Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School



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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 2017 & January 2018

Message from the Administration

Recently we had a situation where we activated our Critical Incident Response Plan and put the school into Hold and Secure mode. In a Hold and Secure, the exterior doors of the school are locked but classes operate as normal inside the building. People are not permitted to enter or leave the school with the exception of law enforcement. In this particular situation, we knew the exact reason for the activation of the plan, so I did allow some students to enter through the front door.

When the Critical Incident Response Plan is activated, it is important that parents and guardians not come to the school nor call the school. Please stay connected to our website, Facebook page, Twitter account and Remind for updates. The phone lines are needed to communicate with emergency personnel to monitor and control the situation. School staff are actively involved in dealing with the situation and do not have time to answer parent questions. We have the students' safety at heart - hence the activation of the plan. Trust that school staff are caring for your children.

On another note, 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. We have a great school because of our students, staff, parent community and the community at large. We thank you for the support of our school.

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 11 and school final exams begin shortly thereafter. It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first semester.

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,

Brent Northcott



December 8 Ski Trip

December 22 Last day of classes before Christmas break.



January 8

Classes resume following Christmas break



January 22

Last day of classes Grades 9-12

> FINAL EXAMS

Last day of Grade 9 options 3/6

> January 31 Professional Development Day No Classes

February 1

First day of Semester 2

First day of Gr. 9 options 4/6

Hilltop High School 2016-2017 Academic Awards

Congratulations to all our award recipients, we are incredibly proud of our students outstanding achievements.

<u>Art Awards</u> Emma Sebo ~ Introductory Chantelle Calitz ~ Advanced

<u>Automotives Awards</u> Jacob Stewart

Computing Awards Computers 9 Keegan Johns

Graphic Design Breanna Lee

Information Processing Logan Seu

Animation Rhyleigh Henault & Katelyn Steinke

Construction Award Kelton Webb

Cosmetology Award Isabelle Emel ~ Introductory Ashlee Underwood~ Advanced Lexi Vanderwolf ~ Senior

Drama Awards Payton Levins and Rachel Seu

Fabrication Award Jacob Stewart

Fashion Studies Award Shae Perrin

Foods/Home Economics Awards Jacob Douglas

French Award Sarah Mohler

Knowledge and Employability Award Jacob Stewart

Hilltop Citizenship Ambassador Award James Woodford ~ National Dawson Smith ~ International

Photo/Video Awards Annick Jeanveau & Kyle Molnar ~ Sr. High Montana McKellar ~ Sr. High

Physical Education Awards Alyssa Borg ~ Jr. High Nina Johnston ~ Sr. High

RAP Award Kelton Webb

Highest Achievement in Language Arts/English

Grade 9: Cheryl Li Grade 10/10-1: Emma Sebo Grade 11/20-1: Emma Maxw Grade 12/30-1: Etienne de Jo

Grade 10/10-2: & Josalynn Pudlo & Grade 11/20-2: Grade 12/30-2:

Emma Maxwell Etienne de Jongh Tabitha Irwin & Jessi

0-2: Tabitha Irwin & Jessica McDonald Pudlo & Leigh Spreen & Sabrina Stewart 0-2: Daniel Hutyra 0-2: Daniel Gann Highest Achievement in Social Studies

Grade 9: Tyler Braun & Emma Schlosser Grade 10/10-1: Breanna Lee Grade 11/20-1: Aileen Kim Grade 12/30-1: Etienne de Jongh

Grade 10/10-2: Ethan Gilks – Flewelling & Layne Kelly Grade 11/20-2: Raul Lopez Lledo Grade 12/30-2: Willa Priest

Highest Achievement in Math

Grade 9: Cheryl Li & Tristin Schlauch Grade 10/10C: Adam Cunningham Grade 11/20-1: Aileen Kim Grade 12/30-1: Etienne de Jongh Grade 12/31: Etienne de Jongh & Krista Dewitz

Grade 11/20-2: Jamie Gadke Grade 12/30-2: Lexie Brandt

Highest Achievement in Science Grade 9: Emma Schlosser Grade 10/10: Breanna Lee Grade 11/20: Emily Fromager Grade 12/30: Mitchel Appel

