



# Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School

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## December 2016 & January 2017

“A great place to LEARN...and more!”

### Message from the Administration



As the holiday season quickly approaches, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our students, parent/guardians and staff of Hilltop High School for your commitment to education. It is because of this partnership that makes Hilltop High School a great place to learn... and more. As I walk through the hallways I see the engaged students and staff and the countless hours of volunteer work by our parent community that ensures the school runs smoothly.

I would like to remind students that preparing for exams should be near the top of your priorities as we head into the Christmas Break. You will be thrust into the hustle of final exams shortly after your return to school. Diploma Exams begin on January 16 and school final exams begin shortly thereafter. It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first semester.

I would like to thank the parents who came out for our Parent Teacher Interviews in November. If you were not able to make it and would like to talk to your child's teacher, please call the school to make an appointment.

I would also like to thank the parents who put their names forward for the Friends of Hilltop. We have a strong executive who will provide feedback to administration on a number of issues.

Please read the section pertaining to FLEX in this newsletter. Twice a month, we offer a block of personal learning time for students. Teachers and parents/guardians can nominate students to attend this block to catch up on work. A student who is nominated for FLEX is expected to be in attendance during this block.

On behalf of the school staff and administration, I would like to wish you and your family all of the best as you head into the holiday season and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the Christmas break and all of the season has to offer for time with family and friends.

Your partner in education  
Principal  
Brent Northcott

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### Important Dates

#### December

- 2: No Classes
- 5-8: Grad Photos
- 23: Last Day of Classes

#### January


- 9: Classes Resume
- 18: FOH Meeting 7pm
- 20: Last Day of Semester One
- 31: No Classes

### Bell Schedule


9:00 AM	Warning Bell
9:05 AM	Block 1
10:11 AM	Break
10:15 AM	Block 2
11:21 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



**December 2**  
 PD Day  
 No Classes



**December 5-8**  
 Grad Photos



See the Grad Page of this newsletter for information on how to book your appointment.

**December 7**  
 Last day of Grade 9 options  
 3/8



**December 9 & 10**  
 DQ Classic Basketball Tournament



**December 23**  
 Last day of classes before Christmas Break




**January 9**  
 First day of classes following Christmas Break




**January 18**  
 FOH Parent Council Meeting  
 7:00pm




**January 20**  
 Last day of Semester one



**January 30**  
 Last day of Grade 9 options 4/8



**January 31**  
 PD Day  
 No Classes





Thank you Millar Western and Blue Ridge Lumber for donating a lift of lumber to our shop class students. We are very grateful for your continued support.

**RAP Scholarships**

Congratulations to Alex Slobodian and Tyson Soch who recently received RAP scholarships. Special thanks to Careers: the Next Generation.




**HILLTOP DRAMA PRODUCTIONS**

Dessert Productions tickets are \$10.00 and are available from Ms. Gartner

**Young Sherlock**



*December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm in the Hilltop Auditorium*



Take a trip back in time to when young Sherlock Holmes was a student at Butterworth Academy. Two girls are kidnapped from the school, and John Watson hopes his friend and classmate will be able to solve his first crime. Despite a psychic, Madame Lulu, appearing on the scene and guaranteeing to find the students, the bumbling, inept Constable Bing begins his own investigation. When the psychic suddenly finds the girls after the parents have paid the large fee demanded in the mysterious ransom note, Sherlock is suspicious. He sets a trap to snare the criminal, launching his career as a great detective who can solve crimes even before the police can.

**All That Remains is Dust**

*December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm in the Hilltop Auditorium*

The 1920's, Prohibition, Speakeasy the mob and the police all team up to bring you a dramatic presentation. A power hungry mobster struggles to maintain control of his town, the police, the bootleggers while running his own illegitimate businesses. When a murder leaves them vulnerable alliances are revealed and relationships are strained. The only outcome that is for certain is that when the dust settles nothing will be the same and all that will remain is dust.

## Dare to Believe

### An inspiring story as told by Joseph Lindal, meet Daniel Beulac!

When I first met Daniel, I don't think he had ever been to a weight lifting gym before. He struggled with the sport interval cycle on level 5 and almost dropped a dumbbell on his face. The next couple of days after, he texted me complaining of sore muscles. I thought to myself, "I'll never get this guy to the gym again!" However, Daniel surprised me, when I asked him about going again, "I'm in!" he said.

Over the next several months, Daniel showed massive improvement. He started exercising on his own, got his own gym membership and started working out with various family members. His Aunt gets Daniel and Logan to walk the hill with her in town and encourages everyone to health living.

We started cycling at level 6....then level 7....then we started flirting with level 8. Somewhere during the last 6 months, Daniel started to surpass me on some of the exercises. This past Wednesday, he did the cycle on level 10. I honestly don't know if I'll live long enough to conquer level 10. What might be even more impressive however, is Daniel leg pressing 1008lbs, and deciding to go for the Guinness Juvenile record.

The first day he took me through it, I noticed that he did it right. Slowly increasing the weight, with multiple repetitions. He left me behind at around 850lbs on his way to over 1000lbs. The next day I texted him complaining about my sore legs.

