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Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School



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March 2021 Newsletter

Message from Administration

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With March now upon us we can look forward to the coming of spring and the renewal it brings with it. Hopefully warmer days are just around the corner.

March 2021 will be a month of parent and student engagement. The annual Alberta Education Assurance Survey will be rolling out this month. This used to be called the Accountability Survey. Alberta Education has contracted a company to complete the survey this year instead of mailing out the survey. Northern Gateway Public Schools also released a ThoughtExchange on February 26 to get stakeholders feedback on education. Lastly, Hilltop will be releasing its own survey to parents, students and staff to gain feedback on the quarter system as we move forward with planning for the 2021-2022 school year. When you receive the surveys, please take a few minutes to complete each one as your feedback is very important to us.



Any student interested in the Minister of Education's Youth Council can apply until March 24, 2021. This council gives students a direct line to the Minister of Education. The minister is looking to attract 40 junior and senior high school students, ages 14 to 19, with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds, and perspectives from all regions of Alberta. Of those 40, eight will be returning council members, and at least 32 will be new members. The council will continue to allow students to impact education, build their leadership skills at the provincial level, and leave a legacy that will last well into the future. For more information and instructions on how students can apply, visit alberta.ca/student-engagement.aspx.

We will also be holding Parent Teacher Interviews on the evening of March 18. This round of interviews will once again be by phone or virtual. The portal on the school website will be available to book appointments beginning March 5.



Hilltop has many ways for parents to stay up to date on what is happening at school. Our School Connects system sends home attendance information daily for students who have not had their absence called in to the office. We also have a Remind account where parents can receive emails and/or text messages of important school announcements. There is a link to sign up on the school website. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and check the school website for updates.

Your partner in education,

Brent Northcott

Principal

Important Dates

MARCH 18
Parent Teacher Interviews
MARCH 22
First Day of Gr. 9 Options 3/6
MARCH 22- 26
Virtual Art Show
MARCH 29
Easter Vacation Begins
APRIL 7
Classes Resume

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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Block 2 12:27 PM - 3:15 PM	B



NEWS AND EVENTS

March 14

Daylight Savings Time



March 17



St. Patrick's Day

March 18

Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-5:30

Book online at hilltophigh.ca

March 19

Last Day of Grade 9 Options 2/6

Option **3**

March 22

First Day of Grade 9 Options 3/6

March 29

Easter Vacation Begins
No School



April 7

Classes Resume

Virtual Art Show
March 22-26th

Watch for us LIVE on Facebook!



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

We are now open for registration for the 2021-2022 school year.


If you are wanting to register your child for the upcoming school year please contact us at 780-778-2446 to set up an intake meeting. Our registration package can be found on our website at hilltophigh.ca. Please complete the registration package and bring with you to your intake meeting.

Together, we can keep our school clean!



This is a recycling bin. Here you can recycle refundable beverage containers, like pop bottles/cans and juice boxes. Look for the green bins and the recycling symbol!





This is a trash can. Here you will dispose of garbage, like Tim Hortons cups and McDonalds wrappers. You can find these bins all over the school. They even have these bins outside in the Arena parking lot for your convenience.



We know that sometimes you forget and sometimes the correct bin is just so far away, but we believe in our students and know that once you know better, you do better. So now that you know, be a good human and do your part by putting your recyclables in the green bin and your garbage in the trash bin. Including inside and outside of the school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

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.



Northern Gateway
Public Schools



Congratulations to **Gracie Newton-Robichaud** who participated in a survey at the Virtual Forestry Expo and won herself an iPad! Thank you to Corry Pepper from CAREERS: The Next Generation for stopping in to present Gracie with her prize!



The importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Check out these stats!

He/She is only missing...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hr 40 min per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years



Thank you Alberta Newsprint Company for your generous donation of recyclable bottles to the Class of 2021. Our graduates of Hilltop are very grateful for your support.



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780-778-2231
inquiries@crankshaft.com

Big thanks to Crankshaft Mechanical for the generous donation of office supplies. Our students will put them to good use.

