



HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays
Be a Charger... Take Charge!



Message from the Administration

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have only three weeks left before Christmas. The next three weeks of school are especially important for semesterly subjects and I encourage all students to keep up the hard work. We have just completed round one of Parent/Teacher Interviews. Interviews are a great way to help support student learning. Communication between home and school is an important factor in student success. A great tool to maintain parent/student communication is Parent Portal. Parent Portal is a way to monitor your child's daily attendance, assignments and test results. If you are not signed up or using Parent Portal please contact the school office so we can assist you. If at anytime you have questions or concerns regarding your child's daily progress, please contact your child's teacher directly. We would like to extend a big welcome to our newest staff member Natalie Christianson. Mrs. Christianson will be situated in the front office assisting with secretarial duties, media relations and representing Hilltop as our community liaison. Welcome to the Hilltop family Mrs. Christianson. We at Hilltop wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy your time spent with family and friends. All the best of the Season!



Egbert Stang
Principal

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Special points of interest:

- December 2-4~ Grad Photos
- December 10~ Mission Possible
- December 11&12~ DQ Classic
- December 15~ Staff Luncheon
- December 16~ Ugly Sweater Contest
- December 16~ Reindeer Games/ Pep Rally Block 5
- December 18~ Student Council Pancake Breakfast
- December 18~ Last Day of Classes
- December 21, 2015- January 1, 2016 ~ Christmas Vacation
- January 20~ FOH Meeting 7pm

Bell Schedule

9:00 AM	Warning Bell
9:05 AM	Block 1
10:12 AM	Break
10:15 AM	Block 2
11:22 AM	Break
11:25 AM	Block 3
12:31 PM	Lunch Break
1:11 PM	Warning Bell
1:15 PM	Block 4
2:21 PM	Break
2:24 PM	Block 5
3:30 PM	Dismiss



Does the school have your child's current contact information ?

Please contact the school to verify if you have concerns @ 780.778.2446.

Hilltop High School would like to request that all students leave any valuables at home.

We also, encourage all students to keep their combinations for their hall & gym lockers confidential.





Friends of Hilltop Fundraising Society

The Friends of Hilltop Fundraising Society would like to pass on some information regarding the Earn on Foods Program.

The FOH Society sells Sobeyes (IGA) Gift Cards to raise money for events and/or causes the Society decides to sponsor. The program not only benefits the Society, but also the Hilltop parents that buy the cards.

We will sell the gift cards to families. The cards are loaded in \$ 100, \$200 or \$500 amounts. Families buy the cards from Friends of Hilltop and purchase groceries with them at Sobeyes stores (Edson, Drayton Valley, Spruce Grove, St. Albert, Edmonton and Whitecourt) A \$ 100.00 card will buy \$ 100.00 in groceries; you use it like a credit card. When you buy groceries using the cards, IGA deducts the amount of groceries purchased from the balance of the card. The IGA receipt shows the balance left on the card. When the total value of the cards is used it is thrown away. How do we make money doing this? IGA sells us the gift cards at a discount. We then sell them to HHS families. Gift cards are sold at Hilltop High School office and Remax Realty.

As of May 2014 Sobeyes has changed their discount rates effective June 1, 2014. We keep track of the amount purchased and 5% of the amount of cards purchased accumulates in each families account.

You can use the balance in your account to pay for school related expenses. We have paid school fees, pictures, sport fees, school supplies, grad fees, grad rings, grad dress and tux rentals to name a few. Expense payment forms are available at the Hilltop High School front office.

The Society makes money by charging an initial \$35.00 set up fee and then a yearly \$35.00 administration fee. The Society makes decisions on spending the raised funds at the monthly meetings. The Society also has accounts accumulating for The Community Lunchbox Program and The Humanitarian Society and we do not charge any annual fees so 100% of the money raised goes directly to the Lunchbox and Humanitarian programs.

If you would like further information on this program please contact any members of the School Council, we will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Student Council News

December 18

Pancake Breakfast

Presented by Student Council. Everyone welcome!
Student Council meets every Tuesday at noon hour in the Home Ec. Lab. Bring your lunch!



Save Money for School Expenses while you grocery shop at IGA

For every Dollar 5% goes back into a savings account for your child



Save it up and you get reimbursed for any school item for example...



- School fees
- Calculator
- Year book
- School trip
- Grad dress, ring, pictures

This is the ONLY fundraiser that Friends Of Hilltop (your parent council) does. We make a small % and a yearly fee of \$35/account

This benefits YOU & YOUR FAMILY Your co-workers, family & friends can also buy for you

\$500 month on groceries = \$25 back to you It adds up quickly!



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

Thank you to everyone who attended our October and November meetings. Elections have taken place and all positions have now been filled. Thank you to our newly elected committee. Special thanks to our past president Marilyn Roach and past treasurer Kim Tschigerl for your many years dedicated to Hilltop High School, you will be missed.

