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June 2021 Newsletter

Message from Administration

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It is hard to believe that this is our final newsletter of the 2020-2021 school year. As the year comes to a close we would like to congratulate all of our students on a successful year and wish you a restful / fun-filled summer vacation! After this Covid year, it is important to recharge!

As the 2020-2021 year winds down the preparations for the 2021-2022 year are in full swing. To all of our families who are leaving Hilltop, I would encourage you to notify us, if you have not already done so, as this assists with our planning for next year.

We have a busy June at Hilltop with final exams and the usual year-end celebrations and performances. Please look over the enclosed June calendar carefully and post it in a prominent place in your home. With regards to planning for next year, 2021-2022 calendars will soon be posted on our web site at www.hilltophigh.ca.

June always brings us farewells and new “welcomes”. Hilltop High School would like to say a very well-deserved thank-you and best wishes to Mr. Parish, Ms. Smith and Ms. Yanew. We would like to welcome Ms. Beth Bissonnette who will be joining the English Department after many years teaching English at Mayerthorpe High School. Another warm welcome is extended to Ms. Petra Lewis who will be joining Gateway Academy as a full-time Math and Science teacher.

Please check the calendar included in this newsletter to make note of important dates and times including exams and our graduation ceremony. Graduation ceremony plans will be finalized over the next couple of weeks as the province lifts restrictions. We want to ensure our ceremony is as big as it could be with consideration to provincial Covid restrictions.

On behalf of all of our staff, it has been a pleasure to work with all of you this school year and we look forward to seeing you at Hilltop High School next year. Best of luck to our graduating students. We wish you a restful summer vacation and, on a final note, Happy Father’s Day to all our fathers!

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Important Dates

June 2:
Gr 8 Virtual Information Meeting 7pm
June 7:
Gr 9 options 6/6 Begins
June 16:
FOH Meeting 7pm
June 20:
Father’s Day
June 21:
Indigenous Peoples Day
June 28:
Last Day of School

First Day of Classes for 2021-2022
 September 1—Grade 9 Only
 September 2 - All Grades

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
Block 1 9:00 AM - 11:48 AM	A
Lunch Break 11:48 AM - 12:22 PM	
Block 2 12:27 PM - 3:15 PM	B

Device-Free Summer Fun Activities

- Go for a hike
- Make dinner for your family
- Hold a car wash and raise money for a local charity
- Volunteer at an animal shelter, senior home or soup kitchen
- Learn to play an instrument
- Plant a garden
- Do a jigsaw puzzle
- Make a tie-dyed shirt
- Create/Build an invention

- Visit a college campus
- Have a garage sale
- Wear something you’d normally never wear, and wear it with confidence
- Jump in a pool with your clothes on
- Read a great book
- Clean your room
- Learn to drive
- Crank the music and dance
- Help someone or do a random act of kindness



NEWS AND EVENTS




Welcome
June 2
Online Grade 8*
Information Night
7:00 pm
 *students transitioning to
 Grade 9

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June 7
Grade 9 Options 6/6
Begins



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

June 20
Father's Day



HAPPY NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

June 21
National Indigenous Peoples Day



School's out for Summer

June 28
Last Day for All Students



BACK TO SCHOOL

First Day of Classes for 2021-2022
September 1
Grade 9 Only
September 2
All Grades



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
 2021-22

Where will your journey take you?

Visit ngps.ca to learn more!

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

We have so much to offer at Hilltop High School! From core academics, Computer Sciences and a Red Seal chef instructed Foods program, to Media Arts, Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Work Experience. We offer students a multitude of opportunities to direct their own learning!

Options like Photography, Mechanics, Art, Drama, Cosmetology and Welding, to name a few!

A rich range of extracurricular programming including competitive sports, numerous clubs and humanitarian pursuits.

Gateway Academy—Whitecourt Campus is our Outreach school offering flexible and alternative learning options to meet students' individual needs.

Registration package forms must be fully completed, signed & include the full fee payment along with a copy of your child's birth certificate before students can choose their lockers. You must include proof of address ie: utility bill.

Payment is accepted via school cash online or with Mrs. Runge. If you have paid with school cash online please include a copy of your receipt with registration forms. Any questions please contact us at 780-778-2446.

All new to Hilltop students will be required to participate in an intake meeting before registering. This will be done via video conferencing or telephone. Please contact us at 780-778-2446 to set up an appointment.

