

WELCOME TO THE GRADE TWELVE INFORMATION EVENING

CLASS OF
 2024



WAYS TO BE INFORMED

- ★ **THE GRAD 2024 BULLETIN BOARD -**
LOCATED BETWEEN THE
PHOTOCOPY ROOM AND LIBRARY
- ★ **MONDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- ★ **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**
- ★ **WEBSITE: hilltophigh.ca**



Google Classroom

A Google Classroom for all grade 12 students. *Why??*

- Keep up to date with Graduation and post secondary information
- Your **Yearbook Submissions** will live here.
- scholarship information

Google Classroom

- You will be expected to send **JPEG images** of your baby photos for the slide show and Yearbook
- Extra Copies of important paperwork will live here for you to print off again!

Grad 2024 Google Classroom - For Students

All Grade 12 students should have been invited but just in case you haven't signed up yet, here is the class code.

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Grad Application Forms

A TWO PART FORM.

- Part A deadline: April 12,
2024
- Part B deadline: May 28,
2024

PLEASE ENSURE:



★ YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE **FOIP** FORMS. THESE MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO ALLOW YOUR PHOTO TO BE INCLUDED IN:

- Celebratory Newspaper, Facebook or Twitter photos
- The Yearbook
- The Graduation SlideShow

These forms were in your school registration packages.

Yearbook and Slideshow



Grad 2022 Yearbook & Slideshow Form

Please make sure all your answers are school appropriate, if there is any doubt your answer will not be published. Yearbook and grad advisers will have the final say on all entries. You will only fill this form out once so make sure you have all the requirements BEFORE submitting. If you are having trouble please see Mrs. Bezushko, Room 508 or email her at: jessica.bezushko@ngps.ca

The deadline for your submission is April 22nd. If you are only here first semester make sure you fill this out before the end of January.

This is for the Yearbook & the grad slideshow, so if you do not include baby and child photos they will not be in the grad slideshow.

SIGNIFICANT DATES

- ★ GRAD RINGS: October 16, 2023 at Noon
- ★ GRAD PHOTOS: **December 4-8, 2023**
 - **Book your session online**
 - **More to come...**
- ★ GRAD PHOTO RETAKES: February 15, 2024

SIGNIFICANT DATES

★ Post Secondary Application workshops
with Mrs. Trebilcock:

- **Wednesday, Sept 27 - 3:30 - 4:30**
- **Thursday, Sept 28 - 3:30 to 4:30**
- **Friday, Sept 29 - 3:30 - 4:30**
- **Tuesday, October 3 - 3:30-4:30**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 4 - 3:30 - 4:30**

**OR email/drop into Student Services to set up an
appointment**

GRADUATION 2024



**Thursday, June
27, 2024
@ 1 PM**

AT The Scott Safety
Centre

CLASS OF 2024 GIVES BACK

TRADITIONALLY, THE HILLTOP GRADUATION CLASS GIVES BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:

- ★ **SENIOR SUPPER/GAME EVENING**
- ★ **A MONETARY DONATION IN THE NAME OF HILLTOP GRADUATES**
- ★ **MENTORING**
- ★ **VOLUNTEERING AT PAT HARDY & CENTRAL**
- ★ **SHOVELING SNOW FOR SENIORS**
- ★ **FOOD BANK DRIVE**
- ★ **SANTA'S ANONYMOUS**



WHERE DO WE START ?

- **Will my child graduate?**
- **What are the requirements?**

As part of our ongoing services, we will meet with your child to review credits, as well as career and post-secondary plans.

★ Mrs. Trebilcock is meeting with ALL grade 12 students. If you have questions or concerns please contact her by phone 780-778-2446 or email: jeannie.trebilcock@ngps.ca

Alberta High School Diploma Requirements:

- Minimum 100 credits
- Must include:
 - English (at the 30-level)
 - Social Studies (at the 30-level)
 - Math (at the 20-level)
 - Science (at the 20-level)
 - CALM 20
 - Phys Ed 10
 - 10 credits at the **30-level (other than English and Social)**
 - 10 credits in any combination from: CTS; Phys Ed; Fine Arts; 2nd Language; RAP; Work Experience.

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

- **Student Ownership of Success**
- Value of strong attendance
- PowerSchool – Parent Portal (see office staff if you need help with this)
- Assignment completion
- Preparing for Diplomas - 30% this year
- Communication between parent, student and teachers
- Parent/teacher interviews

WHAT IF I NEED MY TIMETABLE MODIFIED?


- Speak with Mr. Northcott. However, most timetable changes were accommodated in the first week of school

In a unique situation:

- Sit down with the appropriate teacher and discuss success.
- The Gr. 12 one-on-one meeting helps all parties determine what is best for the student.