President: Fay Arcand Vice President: Angela Plouffe Secretary: Kim Nendsa Treasurers: Darlene Bell and Niki Underwood

Hilltop is a great school with a caring and supportive staff. To those of you who are not aware the FOH offers a great savings program that helps to fund any school expenses:

- ✓ Supplies
- ✓ Sports teams
- ✓ School trips
- ✓ GRADUATION

This is not a fundraiser... you can save by shopping for groceries at our local IGA. All you need to do is start your account at the Hilltop Office. Purchase grocery vouchers and shop dollar for dollar for the amount you have purchased. We then save 5% of your total vouchers purchased for as long as you have a child enrolled in Hilltop, or until you have a school expense that you would like to withdraw funds for. We encourage you to take advantage of this program and vouchers are available in \$100-\$500 cards, depending on your need. Vouchers can certainly make a great gift idea, while you save 5% towards other expenses.

We would like to invite you to the FOH monthly meetings, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm(except December and June). The meetings are usually ONE hour in length, and we are updated on current information and upcoming events. We do not fundraise as parents, as the school takes care of fundraising with magazine sales.

Please join us, keep up to date and have a voice in your child's education!

Biology 20 Field Trip

On Thursday October 8 Mrs. Scott's Bio20 class travelled down to the McLeod and Athabasca Rivers to complete a biochemical study. The students performed chemical tests on the water, testing the pH and amount of nitrates and phosphates, to name a few. Biotic factors were also addressed, as the students collected invertebrate samples of both rivers. River Reports were written up, summarizing the students findings. Thank you to Mrs. Angie Cartwright who drove the bus!



Dungeons and Dragons Hilltop Group

We have an active DND group that started meeting once a month and due to popularity and interest is meeting once a week in the lunchroom after school. If you would like more information please see Ms. Gartner in room 101 by the auditorium. DND is a combination of a choose your own adventure book, theatre or movies, team sports, as well as a board, video, or adventure game that is played as a group. Playing DND is akin to being part of an epic adventure with other people who can determine the adventure and outcome together with the guidance of a skilled Dungeon Master who controls the game. We have a wonderful group of adventurers who look forward to the next campaign!

Hilltop Drama Presents:



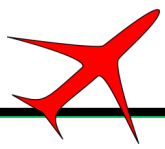
**MISSION:
 POSSIBLE!**
 by Craig Sodaro

Here's a hysterical spoof with all your favorite spies of the screen! Scientist Dr. Schlock has discovered the valuable secret of telephonetics, a mind-controlling device used over the telephone. But he and his daughter are kidnaped by the evil Silverthumb, Archvillain and D.O.O.M.'s leader. This diabolic demon needs the power of telephonetics to take over the world. The girl from A.U.N.T. , Maxwell Sharpe, Agent 98.6, James Blond and even more contemporary sleuths gather at Argentum Manor to try to prevent Schlock's devious plot from unfolding. Alas! If only the tape hadn't self-destructed before telling our heroes and heroines their entire mission! You'll never believe what happens to Blond....James Blond! Everyone involved will be greatly 'in-SPY-ered.'

Dessert Theatre

December 10th and 11th @ 7:00 pm in the Auditorium

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from Ms. Gartner at Hilltop High School.



Mavericks Take Flight!

Seven Hilltop students completed the special training initiative known as the Maverick Youth Entrepreneur Business Bootcamp this past October. The pilot project was geared towards building the capacity of students to serve the community through personal business ventures. The Bootcamp was delivered by the staff of Community Futures Yellowhead East over the course of five afternoons. Included on the third afternoon was a panel of local entrepreneurs who discussed their entrepreneurial journeys with the students. Students were given a crash course in business planning that covered aspects of starting and managing a business from cash flow projections to marketing. Each student worked on individual business plans while working through the Bootcamp curriculum. One Maverick Bootcamp graduate went on to bring his idea to local investors. Joe Boll's Drone Drop concept was reviewed by local business investors at the annual Top Guns presentation during Small Business Week.

Off Campus Course Offered

Grade 11 presentation on Tuesday
 December 8 at 10:30 am in the auditorium.

PROGRAM QUALIFIERS
 (AS DETERMINED BY
 CAREERS, INDUSTRY AND
 POST-SECONDARY)

A future worth working for!

- Full-time high school student
- 95% attendance in school
- Regularly on time for classes
- Have an average or superior academic standing, particularly in math and science
- Successful completion of or, be currently enrolled in:
 - Math 10C (leading to Math 20-1 or 20-2)
 - Science 10 (leading to Chemistry 20, Physics 20, Biology 20 or Science 20)
 - English Language Arts 10-1 or 10-2 (leading to ELA 20-1 or 20-2)
- On track to graduate from high school
- Mechanical aptitude
- Good vision, hearing, manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination
- Good communication skills in person and in writing
- Good organizational and decision-making skills
- The ability to work well with others in a team environment
- Participate in a successful interview by an industry sponsor
- Excellent school citizen

A DUAL CREDIT PARTNERSHIP
 INTRODUCING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO THE WATER TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY



WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATIONS PATHWAY PROGRAM



PINK SHIRT DAY

bullying stops here

Students, please contact your teacher if you would like to order a pink shirt, wristband or pin to show your support for Pink Shirt Day on February 24, 2016. Take a stand against bullying! Orders must be in no later than December 7.