Registration packages can be found on our website under the tab Students and Parents > 2021-2022 Registration

Current students will not need to register for the next grade, however you will be required to confirm and update your information through a validation form, these will be sent out with report cards at the end of the school year. We will notify you when they have been sent and how they can be returned. If any of your information has changed (address, email, phone etc) since the start of the year please contact us and let us know so we can ensure you are receiving all information we send out.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Farewell



It is a bitter sweet moment for the staff at Hilltop High as we announce the retirement of **Bruce Laboucane**. Bruce has served as a dedicated and hard working member of the maintenance department within NGPS for over 18 years. We are so grateful for everything

Bruce has done for the staff and students at HTH and across the Division. Although he will be dearly missed, we are thrilled to congratulate him on this much deserved retirement. All the best in your new chapter ahead, Bruce!



Educational Assistant, **Ms. Renee Dalpe** has been a very valued member of the Hilltop team over the last 15 years. Renee first worked at Storefront (Gateway Academy) 15 years ago and then

transferred to the big school the following year. In her time here she has helped countless students graduate with her acumen for math and her dedication to success. Renee, you will be dearly missed. We wish you all the best in your next chapter back home in Saskatchewan.

More Farewells

Sadly, we must also say farewell to teachers, Mr. Grayson Parish, Miss. Erin Yanew and Miss. Eileen Smith. Mrs. Jennifer Osmond, is also sadly moving on as an Educational Assistant at Gateway Academy. We thank you for your contributions to Hilltop High School and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Welcome

We would like to warmly welcome **Ms. Bissonnette** who will be joining the English department for the upcoming school year and **Ms. Lewis** who will be joining the Gateway Academy team as Math/Science teacher. Welcome to Hilltop!

Class of 2021

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

We are so proud of all of you and the outstanding work you have done to successfully complete your studies during these unprecedented times. You should be incredibly proud of your accomplishments and the obstacles you have overcome to get there!

Thank You

Thank you to our 2021 Grad Council Members. Your commitment to your classmates, patience and hard work to make grad day special is commendable!

- 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
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HEALTH AND SAFETY

COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1.	Has the child traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered "YES":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure. If the child develops any symptoms, use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended. <p>If the child answered "NO", proceed to question 2.</p>			
2.	<p>Has the child had close contact with a case¹ of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?</p> <p>Face-to-face contact within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer or direct physical contact such as hugging</p>	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered "YES":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure. <p><i>NOTE: Individuals who previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90 days before being exposed to another case of COVID-19 are not required to quarantine.</i></p> <p>If the child answered "NO", proceed to question 3.</p>			
3.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:		
	Fever Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	YES	NO
	Cough Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath Continuous, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation. <p>If the child answered "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 3, proceed to question 4.</p>			

HEALTH AND SAFETY

4.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:			
	Chills Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO	
	Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO	
	Runny nose/congestion Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO	
	Feeling unwell/fatigued Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury	YES	NO	
	Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO	
	Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO	
	Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO	
	Headache Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO	
	Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO	
<p>If the child answered "YES" to ONE symptom in question 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours. • If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they 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. <p>If the child answered "YES" to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>If the child answered "NO" to all questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities. 				

Please note: If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.

SUMMER SCHOOL



Summer School 2021

**Location: Gateway Academy-
Whitecourt Campus**

#102 and #103 5104 - 54 Ave Whitecourt, AB

Dates: July 6th - July 30th

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays ONLY*

Hours of Operation: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Registration: \$100.00 payable online via

<https://ngps.schoolcashonline.com>

prior to July 6th, 2020.

**\$100 is the total fee; it is NOT \$100 per course.*

Please note: All courses, with the exception of DIPLOMA courses, are available for students to take.

All courses will be in-person unless the province maintains current health restrictions.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Hilltop Summer School Application Form

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____

Student's Home School (Please check one.)

Hilltop High School

Gateway Academy Whitecourt Campus

St. Joseph School

Mayerthorpe High School

Other (Please specify.) _____

Course(s) Registering for: _____

I, _____, will be taking _____ throughout Hilltop Summer School. I will complete and drop off the modules that are assigned to me. I promise to complete the course, including any/all exams, prior to July 30th. My parents/guardians are aware that I am taking this course through Hilltop's Summer School. Application forms can be returned via email at hilltop@ngps.ca or by fax 780-778-8818.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Office Use Only

\$100 Registration Fee Paid:

Yes _____ No _____

Receipt Number _____

ASN: _____

LEARNING COMMONS NEWS



Submitted By: Learning Commons Facilitator Mrs. Kurasevich

Please return your textbooks after your last exam or no later than **June 25th**
To avoid charges please return all textbooks, class novels and calculators. Thank you!