Do you have an ultimate goal? If not, get one! The effort we put in pushing for our goals is what changes us for the better. So often it's the journey that matters more than the destination. It's better to aim for the moon and miss than aim for the gutter and make it every time. The sky's the limit.

Will Daniel attain the juvenile leg press record? He has a way to go! What I can say is that Daniels efforts have transformed him. Strangers at the gym have been inspired, commenting on his gains. I have been inspired. Let your efforts transform and inspire you!

Will Daniel attain the record? I dare to believe he will!  
Level 10....I'm coming for you!



- Joseph Lindal

**#daretobelieve #nolimits**

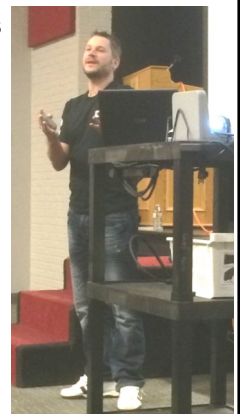
On November 7th, guest speaker and author **Allan Kehler** spoke a powerful presentation to our students. Mr. Kehler was an exceptional student who attended a private school and received the Athlete of the Year Award, along with a national scholarship. He also suffered from domestic violence, struggled with severe addictions and lost his best friend Justin to suicide. Mr. Kehler stressed the importance of how your past does not define your future and you too can overcome and persevere. He mentioned that many struggles in peoples lives do not align with our typical judgments and stereotypes. **77%** of people struggling with a drug addiction are employed and **99%** of people struggling with alcohol addiction are also employed. Do not judge, rather, show compassion. Be willing to open the door and listen to someone who needs to talk. **Anxiety is the most common mental illness in youth.** It is important we hear the pains of our youth so we can lead them in the direction of happy future. You have two choices, fight or give up. If you do nothing different, nothing will change. There are a variety of ways we can all learn to cope with our pain: talking, writing, online resources, natural alternatives, audio books or seeking advice from your elders and councillors. Never be afraid be to reach out and ask for help.

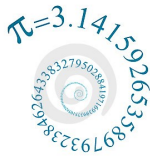
**Special thanks to Allan Kehler and Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative.**

For more information about Allan Kehler please visit his website [outfromtheshadows.ca](http://outfromtheshadows.ca) or find him on Facebook and follow him on Twitter [@allankehler](https://twitter.com/allankehler).

If you are needing to speak to a councillor please contact Student Services at Hilltop High School.

*In memory of Justin Andres*





# TTIMES



*Brought to you by Mrs. Fancey, Mrs. Properzi, and Mrs. Woodford*

\* Reminder to students: Start thinking of the review sets if you are taking math next term (Math 9, 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 30-2). These reviews, with solutions, are available on the school website and need to be completed before the new semester starts.

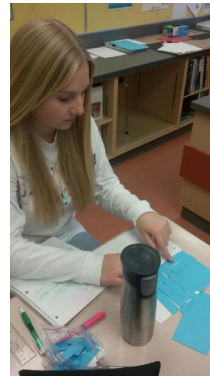
\* There are **two** remaining Mathematics dedicated Flex blocks Dec 14th and January 18th. Please use them wisely to achieve the highest possible mark in mathematics!

**Math Jokes:**

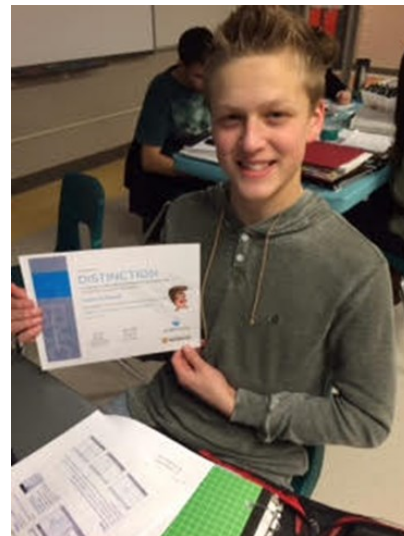
**Q: What do you call friends who love math?  
A: algebras**

**Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because 7, 8, 9.**

**Dad, can you help me find the lowest common denominator in this problem please?  
Don't tell me that they haven't found it yet, I remember looking for it when I was a boy!**



The Mathematics Department of Hilltop High School would like to congratulate **Tristin Schlauch** on his performance on the 2016 University of Waterloo Beaver Computing Challenge (BCC). With a score of 88 out of 90, Tristin outperformed 6028 of his peer competitors with only 37 students attaining a higher score. We look forward to continuing to support Tristin as he prepares for additional contests throughout the year.



### Dual Credit Opportunity

In conjunction with Grande Prairie Regional College and Mayerthorpe High School.