Highest Achievement in Biology Grade 11/20: Kaley Carter & Logan Seu Grade 12/30: Etienne de Jongh

Highest Achievement in Chemistry Grade 11/20: Logan Seu Grade 12/30: Krista Dewitz

Highest Achievement in Physics Grade 11/20: Logan Seu Grade 12/30: Etienne de Jongh & Ryan Brooks

Grade Valedictorian Grade 9: Emma Schlosser Grade 10: Breanna Lee Grade 11: Logan Seu Grade 12: Etienne de Jongh

Student of the Year (pictured below)

Junior High: Emma Schlosser Senior High: Ashley Cairns







Hilltop High School 2016-2017

Academic Awards

Honours List 2016 - 2017

Augot, Zachary Beauchamp, Darcy Blain, Kevin Borg, Alyssa Braun, Tyler Davidson, Samia Dickson, Kayla Greenwood, Jayden Irwin, Damon Johns, Keegen Lavallee, Enila LaValley, Ashley Lewis, Gabriel Li, Cheryl Newman, Brady Paul, Kyra Perrin, Jaxon Pham, Mai Schlauch, Tristin Schlosser, Emma Sharp, Sydney Taylor, Joshua

Grade 9

Blackstock, Montana Cunningham, Adam Davidson, Jacob Day, Colby Deets, Derek Fransen, Gabriel Gano - Murray, Tanisha Harder, Colleen Hearn, Cameron House, Caleb Lambert, Kailey Lee, Yeonho Long, Stephanie Moore, Charles Noskye, Destiny Pham, Thanh Sebo, Emma Von Stein, Dawson Warchola, Rachelle Wilde, Carter Wise, Zachary

Grade 10

Ansay, Shawn-Rey Baranitsky, Ethan Basaraba, Caelyn Bissett, Connor Cairns, Ashley Carter, Kaley Charbonneau, Page Cone, Nicole Dunstall, Emily Fromager, Emily Henault, Rhyleigh Jeanveau, Annick Kim, Aileen Lewis, Catelynn Maxwell, Emma McKinnon, Pharran Millard, Dakota Seu, Logan Steinke, Katelyn Stewart, Jacob Woodford, James

Grade 11

Grade 12

Brooks, Ryan De Jongh, Etienne Dewitz, Krista Doerksen, Rowen Hussey, Aiden Taylor, Daniel

Merit List 2016 - 2017

Grade 9 Grade 10 Grade 11 Adams, Emily Adams, Noal Anderson, Erica Bartlett, Zayn Bell, Mark Baxter, Orren Beck, McKenzie Bounds, Sadie Beuker, Paige Doerksen, Seth Bizeau, Brody Gallant, Sebastian Gilks - Flewelling, Ethan Brandt, Jay Butler, Ian Gunderson, Kaleeah Jarvis, Bradley Clarke, Hannah Johns, Montanna Collins, Derrick Johnston, Nina Davio, Katelyn Lewis, Hannah El Sayed, Lina Fast, Areanna McDonald, Jessica McKenzie, Brayanna Gadke, Kody Hodgson, Rianna Oliver, Cody Pastoor, Chase Iggulden, Falyn Jorgensen, Scott Possnett, Tanner Schneider - Magdiak, Kostyk, Kadence Lunde, Autumn Dallas Lyver, Hannah Scott, Calum Smith, Carson McLean, Campbell Newton, Jacob Stevens, Ridley Stewart, Sabrina Rivard, Elijah Tipler, Mikayla Roach, Jessica Whatmore, Mackenzie Stoyles, Zachary Woods, Colby Tapp, Noel Tobin, Caleb Vasseur, Maria

Wilson, Conrad

Adams, Jessica Arcand-Huard, Dionna Barrett, Jade Boll, Ryan Bryson, Madison Corcilles, Stephanie Daniels, Makenna Dixon, Jenna Douglas, Jacob Forseille, Alvssa Gadke, Jamie Hutyra, Daniel Iggulden, Hayden Keylor, Taeven Lopez LLedo, Raul Molnar, Kyle Munday, Ashlyn Ochsner, Miriam Parker, Brooklyn Perrin, Shae Pratt, Brianna Roach, Breton Taylor, Emily Trigg, Amanda Twach, Christopher Woykin, Reyd

