, pierogi cutter, or a glass.
 8. Brush a little water around the edges of the circles, and spoon some filling into the center. Fold the circles over into half-circles, and press to seal the edges.
 9. Place perogies on a cookie sheet, and freeze for at least 15 minutes.
 10. To cook perogies: Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.
 11. Drop perogies in one at a time. They are done when they float to the top. Do not boil too long, or they will be soggy! Remove with a slotted spoon.
 12. While perogies are cooking heat up large frying pan with 2 tablespoons of olive oil, and 1 tablespoon of butter.
 13. Once the perogies are done boiling, fry them until have nice crust on them.
 14. Serve with sour cream.



Cosmetology LIFE

Braids, bridal and special effects makeup!

Check them out on Instagram
HTH_just_b_cause



Looking for a Tutor?

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

Cost:

One-on-one: \$25/hour
Cohort: \$25/hour base plus
\$5/hour for each additional person

Credentials:

Bachelor of Science in Biology
(with Distinction)
Highschool Valedictorian

Contact:

Contact **Mikayla Bakker**
by PM for more details



Thank you **Alberta Newsprint Company**, **Millar Western** and **Verhaeghe Law Office** for your generous donation of personal protective equipment to our students. We are grateful for the community support. Thank you to the **Whitecourt Press** for assembling the packages.

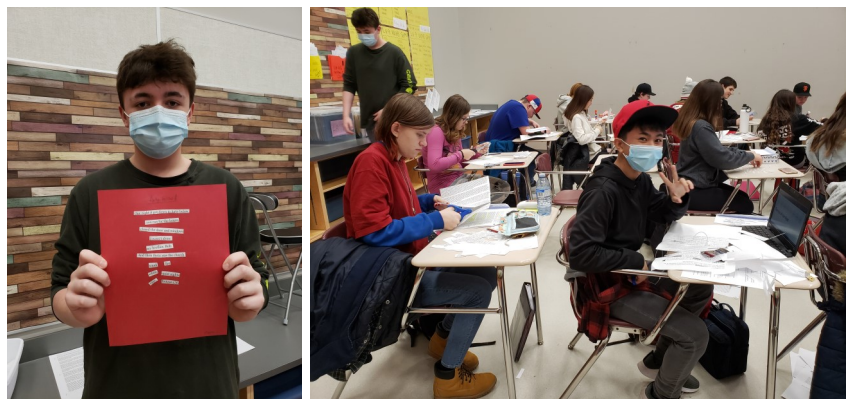
Spirit Wear FOR SALE



HOODIES \$40
S/S T-SHIRT \$15
HAT \$10
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L/S T-SHIRT \$16
WATER BOTTLE \$2

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE Now available for purchase through School Cash Online

Ms. Koudelkas Grade 9 students work on making **found poems** in Language Arts class.



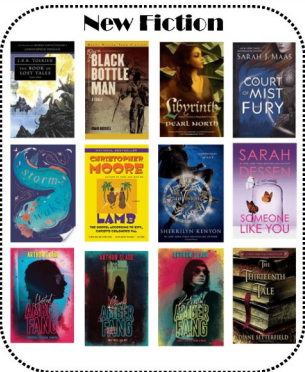
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA Thank You

Thank you to the University of Alberta for your virtual presentation to students interested in post-secondary at the U of A.

A "found poem" is one that is created using only words, phrases, or quotations that have been selected and rearranged from another text. To create found poems, students must choose language that is particularly meaningful or interesting to them and organize the language around a theme or message.



News From the Learning Commons



Thank you to everyone for your book requests. Here are some of the great new titles that have been added to our Learning Commons collection since October. If there is a book that you would like to see added please let me know!

Library newsletters ©Kathryn Garcia 2018 & TpT

INDIGENOUS NEWS

Submitted by: Hilltop High School Indigenous Liaison, Ms. Smith-Tomke

SMUDGING

Tansi!

Traditional practices and knowledge varies amongst Indigenous people and communities in Canada. Please allow your spirit to guide you, there is no 'wrong way' if you always lead with your heart. I encourage a conversation if you have concerns with my writing and protocol.

At a time when we need to promote the best of ourselves, I want to share some information about the practice of smudging.

Smudging is a cleansing ceremony for our body, mind and spirit. This practice is promoted with good intentions and thoughts of gratitude. Upon completion, one may thank the Creator.

*Please note the following is only a guide.

You will need a smudge bowl (earthen, cast iron, seashell) matches, feather and the four sacred medicines; Sage, Sweetgrass, Cedar and Tobacco

Place your medicine in your bowl, light it and fan the smoke with your feather if you have. Using your hands waft the smoke to your body, and cleanse your hands to begin.

Smudge your eyes, to see good things in people and learn from them.

Smudge your ears so you listen carefully to others, and listen with your heart.

Smudge your mouth so you will speak with kindness and choose your words carefully.

Smudge over your shoulders to release guilt, anxiety, resentment and anger into the past.