POWER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Students PowerSchool information is the same as their Chromebook login information. To access your Power School account, please use the information below:

PowerSchool through the Mobile App

District Code: PSNT

Username: firstname.lastname

Password: Same as your Chromebook password

PowerSchool through the Web

Go To: ps.ngps.ca/public/

District Code: PSNT

Username: firstname.lastname

Password: Same as your Chromebook password

Parents/Guardians can stay informed about their child's assignments, grades and attendance by contacting the school to receive their PowerSchool login information. Parents can access their child's account either through the mobile app or desktop version at ps.ngps.ca/public/. If you are having trouble accessing your account or need to reset your password, please contact us at 780-778-2446.

COOKING WITH CHEF MERCER

Fish en Papillote

Did you Know?

Papillote means cooked in parchment. It can be done with any type of fish.

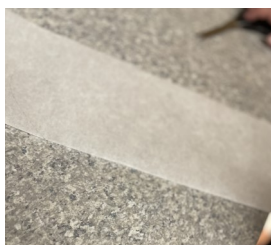


Ingredients:

4 pieces fish (type does not matter) (season with salt & pepper)
 1 green onion thinly sliced
 ¼ red pepper, diced small
 8 small rounds zucchini
 2 teaspoon garlic clove
 2 teaspoon ginger
 4 teaspoons butter melted
 4 teaspoons olive oil
 4 teaspoons lemon juice
 3 tablespoons fresh dill
 1/2 teaspoon paprika
 salt & pepper to taste
 4 heart cut parchment per fish

Procedure:

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F season both sides of the fish with salt and pepper
2. Fold one piece of parchment in half and draw a half heart shape starting on the folded edge
3. Cut out heart shape and unfold paper
4. Now time to build your packets:
 - On one side of the parchment paper
 - Few slices of zucchini
 - 1 piece of fish on top
 - Place some of the green onion on top
 - Place some of the red pepper on top
5. Mix in small bowl: oil, melted butter, garlic, ginger, lemon juice, dill, paprika, and pinch of salt and pepper
6. Divide mixture up equally between the pieces of fish
7. Now, as shown in the demo, fold over the flap over the fish
8. Using tight, small folds, seal the two pieces of parchment together, twisting the tale end shut at the bottom
9. Place parchment packets on a baking sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes depending on size



NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

MARCH into the Learning Commons and check out a NEW book!

New Graphic Novels



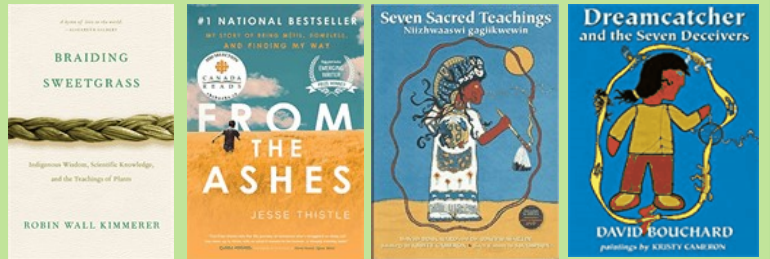
New Nonfiction



Poetry and Mythology



New Indigenous Books



***** Winner Canada Book Awards 2020 *****



Overdue Textbooks

To avoid charges please return all overdue textbooks, class novels and calculators. Thank you!

More News from the Learning Commons on the next page...

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

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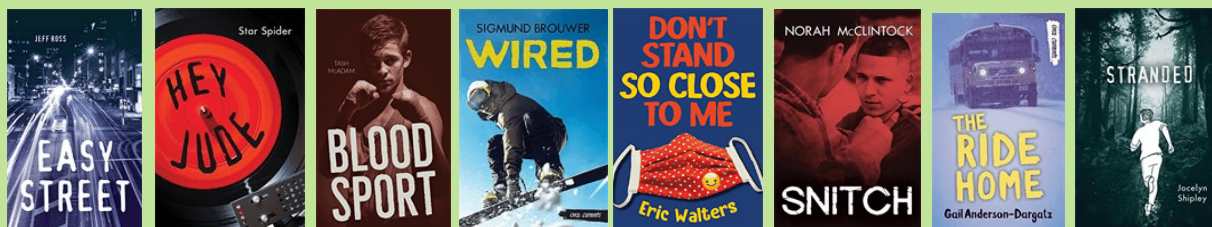
New Giants of Rap and Hip-Hop Series