**“WHAT DO
YOU WANT TO
BE WHEN YOU
GROW UP?”**

A sunset over a beach with a red scribble over the text.

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BETTER QUESTIONS TO POSE

1. What are your **priorities** in the next three years?
2. How do you intend to become **self-sufficient**?
3. What are you **passionate** about?
4. How could you **make money** doing something you are good at?
5. How will you **fund** any future education adventures?
6. Where do you see yourself in:
 - Five Years
 - Ten Years



WHAT ARE SOME OPTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR?

Some common choices you can discuss together:

- **Post-Secondary:**

University / College / Technical School

- **Work:**

Apprenticeship / Career

- **Goal-Setting Year:**

Upgrading Courses / Exploring Workforce / Part-time
Post-secondary Study / Volunteerism

Where can I get information to help my child with his/her choice ?

- ALIS – ONE STOP SHOPPING (helps with career and scholarship information)
 - www.alis.alberta.ca
- RAP
 - www.TradeSecrets.alberta.ca
- Work Experience

What do post-secondary schools normally look at for admission?

-Grade 11 marks

-Grade 12 marks

.... That's it.

- Exceptions:

- Arts program: Portfolio and Interview

- Apprenticeship: some may require evidence of hours completed

YOUR ONLINE IDENTITY



- **HAVE YOU CONSIDERED YOUR ONLINE FOOTPRINT?**
- **MANY CORPORATIONS, FUTURE EMPLOYERS AND SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS NOW TAKE A MOMENT TO “GOOGLE” YOU.**
- **CONSIDER YOUR POSTS AND MESSAGES YOU SEND TO YOUR FRIENDS...EVERYTHING LEAVES A FOOTPRINT BEHIND. WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION TO BE?**

<https://www.applyalberta.ca>

What is ApplyAlberta?

ApplyAlberta is a secure online application system that allows students to apply to one or more of Alberta's public colleges, universities, and technical institutes through a common starting point, and to authorize the transfer of their Alberta high school or post-secondary transcripts.

You will need to set up an Alberta.ca Account - this can be done online on the ApplyAlberta site. You will need to create an account BEFORE you register for post-secondary. (In Alberta)

It is a good idea to have a print out of your Detailed Academic Report to refer to courses, completion dates and marks.

The process of signing up for ApplyAlberta takes about 30 minutes, so give yourself lots of time!

Apply Alberta

How does ApplyAlberta benefit students?

- Makes it easy for students to apply to one or more post-secondary institutions. The first time students use ApplyAlberta they will create a profile with their personal and academic history. This information is then filled in automatically on each of the Alberta post-secondary applications they complete.
- Facilitates the transfer of academic transcripts. Within ApplyAlberta, students authorize institution(s) to request the transfer of their Alberta Education high school and/or post-secondary transcripts. Students will not be charged a fee for transcripts transferred through ApplyAlberta.
- Speeds up the application process. The ability to apply to multiple institutions without having to re-enter basic information and to authorize transcript transfers will save students time.

FINANCING EDUCATION

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BUSINESS

Report finds higher ed is best investment

College diploma delivers top return, economists write

KIM COVERT
Financial Post
OTTAWA

Looking for an investment with an average rate of return above 10 per cent? Go to school.

According to a TD Economics report on post-secondary education, that's the average return on an undergraduate degree. A college diploma, which has lower upfront costs, offers an even higher return on your investment, chief economist Craig Alexander and economist Shahrzad Mobasher Fard write in the report.

The report says there's no evidence that students with debt are "disadvantaged" in the long run, despite Statistics Canada data showing students leave post-secondary school with an average debt of \$18,000.

College or university graduates are more employable, spend less time unemployed when they lose their jobs, and earn more than those with a high-school diploma or less, according to data from Statistics Canada and the 2006 census, and that is unlikely to change.

"Looking ahead, the disparate employment outcomes by education levels are likely to widen," write Alexander and Mobasher Fard. "The demand for higher-skilled workers

will only increase as the Canadian economy evolves, while an aging population will likely lead to shortages in many trade occupations and high-skilled occupations."

Still, the economists acknowledge the cost of a post-secondary education can be "daunting," and the resulting debt a major burden. Twenty-six per cent of students take out government-funded student loans; there are no statistics for the amount of private debt accumulated.

A 2009 TD Economics report by the same authors pegged the cost of a four-year degree at \$55,000 for students living at home and \$84,000 for students away from home. In 18 years' time, they predict those costs will be \$102,286 and \$139,380 respectively.