Smudge your heart to give thanks.

Take a moment, be grounded and humble, as you send your worries up to the sky away from Mother Earth. Breath deeply, be kind to yourself.



Hiy Hiy



Are you a Grade 10 or 11 dreamer? Shad2021 Online applications are OPEN!

Visit us at Shad.ca

Every summer 1,000 trailblazing students spend 27 days at a Canadian university in seminars, labs and hands-on learning. Oh, did we mention Shad is life-altering?

What is Shad? The month-long program includes a *real-world design challenge* that asks students to work on issues such as food security, water management and waste. There are also several *hands-on STEAM-learning opportunities* such as workshops, lectures from renowned professors, inspiring keynote speakers, and more!

Deadline: Dec. 7, 11:59 EST/ 9:59PM MST. There is no cost to apply. Shad2021 Online runs July 5- July 30, 2021.

Want to learn more? Visit Shad.ca, check us out on social media [@ShadProgram](https://twitter.com/ShadProgram), or email Nikki Barraza at Nikki@shad.ca to request an online virtual presentation for your high school.

NEXT MEETING: Jan 20, 2021

Friends of Hilltop Parent Council
 2020-2021 Friends of Hilltop Council
 President: Tammy Dickson
 Vice President: Avy Fast
 Secretary: Joanne Merrifield
 Treasurer: Roxanne Amiot

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

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

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 --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

Class of
2021

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
Friday, June 25, 2021
1:00 pm

Grad Pictures
February 8-11

Grad Picture Retakes
March 2

Grad Gowns

Graduates, we need some information from you before we can order your grad gowns. Please complete the Google form sent to you through our grad remind app, with your name and height. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Christianson at the office.

Grad Pictures



POSTPONED

Grad pictures have been postponed until February 8-11

Introducing the Class of 2021 Grad Council

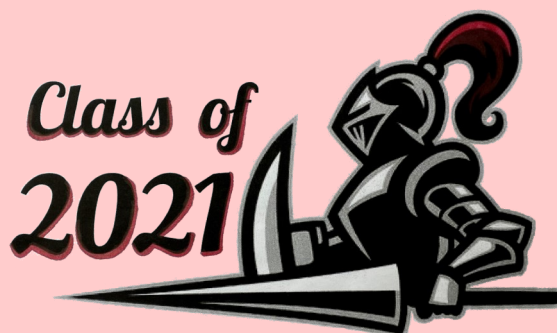
- Madison Martell - President
- Shyla Berube - Vice President
- Katie Dickson - Secretary
- Aarav Sibbal - Treasurer
- Kendall Shuck - Public Relations
- Sami Heer - Public Relations
- Allison Wolfe - Grad Council Member
- Mrs. Christianson - Staff Advisor
- Mrs. Blain - Staff Advisor
- Mrs. Van De Kerckhove - Staff Advisor



Grad Logo, Quote and Song

THE VOTES ARE IN!

Your Grad Logo is



Artist Credit: Allison Wolfe

Your Quote is

“We didn’t realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun.”
– Winnie the Pooh

Your Song is

“See You Again”
by Wiz Khalifa featuring
Charlie Puth

Thank you grads for submitting a logo, song or quote and for voting for your favorite choice! Stay tuned for Grad Wear order forms!



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
(Break 10-10:15 Lunch 12-1)

Tuesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
(Break 10-10:15 Lunch 12-1)

Wednesday: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm
(Break at 10-10:15. Lunch 12-1. Break 3-3:15 Supper is 30min at your own discretion)

Thursday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
(Break 10-10:15 Lunch 12-1)

Friday: No School

What is Gateway Academy?

Gateway Academy is Hilltop High School's Outreach program. Our alternative educational setting is designed for students that are unable to, or do not wish 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 towards their high school diploma as they would in the regular program.

We offer:

- a nurturing environment that supports not only academic development but emotional, social and intellectual growth.
- A flexible schedule where students can drop in to receive individualized tutorials;
- **A quiet, welcoming learning environment;**
- **Individualized independent learning** utilizing Alberta Distance Learning Resources;
- In person and/or online one on one tutorials with the subject teacher;
- 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.

Staff members for the 2020/2021 school year are:

Maureen Kendall Outreach Program Coordinator/Teacher (English/Social/Options)

Contact: maureen.kendall@ngps.ca

Chris Thomas Math/Science Teacher (Part time)

Contact: chris.thomas@ngps.ca

Kevin Babiuk Social/Science/Math Teacher

Contact: kevin.babiuk@ngps.ca

Tammy Johnson Administration Assistant

Contact: tammy.johnson@ngps.ca

Jennifer Osmond Educational Assistant

Contact: jennifer.osmond@ngps.ca



Parents/Guardians are recommended to check their child's progress using PowerSchool (If you are having trouble accessing PowerSchool, please call the school for an update or assistance).