Passport Photos
 Now available in the Media Lab
 \$ 15.00
 Phone or text 789-268-3375 to book.

QSP The OSP Magazine Fundraiser has wrapped up for another year. Thank you to everyone who purchased magazines, we appreciate your support.
 In total 231 subscriptions were sold by 44 students!
 \$ 190.00 was won in chocolate picks and the Grand Prize Winner for a brand new set of headphones was

GET PUMPED
WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES
 On November 23, 2015, 58 members from the community gathered to Walk a Mile in Her Shoes and raise funds and awareness for the Wellspring Family Resource and Crisis Center by taking a stand against family violence and violence against women.
 Thank you Mr. Stang and Mr. Mireau for your support with this important issue!



The Hilltop Bistro

The Breakfast Program is in full swing, we have expanded to include a quick snack breakfast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday which runs from 8:30 until 9:00 a.m. We will continue to offer a bigger breakfast with more selection on Tuesday and Thursdays, which includes toasted bagels with a variety of toppings, along with juice, fruit and yogurt. This is available from 8:00 until 9:00 a.m.

Our Red Seal Chef recently worked with Mrs. Kendall's Grade 9 Foods class to demonstrate the power of yeast while making pizza dough. Thank you Chef Mercer!

Northern Lakes College will be offering the CDEV0101- Child Adolescence Development course from February 2 to June 8, 2016. This course will be offered asynchronously so students can take it at any time or any location that works for them. This course aligns with 5 CTS courses (CCS3110, CCS3120, CCS3130, CCS3140, and CCS3150). The cost for the course is \$ 528.00, this includes tuition and textbooks. Prerequisite/Co-requisite for the course is English 30-1 or 30-2. This course can be used toward certification in the Early Learning and Child Care and/or the Educational Assistant programs. This course also qualifies completers for the Child Development Assistant certification (Level One) with Alberta Human Services which is needed to work in a daycare. Deadline for applications is January 15, 2016. Other courses from the Educational Assistant and Early Learning and Child Care Programs will be available by dual credit in September of 2016. If you are interested in this opportunity please see Ms. Hleck.



If you are going to be late or absent for any reason, please have your parent or guardian call the school at 780.778.2446.
Please use our answering machine if you need to call before school hours.
Students who are late or absent and do not have a parent call are expected to serve a 15 minute detention. After, three such detentions have been acquired without being served, students will serve a half day in-school suspension.



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Celebrate
 Human Rights Day
 December 10

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

HUMAN RIGHTS

Adopt-A-Teen

Did you know the Whitecourt Teen Centre provided a FREE nutritious lunch nearly every day in 2015 for teens in Whitecourt? On average, they feed up to 50 teens during the lunch break and see over 70 teens daily during the after-school Drop-In. During Drop-In time, teens can enjoy a snack, play video games, pool or foosball and air hockey; they also have access as needed to a social environment free of prejudice and exclusion. Under the Boys and Girls Club of Whitecourt and the Town of Whitecourt, the centre provides a safe, secure and exciting place to be!

The Teen Centre needs some help for 2016. It costs roughly \$5 per day, per teen, just to use the Teen Centre. Your money will be used for the lunch and after school snack programs; furthermore, will go toward activities such as cooking lessons, outings for both groups (boys and girls), the PROMise Campaign, Be-YOU-tiful Campaign, dances, field trips and much more. With your support, the centre can continue to provide your local teens a place to hang out and maybe earn some leadership and life skills at the same time.

To donate: Call 780-778-6696 or mail to Boys and Girls Club/Teen Centre, Box 2053 Whitecourt, T7S 1P7.

Charitable Tax Receipts will be issued. Thank You!



Happy
Holidays!

Helpful Hint from the Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP)

As parents, we often believe that our children have very little to stress about. But kids have worries too! Sometimes it can be peer related, concerns from hearing parents discuss financial issues at home, or worries about their own academic levels. As a parent you cannot prevent your child from ever feeling stress, but you can help them cope with their feelings and help them solve their problems.

Parents can't solve every problem as kids go through life. But by teaching healthy coping strategies, you'll prepare your kids to manage the stresses that come in the future. Here are some ways you can help your child if you sense they are feeling stressed:

Notice out loud. Tell your child when you notice that something is bothering him or her.