The Learning Commons will be closed daily from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

New Manga

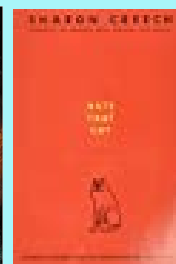
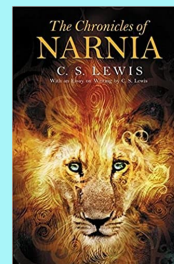
The Black Butler volumes 13 - 20



New Non-Fiction



New Fiction



New Graphic Novels



JUST FOR FUN

Check out our website blog on hilltophigh.ca



Take A Virtual Tour

for a special virtual tour produced by Hilltop Media students **Braiden Stone, Hayden Palmateer and Ally Keyes.**

Thank you to these wonderful young men who received a special shout out from the Whitecourt Food Bank for their good deed. We are always so proud to see our students helping our community.



June 1 to August 31

MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE



Cost: \$20.00 (\$5 goes to admin fees)
 Download: Free Strava App (Tracks routes and rides)
 Course ID# 7254
rec.whitecourt.ca to register

3 Ways to Win

- **EPIC RIDE:** Ride & Log as Many LOCAL Bike Trails, numerous times.
- **GOING the DISTANCE:** Most accumulated KM's using the LOCAL trails.
- **SHOW OFF:** Hashtag then send us pictures/videos of your most EPIC skill.

Prizes

Gift Card of choice of equal value supporting a LOCAL business to category winners. Prize amount depends on numbers of registrants.

Get out there and ride to be entered into amazing draw prizes sponsored by Local businesses.



Congratulations to our May Newsletter contest winner **Jody Johner!** Thank you for reading our Monthly Newsletter! Call us to receive your \$10.00 Tim Hortons gift card.

Watch our September Newsletter for the next contest!

Lemonade Day!



NORTHERN ALBERTA

Saturday JUNE 19, 2021*

What is Lemonade Day?

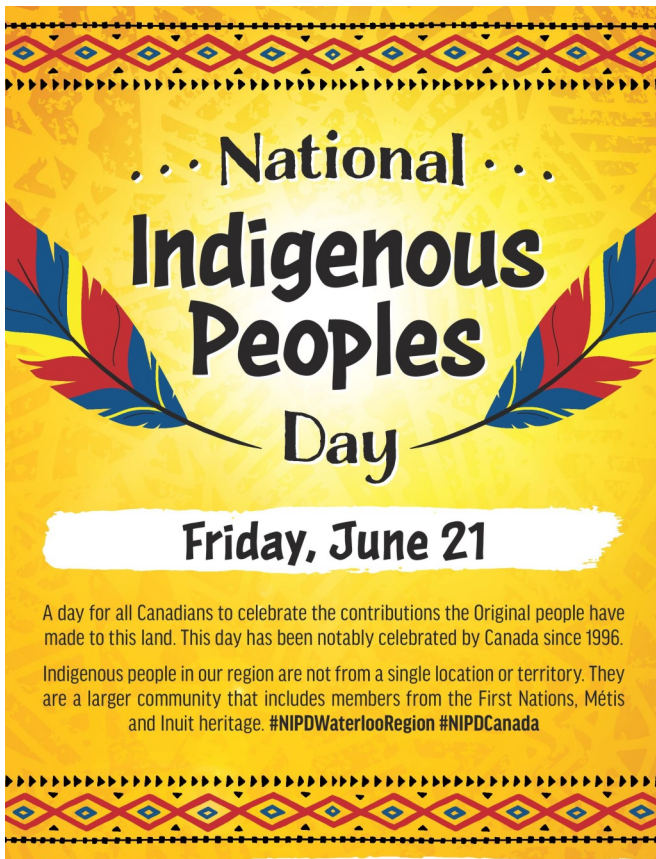
Lemonade Day is an event that teaches kids the skills they need to be successful in life.

Kids learn to set goals, develop a business plan, establish a budget, seek investors, provide customer service, save for the future, and give back to the community.

REGISTER HERE
lemonadeday.org/northern-alberta



INDIGENOUS NEWS



Submitted by: Ms. Smith-Tomke, Indigenous Liaison

Tansi, Abawashded, Hello

I want to congratulate the Hilltop High School graduates of 2021, and commend them for their successes during such a challenging time in our world. Graduating from high school is a huge accomplishment and to honor our Indigenous students, Hilltop High School will be presenting First Nation graduates with an Eagle feather, and our Metis graduates will receive the Metis Sash.