Appel, Mitchel Blackstock, Mackenzie Brandt Lexie Calitz, Chantelle Hadley, Amelia Hanas, Jordan Hang, Phong Hillaby, Leah Lee, Connor Levins, Payton Martin, Dylan McCammon, Kelsey Nakucyj, Matthew Nickolson, Haley Payne, Cassandra Seu, Rachael Soper, Samantha Stark, Haley Steadman, Linden Taylor, Morgan Wittmann, Dylan

Grade 12



Hilltop RAP Stars

Watch the Whitecourt Star Bi-Weekly to see more Hilltop RAP Stars featured.

Hilltop High School Off-Campus Education Registered Apprenticeship Program



Name: Kennedy Bahm Grade: 12 Employer: Strike Energy RAP Position: Welder Future Plans: Journeyman Welder and B Pressure



Any trade interested in taking on a RAP student please contact Lesia Hleck at 780-778-2446 Hilltop High School Off-Campus Education Registered Apprenticeship Program



Name: Weston Hellekson Grade: 12 Employer: Brendale Contracting RAP Position: Heavy Duty Technician Future Plans: Harley Davidson Technician



Any trade interested in taking on a RAP student please contact Lesia Hleck at 780-778-2446



Congratulations to **Dillan Whatmore** for obtaining an Electrical RAP position with Strike.







Hilltop Bistro

NOW OPEN

We are thrilled to announce that the Hilltop Bistro is now open daily. Please welcome Mrs. Darlene Bell to the Hilltop family. Mrs. Bell will be offering affordable and healthy food options to all staff and students every day in the cafeteria.

Daily Lunch Special \$5.00 Small Chocolate Milk \$1.00 Large Chocolate Milk \$3.50 Milk 2 Go (Vanilla, Banana, Strawberry) \$2.50 Keurig Cup \$1.00 Cookie \$0.50 Loaf \$1.50 Muffin \$1.00

Square or Pastry \$2.00 Veggie Cup or Fruit Cup \$1.00 Jello or Pudding \$1.00 Pretzel & Hummus \$2.75 Sandwiches \$3.50 Yogurt Parfait (Peach, Strawberry, Blueberry) \$1.50 Cheese, Meat & Crackers \$3.50





Hilltop Bistro cards are available to purchase from Mrs. Runge in room 503. Accepted payments of Interac, Visa, Mastercard or cash. Bistro cards are punch cards that can be used in place of cash at the cafeteria. These cards are available in \$10.00 and \$20.00 values. Bistro cards are a great gift idea.



The 45th Annual Whitecourt Christmas Hamper Project is currently being organized for the 2017 season. We have served our community since 1972. Last year, 137 families that included 284 children received hampers due to the generous ongoing support of our donors.

Donations can be delivered to Hilltop High School. We are asking for the following donations:

Donations of food - canned goods, packaged goods, non-perishable

Gifts - new, unwrapped for all ages.

Requests for hampers must be made in person at the Repeat Boutique on the following dates:

November 29, 2017	11 am to 3 pm
November 30, 2017	7 pm to 9 pm
December 02, 2017	11 am to 3 pm
December 06, 2017	11 am to 3 pm
December 07, 2017	7 pm to 9 pm
December 09, 2017	11 am to 3 pm

A Message from the CTS Department

Could your business or organization use a new shed?

The 20 level Construction students have built four small storage sheds (6'x8') and would like to donate them back into our community.

If any Whitecourt businesses or community organizations are in need of a small storage shed please contact Mark Scott at Hilltop High School (780 778 2446) or email <u>mark.scott@ngps.ca</u>

Thank you **Rock the Diploma** for gifting us with free gift cards valued at \$135.00. Names were drawn from those Gr. 12 students that were interested. Congratulations to **Cale Ostrander** and **Ashley Caims** for winning free sessions and congrats to **Logan Seu**, **Ethan Baranitsky** and **Miriam Ostrander** for winning \$40.00 off their sessions.

Thank you **North Country Market** for gifting our staff with free peperoni.