Listen to your child. Ask your child to tell you what's wrong. Listen attentively and calmly – with interest, patience, openness, and caring.

Put a label on it. Help your child identify what their feeling with its name. Example: I am feeling angry.

Help your child think of things to do. If there's a specific problem that's causing stress, talk together about what to do.

Listen and move on. Sometimes talking, listening and feeling understood is all that's needed to help a child's frustrations begin to melt away.

Limit stress where possible. If certain situations are causing stress, see if there are ways to change things.

Just be there. Kids don't always feel like talking about what's bothering them, and sometimes that's fine. Let your kids know you'll be there when they are ready to talk.

Another Helpful Hint from the Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP)

Negotiating with your child can be exhausting. Some people believe that a parent should never have to negotiate with their child to begin with. However, negotiating in order to problem solve is an essential skill that we use as adults with other adults, so it is a great skill that can be taught early on. Parents do not want to raise children that do not stand up for themselves and mindlessly take orders from others.

You don't want your kid to feel powerless. When kids feel powerless, they often attempt to gain power by acting out and refusing to respect rules and boundaries. Should children get what they want by whining? Absolutely not. Should children learn that they can get their way by rationalizing good arguments and making them in a reasonable, humorous, charming way that meets your needs as well as theirs? Absolutely!

Teaching your kids these skills doesn't mean you simply let them constantly nag at you and then you give in. It means you say 'NO' as soon as that's your answer, and you mean it and stick to it. It means that if they want to petition you for a different answer, you set up a discussion time to listen to their arguments and state your objections and concerns. If they manage to make a valid argument discussing how they can overcome your objections and concerns, you can allow yourself to be sold, and tell them why. In most cases, you will have to brainstorm and problem solve together for a solution that works for everyone. This teaches your children that having a calm and rational discussion can allow them to change certain circumstances. Having a child who learns problem solving and negotiating early on means less arguments for you and your child in the future.

The Family Community Liaison Program (FCLP) provides individual counselling and family support. For more information about the program or the referral process, feel free to contact Kyria or Kateryna at the FCLP office at 780-778-8755.



Grad Notes

Make sure to get your grad forms in; Part 1 is due December 1st, 2015 and Part 2 is due April 30th, 2016. For both, you require a signature from Student Services to make sure you are on track for Graduation. Always be sure to check The Grad Board to for any upcoming dates or to see if you're on The Grad List. Students names' will only be posted on the Grad List if , 1) they have submitted the required Grad Form, 2) they are in good academic standing for graduation, and 3) they have met the requirements to participate in graduation according to the Graduation Policy.

Don't forget The **Winter Formal** is coming up on **February 12th**. We will need parent and teacher volunteers. Tickets will be available after Christmas Break.

As well, The Senior Supper is coming up on **Thursday, February 25th**. We need parent volunteers to help with cooking the supper. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Wendy Poirier at 780 268 0107. We also need Grads to serve coffee and provide entertainment. Sign-up sheets for students will be on The Grad Board after Christmas Break. This is the opportunity we have as Grads to give back to the community which has given us so much. It will be tons of fun, so come out for laugh and good hospitality.

We will also be starting to spotlight grads each newsletter and each announcement, so watch for you or your classmates. To start, here is your Grad Committee:



GRAD PHOTOS



Grad Photos will be held on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Please log into the Lifetouch website at lifetouch.ca/northernalberta to book your appointment online. Click on the link that says choose your location and select Hilltop High School.

Sessions will be 20 minutes in length, please show up 10 minutes early for your appointment.

A \$20.00 session fee is due the day of appointment.

Any further questions please contact Lifetouch at 1-780-437-2431

Grad Photo Retakes will be held on February 10, 2016

What will you miss most about Hilltop?

Jennifer Long, President: The amazing teachers, hanging out with my friends and the Christmas Breakfast.

Madi Moreau, Vice-President: The great teachers, wonderful classmates and my social classes.

Haylee Doepker, Events Co-ordinator: Taco in a Bag and Volleyball.

Meagan Jensen, Treasurer: Seeing all my friends every day.

Emily Head, Class Rep: Seeing everyone every day and joking with my classmates and teachers; Volleyball.

Walker Smith, Yearbook Liaison: Working on Yearbook, it's fun!



**The World Is
Yours To Conquer**

Happy Holidays,

*Madi Moreau
Vice President*



Athletics

Congratulations to our Cross Country Runner Kennedy Bahm for placing 3rd in the 3000m at St. Joseph Saint's Invitational.

Chargers take Charge with Fall Athletics

We have rapped up the season for Cats Football, Volleyball, Golf and X-Country Running. Thank you to all our amazing athletes for your dedication and participation with our Fall Athletics! Go Chargers!