New Romance



New Short Reads



New Fiction

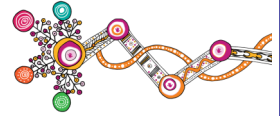


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INDIGENOUS NEWS

Submitted by: Ms. Smith-Tomke, Indigenous Liaison



Metis student housing while attending University or College

Tansi, Abawasheded

If you are Metis and heading off to pursue post-secondary education it is important that you know a couple of options for housing in Alberta.

Firstly, there is housing in the **Belcourt Brosseau House** on the U of A campus. This accommodation is a co-ed home located within a short walk from the University of Alberta.

<https://www.residence.ualberta.ca/aboriginal-student-housing>.

Also there is **Metis Urban** housing which is a student rental supplement assistance program. This program may pay 200.00 per month of your rent and pay up to 850.00 security deposit.

<https://www.metishousing.ca/programs/housing-programs/student-rental-supplement-assistance-program/>

Both of these programs are excellent opportunities for those students who are away from home.

Hiy Hiy, Ish Nish



ANC Indigenous Scholarship Opportunity

INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Alberta Newsprint Company offers a total of \$1000.00 per year in scholarships for Indigenous high school graduates.

A minimum of 2 applicants must be received.

PURPOSE

ANC and its employees wish to support the broad needs of our community for trained, skilled and educated people to fill employment and community service roles in the future.

Our hope is that scholarship assistance will be encouragement for local students to pursue a post secondary education at an accredited College, University, Technical School or Vocational Institution.

ELIGIBILITY

Graduating students who have not reached the age of twenty-five at the time of application are eligible to apply.

Applications must be ***received*** prior to **April 28, 2021** (Noon.) to:

Human Resources Department
 Alberta Newsprint Company
 Postal Bag 9000
 Whitecourt, Alberta
 T7S 1P9
 email: scholarship@albertanewsprint.com

Please indicate that your application is for: INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

REGULATIONS

ANC Indigenous Scholarship Opportunity

This scholarship must be used to pursue post-secondary education in Canada. Scholarships will be paid directly to the Post Secondary Institution.

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The scholarship stipend will be sent to the post-secondary in the first year, but need not be totally used in that year. The student and the school must decide distribution of the scholarship monies.

The recipient of this scholarship may accept other awards.

A scholarship recipient who fails to enroll in a post secondary institute in the academic year of his or her award will have one (1) year from receiving award to enroll if requiring high school upgrading. A scholarship recipient who fails to enroll in a post secondary institute in the academic year of his or her award will normally forfeit the scholarship. One who withdraws from a post-secondary institute and does not transfer to another accredited institution will normally forfeit the unused portion of the award.

APPLICATION CONTENT

The application should contain the following information:

- A covering letter, which would include an outline of the applicants, career objectives and how they support the intended purpose of the scholarship, financial need, as well, why they deserve this scholarship.
- An attached letter of recommendation from a staff member of the participant's school. This recommendation can be made on the basis of financial need, work ethic, community involvement or academic standing.
- An attached letter of recommendation by a peer in the school or the community. This recommendation can be made on the basis of character, citizenship or participation in community activities.
- An attached short essay on a topic chosen annually.
- Resume

ESSAY TOPIC for 2021 – Candidate to choose one (1) of the following topics for essay:

“How will COVID-19 effect the future?”

“What does a healthy Canadian economy look like in 2030?”

SELECTION COMMITTEE

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CO-ORDINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

All inquires should be directed to ANC's Personnel Services Coordinator who will be responsible for receipt of applications, distribution applications to the committee and who will provide notification to the successful applicant.