Happy holidays to everyone from student council! We have a few activities planned for the month of December such as:

- Decorating the school
- An ugly Christmas sweater contest
- Staff gifts for the holidays •
- Collecting donations for the Christmas Hamper
- Pancake breakfast

Hilltop has a long tradition of putting on a pancake feast for the entire school on the last day before the winter holiday. On December 22, in the morning, expect a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast!

January is a slow month for Student Council. Since exams are upon us at that time, we do not have any activities planned.

February is a great month for Matchmaking! Expect this activity to start on the first day of the second semester! More details will be provided when we get closer to February 1!





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 guiz 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.

Support the Humanitarian Society

The Hilltop Humanitarian Society is a group of students along with supervisor Rendean Koudelka who work together to support underprivileged children in Uganda. The Hilltop Humanitarian Society has been helping over 50 children at the Masulita Village in Uganda since 2007, sending approximately \$1000.00 a month to assist them with educational materials, health care, eye care and transportation needs. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Donations gratefully accepted via schoolcashonline.com or at the front office. Thank you for your support.

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Thank you to MacEwan University for visiting Hilltop in late November to present to our students the many options they can explore in their post– secondary journey. MacEwan University is a mid-size campus with approximately 12 000 students. The average class size is 42 students. They offer 38 different diploma and certificate options along with interactive and hands on practical experience, study tours and internship. Another reason MacEwan is unique to other post-secondary schools is that they have no teacher assistants, all programming is taught and marked by experts in their field, offering a more one on one approach. They offer a variety of programming within the following departments; Arts & Science, School of Business, Faculty of Fine Arts & Communications, Faculty of Health and Community Studies, Faculty of Nursing and the School of Continuing Education. For information about MacEwan University please visit http://go.macewan.ca/inquiry.



December Program Schedule							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					Drop in 3:30pm- 5:30pm		
					Christmas Movie 6:00pm-8:00pm		
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	Christmas baking 6:00pm - 8:30pm	Girls Group 6:00pm - 8:30pm	Homework Or board games 6:00pm- 8:00pm	Christmas Craft & Movie 6:00pm-8:00pm	Christmas Movie 6:00pm-8:00pm		
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On **Remembrance Day** we held our annual assembly. Thank you to those who attended from the Legion, RCMP and community. We appreciate your support in showing our students the importance of taking the time to remember those who sacrificed their lives to achieve freedom for us all.





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A big thank you goes to Millar Western and Blue Ridge Lumber for their generous donations of 2 x 4's and 2 x 6's to Hilltop High School's Construction classes over the past year. It would be impossible for our students to obtain the credits they do without the lumber that has been provided by these businesses.





Thank you Keune Hair Cosmetics for visiting our Cosmetology class to showcase

their Blend product line. Keune has been in business or 95 years, they are a family owned business originating from Holland and available in 83 countries. Their ingredients are carefully chosen and their products are only sold in salons. Blend products are however available to purchase at the Hilltop Cosmetology Studio, along with a variety of services.







DQ Classic Basketball DO Dairy Queen

Richard Danks Memorial Tournament

December 15 and 16

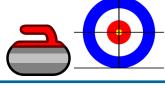
At Hilltop High School



Curling

Every Tuesday from 3:45 - 5:00 at the Curling Club See Ms. Fancey to join! Bring indoor shoes.





Thank You Dairy Queen Hilltop appreciates your years of dedication to

Hilltop and sponsorship of our DQ Classic Basketball Tournament.



Thank You

The Sr. Basketball Teams would like to thank Integrity Operations Ltd. and KW Mechanical for sponsoring their apparel this season.

Sr. Girls Volleyball Highlights



Basketball

Practices for all Basketball teams have started! We are proud to have teams represented for both Boys and Girls at both the Jr. High and Sr. High Level! GO Chargers!

Sr. High Boys and Girls Important Dates

Dec 1 & 2 - Grand Trunk Tournament - Evansburg Dec 8 & 9 - Edson Tournament Dec 15 & 16 - HOME Tournament

Wear your Charger Spirit Wear to show your support!!