**Pre-Requisite: HCS3000 & HCS3010**

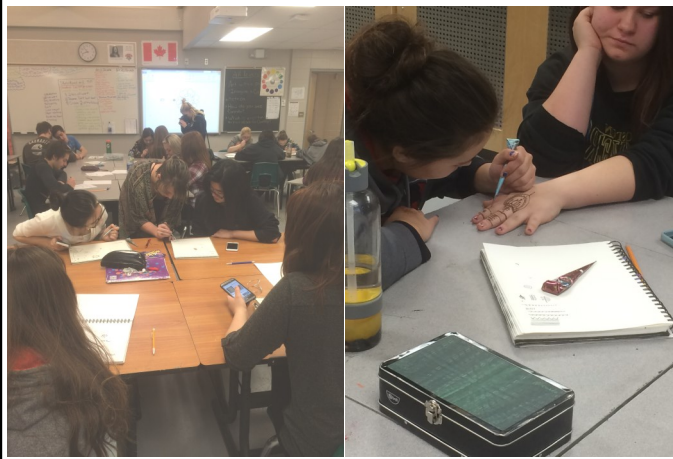
#### **Courses Available:**

- Confined Space Awareness/Rescue
- Detection and Control of Flammable Substances
- Fall Protection
- Ground Disturbance Supervisor
- H2S Alive
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods
- WHIMIS

December 19th - December 23rd.  
For more information please Ms. Hleck

### Special Guest

On **November 24th** former Hilltop graduate and local artist Justine Vandenhouten joined Mrs. Zacks Art students to teach the beautiful art of Henna.



### Medieval Club



Have you ever wondered how knights fought back in medieval times? Or what arts and crafts people used to make? Perhaps you are into sports and martial arts or maybe you are just curious about what kind of skills were needed to be a medieval artisan. Hilltop's Medieval Club meets at lunch on Thursdays to learn all there is about the medieval times as well as how to do medieval style combat. Students can learn all about the medieval ways of fighting as well as about honour and chivalry. Students can learn about making medieval crafts like chainmaille and wire weaving, but also about making armour as well as how to engage a foe with cunning skill and accuracy. If you would like to find out what we do in Medieval Club, please come and speak to Miss Mehl in Room 304!

### School Reach Club

School Reach is a club devoted to quiz game shows. Students gather in room 304 at lunch on Fridays to test their knowledge about pop culture, music, sports, entertainment, history, literature, movies and much more. Come bring your lunch and some friends to try out our amazing game show buzzer system while answering some questions! Everyone is welcome and we have a great time during lunch hour.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School will be participating in an online survey for students called the OurSCHOOL Student Survey. Please find the details of the survey implementation below.

**Who:** All grades at Hilltop High School

**When:** Grade 9's - December, Grade 10's - January, Grade 11's/12's - February

**Where:** Regular scheduled class hours

#### **About the OurSCHOOL Student Survey:**

- Allows students to share their feedback **anonymously** on their experiences at school, school environment and school improvement programs.
- Participation in the survey is **voluntary**, however all students are encouraged to participate.
- The time required to complete the survey may vary, but it is designed to be completed in approximately 35-40 minutes.

Survey measures include such topics as behaviours and attitude linked to student success, emotional and social well-being and physical health. For more information about the OurSCHOOL Student Survey, please visit The Learning Bar Inc.'s website: [www.thelearningbar.com](http://www.thelearningbar.com) or contact Hilltop High School at 780-778-2446.





### Spirit Wear

Hilltop Charger Spirit Wear is available for sale at reduced prices. Items are available through [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com) or from Mrs. Runge in room 503.

### Passport Photos

Available in the Media Lab

**\$15.00**

Appointments are available Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and noon. Call or Text Derek Schlosser at 780-268-3375 to book an appointment

### Hilltop Senior Computer Technology

We have the technology to **print and press** to create **PERSONALIZED ITEMS!**

*If you have a design in mind, our students can create it!*

**We can print and press images on to the following items:**

- \* Poster
- \* Decal
- \* Magnet
- \* Lanyard
- \* Ornament
- \* Keychain
- \* T-shirt
- \* Puzzle
- \* Frosted Mug
- \* Mug – white or coloured interior
- \* iPhone Case
- \* Samsung Case
- \* Flip Flops
- \* Bag
- \* Water Bottle
- \* Travel Mug
- \* 8G USB Stick
- \* Apron
- \* Black Hoodie

**Please contact Mrs. Walsh for more information!**  
[meagan.walsh@ngps.ca](mailto:meagan.walsh@ngps.ca)



Make online payments with **SchoolCashOnline**

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- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

Register at [SchoolCashOnline.com](http://SchoolCashOnline.com)



Encounters with Canada is Canada's largest youth forum, a week long; students explore career options through a wide variety of experiential learning activities. High school students, **aged 14-17** are eligible to participate and gain unprecedented access to the Nation's capital - including the Parliament buildings. You can travel to Ottawa for \$675.00 and this includes: accommodation, transportation, airfare, program materials and fees and meals!!

Programs available are:

- Arts & Culture
- Canada Remembers
- Democracy & Youth
- Experience Canada
- First Responders
- International Relations
- Communications & Social Media
- Law & Our Justice System
- Medicine & Health
- Science & Ecology
- Science & Technology
- Sports & Fitness
- Vimy: Canada's Coming of Age

If any of the programs interest you and you are thinking about one of these options for your career, please see Mrs. Keay for more information! The sooner you sign up - the cheaper it is!! Subsidies are available for early registration!!