ANC Scholarship Opportunity

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Alberta Newsprint Company offers a total of \$4250.00 per year in scholarships for high school students graduating in the Whitecourt area. The following are offered:

St. Joseph School	\$750.00
Hill Top School	\$750.00
Mayerthorpe	\$750.00
Fox Creek	\$750.00

Open, any of the above schools or a home study student \$1250.00

A minimum of 2 applicants per school must be received. If not, a second overall recipient will receive scholarship dollars in the amount of \$750.00.

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OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION



Hilltop High School's RAP STARS

(Registered Apprenticeship Program)



Ryan Oliver

Grade: 12

Job Position: Welding

Employer: Carbonex



Jaron Osborne

Grade: 12

Job Position: Heavy
Equipment Technician

Employer: Alberta



Kyle Prokipchuk

Grade: 12

Job Position: Millwright

Employer:
Millar Western



Allison Wolfe

Grade: 12

Job Position: Hair Stylist

Employer: Curl Up & Dye



Carson McNeill

Grade: 11

Job Position: Plumbing

Employer: DCJ
Plumbing



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MARCH 17

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CALL 1-888-757-7172 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Shout out to Kennedy Bahm, a Hilltop graduate who started her welding apprenticeship with Careers: The Next Generation while attending High School and is now the face of the poster above. Since graduating, Kennedy has become a skilled Welder and a shining example of what women can do in the industry. Way to go Kennedy, you're rocking it!



#WomenInTrades
#ChargerPride
#RoleModel



Are you interested in becoming a Junior Forest Ranger?

Applications are currently being accepted for JFR Crew Member positions.

In order to apply, you must be between 16-18 years old (as of July 1, 2021) and be a full-time high school student in Alberta. If you are graduating in 2021, yes, you are still eligible to apply.

You do not need to upload an actual resume. Instead, upload the JFR Crew Member application including Parts A, B, C to your profile. You can find them on the JFR crew Member job ad on their website at <https://alis.alberta.ca/junior-forest-rangers/>. Fill them out, save them, and upload them to your profile where it says "Resume/CV".

Deadline to apply is April 1.

Josh Robinson participated in the JFR Program last year. Ask him about it!



OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION

NEW RAP OPPORTUNITIES

at **Alberta Newsprint Company** and **Pembina Pipeline!**
For more information please see Mrs. Van De Kerckhove.



POSITION TITLE:
RAP Students

Alberta Newsprint Company (ANC), a joint venture of the Stern Group and West Fraser Timber Company Ltd., is a leading manufacturer of premium paper products. Located in Whitecourt, and operating with a non-unionized workforce, the firm's paper mill—the first in Alberta—produces paper of such high quality that it has become the standard by which other paper products manufactured in Canada are measured. The company is a successful, well-financed, progressive organization that is regarded as one of the best companies in the paper industry.

ANC is looking for students interested in these exciting Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) opportunities. The RAP Program allows students to get a head-start on their careers by earning experience and hours while in high school. To be eligible, you must be a student local to Whitecourt (including Mayerthorpe and Fox Creek), in Grade 10 or 11, and looking to pursue a job in the trades after high school. At ANC, safety is of utmost importance, so having a strong safety mindset is required.

Students must also have their own reliable transportation to and from the ANC Mill site.

We have one opening in each of the below categories.

Heavy Equipment Technician (Heavy Duty Mechanic)

Term: Immediate Placement to May 2022

Maintain, repair and overhaul heavy vehicles and industrial equipment with the supervision of a certified technician, including:

- Forklifts
- Clamp Trucks
- Aerial Lift Equipment
- Yard Tractors
- Fire Trucks
- Various other pieces of stationary equipment.

Plus, may have exposure to:

- Interpreting work orders and technical manuals
- Diagnosing faults or malfunctions
- Adjusting equipment and repairing or replacing defective parts, etc.

Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)

Term: From May 2021 to May 2022

Install, maintain, repair and troubleshoot stationary industrial machinery and mechanical equipment with the supervision of a team of millwrights, including:

- Pumps
- Screw Conveyors
- Belt Conveyors
- Refiners
- Paper Machine Equipment
- Bearings
- Fans
- Engines

Plus, may have exposure to:

- Reading diagrams and schematic drawings and service manuals to determine procedures
- Fitting bearings, aligning gears and shafts, attaching motors and connecting couplings and belts to precise tolerances
- Repairing or replacing defective parts

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 5, 2021.

Students: Contact your Off-Campus Coordinator for an application and more information.

If you have questions about the roles, please contact:
Corry Pepper at CAREERS: The Next Generation
Email: CPepper@nextgen.org

NEW OPPORTUNITY



RAP Positions

**Instrumentation/Electrical
Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
Parts Technician (Whitecourt)**

Whitecourt, Fox Creek, Valleyview

**Pembina Pipeline Corporation – Conventional Business Unit
(3 positions available)**

Starting Date: July 2, 2021
Hours: Based on availability
Wage: \$16.85

Requirements:

- Minimum Age: 16
- Minimum Grade Completed: Grade 9
- HCS 3000 Completed
- Driver's License required
- Safety Tickets preferred: First Aid and H2S Alive
- Resume, Cover Letter - **noting which position(s) you are interested in** and completed Off-Campus Education Application Form
- Please speak with your Off-Campus Coordinator or school administration to apply

Deadline to Apply: April 30, 2021

Interested in **Engineering** but want to learn more? Check out this virtual presentation from the U of A.
March 9 at 7 pm.
Scan the code to register!

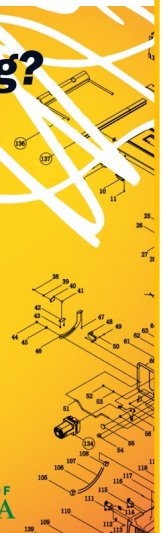
What Even Is Engineering?

Make A Difference
Using Science!



Scan to Register

**Virtual Session
TUE MAR 9
@ 7 pm**



Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training

TRADE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of the following courses:

RECOMMENDED PATH

Alberta High School Diploma that includes the following courses:

CATEGORY A	English 10-2 Math 10-3 OR A pass mark in all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) tests OR Entrance Exam	English 30-2 Math 30-3 Physics 20 OR Chemistry 20 OR Science 20 Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses
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CATEGORY B	English 20-2 Math 20-3 Science 10 OR A pass mark in all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) tests OR Entrance Exam	English 30-2 Math 30-3 Physics 30 OR Chemistry 30 OR Science 30 Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses
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CATEGORY C	English 10-2 Math 10-3 Science 10 OR A pass mark in all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) tests OR Entrance Exam	English 30-2 Math 30-3 Physics 20 OR Chemistry 20 OR Science 20 Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses
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- CATEGORY A**
- Baker
 - Barber
 - Bricklayer
 - Cabinetmaker
 - Carpenter
 - Concrete Finisher
 - Cook
 - Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator
 - Floor Covering Installer
 - Glazier
 - Hairstylist
 - Insulator (Heat and Frost)
 - Ironworker
 - Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic)
 - Locksmith
 - Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
 - Painter and Decorator
 - Parts Technician
 - Water Well Driller
 - Welder

- CATEGORY B**
- Agricultural Equipment Technician
 - Appliance Service Technician
 - Automotive Service Technician
 - Boilermaker
 - Communication Technician
 - Electric Motor Systems Technician
 - Electrician
 - Elevator Constructor
 - Gasfitter
 - Heavy Equipment Technician
 - Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
 - Motorcycle Mechanic
 - Natural Gas Compression Technician
 - Plumber
 - Power System Electrician
 - Powerline Technician
 - Sheet Metal Worker
 - Sprinkler Systems Installer
 - Steamfitter-Pipefitter
 - Transport Refrigeration Technician

- CATEGORY C**
- Auto Body Technician
 - Landscape Horticulturist
 - Machinist
 - Outdoor Power Equipment Technician
 - Recreation Vehicle Service Technician
- CATEGORY D***
- Roofer
 - Instrumentation and Control Technician
 - Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
- *See the individual trades on tradesecrets.alberta.ca for Category D trade entrance requirements. Equivalencies will be considered for entrance requirements. **If you have an existing trade certificate, it can serve as your entrance requirement when registering in an additional trade.**

Discover a career in Forestry, Technology, Health Services, Communications and more! Learn what the RAP program has to offer and the opportunities available for women and indigenous peoples in the trades.