Chargers 2015

Gr. 9 Volleyball– Coach Abigail Mitchell

- Tanisha Gano-Murray
- Natalia Demero Braslauski
- Jaina Legault-Chartrand
- Macynne Packham
- Maybelle Zavisha
- Jordan Aginas
- Jordan Gano-Coady
- Emma Munday
- Mikayla Tipler
- Nina Johnston



JV Girls Volleyball– Coach Chris Keay

- Natalya Kosceilny
- Jenna Dixon
- Sarah Strydhorst
- Kylie Penny
- Alyssa Forseille
- Abigail Dixon
- Alyssa Engelbert
- Emma Strydhorst-
- Brianna Pratt
- Cassidy Meadows
- Ally McNeil
- Keisha Paige

Golf– Coach Stang

- Emily Taylor
- Maggie Nendsa
- Haylee Doepker
- Kyle Regan
- Shawn Kramer
- Tyson Long
- Emily Head
- Colton Ulrich
- Connor McGregor

Senior Girls Volleyball– Coach Paige Deacon

- Madison Bryson
- Nicole Cone
- Emily Dunstall
- Jessica Head
- Jordan Hanas
- Haylee Doepker
- Emily Taylor
- Darby Wells
- Haley Nicholson
- Jennae Harder
- Maggie Nendsa
- Emily Head

X-Country Running– Coach Kendall

- Etienne de Jongh
- Sarah Strydhorst
- Teron Funk
- Emma Strydhorst
- Macen Packham
- Kennedy Bahm



Senior Boys Volleyball–

Coaches Chris Vasquez / Daniel Gudgeon

- Nick Bowman
- Alex Hodgson
- Kaleb Corriveau
- Nick Broz
- Brendan McLelland
- Kelton Webb
- Phong Hang
- Jordan Giroux

CATS Football– Coaches Babiuk / Schlosser / Mireau

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| Ben Adams | Etienne de Jongh | Weston Hellekson | Taeven Keylor | Chase Pastoor | Ben Whitten |
| Connor Adams | Josh Donalson | Riley Henke | Quaid Lewis | Chad Phillip | Dawson VonStein |
| Colby Baldwin | Michael Fischer | Devlin Hilliard | Casey Littlejohn | Liam Pritchard | James Woodford |
| Ethan Baranitsky | Kory Flammond | Chase Hummel | Court Mills | Jace Richards | Reyd Woykin |
| Dakota Black | Scott Fleet | Dawson Keefe | Mitchell Mills | Jack Schlosser | |
| Connor Carlson | Ryan Govenlock | Tyler Keefe | Robert Moyle | Logan Seu | |
| Ben Chambers | Billy Guttenberg | Noah Kerr | Dason Nichols | Carson Smith | |

THANK YOU

to the Town of Whitecourt for supplying a grant to the Whitecourt Cats for the purchase of updated shoulder pads and helmets. This will help our young men compete with the rest and stay safe.

Basketball Season is in full swing and Hilltop invites everyone to cheer on the Chargers at the DO Classic Senior basketball tournament on **December 11th and 12th!** This invitational tournament has been a part of the school culture since the 90's! The following teams will be on charger territory . Please welcome St. Joes Whitecourt, St. Joes Grande Prairie, Mayerthorpe, RF Staples of Westlock, Oscar Romero and Onoway to Hilltops DO Clas-



Senior Boys Basketball Tryouts were held on November 17th and 18th

Basketball Camp was held on November 22. Athletes from St. Joes and Mayerthorpe were invited to learn and run with two university refs/coaches from Edmonton with over 20 students participating!



Game On!

Senior Girls and Boys Basketball will be hosting Edson on Wednesday December 9 afterschool at Hilltop High School.



Athletics

Basketball Practice Schedule

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
6:30-7:45 am		Sr. Girls		
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Jr. Boys	GCAA Jr. Games Jan. 5 th Feb. 2 nd Feb. 9 th	Sr. League Games Dec. 9 th Jan. 6 th Feb. 17 th	Sr. Girls
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Jr. Girls	Jr. Girls	Jr. Boys	Jr. Boys
7:00 – 9:00 pm		Sr. Boys	Sr. Boys	Sr. Boys

Dance unit will be starting in PE from December 9 until Christmas Break.



Thank you Judy Corriveau for driving the tour bus for the Sr. Boys Volleyball Team!



“WHATEVER THE MIND CAN CONCEIVE AND BELIEVE, IT CAN **ACHIEVE.**”

Curling

Coached by Rodney Koseilny and Linda Willets

Mondays 4:00–5:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend! No experience necessary! Come out and enjoy the sport, learn the sport or compete with the sport...you choose!



Storefront School



Happy Holidays! The countdown to Christmas break is ON! With that being said, it is also a reminder for students to pay particular attention to course due dates to ensure all work is getting handed in, in a timely manner.

To prepare for the festive season, we will be holding our twelve days of Christmas beginning **Tuesday, December 1, 2015**. Students will need to find the clue, answer a Christmas riddle and get a prize.