The gifting of the Eagle feather is a traditional way to honor and show our respect for the determination and hard work of our First Nation graduates. Like the eagle, our grads soar the highest and strongest at graduation. This is the most honorable gift they will receive. The feather is presented as a blessing from the Creator for the mind, body and spirit as you continue on your life long journey.
 Hiy Hiy, Abawashded.

The Metis Sash is also a presentation to be held with the highest esteem. The Order of the Sash is a presentation to Metis graduates to acknowledge the tenacity and courage our students have within them. The sash is to be worn with pride as it symbolizes a major accomplishment and your identification within the Metis heritage.
 Metis graduates you have succeeded in attaining 12 years of education. May you continue to find happiness and health.
 Hiy hiy, Abawashded.

Graduates of 2021, thank you all for being so wonderful. I send you positivity and prayers.

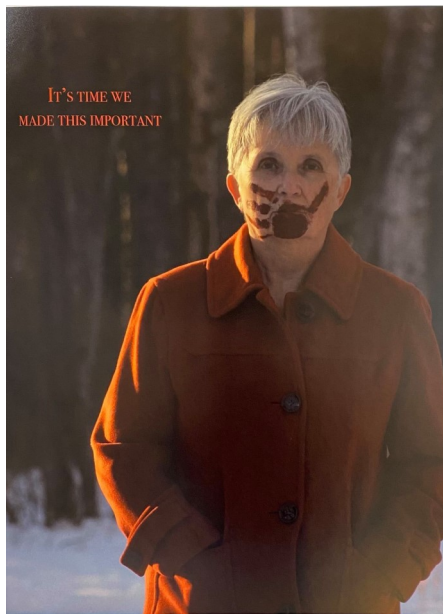
Every child matters.

We honour the lives and spirits of the 215 innocent children who were students at the Kamloops Residential School, whose bodies were recently discovered on the property in an unmarked mass grave.

We honoured Red Dress Day in hopes to bring awareness for the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls across the nation.

[#MMIW](#) [#MMIWG](#) [#RedDressDay](#) [#EveryChildMatters](#)

Pictured, is Mrs. Smith-Tomke and Mrs. Tobin, along with some powerful photography from Madison VonStein and Art from former student Hailey Weesemat.





Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News

(formerly called Storefront)

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

Text: 780-779-1193

A School For All Reasons!

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.

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

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).

NEXT MEETING:

Sept 15 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.





GRAD NEWS



Grad 2021 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
 Watch for Future Announcements

Grad Application Forms

NOW OVERDUE

All graduates must fully complete the two part Graduation Application before they are permitted to participate in graduation day ceremonies. Please visit www.hilltophigh.ca/grad-info/graduation-information for forms and return to Mrs. Trebilcock ASAP.

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!



Grad Council is looking for Gr. 12 entrepreneurs. Do you have a small business that provides a service or makes a product for resale? Tell us about it! Drop your business card off at the front office! Grad Council is planning ways to promote our student entrepreneurs.

Senior Appreciation

The Senior Supper has been a tradition for over 40 years, to unite the graduating class and the seniors within our community.

Sadly, this year we are unable to hold a Senior Supper due to Covid-19 limitations. Instead, we will be filming a scripted video to say hello, feature our musical talents, and give a shout out to the grandparents of Hilltop graduates.

If you would like to be featured in the video as a speaker or share your musical talents, please sign up on the grad board in the hallway. Let us show our senior community that we are thinking of them and appreciate them.



Cap and Gowns

Graduation caps and gowns have been ordered for every graduate and are expected to arrive in time for graduation day. Please watch our Grad Remind group, website and/or social media pages for a schedule to pick up once they arrive. All graduates will get to keep their gown, cap and tassel after graduation day. The V-stoles will be provided by and returned to Hilltop High on the day of.

Please Remember: Graduates must have their graduation fees paid and have returned all textbooks, Chromebooks and other school resources before being permitted to receive their cap and gown package.

STUDENT SERVICES

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.

Alberta Scholarship Websites

Alberta Apprentice & Training Awards

tradesecrets.alberta.ca

Scholarships in Canada

scholarshipscanada.com

ScholarTree

scholartree.ca

ALIS: Scholarships in Alberta

alis.alberta.ca

Alberta Scholarships (2)

albertascholarships.ca

Find Scholarships

studentawards.com

Student Loans & Student Aid

Alberta Student Aid

studentaid.alberta.ca

National Student Loan Centre (Canada)

csnpe-nslsc.canada.ca/en/home

Check out our website hilltophigh.ca for more information.