Take a quiz to find out what trade you're best suited for at careersnextgen.ca.

Click on the I'm a Student and take the Space Explorer Test or the Zombie Trades Matcher Quiz to find a career that might suit you.

Curious what career might suit you?

Take the Space Explorer Test

Which skilled trade are you best suited for?

Take the Zombie Trades Matcher Quiz



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
Friday, June 25, 2021
1:00 pm

Grad Picture Retakes
March 2

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



Support the Class of 2021!



Please support the Class of 2021 and Grad Council's fundraising efforts by donating your bottles/cans to the Whitecourt Bottle Depot. Just mention they are for Hilltop High School's Class of 2021 graduates.

Thank you for your support!



PROM-ise Campaign

The Boys & Girls Club of Whitecourt is once again running their PROM-ise Campaign for graduating students this year.

In light of COVID-19, we understand that obtaining a grad outfit may be difficult for many, whether there are financial barriers, transportation barriers, or government restrictions that may be causing issues for a student.

Our Boys & Girls Club has a large inventory of dresses, and select inventory for suits and tuxedos. Our grad outfits are completely free, and we require nothing for families to access this service. We want to ensure that every student has the opportunity to earn their diploma in style and celebrate accordingly.

If you have any questions please contact;

Kyria Baranowski, RSW
 Executive Director
 Boys & Girls Club of Whitecourt & District
 Phone: 780-778-6696



Boys & Girls Club
 of Whitecourt & District

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.



**NEXT MEETING:
March 17 7pm**

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



Families of Hilltop High School Students



Earn 5% profit grocery shopping at IGA and support Hilltop High School's Friends of Hilltop Parent Council.

EARN MONEY to pay for your student's school fees, grad garb, school sports and even school trips. When you purchase IGA grocery vouchers from the Remax office or at Hilltop's front office, 5% of your purchase is placed in an account just for you. It stays there until you need to access these funds to pay for any variety of school related expenses. Stop by or call the office for more details on how to sign up.

****At this time Friends of Hilltop cannot offer a Breakfast Program. We are really hoping public health restrictions will be lifted soon so we can once again provide breakfast to the students.**

Even through this pandemic 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.

Currently you can **ONLY** purchase grocery vouchers from the **Remax Office** on main street--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.



Spirit Wear FOR SALE

HOODIES \$40
S/S T-SHIRT \$15
HAT \$10

PANTS \$35
L/S T-SHIRT \$16
WATER BOTTLE \$2

GREAT GIFT FOR STUDENTS!

Now available for purchase through School Cash Online

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

MINISTER'S YOUTH COUNCIL

MAYC

Direct line to the minister... what would you say?

- We are looking for 40 junior and senior high school students.
- Students with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds, and perspectives.
 - Council will help to prepare Alberta students for success.

Information and steps on how to apply can be found on the website.

Application packages need to be submitted by March 24, 2021.

APPLY TODAY!

 @AlbertaEd | alberta.ca/student-engagement.aspx

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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.



Summer CALM CAMP 2021 Registration NOW OPEN!!!

The Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) is offering Career and Life Management 20 in an immersive experiential manner for your student.

Students will take the course over 5 days and 4 nights at the Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre in Bow Valley Provincial Park. Students will receive **6 credits** for the course: CALM 20 (3 credits), Speaking and Listening (1 credit), Job Maintenance (1 credit), and Workplace Safety Systems (1 credit and due prior to the start date of the course).

Course Fee: \$825.00 All activities and programming is dependent on current COVID-19 restrictions at the time of your child's course. Additional forms may be required prior to your child attending their course.