Jan 19 & 20 - R.F. Staples - Westlock Feb 16 & 17 - Mayerthorpe Feb 23 & 24 - Barrhead Mar 9 & 10 - ZONES: Drayton Valley (BOYS) Morinville (GIRLS)

League Games for Sr. High Teams

Dec 6th- Away Hilltop vs. Edson Dec 13th- Home Hilltop vs. Mayerthorpe Jan 10th- Home Hilltop vs. Hinton

Sr. Boys Basketball Coach: Billie Wilson

Noal Adams Ben Adams Kevin Blain Rvan Govenlock Jared Mott Ayden Mytrunec Brady Newman Cody Newman Jace Richards Jack Schlosser **Dillan Stewart** Cruz Wheeler Mason Wilson

Jr. Boys Basketball Coach: Dwayne Dibben

Vince Simoy Samuel Ottley Jaden Dibben Jaron Osbourne Ethan Schar Ben Rhodes Aaron Wilde Jordan Dixon Reed Lavalley Josh Robinson Corbyn Beck Landis VanDerMeer Brady Sernes Ethan Willberg Devon Kaurin-Lacaille Kenneth Zadderey Keaton Dixon

Sr. Girls Basketball Coaches: Michel St. Louis and Lesia Hleck - Manager: Katrina **Zack**

Alyssa Borg Kaley Carter Abi Dixon Jenna Dixon, Areanna Fast Tanisha Gano-Murray Rhyleigh Henault Falyn Iggulden Nina Johnston Ashley LaValley Mai Pham Emma Schlosser Sharon Strydhorst Darby Wells Clea Willberg

Jr. Girls Basketball Coaches: Karla Sanderson Assistant Coach Evelyn Cartwright

Eden Abar Rebecca Birtles Madeline Blain Tayler Cartwright Charmavne Gervais Brooke Kettlewell Meagan Locke Halev Measures Jenna Merrifield Irene Mying Chelsea Rhynold Samantha Rhynold Hailey Weesemat Peyj Woykin

Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News

(formerly called Storefront)



Hours of Operation Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Phone: 780 - 778 - 5865

The countdown to Christmas break is ON! To prepare for the festive season, Gateway Academy will be holding its Annual Twelve Days of Christmas beginning Monday, December 4, 2017. Students will need to find the clue, and be able to correctly answer it, to win a prize.

Students have the opportunity to do some Christmas baking the week of December 18. Remember to bring your sweet treat recipes and earn foods credits.

Gateway Academy will be hosting their Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 12:30.

Students will be cooking brunch the morning of Tuesday, January 16, 2018. 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 10, 2018. Remember to organize and study ahead of time to prepare for diplomas and PAT exams that will happen right away after the Christmas break.

Students, please have all work that is due prior to Christmas break handed in on or before Thursday, December 21, 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.

Attendance at Gateway is not mandatory, but handing in work every week is. Students, please pay particular attention to course due dates to ensure all work is getting handed-in, in a timely manner.

Thanks for the continued support of the Community Lunch Box and to Pam for bringing muffins, bread and bagels every day. Thanks to Freddy's 2 For 1 Pizza for the delicious lasagna every month and to Kyra from FCLP and Rebekah, the Community Youth Worker for your extra support in the school.

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

details.

Friends of Hilltop Parent Council 2017-2018 Friends of Hilltop School Council Chairpersons: Tammy Dickson and Avy Fast Secretary's: Amber Borg and Joanne Merrifield Treasurers: Niki Underwood and Judy Watson

Earn 5% profit on your regular grocery shopping at IGA!!

Start saving for your student's school fees, grad garb, school sports and even school trips. Take advantage of the IGA gift cards sold by Friends of Hilltop Parent Council. When you purchase grocery vouchers from FOH (available at Remax Office or at the front office) **5%** of your purchase is placed in an account just for you. It just stays there until you need to access these funds to pay for a variety of school related expenses. IGA voucher cards are the ONLY fundraiser for Friends of Hilltop, other than bottle recycling; we receive 3% of the total funds purchased through the months of Oct, Nov, and Dec. The money we fundraise together goes to teacher appreciation lunch, assists our school with recycling costs, and more. Stop by or call the office for more

STARTING Dec 23, 2017, Friends of Hilltop will be taking over bottle recycling within the school. With this additional fundraising we are hoping to provide more to the entire school and give back to the students directly where they need it!! Please save your holiday empties for your student and simply drop off at the bottle depot stating that you are donating to Hilltop High School or drop off at the school.