Have questions about our program? Are you a current student wishing to book a tutorial or counselling appointment?
Please reach out:

School Phone: (780) 778-5865 School Cell: (780) 779-1193

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**.

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.

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.

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.**

If you are interested in earning credits while you work, see Mrs. Trebilcock in Student Services to pick up Work Experience papers. It is important to return the Parent Permission Form and the Employer Contract form ASAP so we can start the process of earning credits.

Remember, every 25 hours = 1 credit so this is a great opportunity to easily earn extra credits toward your graduation requirements. Also, be sure to hand in your hours at the end of every month.



APPLYING TO POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS IN ALBERTA?

If so, you must sign up for applyalberta! The process takes about twenty minutes, but if you intend to apply to Colleges, Trade schools or University you **MUST** go through this website!

COVID-19 Information

! A MyAlberta Digital ID BASIC account is required to access ApplyAlberta. You do not need to create a MyAlberta Digital ID VERIFIED account to access ApplyAlberta.


 Search ApplyAlberta

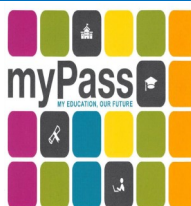
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Apply Now!

Login to Resume Application

Need More Information?



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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2020</h1>						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31	M erry Christmas and Happy New Year! C hristmas Vacation: December 21, 2020 – January 4, 2021	

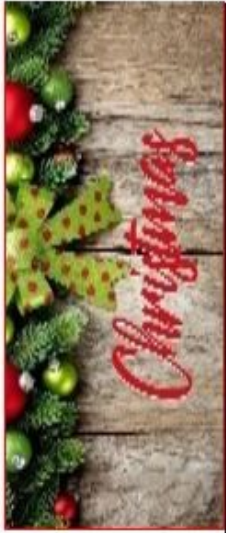


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2021</h1>						
3	4 First Day of Classes Following Christmas Break	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Diploma Exams Eng 30-1 Part A 9:00am Eng 30-2 Part A 9:00 am	12 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part A 9:00am Social 30-2 Part A 9:00am	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Diploma Exams Math 30-1 9:00am Math 30-2 9:00am Friends of Hilltop School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Diploma Exams Eng 30-1 Part B 9:00am Eng 30-2 Part B 9:00am	21 Diploma Exams Eng 30-1 Part B 9:00am Eng 30-2 Part B 9:00am	22 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part B 9:00am Social 30-2 Part B 9:00am	23
24	25 Diploma Exams Biology 30 9:00am	26 Diploma Exams Chemistry 30 9:00am	27 Diploma Exams Physics 30 9:00 am	28 Diploma Exams Science 30 9:00 am	29 Professional Development Day No Classes	30
31	W elcome back, we hope your holiday was a restful one. B est of luck to all students as you write your Diploma and Final Exams.					





Events Calendar for:
December, 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CLOSED						CLOSED
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CLOSED						CLOSED
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
CLOSED				Christmas Craft Night (5 - 7 pm) (ONLINE)	Christmas Craft Night (5 - 7 pm) (ONLINE)	CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSED
27	28	29	30	31		
CLOSED				NEW YEAR'S EVE CLOSED		BOXING DAY CLOSED

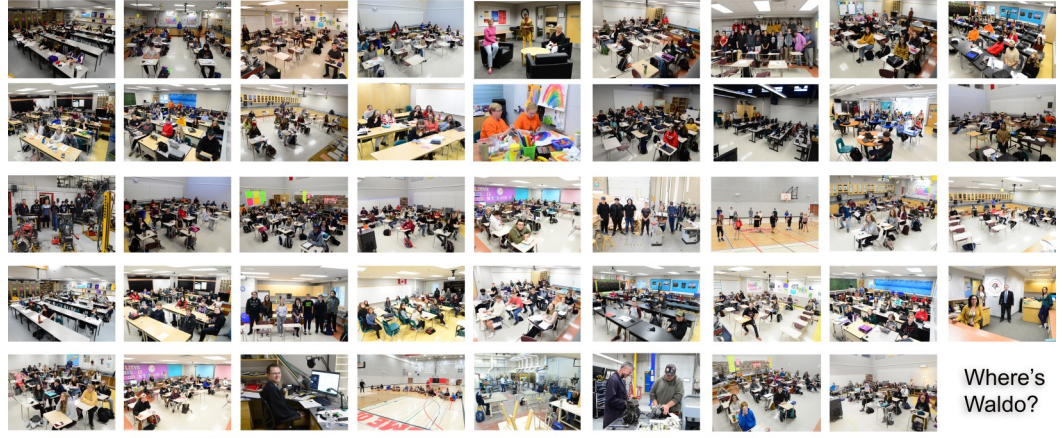
NOTE: Changes may occur during the month. For our most up-to-date information, checkout our Facebook page, or call (780) 778-2900



Note!

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

GALLERY



Where's Waldo?

We Are The Chargers 2020-2021

Merry Christmas