**\* WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT HILLTOP HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN ALBERTA ATTENDING ENCOUNTERS THIS YEAR.**

### Europe Trip 2017: Remembering Vimy

*France, Netherlands and Germany*



Next year's international trip will be heading to France for the 100 year Vimy ceremony. We will also be going to Paris, Netherlands and Germany. Some of the trip highlights will be attending the Vimy Ridge Memorial Ceremony with our Prime Minister. We will also be taking a sightseeing tour around Paris before heading off to Vimy. We will also be going to Anne Frank's house, the remains of the Berlin Wall, the Spy museum and Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. This will be an amazing tour where you will experience new cultures, go where history took place and learn first hand about concepts we have spoken about in school. This itinerary is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the Vimy Ridge Memorial Ceremony. If you would like any information or have any questions, please see Miss. Mehl in room 304.

## Parents of Students in Grade 9

In January and June of this school year, all Grade 9 students throughout the province will write the provincial achievement tests in language arts, math, science and social studies. Results for these tests will provide Alberta Education, school administrators, teachers, parents, students, and the public with information about what students know and can do in relation to provincial standards at the end of Grade 9.

Achievement tests are based on what students have been learning. Teachers mark them before they are returned to Alberta Education. This allows the teachers to look at the performance of the students in their class and to use each student's achievement test score at **20%** of their final grade.

In the fall, an *Individual Student Profile* showing your child's achievement test results will be available at the school. You child will be given the results to bring home. The profile is prepared by Alberta Education after the marking and scoring of tests has been completed and final scores are calculated; it will present your child's performance on each test in relation to provincial standards. This information may be useful in planning your child's instructional program for the coming year.

Reports that show how well Hilltop High School students did as a group in relation to provincial standards will also be available at our school in the fall.

### GRADE 9 PARENTS

*Please be advised CTF Options for all Grade 9 students are outcome based.*

### Attention Parents

Please remember that we no longer print report cards. All students courses, assignments, grades and absences are available on Power School to view at any time. If you have not signed up for Power School, or are having difficulty signing in, please contact the front office and we will help get you started.

### Thank You



Thank you to the Allan & Jean Millar Centre for donating two pieces of fitness equipment to our school. Also, thank you to Apple Fitness for donating your time to help set-up.



#### Synervoice/ Automated Calls Home

Please be advised if our system has rejected your phone number due to a cancelled landline, we will use the next available phone number (ex: cell phone number) for emergency purposes and automated calls home in the event of student absence.

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.



2015-2016 yearbooks are available. If you have not received your yearbook from last year please stop by the main office.

#### Parent/Guardian Reminder

Please remember that **ALL** students must be signed out by a parent/guardian when leaving the building for any reason, including in the event of an emergency or evacuation. Students can be signed out by a parent/guardian either in person or by calling the school at 780-778-2446.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Check out our live Google calendar on our website. Updated regularly.



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

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

*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 or after school hours.*

## **What is FLEX?**

**This article pertains to FLEX Block. This should bring some clarity on this topic.**

### **What is FLEX Block?**

Preparing our students to be life-long learners is about Learning Recovery and Personal Learning Time. Often students may fall behind in a course because of an illness, a fieldtrip, etc. – Learning Recovery. Sometimes, students have difficulty with key concepts and need some extra support and practice in those areas – Personal Learning Time. While both of these currently occur here at Hilltop, they tend to take place outside of the school day making attendance difficult for students who work or catch busses. Time has been built into our year's calendar and schedule for students to attend Tutorials to achieve this within the regular day.

Approximately twice a month, students will have the period prior to lunch (period 3) for **Learning Recovery** and/or **Personal Learning Time**. This Tutorial period is supervised and students are expected to attend when they have a teacher request they do so. Parents must be contacted with the relevant information ahead of time so that they can help to support the student learning at home. Students and parents may also request the student participate in these sessions. Any students who are not referred or do not request Tutorial will have an extended lunch hour on these days, grade 9 students are required to remain on campus for the duration of block 3. Meanwhile, teachers will be working in groups (Professional Learning Communities-PLCs) to create common lessons, units and assessments as well as to analyze Hilltop's relevant data so as to continue to improve upon the education programs we provide to our students.

### **Where can I find the dates and times for FLEX Block?**

Date and time of the FLEX Blocks can be found in our School Agenda/website/ newsletter.

### **What are the expectations if you have been nominated for FLEX Block?**

If a student is nominated by a teacher or self- nominate and/or are nominated by a parent they are expected to attend. Attendance will be taken by teachers in their FLEX Block classes. As an administration team we will follow up with students who have been nominated for FLEX Block and do not attend.

*FLEX Block is a great opportunity for students to work with staff, to have additional time to work on learning required concepts, completing assignments and developing a deeper understanding of the subject they are studying.*



## Storefront School News

### **Storefront Hours Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm**

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.

Students have the opportunity to win great prizes by successfully completing modules from November 21 to December 23, 2016 in the Swamp the Teacher Contest.

To prepare for the festive season, we will be holding our twelve days of Christmas beginning Monday, December 5, 2016. 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 19. Remember to bring your sweet treat recipes and earn Foods credits.

Hilltop Storefront School will be hosting their Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 12:30. Students are encouraged to help prepare the meal and to bring a family member to share to showcase their cooking skills.

Students had the opportunity to help prepare Newfoundland Cooked Dinner on Tuesday, November 22, and they all agreed it was "the bomb." They also prepared Chicken Caesar Salad which they agreed was equally delicious.