Students have the opportunity to do some Christmas baking the week of December 14. Remember to bring your sweet treat recipes.

Hilltop Storefront School will be hosting their Christmas luncheon on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 12:30**. Students are encouraged to help prepare the meal and to bring a family member.



Congratulations to Nakeita Snook, Samantha Fialski, and Jesse Thomas who successfully passed their WHIMIS training. Thanks to Safeway Consulting for allowing our students to complete this course, free of charge.

Thanks to Trish from the Community Lunch Box for bringing us muffins, bread and bagels every day.

Students, please have all work that is due prior to Christmas break handed in on or before Thursday, December 17. Again it is important to attend often. Students who attend often are generally more successful in getting their work completed in a timely manner.

Wishing you and you're a very safe and restful Christmas break.

Storefront Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm



Student Services Newsletter

The Student Service's Dept. has a wealth of information that will help all students throughout the year; whether its deciding on a career choice, finding a job or working on one of the computers to complete a school project.

The job opportunity/volunteer board will be updated weekly so students can find a part time job or volunteer within our community.



Are you undecided about a career? One of the best web sites for **Career, Learning and Employment** information is www.alis.gov.ab.ca. It also includes information on **financial assistance**.

RAP ~ Registered Apprenticeship Program for High School Students.

If you are interested in a RAP position and would like to find out more information, please see Ms. Lesia Hleck in the front office.

Work Experience



There may be a limit to the number of Work Experience students this year so sign up as soon as possible. Grade 12s will be given priority.

Hours cannot be counted or credits awarded until all paper work is completed. Remember you can get up to 15 credits in Work Experience towards your high school diploma. Sign up starts **September 12** and continues until **February 28, 2015**. See Mr. Mireau for more information.

RAP Continues to grow at Hilltop. Congratulations to Quang Pham, Brett Johnson and Chase Hummel who have secured RAP positions this past month. Quang will be apprenticing with the County of Woodlands as a Heavy Equipment Technician. Brett will be located at the Alberta News Company in the trade of Instrumentation. Chase is starting in the welding trade at ProFoxy in Fox



Who can say no to a great bowl of soup or homemade pizza? Hilltop is proud of its Culinary Arts program that has three RAP students working. They are Abi Sharp, Emma Pederson and Megan Millward, These young chefs will be working directly with Chef Mercer to produce excellent treats for all of Hilltop to enjoy.

FOOD BANK



Are YOU a Volunteer?

If you volunteer to coach a team, help with seniors, tutor or any other form of volunteerism you may qualify for high school credits.

Strike Energy and the Town of Whitecourt will be looking for apprentices in 2016.

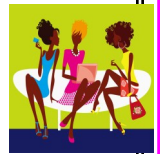
Stay tuned for the announcements for



Scholarships

The scholarship listing is on our website and is based on information received at Hilltop High School to date and may not reflect all the scholarship opportunities available to students. Also, current year information may not have been received by the school as of this date so deadlines may vary slightly from what is listed. Once new current information is received the scholarship website will be updated. Students should check the website regularly.

GIRLS GROUP Ms. Kendall and Ms. Smith-Tomke are offering a terrific opportunity for young women to join a series of workshops designed to promote self esteem and healthy lifestyles. There will be six themed sessions running from Dec. 2- Mar. 9 every FLEX block with currently 14 girls signed up. This girls group will be offering a variety of fun and exciting workshops from cooking classes, test preparation and a drumming class. For questions, concerns or to sign up your daughter please contact student services at 780-778-2446.



First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI)

Tansi! As the holiday season is upon us, I hope you are all staying warm, and healthy. I am looking forward to the next few weeks, as I will be joining the Grade 9 Foods class, and we will be making Indian Tacos, which is one of my favorite carnival foods. I have included the recipe for the fry bread for those that wish to enjoy.

Girls Group will be starting on December 2, and of course we will be enjoying some aspects of the Aboriginal culture during the 3 months that we run this program. I am especially excited for the drumming class, and cannot wait to learn the skills involved!


If you have any suggestions for Aboriginal cultural events or entertainment please come and share your ideas, I would love to brain storm with you. The celebration of our Aboriginal heritage is always a key event at Hilltop High School.