"Despite the fact that a number of graduating students report that their economic well-being is being hindered by heavy student loan debts, there is no evidence that the debt puts them at a long-term disadvantage," Alexander and Mobasher Fard write, pointing out that their economic conditions will improve as the debt is paid off and as earnings rise.

Debt-service ratios — the ratio of debt payments to earned income — are "manageable" with median ratios falling somewhere between three and 10 per cent depending on the degree or diploma and the level of debt.

Postmedia News

A big investment

A 2020 TD Economics report pegged the cost of a four-year degree (including tuition, academic fees and expenses and living costs) could reach as much as \$85,000.



Scholarship Assistance

- Student Services are available for scholarship information assistance. Scholarship information is also posted on the Google Gr 12 classroom. Students are welcome to drop in and parents are welcome to phone us at any time.
- School phone number: 780-778-2446
- Mrs. Smith-Tomke or Mrs. Trebilcock
- Mr. Northcott



- Year after year, numerous scholarships fail to receive a **single** application.
- When in doubt: **Apply!**
- Think about it this way: A few hours of work assembling letters and filling out a form could translate into **thousands of dollars.**
- Honour your hard work at school:
Research and apply!



Speaking of scholarships, many may require the following elements (in addition to individual application requirements):

- **Reference letters from teachers, coaches, employers, people who supervise you for volunteer hours.**
- **Evidence of long-term volunteering**
- **A Resume**
- **A transcript**



THE VALUE OF BUILDING A RESUME

- You need a resume.
- Student Services is happy to help.
- ~~proofreading~~ Proofreading
- Cover Letter: *Why hire me?*
- Resume Basics:
 - Name + Contact Information
 - List highest level of achievement, workplace certificates
 - Identify and Detail your Prior Work Experience
 - Identify volunteerism and extra-curriculars
 - List references

RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP

**Online application only

***Can be used even if a break between high school and post-secondary

-Average above 75% in gr 10, 11 or 12 = \$

-Average above 80% in gr 10, 11 or 12 = \$\$

***CTS courses now come into consideration



Rutherford Scholarship

High School - Graduated after April 1, 2008

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="121 665 571 825">• Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in five courses - \$300*<li data-bbox="121 908 556 1068">• Average of 80% or higher in five courses - \$400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="736 665 1186 825">• Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in five courses - \$500*<li data-bbox="736 908 1174 1068">• Average of 80% or higher in five courses - \$800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1354 665 1804 825">• Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in five courses - \$700*<li data-bbox="1354 908 1823 1068">• Average of 80% or higher in five courses - \$1,300

"GIANT CHEQUE" SCHOLARSHIPS

- Loran Scholarship
- Schulich Scholarship-



*Nomination-based applications.

If you wish to be nominated, write a letter addressed to Mr. Northcott outlining the reasons you should be our nominee.

Deadline:Loran: **October 11, 2023**

Schulich: Jan 30, 2024

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP INFO



<https://scholartree.ca/>

- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- <http://alis.alberta.ca/hs/fo/pay/scholarships/available.html>
- The RAP/CTS Scholarships
 - https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/rap_cts-scholarships/

STUDENT LOANS & STUDENT AID

Student Loans are a good idea if you need further assistance funding your education.



Opportunities for Indigenous Students

Several opportunities exist for
self-declared students

Important to speak with Ms. Smith-Tomke
about post-secondary opportunities and
FNMI scholarships

Also:

<http://www.albertametis.com/services/education.aspx>

ELAA

The Educational Liaison Association of Alberta was at the Career Fair on Sept.21, 2023. Students were able to visit various post secondary booths and ask questions directly to recruiters.

In addition to ELAA, students are able to attend presentations from various institutions as they visit Hilltop throughout Semester 1.

OPEN HOUSE

This year post secondary institutions are offering Open House visits.

Some require registration for tours and events

Others are drop-in.

All are Free. And some offer free registration if you attend Open House.

UNIVERSITY Of ALBERTA

Open House

- Saturday, October 14, 2023
- 9 am- 3 pm
- Visit:

[https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/open-house/index.html?](https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/open-house/index.html)

For more information and to register

NAIT Open House

Saturday, Oct 28, 2023: 9 am - 4 pm



OPEN
HOUSE

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 28

MacEwan University OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2023

10 AM - 3PM



MacEwan
UNIVERSITY

Lethbridge College

Wednesday, October 25, 2023: 10 am - 2 pm



**NORTHWESTERN
POLYTECHNIC**



**Formerly GPRC - Date
not listed**

When can I apply to schools?