Work Experience

ALL work experience hours must be handed in no later than **June 18.**

If you are interested in conducting work experience during the summer months, please see Mrs Van De Kerckhove or Mrs Trebilcock.

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

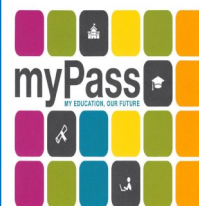
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Need More Information?



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.

Former Hilltop students looking for transcripts will need to sign up for MyPass. (See instructions above) Students needing their Alberta Student Numbers should contact Alberta Education directly at 310-0000 or online at learnerregistry.ae.alberta.ca.

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What courses do I need to graduate?

The **minimum** requirements for an Alberta High School Diploma are as follows:

**** 100 credits earned by the end of your Grade 12 year.**

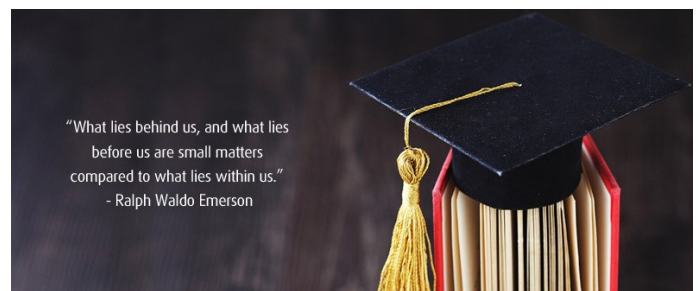
English 30-1 or English 30-2 (must have successfully completed a level 10 & 20 English first)
 Social 30-1 or Social 30-2 (must have successfully completed a level 10 & 20 Social first)
 A 20- level Mathematics course (must have successfully completed a level 10 Math first)
 A 20- level Science course (must have successfully completed a level 10 Science first)
 Physical Education 10
 Career & Life Management (CALM 20)

10 credits in any combination from:

CTS
 Fine Arts (Art, Drama)
 Physical Education 20 and/or 30
 Second Language Courses
 RAP courses
 Locally Developed Courses
 Learning Strategies

10 credits in any 30 - level course (in *addition* to ELA and Social) These courses may include:

30-2 level CTS
 30 level Work Experience
 30 level RAP course
 30 Green Certificate Specialization Course
 Special Projects 30
 Science 30
 Mathematics 30-1, 30-2, or 31
 Art 30
 Drama 30



ONLINE SAFETY

June 2021

Child-luring, cyber bullying, human trafficking, child pornography - just reading these words can make our skin crawl and spike fear into the very depths of our soul. Combine this with our already present anxiousness with all the hours our children are online with at home learning, video games and social media, it is no wonder we are stressing about our children and their safety online.

It is overwhelming and seems impossible to stay on top of the trends and ever changing technology. New web sites and advanced apps are emerging every day. Predators are zealous and creative in finding new ways to connect with and manipulate young people.

What are parents and caregivers to do? As a parent of four children, I have the same concerns and fears as you. In my research, I have found that protectkidsonline.ca is your go-to resource for emerging issues, worrisome technology trends, and how to report cyber crime. Another excellent resource is the [Children, Youth, and Families Addiction and Mental Health site](http://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca) (www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca). In fact, there is Zoom training titled *Technology & the Teenage Brain: Digital Wellness for Families* on **Tuesday June 8/ 21 6pm-7:30pm**. Go to <https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/virtual-education> to register.

PROACTIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

The best way to protect children online is to start talking to them when they are young and keep an **open dialogue** with them as they grow. Talk to them about the dangers of the internet, the same way you talk to them about crossing the street safely and speaking to strangers. If you start young, it won't seem as awkward when they are older. Always reassure them that they can come to you when they need help, **NO MATTER WHAT**, without worrying about getting into trouble.

- ⇒ If your children are older, begin that conversation **today**, even if it is uncomfortable. **It is never too late**.
- ⇒ Equally important is **supervision**. Whenever possible, have your children engage in their online activity in a busy area of the house. **Secrecy is a breeding ground for dangerous habits**.
- ⇒ **Have a plan with your children** on how they can respond and who to tell if someone online sounds "odd", shares or requests pictures or if something makes them feel weird.
- ⇒ Be sure your younger children know to always ask your **permission** before they share pictures or video chat with anyone.
- ⇒ All electronic devices have **control features** that you can put time limits on apps, block sites, music and apps, restrict mature or adult content, etc. If you are unsure how to do this, call your service provider or have a friend help you.