Thanks to the continued support from the Community Lunch Box and to Trish for bringing 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 22, and make sure to pick-up extra work for the break at this time as well. Again it is important to attend often. Students who attend often are generally more successful in getting their work completed in a timely manner.

Students will be cooking brunch the morning of Tuesday, January 17, 2017. In addition, students who plan to continue to take Foods courses will need to sign up for a date and provide a recipe and ingredient list ahead of time.

Students who are writing Diploma Exams will need to have all course work and final exams completed by Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Students remember to study lots to prepare for diplomas and PAT exams that will happen right away after the Christmas break.

Wishing you and your family a very safe and restful Christmas break.



## Message from the Bistro



Bistro cards are available to purchase online via School Cash or from Mrs. Runge in room 503. Accepted payments of Visa, Mastercard, Interac and cash. Bistro cards are punch cards that can be used at the Bistro in place of cash. They are sold in \$10.00 and \$20.00 values. Bistro cards make a great gift for students.

### Hilltop Bistro Price List

Cookie	\$0.50
Muffin	\$1.00
Loaf	\$1.50
Veggie Cup	\$1.00
Sm. Choc. Milk	\$1.00
Fruit Cup	\$1.00
Hummus	\$2.75
Soup	\$2.50
Milk 2 Go	\$2.25
Sandwich/Wrap	\$3.50
Chips	\$1.50
Cinnamon Bun	\$2.00

**Daily Lunch Special  
\$5.00**

## Student Council News

The annual pancake breakfast will take place this year on Friday December 23rd. Students will be provided with pancakes and sausages for those who want them, free of charge!! It's our way of saying happy holidays!

Start searching for an ugly Christmas sweater - there will be a contest for this in December. The date is yet to be determined but there will be posters up and it will be on the announcements too!

Student council is also planning on doing a Christmas themed trivia contest to put your Christmas knowledge to the test. It will be done as a class in December some time. Start brushing up on those Christmas facts!

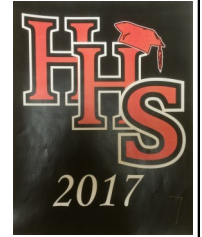
The Christmas hamper will continue again this year in December. Be sure to bring in lots of non-perishable food to donate because it will be a competition between the grades to see who can get the most brought in. All items can be dropped off in the boxes provided in the front foyer. This year's Grade 12's students claimed the title of "winning class" last year but can they maintain it?

From all the members of student council we wish you a very merry holiday season!!





# Grad News



This year marks our 50th Graduation Exercise at Hilltop High School. The graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, June 30th, 2017.

**Grad Rehearsal will be on Wednesday June 28th at 2:00pm. All grads MUST attend.**

## Your 2017 Grad Council

Mark Gilmore, Sydney Damberger, Rebecca Lee, Dylan Wittman, Rachel Wise, Leah Hillaby, Krista Dewitz, Payton Levins, Chantelle Calitz and Hana Bissett are the faces behind your grad this year.  
*Grad Advisers: Mrs. Woodford, Mrs. Long and Mrs. Properzi.*

Keep an eye out on the grad board for more information about:  
Grad photos  
Ordering grad wear

Check the grad board list to see if you are participating in this years grad ceremony.  
**Grad forms are past due! If you have not handed in your grad forms to Mr. Mireau please do so immediately.**

Grad logo was decided by student votes. The chosen logo is pictured above

Parents and students are asked to join our Remind 101 designed specifically for Grad 2017 by texting @hthgrad to (587) 316-7407 to receive regular reminders.

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

Generally the first two to three years following a divorce is the hardest for your child. Although every family and divorce is different, there are a few ways that as a parent, you can make your divorce easier on your child. Here are some helpful tips:

- Encourage kids to openly discuss their feelings — positive or negative — about what's happening.
- Keep adult conflict and arguments away from the kids.
- Try not to use kids as messengers or go-betweens, especially when you're feuding.
- Figure out how to reduce stress in your life to help your family. Extended Family, friends, or a counselor can help alleviate some of the stress that you or your children carry during this time.

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.



### First Nations, Metis and Inuit (FNMI)

With Mrs. Smith-Tomke  
FNMI Liaison Worker

Tansi! Christmas is around the corner, and for one reason or another, I hope we all have something to celebrate and be grateful for. Whitecourt Christmas Hampers are into the 44<sup>th</sup> season of operation, and they will provide Christmas for those who need a little help this year. I have applications in Student Services if anyone is interested.

Hilltop Grade 9 students will be participating in the Blanket Exercise in the near future, which will be facilitated by Anne Martens and myself. The purpose of this exercise is to help our youth understand Canadian history, the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada and how we can all work towards reconciliation in our country. During this exercise we will have an Elder or Knowledge Keeper present whose cultural expertise will help guide us, ensuring proper protocols and respect for our traditions are practiced.

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

Please welcome your 2016-2017 Friends of Hilltop School Council



**Chairperson: Tammy Dickson**

**Vice Chairperson: Avy Fast**

**Secretary: Amber Borg**

**Treasurers: Niki Underwood and Judy Watson**



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

The FOH Society sells Sobeys (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 Sobeys 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 Hilltop families. Gift cards are sold at Hilltop High School office and Remax Realty.