Next Parent Council (Friends of Hilltop) meeting, Jan 17th at 7pm. Please join us – no commitment necessary, for information only!

First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI)

Mrs. Smith-Tomke , FNMI Liaison Worker

Tansi! With the Christmas season upon us, I want to remind Hilltop High School students and their families that the Whitecourt Christmas Hamper Project is currently underway. Whether you are receiving support or donating, this is a wonderful way to celebrate the season. Please visit the Repeat Boutique to make your request, or come to Student Services and we are very happy to help with arrangements. Here are the times available :

Christmas Hamper Hours Sign up at Repeat Boutique

Wednesday	November 29	11am - 3pm
Thursday	November 30	7pm - 9pm
Saturday	December 2	11am - 3pm
Wednesday	December 6	11am - 3pm
Thursday	December 7	7pm - 9pm
Saturday	December 9	11am - 3pm

Hilltop High School is involved with an Indigenous Work Readiness Program, which will be launched in the new year. This program is in partnership with Careers: The Next Generation, Alberta Works, Community Futures, and Wellspring Family Resource and Crisis Center to name a few of the stakeholders. This is an exciting opportunity for our Indigenous youth, as you will learn many invaluable skills to prepare you for future careers and employment.

Merry Christmas everyone, I wish you all health and happiness.



New Recycling Program

Support Hilltop High School by donating your empty cans/bottles to the Friends of Hilltop Parent Council.

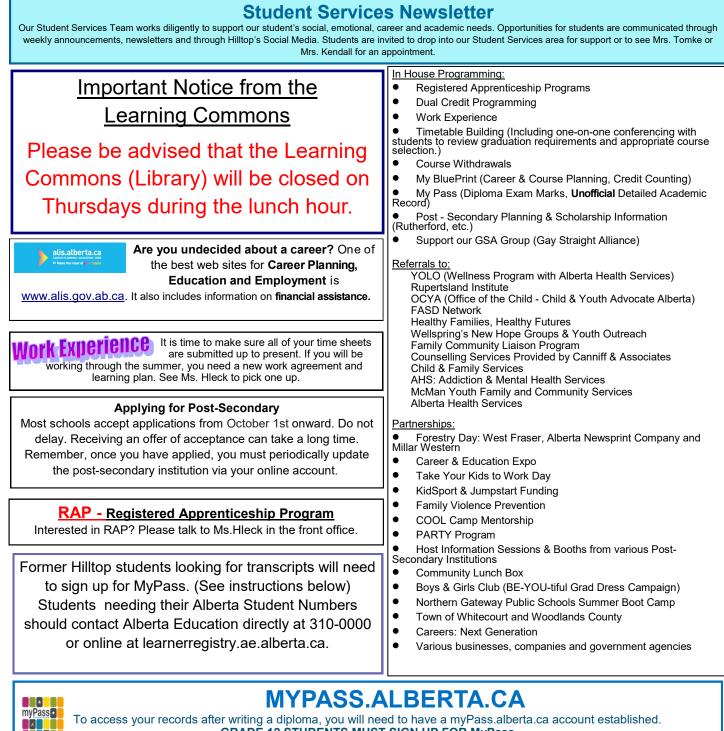


Recyclables can be donated at Hilltop High School or the Whitecourt Bottle Depot.

Thank you in advance for supporting Hilltop.

Have a safe and happy holiday season !!

Ms. Hleck



GRADE 12 STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP FOR MyPass

*Alberta Education has decided that Diploma results will only be available via your MyPass account. *The school cannot create your account on your behalf.

How to sign-up:

1. Go to mypass.alberta.ca

2. Create a login using "Sign me up, I'm new!" Do not use your @ngps.ca email. A confirmation link will be sent to your personal inbox.

3. Click on the confirmation link in your inbox. Confirm your birthdate and Alberta Student Number. You can find your ASN at https://extranetapp.learning.gov.ab.ca/learnerRegistry/forms/

4. Using a button on the subsequent screen, request that a secure verification code be mailed to your home via post. It should arrive within two weeks.