Check individual College/University websites for exact deadlines. These are approximates:

- **NAIT/SAIT**: October 1 - to Day 1 of class

- **Most Canadian Universities**:
October 1 to May 1

If you would like help applying for a post-secondary program, **make an appointment to see Mrs. Trebilcock**



myPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for Alberta high school students to:

- ✓ View and print diploma exam result statements
- ✓ Order transcripts
- ✓ View progress towards a credential (diploma or certificate)
- ✓ View student personal information
- ✓ View and print detailed academic reports (DAR)
- ✓ Order additional copies of a credential

[Sign in with an Education Account >>](#)

First time to myPass? [Sign in](#) with an Education Account to connect to student information.

Don't have an Education Account? You can create one during [sign in](#).

To use all the features offered by myPass, please ensure you are using a [supported browser](#).

BEFORE APPLYING FOR POST SECONDARY,
YOU **MUST** HAVE **MyPass** SET UP to see your
marks and ASN number.

HANDY COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

- Staff Email:
firstname.lastname@ngps.ca
- School website www.hilltophigh.ca
- Monthly newsletter
- Remind

Introducing our 2023-2024 Grad Council

On Twitter @ngpsht

Home Moments

Search Twitter

Have an account? Log in

Press F11 to exit full screen



TWEETS 681 FOLLOWING 39 FOLLOWERS 246 LIKES 11

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Whitecourt, AB

hilltophigh.ca

Joined October 2013

359 Photos and videos



Tweets Tweets & replies Media

Hilltop High School @ngpsht · May 18
We are proud to announce that our Hilltop Student Council has raised \$500.00 to donate to Fort McMurray. #AlbertaStrong

Retweets 2 Likes 6

Hilltop High School @ngpsht · May 17
Good luck to the senior track and field team who are heading to a meet in Edmonton on Thursday!

Retweets 1 Likes 2

Hilltop High School @ngpsht · May 17
REMINDER: No School Friday May 20th and Monday May 23rd. Have a happy and safe long weekend!

Retweets 1 Likes 1

Hilltop High School @ngpsht · May 12
Good luck to our Rugby players who are heading to the Drayton Valley tournament tomorrow!

Retweets 1 Likes 1

Hilltop High School @ngpsht · May 12
It's Back! Friday is Taco in a Bag! \$5.00 a bag. First come first serve. All proceeds being donated to Fort McMurray



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Team For Success @Team4SuccessWct

Trends

#ItsOfficiallySummerWhen
14.7K Tweets

#DolanTwinsNewVideo
41.7K Tweets

#RCBvGL
64.5K Tweets

Bill Cosby
62.1K Tweets

#GiveCaptainAmericaABoyfriend
186K Tweets

#BernieHillaryTVShows
Just started trending

Super Bowl LIII
Just started trending

Kevan Miller
Just started trending



us on

A screenshot of the Facebook page for Hilltop Jr/Sr High School. The page header shows the school's name and a search bar. The cover photo is a building with a large glass entrance. The profile picture is the Hilltop Chargers logo, which features a red and white horse head. The page has a 'Like' button and a 'Share' button. The main content area shows a timeline of posts. The first post is from May 18 at 3:37pm, announcing that the Hilltop Student Council has raised \$500.00 to donate to Fort McMurray. The second post is from May 17 at 11:42am, a reminder about school closures on Friday May 20th and Monday May 23rd. The third post is from May 12 at 9:48am, advertising a taco event on Friday the 13th. The left sidebar contains information about the school, including its address (71 Sunset Blvd), phone number (780-778-2446), and website (http://hilltophigh.ca/). There are also links to ask for school hours and price range. The bottom right corner shows a chat icon with 7 messages.

www.ngps.ca



Telephone: 780.778.2800
Toll Free: 1.800.262.8674

 Schools

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District Notice

Students displaced from their homes in Fort McMurray are welcome at Northern Gateway Public Schools. We are here to help you during this incredibly difficult time <http://bit.ly/1T64mz>.

A banner image featuring a group of diverse children smiling. The image is overlaid with large, semi-transparent circles in shades of pink, yellow, green, and blue.

Learning for life. Together.



ALL BUSES ON TIME

MAY 19

Division welcomes
new Assistant
Superintendent

MAY 17

Hillside Service
Learning in
Nicaragua!

MAY 16

New Principal begins
at Onway
Elementary this
September!

www.hilltophigh.ca

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Hilltop Jr/Sr High School

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Hilltop High School ~ "A great place to LEARN...and more!"

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<http://bit.ly/11e4mnr>.

Welcome to Hilltop High School

Welcome to the Website of Hilltop High School.



THANK YOU

Remember that Student Services is always pleased to help! Should you require additional information, contact:

Mr. Northcott

Mrs. Smith-Tomke

or Mrs. Trebilcock