# WELCOME TO THE GRADE TWELVE INFORMATION EVENING





#### WAYS TO BE INFORMED

- ★ THE GRAD 2025 BULLETIN BOARD -LOCATED BETWEEN THE PHOTOCOPY ROOM AND LIBRARY
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- **★** SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
- **★** WEBSITE: hilltophigh.ca
- ★ Grad 2025 Google Classroom



## Google Classroom

A Google Classroom for <u>all</u> 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 2025 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 14, 2025

Part B deadline:

May 28, 2025

### PLEASE ENSURE:



- ★ YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE **FOIP**FORMS. THESE <u>MUST</u> 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Please make sure all your answers are school appropriate, if there is any doubt your answer will not be published.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 21, 2024 at Noon
- ★ GRAD PHOTOS: December 2-6, 2024
  - Book your session online
  - More to come...
- ★ GRAD PHOTO RETAKES: February 13

#### 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

Gateway Students: Please see Ms. Kendall

### **GRADUATION 2025**



Thursday, June 26, 2025

@ 1 PM

At the JDA Place

#### **CLASS OF 2025 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.



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

Gateway Grade 12 students will meet with Ms. Kendal. Please call Gateway at 780-778-5865 or email maureen.kendall@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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Language; RAP; Work Experience.

#### STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

#### Student Ownership of Success

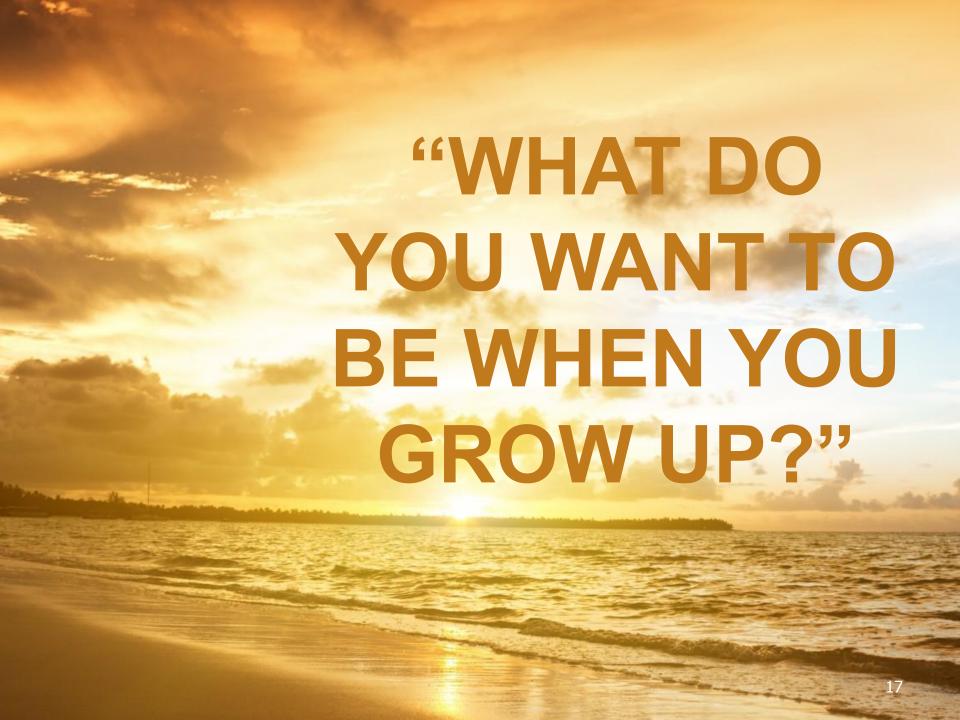
- Value of strong attendance
- PowerSchool Parent Portal (see office staff if you need help with this)
- Assignment completion
- Preparing for Diplomas 30% this year
- Communication between parent, student and teachers
- Parent/teacher interviews

#### WHAT IF I NEED MY TIMETABLE MODIFIED?

 Speak with <u>Mr. Northcott.</u> 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.





#### 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 post-secondary, career and scholarship information)
  - www.alis.alberta.ca
- RAP
  - www.TradeSecrets.alberta.ca
- Work Experience see Mrs. Trebilcock about signing up

# 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





- 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! See Mrs. Trebilcock if you need assistance but also check the Gr 12 Google Classroom for a "how to" tutorial

# **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: A **big** investment

2024 stats (RBC) pegged the cost of a four-year degree (including tuition, academic fees, expenses and living costs) as between \$75,000 and \$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. Trebilcock or Mr. Northcott



- Year after year, numerous scholarships fail to receive a <u>single</u> 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.

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- 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.
- pruffreeding 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> <li>Average of 75.0% to 79.9%</li> <li>in five courses - \$300*</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Average of 75.0% to 79.9%</li> <li>in five courses - \$500*</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in five courses - \$700*</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Average of 80% or higher in five courses - \$400</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Average of 80% or higher in five courses - \$800</li> </ul>	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 14, 2024** (see google classroom and Oct newsletter) Schulich: Jan 30, 2025

#### OTHER SCHOLARSHIP INFO

https://scholartree.ca/





- http://alis.alberta.ca/hs/fo/pay/scholarships/available. html
- The RAP/CTS Scholarships
  - https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholar ships/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 our Indiginous Liason about post-secondary opportunities and FNMI scholarships

Also:

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

### ELAA

The Educational Liaison Association of Alberta will be at the Career Fair on Sept.26, 2024. Students are 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 19, 2024
- 9 am- 3 pm
- Visit:

https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/under graduate/tours-and-events/open-house/in dex.html?