5. Upon receipt in the mail, login and enter the code. It will expire. Act promptly.

6. You will now have access to all of your academic records.

Safety Certification

If you need your safety certification to get the job you want, then this is the course for you. Join a class taught by industry professionals and receive a 3-year certification in H2S Alive, Confined Spaces, Detection and Control of Flammable Substances, WHIMIS 2015, Ground Disturbance, Fall Protection and Transportation of Dangerous Goods.



Details:

Must be 16 years or older

Minimum 15 students, Maximum 20 students

\$ 25.00 deposit

Deadline to register is December 8, 2017 - See Ms. Hleck to register

Course runs December 11 - 15, 2017

Earn 5 high school credits upon completion and 3 year certification.



Work Experience

Are you a student who is currently employed? Have you signed up for work experience? You can earn up to 15 credits towards your high school diploma.

Completion of HCS 3000 course modules is mandatory

See Ms. Hleck for details.



School Emergency Response

At a Glance

Emergency Response Plan

Northern Gateway has developed emergency procedures that are to be initiated should a high risk incident take place in or around our schools. Lockdown, Hold and Secure, Shelter in Place and Evacuation represent the different responses that may be initiated by a school. When a school is confronted with an emergency, staff will assess the situation and then decide on a course of action.

Schools conduct drills throughout the year to rehearse emergency procedures. These drills prepare students and staff to act quickly and help to minimize a child's fear during a real emergency.

The following is a list of our Emergency Response definitions:

Lockdown	A Lockdown response is initiated when imminent danger is present on the school site and the safety of students and staff is threatened. Staff and students will be directed to enter the nearest room, lock all doors, close windows, cover inner glass panes, turn off lights, move away from doors and windows and maintain silence. During a Lockdown all doors to and within the school are locked. No one is permitted in or out of any area once it has been locked. No one, other than law enforcement, is permitted access to the building until the Lockdown is over.
Hold & Secure	A hold and secure is initiated when there is a situation taking place in the community that is not related to the school, like a bank robbery nearby. A hold and secure is usually initiated by police. During a hold and secure, activities continue inside the building, but all doors are locked and no one is allowed to enter or exit the school. No one, other than law enforcement, is permitted access to the building until the Hold and Secure has been cleared.
Shelter in Place	Shelter in place is used when there is an environmental or weather- related situation, like a chemical spill outside the building, or a major storm. During a shelter in place, activities will continue inside the school, but students and staff will not be allowed to leave the building.
	In some cases, the ventilation system may be shut off.



AESTALLIANCE



"Healthy forests, healthy communities"

AFA YOUTH VIDEO CONTEST

Help us tell the forest industry's story!

Are you the next Steven Spielberg? If you aspire to a career in film, or just like making movies, we need your help!!! The Alberta Forest Alliance is looking for kids in grades 6 through 10 to produce a video that we can use, in presentations and on our website, to show the importance of the forest industry to Alberta. We want **you** to tell the entire world the many positive ways in which the forest industry affects you, your community and our province.

What needs to be in your video?

- 1. The video must be between 9.5 minutes and 10 minutes long (not even 1 second outside these parameters will be allowed no exceptions).
- 2. The video should be as creative and professional as possible.
- 3. Your entry should focus on the importance of forestry to you, your community and the province. Make it as personal as you can we want to hear your story come through. Don't be afraid to interview people in business, government and your community, to get different perspectives on the topic.
- 4. Not only highlight the forest industry but mention us too the Alberta Forest Alliance. Find out more about us on our website: www.albertaforestalliance.ca.
- 5. Include lots of facts about forestry, using credible sources, such as the following:
 - a) Forest company websites
 - b) Forest association websites (Alberta Forest Products Association, Forest Products Association of Canada)
 - c) Government websites (Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Natural Resources Canada)

6. Please shoot your video at a resolution of at least 1080p.

What can you win?

- 1. First place wins an iPad Pro.
- 2. Second place wins an iPad Mini.
- 3. Third place wins an iPod.

All three winning entries will run our website.