As of May 2014 Sobeys 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.

***On December 15th Friends of Hilltop is so generously providing the entire Hilltop staff to a Staff Appreciation Christmas luncheon. Hilltop thanks you for this annual event, we all enjoy it so very much.***



Whitecourt Teen Centre has recently welcomed a new manager on-board and we are planning a revamp of Teen Centre programming in the New Year! We will be providing activities such as Cooking and Baking, Arts and Crafts, Games Nights, Sports Nights, Movie Nights, Boys Group, Girls Group and Homework Help as well as Field Trips and new lunch time opening hours with hot lunches provided.

We will be holding a Volunteer Drop In evening at the Carlan Centre on December 1st for anyone who would like to help us provide more for the teens of Whitecourt. In the meantime we are open for teens (ages 12-17) every weeknight at 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Come by and let us know what you'd like to see from the Teen Centre!

Keep an eye out for posters and schedules and follow us on Facebook & Twitter for more info about all our events and activities!

**Facebook: Whitecourt TeenCentre    Twitter: @TeenCentreWCT**



# Athletics

## Be a Charger...Take Charge!



### DQ Classic Basketball Tournament



Hilltop invites everyone to come out to the DQ Classic basketball tournament to cheer on the Chargers on **December 9th and 10th**. This invitational has been a part of the school culture since the 90's. *Thank you Dairy Queen for your continued support.*

#### Jr. Boys Volleyball

**Coaches:** Haley Ellis and Jordan Giroux.

**Liaison:** Charlotte Blain

Cruz Wheeler, Mason Wilson, Noel Tapp, Josh Ellis, Dillan Stewart, Ethan Woodman, Ayden Waters, Kevin Blain, Tristin Schlauch, Zach Stoyles and Jonah Nicholls.

#### Jr. Girls Volleyball

**Coaches:** Emily Taylor and Ally McNeil

**Liaison:** Sarah Van De Kerckhove

Lainey Granley, Mai Pham, Emma Schlosser, Jessica Roach, Enila Lavallee, Sydney Sharp, Autumn Lunde, Mckenzie Beck, Alyssa Borg and Areanna Fast.

### TEAM ROSTERS

#### Sr. Girls Volleyball

**Coaches:** Chris Keay and Ken Dunstall

Jenna Dixon, Nicole Cone, Madison Bryson, Brianna Pratt, Haley Nickolson, Jordan Hanas, Emily Dunstall, Jaden Turner and Darby Wells.

**Sr Boys:** No Team

#### Cross Country

**Coach:** Maureen Kendall

Tristin Schlauch, Orren Baxter, Sharon Strydhorst, Emma Strydhorst, Sarah Strydhorst, Mai Pham, Noal Adams, Ayden Mytrunec and Kevin Blain.

#### Jr. Golf

**Coach:** Paige Deacon

Lane Johnston, Caleb Tobin, Kevin Blain, Keegan Glendenning and Taylor Topilka

#### Sr. Golf

**Coach:** Paige Deacon

Darby Wells, Emily Taylor, Kennedy Bahm, Ally McNeil, Dawson VonStein and Teron Funk.

#### CATS Football

**Coaches:** Kevin Babiuk, Vincent Mireau and Derek Schlosser

**Team Manager:** Stephanie Wynn

Emma Strydhorst, Ben Adams, Ethan Baranitsky, Etienne de Jongh, Michael Fischer, Kory Flammond, Ryan Govenlock, William Bullied-Guttenberg, Weston Hellekson, Devlin Hilliard, Chase Hummel, Dawson Keefe, Tyler Keefe, Taevan Keylor, Quade Lewis, Dason Nichols, Jace Richards, Jack Schlosser, Logan Seu, James Woodford, Reid Woykin, Chase Pastoor, Gabriel Fransen, Raul Lopez, Dakota Black, Brady Turner, Carson Smith and Brayden Wilkinson.

#### Basketball Practice Schedule

**Senior Boys:** Every Tuesday and Thursday 7:00pm-8:30pm

*Optional shooting practice: Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:00pm*

**Senior Girls:** Every Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm-7:00pm

**Junior Boys:** Every Monday and Wednesday 4:00pm-5:30pm

**Junior Girls:** Every Tuesday and Thursday 4:00pm-5:30pm



#### Senior Girls Basketball

**Coaches:** Jordan Veitch and Shelby McSorely

Samantha Mik, Kaley Carter, Jordan Gano-Coady, Jenna Dixon, Abigail Dixon, Stephanie Corcilles, Nina Johnston, Ashley Cairns, Tanisha Gano-Murray, Mykayla Lourenco, Rhyleigh Henault, Kyla Brodie and Leah Hillaby

Jr Girls Roster Coming Soon

#### Senior Boys Basketball

**Coach:** Derek Schlosser

Jack Schlosser, Phong Hang, Kaiser Ansay, Etienne de Jongh, Cody Newman, Ben Adams, Ryan Govenlock, Jace Richards, Daniel Gann and Austin Dean.