Fry Bread Recipe

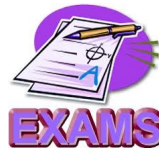
- 4 cups flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1 ½ cups warm water
- 4 cups oil for frying



Combine flour, salt and baking powder, stir in warm water, knead until soft but not sticky. Shape into dough balls about the size of a lemon; flatten into patties 1 cm thick. Fry one at a time in hot oil, turning when brown, can be kept warm in the oven set at a low temp.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2015</h1>						
<p>Graduation Photos are December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Book your appointment through the Front Office. Basketball pictures TBA.</p>						
		1 Day 1 Grade 12 Interviews will be completed	2 Grad Photos FLEX Math/Social/Other Tutorial	3 Grad Photos Day 2	4 Grad Photos Day 3 Sr. Boys/Girls B'Ball Grand Trunk	5 Sr. Boys/Girls B'Ball Grand Trunk
6	7 Day 4	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4 Sr. B'Ball DQ Classic	12 Sr. B'Ball DQ Classic
13	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 FLEX Ugly Sweater Contest English/Science/ Other Tutorial	17 Day 3	18 Day 4 Student Council Pancake Breakfast Last day of classes	19
20	21 Christmas Vacation Begins	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 	<p>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all! Christmas Vacation: December 21st, 2015 to January 1st, 2016.</p>	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2016</h1>						
3	4 Day 1 First Day of classes following Christmas break	5 Day 2	6 FLEX	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9
10	11 Day 1	12 FLEX	13 Day 2 English/Social/Other Tutorial	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 Sr. B'Ball Edson	16 Sr. B'Ball Edson
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 Math/Science/Other Tutorial	20 Day 3 Eng 30-1/30-2 Part A Dip Exams 8:50 am	21 Day 4 Social 30-1/30-2 Part A Dip Exams 8:50 am	22 Day 1 Gr. 9 Social Exam	23
24	25 Day 2 Gr. 9 Science	26 Day 3 Eng 30-1/30-2 Part B Dip Exams 8:50 am	27 Day 4 Social 30-1/2 Part B Dip Exams 8:50 am FOH Meeting 7 PM	28 Day 1 LA 9 Mid Term 8:50 am-11:00 am	29 Professional Development Day 	30
31					Semester Break No Classes	



Hilltop High School

Examination Schedule – January 2016

All exams begin at 9:05 am

Tuesday January 19 Day 2	Wednesday January 20 Day 3	Thursday January 21 Day 4	Friday January 22 Day 1 <i>Last day of classes</i>	Monday January 25 Day 2	Tuesday January 26 Day 3	Wednesday January 27 Day 4	Thursday January 28 Day 1
English 30-1 English 30-2 Part B	Social 30-1 Social 30-2 Part B		Biology 30	Math 30-1 Math 30-2	Physics 30	Chemistry 30	Science 30 Science 20
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					Physics 20 <i>1:05 pm</i>		
		Language Arts Midterm (AM) 9-1 9-2 9-3 9-4 9-5 All Gr. 9's Regular Classes (PM)	<i>PAT EXAM</i> Social Studies 9-1 9-2 9-5 All Gr. 9's Regular Classes (PM)	<i>PAT EXAM</i> Science 9-4 9-5 All Gr. 9's Regular Classes (PM)	<i>PAT EXAM</i> Math 9-1 9-3 All Gr. 9's Regular Classes (PM)	ALL REGULAR CLASSES GR. 9	NO CLASSES GR. 9

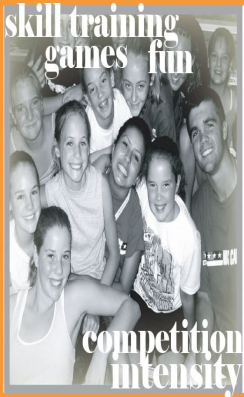




SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL CAMP

HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL MARCH 30 - APRIL 1, 2016

NBC BASKETBALL CLINICS FOCUS ON HELPING ATHLETES IMPROVE THE FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS OF THE GAME. WE TEACH AND DRILL IMPORTANT SKILL WORK AND PROGRESS TO LIVE ACTION COMPETITION. WE STRIVE TO CHALLENGE PLAYERS IN A FUN AND ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT. COME AND IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AT OUR GREAT CLINICS.



Coaches and Master Teachers from NBC Summer Camps will be providing the supervision and instruction at this basketball clinic.

TEACHING FOCUS

- * Shooting Drills and Competition
- * Ball Handling
- * Attacking the Basket & Finishing
- * Defense
- * Rebounding
- * Fast Breaks
- * Live Action, Competitive Play

DETAILS

Hilltop High School
71 Sunset Blvd Whitecourt, AB
March 30-April 1, 2016 (3 day camp)
9am-3pm each day
Boys & Girls 9-16 Years Old
Cost: \$100 Early Bird Price
(Early Bird Deadline January 29, 2016)
\$125 regular price

BRING

- *Basketball & Basketball Gear
 - *Bag Lunch Each Day
 - *Water Bottle for Breaks
 - *Medical Release Form
- To speed up check-in,
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nbccamps.com/pdfs/Med_waiver1.pdf

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MEDIA RELEASE

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November 20, 2015



RE: Parents Say the Alberta Math Curriculum Makes Sense

Over 250 people filled a crowded gymnasium in south west Calgary on November 19 to see Dr. James Tanton's presentation, which was aimed at demonstrating that math can have meaning. Dr. Tanton's goal was to show the students, parents, teachers, school & system leaders, university professors and members of the public in attendance that the Alberta math curriculum is designed to enable all students to be successful in math.