For more information and to register

# **NAIT Open House**

Saturday, Oct 26, 2024: 9 am - 4 pm



# MacEwan University OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2024

10 AM - 3PM



# Lethbridge College

Wednesday, November 6, 2024: 10 am - 2 pm



# NORTHWESTERN POLYTECHNIC

Saturday, October 5, 2024

# 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 or Mrs. Kendall at Gateway



### 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.

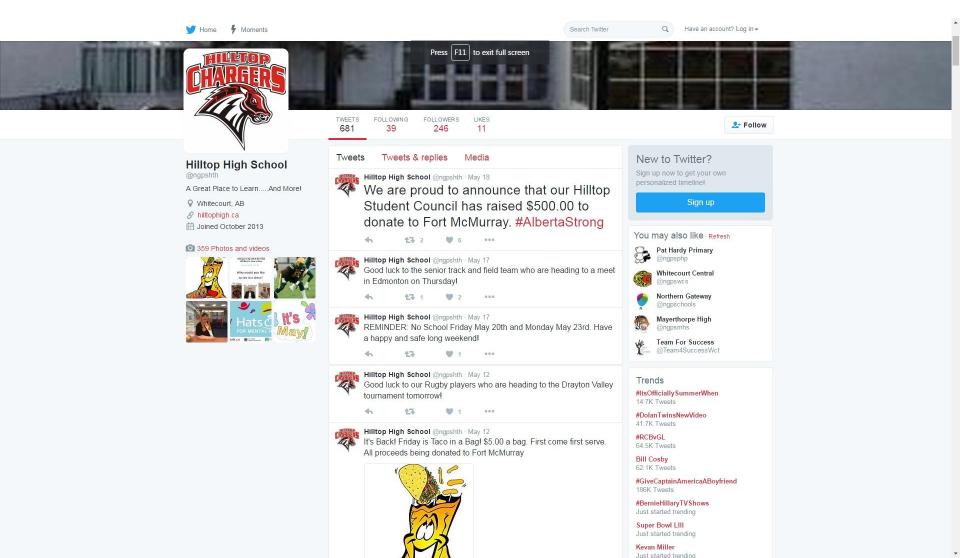
# BEFORE APPLYING FOR POST SECONDARY, YOU MUST HAVE MyPass SET UP to see your marks and ASN number.

#### HANDY COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

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

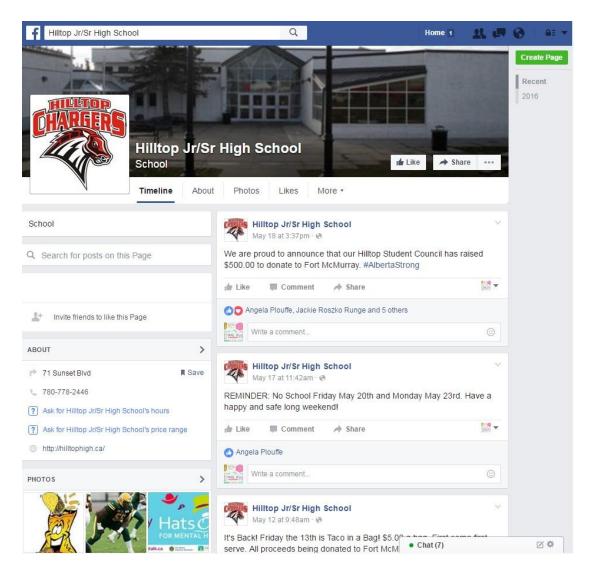
# Introducing our 2024-2025 Grad Council

# On Twitter @ngpshth





#### us on



## www.ngps.ca



Telephone: 780.778.2800 Toll Free: 1.800.262.8674

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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 <a href="http://bit.lv/1764mnz">http://bit.lv/1764mnz</a>.





ALL BUSES ON TIME

**MAY 19** 

Division welcomes new Assistant Superintendent **MAY 17** 

Hillside Service Learning in Nicaragua! **MAY 16** 

New Principal begins at Onoway Elementary this September!

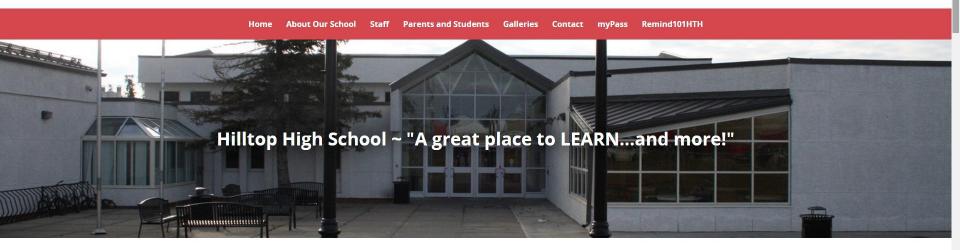
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#### Hilltop Jr/Sr High School



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http://bit.ly/1164mnz

Welcome to Hilltop High School

Welcome to the Website of Hilltop High School.



### **THANKYOU**

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

> Mr. Northcott Mrs. Smith-Tomke or Mrs. Trebilcock