#### Jr. Boys Basketball

**Coaches:** Billie Wilson  
**Assistant Coaches:** Dwayne Dibbens & Erin Barber

Jared Mott, Cruz Wheeler, Kevin Blain, Ayden Mytrunec, Trevor Jensen, Ethan Woodman, Noal Adams, Campbell McLean, Dillan Stewart, Jayden Dibben, Corbyn Beck, Mason Wilson

#### Flag Football

**Coach:** Paige Deacon

Noel Tapp, Emma Schlosser, Alyssa Borg, Kevin Blain, Zach Augot, Mai Pham, Conrad Wilson, Ayden Waters, Jared Mott, Noal Adams and Ayden Mytrunec.

#### Starting Now

*Rosters Coming Soon*

Curling

#### Upcoming Sports

Badminton and Track and Field



#### Ski Trip Cancelled

Due to poor skiing conditions, the ski trip has unfortunately been cancelled. Students who have already paid can see Ms. Zack for a refund. We will try to reschedule for March.

Ms. Kendall

Mr. Mireau

Ms. Jody Smith-Tomke

## Student Services Newsletter

The Student Services 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 Planning, Education and Employment** is [www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca). It also includes information on **financial assistance**.



### RAP

#### Registered Apprenticeship Program

Interested in RAP? Please talk to Ms. Hleck.

### Work Experience

Sign up is easy! See Mr. Mireau for more information. Your hours do not count until the site has been approved by Mr. Mireau.

### MYPASS.ALBERTA.CA



To access your records after writing a diploma, you will need to have a myPass.alberta.ca account established. Use a personal email address and not your @ngps.ca email.

### CANADA HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP

Available to grade 10 or 11 students who write an essay on a given topic. More information is available at

<http://www.canadashistory.ca/History-Awards/Student-Award/Home>

### Individual Grade 12 Meeting

Students are welcome to book an appointment with Mr. Mireau, who is available B, C and D blocks. Parents are welcome to join. The meeting is designed to check graduation requirements and investigate career and post-secondary pathways.

### SCHULICH SCHOLARSHIP

If you are at the top (or near to the top) of your class, and you wish to put your name forward for the Schulich Scholarship, see Mr. Mireau.

One applicants will be chosen if they meet the following criteria: Possessing an average above 85% in five core classes and entering a Science or Technology Bachelors degree at a major Canadian university.

### Applying for Post-Secondary

Most schools accept applications from October 1st onward. Do not delay. Receiving an offer of acceptance can take a long time. Remember, once you have applied, you must periodically update the post-secondary institution via your online account.

### LORAN AWARD NOMINEE



Congratulations **Etienne de Jongh** who has advanced to the interview round of the Loran Scholar Award Competition. The Loran Award received over 4000 applications; only 400 applicants receive an interview nation-wide. The award is valued at **\$100,000.00**. Etienne will participate in an interview later this winter.

Hilltop graduate **Bailey Hearn** won the Legion Scholarship for 2015-2016. The Legion presents the winner each year on Remembrance Day.

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted into post-secondary programs.

Rachel Wise

Rebecca Lee

Sydney Damberger



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2016</h1>						
4	5 Day 3 Grad Photos	6 Day 4 Grad Photos	7 Day 1 Last Day Gr. 9 Options 3/8 Grad Photos	8 Day 2 Grad Photos	9 No Classes DQ Classic Sr. Basketball Tournament	10 DQ Classic Sr. Basketball Tournament
11	12 Day 4	13 Day 1	14 FLEX Math/Social/Other Tutorial	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17
18	19 Day 4	20 Day 1	21 FLEX English/Science/Other Tutorial	22 Day 2	23 Day 3 Student Council Free Pancake Breakfast Last day of Classes Before Christmas Break	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day Christmas Vacation begins	27	28	29	30 New Year's Eve	31 New Year's Eve
<p><b>G</b>rad photos December 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  <b>M</b>erry Christmas and Happy New Year!  <b>C</b>hristmas Vacation: December 26, 2016 – January 6, 2017  <b>G</b>rade 9's participate in OurSCHOOL Survey</p>						



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2017</h1>						
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Day 4 First day of classes following Christmas break	10 Day 1	11 FLEX English/Social/Other Tutorial	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14
15	16 Day 4 Make-up day for Gr. 9 Immunizations Eng 30-1/30-2 Part A Diploma Exams 8:50am	17 Day 1 Social 30-1/30-2 Part A Diploma Exams 8:50am	18 FLEX Friends of Hilltop Parent Council Meeting 7:00pm Math/Science/Other Tutorial	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 Last Day of Classes Semester One for Grades 10-12	21
22	23 Day 4 Grade 9-2 PAT Test Social Studies 9:00am Social Exam 10-1/10-2 Social Exam 20-1/20-2 Eng 30-1/30-2 Part B Diploma Exam 8:50am	24 Day 1 Grade 9-1/9-2/9-4 PAT Test Science 9:00am English Exam 10-1/10-2 English Exam 20-1/20-2 Social 30-1/30-2 Part B Diploma Exam 8:50am	25 Day 2 Grade 9-3 PAT Test Math 9:00am Science 10 Exam Science 14 Exam Science 24 Exam Chemistry 20 Exam Math 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exams 8:50am	26 Day 3 ALL Grade 9 Midterm Language Arts 9:00am Math 10C/10-3 Exam Math 20-1/20-2 Exam Math 30-3 Exam Biology 30 Diploma Exam 8:50am	27 Day 4 Last Day Gr. 9 Options 4/8 Physics 20 Chemistry 30 Diploma Exam 8:50am	28
29	30 Day 1 Biology 20 Exam Physics 30 Dip Exam 8:50am Science 30 Dip Exam	31 Professional Development Day  No Classes	<b>Welcome back, hopefully your holiday was a restful one.</b>			