For more information check out olc.crps.ca

Experience horseback riding, rock climbing, canoe skill development and hiking while exploring career choices, decision making and team building.



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.



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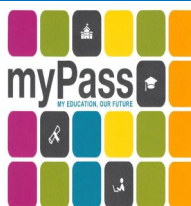
Need More Information?

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.



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.

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.



Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News

(formerly called Storefront)

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

Text: 780-779-1193

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.

Gateway Academy Information & Reminders:

- Students and staff at Gateway Academy wish to extend our thanks to The Community Lunchbox for continuing to provide healthy breakfasts and lunches to our students. Having healthy meals and snacks on hand makes such a difference in our building. Thank you CLB!!
- Any students with textbooks at home that they are no longer using are asked to return them to Gateway as soon as possible as we have an abundance of overdue textbook returns we are trying to take care of. Thank you for your timely textbook returns!
- Students interested in upcoming RAP opportunities or Work Experience should see Mrs. Kendall for more information. There are several opportunities currently available (see information in newsletter).
- ***It is the expectation that students enrolled at Gateway hand in one assignment module per week, per enrolled course.***
- Grads of 2021, please ensure you are following the GRAD REMINDS for announcements regarding forms, yearbook submission dates, and upcoming ceremony details. It is ESSENTIAL that you are staying up to date with this information. If you are having trouble signing up, please see Maureen for help.

Upcoming Dates: Spring Break at Gateway: March 26 - April 7

Parent/Teacher Communication

Did you know that that Spring Break is now only five weeks away? Would you like to contact your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress, or book an in-person or online tutorial for your child? Please reach out via email, text (780) 779-1193 or by phone (780) 778-5865 to schedule an appointment. **At this point of the year, full time students should have completed, at minimum, two core subjects and be well into their second set of cores.**

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).

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

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



PLANNING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS – YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Northern Gateway Public Schools seeks your input as we plan for the 2021-22 school year and beyond. Your feedback as students, parents, staff and leaders is an important part of our education planning process.

WATCH YOUR INBOX! We are using a tool called ThoughtExchange to gather your input. You will receive an email in which you will be asked to answer two open-ended questions with as many responses as you like. Then, you will move on to the next step, which is Star. In Star, you will see your thoughts and the thoughts of others and assign stars to each thought (from 1-5) depending on how strongly you agree or disagree with the idea.

ThoughtExchange ensures your anonymity, keeping confidential who shared each thought and who assigned what ratings. You can rate as many thoughts as you would like, and come back often to rate new ideas.

We're listening! We will review all of the collected thoughts to understand what is important to you in improving student learning. Thank you for taking the time to share your voice! The Exchange will remain open until March 10 at 12:00 pm.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2021						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Friends of Hilltop School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19 Gr 9 Option 2/6 Ends	20
21	22 Gr 9 Option 3/6 Begins	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Easter Vacation Begins No School	30	31			



Exam Schedule APRIL 2021

****Last day of classes for all grades Thursday,
April 15th**

Grade 9s will have classes until April 20th

Exam Schedule

9:00 am	Friday April 16th	Monday April 19th	Tuesday April 20th	Wednesday April 21st
	ELA 30-2 Part A	ELA 30-2 Part B	ELA 9-5 Part A	Math 9-1 and 9-2 has a midterm on Friday, April 23rd as we are all year.
	ELA 10-2 Part A	Chemistry 30	CALM (Cutrell)	SS 9-3
	SS 10-1 Part A	Math 30-2	Biology 20	Science 9-4
		Science 30	ELA 10-2 Part B	ELA 9-5 Part B
			Science 24	SS 10-1 Part B
12:27 pm	SS 30-2 Part A	SS 30-2 Part B	SS 20-1 Part B	Science 14
	SS 20-2 Part A	Math 10C	SS 20-2 Part B	Physics 20
	SS 20-1 Part A	Science 10		Math 20-3
	Biology 30	CALM (Koudelka)		

Part A- Written Part B- Multiple Choice

GALLERY