ProtectKidsOnline.ca gives further suggestions:

- Be involved in what your child is doing on and off line.
- Set up parental controls: use filtering software and set time limits on the devices your child is on.
- Always supervise young children when they are online. Having parental controls on a device does not guarantee complete safe viewing. Supervision is still key.
- Have regular conversations with your child about healthy relationships and healthy sexuality to help them make sense of media messages.
- Talk opening and honestly about the hidden messages in media such as gender stereotypes, glorification of violence, power and control.
- Know your child's username and passwords.

Let's face it, we are all spending A LOT of time online these days, not just children. It is a struggle to keep our lives balanced with our online work and responsibilities and other tasks that don't require a screen. With the return of warm weather, longer days and more choices of outdoor activities, we can all benefit from powering off our devices and getting some fresh air to work and play and have fun together.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2021						
		1	2 Grade 8 Parent Information Night (students transitioning into Gr. 9) 7:00 pm	3	4 Gr 9 Option 5/6 Ends	5
6	7 Gr 9 Option 6/6 Begins	8	9	10 Diploma Exams English 30-1 Part A 9:00am English 30-2 Part A 9:00am	11 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part A 9:00am Social 30-2 Part A 9:00am	12
13	14	15	16	17 Diploma Exams Math 30-1 9:00am Math 30-2 9:00am	18 Diploma Exams Eng 30-1 Part B 9:00am Eng 30-2 Part B 9:00am	19
20 Father's Day	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part B 9:00am Social 30-2 Part B 9:00am	23 Diploma Exams Biology 30 9:00am	24 Diploma Exams Chemistry 30 9:00am Hilltop's 54th Graduation Ceremony	25 Gr 9 Option 6/6 Ends Diploma Exams Physics 30 9:00am	26
27	28 Last Day for Students Diploma Exams Science 30 9:00am	29	30			





Northern Gateway
Public Schools

2021-2022 Official School Year

August

M	T	W	T	F
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

September

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November

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March

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30	31			

June

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Instructional Days (Students)	184
Non-instructional Days (Teachers)	12
Total Operational Days	196
First and Last Day of Instruction for students	_____
Vacation/Days in Lieu For Parent-Teacher Interviews	_____
Teachers' Convention	_____*
February 10 & 11 – Onway to Fox Creek	
March 10 & 11 - Valleyview	

<u>Month</u>	<u>Instructional Days</u>		<u>Non Instructional Days</u>		<u>Operational Days</u>	
August	0		2		2	
September	21		0		21	
October	19		1		20	
November	19		2		21	
December	13		0		13	
January	19	91	1	6	20	97
February	17/18		2/1		19	
March	18/17		1/2		19	
April	18		0		18	
May	19		2		21	
June	21	93	1	6	22	99
TOTAL	184		12		196	

- Aug 30 - 31 - Staff Planning & Development Days
- Sept 1 - First Day for Students
- Sept 6 - Labour Day
- Oct 8 - Staff Planning & Development Day
- Oct 11 - Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 10 - Staff Planning & Development Day
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day
- Nov 12 - Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
- Dec 20-Jan 3 - Christmas Vacation
- Jan 31 - Staff Planning & Development Day
- *Feb 10 & 11 - Teachers' Convention (Onoway to Fox Creek)
- Feb 18 - Staff Planning & Development Day (Valleyview)
- Feb 21 - Family Day
- *Mar 10 & 11 - Teachers' Convention (Valleyview)
- Mar 11 - Staff Planning & Development Day (Onoway to Fox Creek)
- Mar 28-Apr 1 - Spring Break
- Apr 15 - Good Friday
- Apr 18 - Easter Monday
- May 19 - Staff Planning and Development Day
- May 20 - Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
- May 23 - Victoria Day
- Jun 29 - Last Day for Students
- Jun 30 - Staff Planning & Development Day



GALLERY

A YEAR IN REVIEW



SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



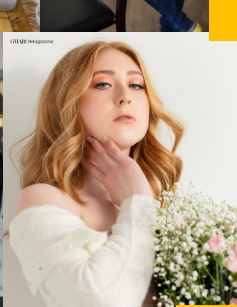
JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



JUNE...the best is yet to come! Happy Summer!