# Exam Schedule January 2017

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	January 16 <sup>th</sup>	January 17 <sup>th</sup>
	English 30-1 Part A English 30-2 Part A	Social Studies 30-1 Part A Social Studies 30-2 Part A

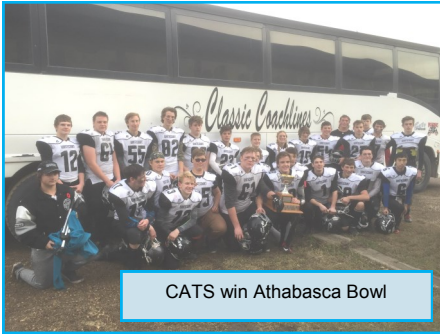
9:00 am	Monday January 23 <sup>rd</sup> Day 4	Tuesday January 24 Day 1	Wednesday January 25 <sup>th</sup> Day 2	Thursday January 26 <sup>th</sup> Day 3	Friday January 27 <sup>th</sup> Day 4	Monday January 30 <sup>th</sup> Day 1
Diplomas	English 30-1 English 30-2 Part B	Social Studies 30-1 Social Studies 30-2 Part B	Math 30-1 Math 30-2	Biology 30	Chemistry 30	Physics 30 Science 30
	Social 20-1	English 20-1	Chemistry 20	Math 30-3	Physics 20	Biology 20
	Social 20-2	English 20-2	Science 24	Math 20-1		
	Social 10-1	English 10-1	Science 10	Math 20-2		
	Social 10-2	English 10-2	Science 14	Math 10C		
				Math 10-3		
	Grade 9 (PAT) Social Studies 9-2	Grade 9 (PAT) Science 9-1/9-2/9-4	Grade 9 (PAT) Math 9-3	Language Arts Midterm All grade 9's	Regular Classes	No class Grade 9

- **Note:** Language Arts is a year-long subject. Final exam in June 2017
- Last day of regular classes for grade 10-12 - **January 20<sup>th</sup>**
- Regular classes for grade 9 students who are not writing PAT exams on designated dates; All grade 9's have regular classes in afternoon
- CTS – courses are complete on **January 20<sup>th</sup>**; CTF (grade 9 option course) last day is **January 27<sup>th</sup>**





# GALLERY



CATS win Athabasca Bowl



Jr. Girls Volleyball earns GOLD at Zones



Former Hilltop grad, Corey Gitzel works with RAP student Brett Johnson at ANC

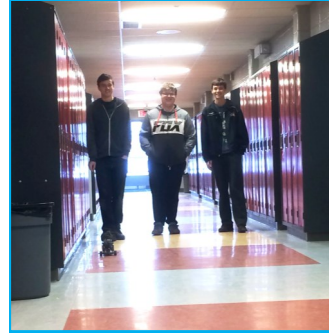


Katianna Taylor and Hannah Clarke learn about electricity using the Van de Graaf generator



Foods 9 learns to make various dishes from scratch.

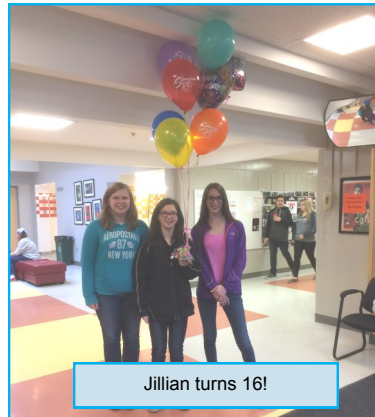
Colby Woods, Jordan Gutzeit and Lachlan Wharton build a robot in computers class



Etienne de Jongh earns the Mighty Peace Football League most valuable defensive player honoree for this season!



The University of Alberta visits Hilltop to present to students the options available to them at the U of A



Jillian turns 16!

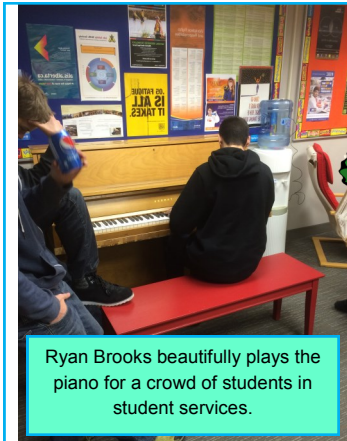


Hilltop Remembers

Hilltop High School wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season!  
Classes resume January 9th.



Sr. Girls Volleyball team all dressed up for Zones!



Ryan Brooks beautifully plays the piano for a crowd of students in student services.



**Hilltop Jr/Sr High**  
**"Friends Don't Let Friends Drink and Drive"**





**PREVENT**  
 Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth



Former Hilltop student Cole Bartsch honoured at Hilltops Remembrance Day assembly.