"It was a huge success," said Mike Barbero, Director of Leadership Learning for the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS). "The intent of the evening was to provide people an opportunity to see for themselves what math instruction in our schools can and should be like."

Having earned a PhD in research mathematics from Princeton University and previously serving as a mathematician in residence with the Mathematics Association of America, Dr. Tanton is recognized internationally as a teacher, a leader and as a mathematician who is eminently capable of demonstrating excellence in instructional practices with a robust math curriculum.

Having been invited by Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools, Dr. Tanton spent a full day working with grade 9-12 math teachers in the District, modeling instruction in a grade 10 classroom. Teachers learned first hand just how effectively they can reach all students in an engaging way that results in students using numbers confidently and flexibly – two critical pieces for high level math.

When it became apparent that travel arrangements for his return to his home in Phoenix meant an overnight stay in Calgary, Dr. Tanton demonstrated his passion for sharing the impact of effective math instruction with the public by volunteering to provide the presentation in Calgary. The event was facilitated by CASS and the Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia (ARPDC).

CASS President John Waterhouse emphasized that "Our aim in this province is to achieve success for all children and that means not accepting a situation where it's OK for any students to develop math phobias because they can't memorize things as well as other students. When we raise our expectations to that of seeing all children being successful in Literacy and Numeracy, it means improving our curriculum and our instructional strategies. As system leaders we are determined to meet the instructional needs of all students and Dr. Tanton is one who supports and models excellence in the instruction of math. We are very fortunate to have his influence in our province."

While it was unfortunate that approximately 75 people had to be turned away from the presentation in Calgary because the capacity of the facility had been reached, it demonstrated the desire by Alberta parents, teachers and students to learn more about the math curriculum and the instructional strategies being used in classrooms across the province. CASS and ARPDC are in the process of identifying dates and locations for Dr. Tanton to return to Alberta.

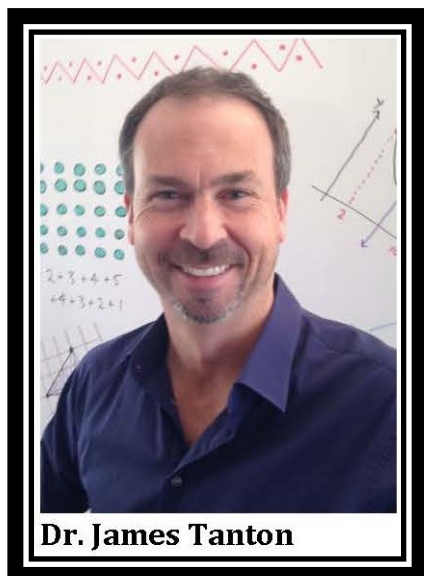
Dr. Tanton's presentation was video-taped and will be available on the CASS website (www.cass.ab.ca) in the near future.

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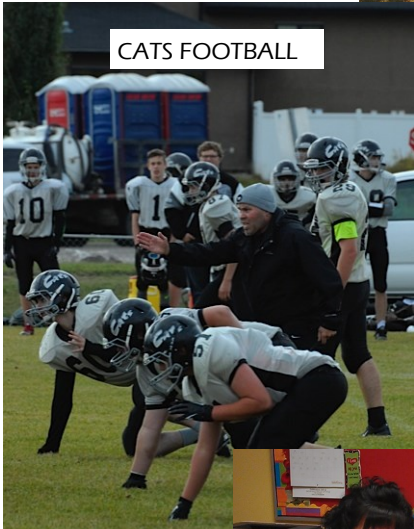
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Dr. James Tanton



Dr. James Tanton captivated the students, parents, teachers, school & system leaders, university professors and members of the public in attendance at a presentation in Calgary on November 19, demonstrating that the Alberta curriculum is designed to enable all students to be successful in math.



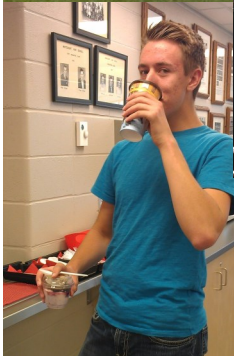
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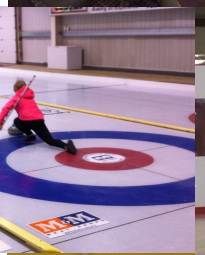
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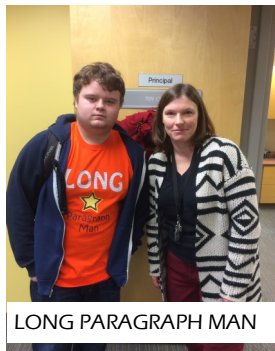
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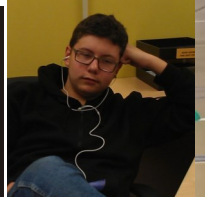
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