Some simple contest rules:

- Only kids in grades 6 to 10 can participate.
- You must have your parent's permission ensure the attached consent form is signed by a parent or guardian.
- Please have people in the video sign the attached waiver, granting their consent to appear.
- Only one submission per entrant.
- Any music or images that you include must follow copyright laws no favourite Taylor Swift songs, thanks. Use material that is
 not copyrighted, or take your own photos and write and perform your own music!

Deadline is December 31st 2017. Entries should be copied onto a DVD or USB drive. Submissions should be sent to the following address and must be postmarked no later midnight, December 31st:

Alberta Forest Alliance Box 10046 River Valley PO Whitecourt, Alberta T7S 1W8

Videos will be judged according to the following guidelines:

Professionalism.

Creativity.

Factual information and content – DO YOUR RESEARCH. How well your story comes through. Applications available at Hilltop High Schools Main Office.

Please complete the attached application form, and include it with your video submission.

Good luck! Any questions? Email us at abforestalliance@gmail.com



Alberta Student Number

Month

- Day





myBlueprint

PLAN YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER

myBlueprint is a web based service for high school students to monitor their credits and graduation, and to research career pathways and post-secondary opportunities. myBlueprint is synced to the students' PowerSchool, and it updates in real time. Each student already has an account paid for. Here are the steps for getting started:



create account. myblueprint.ca × my Blueprint Home Products Support About Us Blog Step 4: You're in, start touring! 🔒 Existing User Your E-Mail Address myBlueprint is the easiest way to Your Password plan your education and career Login Forgot your p Welcome to myBlueprint 5.0, HOW IT WORKS GETTING STARTED 👉 New User hilltop We're working hard to give you the best myBlueprint experience. Create Account Take the tour and find out what's new. Step 2: Choose your grade. No Thanks **Hello! Welcome to myBlueprint** Fill out the form below to join Students, select your current grade below: Step 5: myBlueprint connects to PowerSchool Grade 7 automatically to count credits, check graduation Grade 8 requirements and help research schools and career pathways. Grade 9 Grade 16 Grade 11 Home Grade 12 **High School Progress** Step 3: Enter your Alberta Student Number and birthdate. Official High School Plan (Your Alberta Student Number can be found on your PowerSchool) 61 Hello! Welcome to myBlueprint 20 Fill out the form below to join 81/100 Upload files and photos from Why is this required? This information will allow you to view your credit history in your High School Plan. What is your ASN?

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

confidential.

Does the school have your child's current contact information? Please contact the school to verify if you have concerns @ 780.778.2446.

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.

Spirit Wear

Hilltop Charger Spirit

Passport Photos

Available in the Media Lab

\$20.00 each

Appointments are available Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and noon. Call Hilltop and ask for Derek Schlosser at 780-778-2446 to book an appointment.

Parent/Guardian Reminder

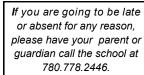
Please remember that ALL students must be signed out by a parent/guardian when leaving the building for any reason, including in the event of an emergency or evacuation. Students can be signed out by a parent/guardian either in person or by calling the school at 780-778-2446.

We appreciate your cooperation.



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. However, we can print a report card if requested. 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. If you have no access to internet you are welcome to stop in to the Learning Commons and access Power School through our internet.



Please use our answering machine if you need to call before or after school hours.



Time suggested for homework + studying

if you are pursuing academic excellence at Hilltop High School

GRADE TEN

Only four core classes are available. Instead of fast-tracking, explore your interests, try different electives, and complete PE 10. Perhaps you could explore sports and extra-curriculars. No homework, you say? Read the newspaper or explore something new.









Four science courses may become available to you: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Science 20. Many students manage two at a time quite well by keeping on top of things. Math 10C branches into two streams 20-2 and 20-1 (both for students interested in University, it mostly depends what you want to explore career-wise). To excel in Social, pay attention to current events. To excel in English, read lots of varied texts. It is also time to complete CALM.



Chem 20 - 5 x 30 min Physics 20 - 5 x 30 min Science 20 - 5 x 20 min Science 24 - 3 x 15 min

Bio 20 - 5 x 30 min





Math 20-3 - 2 x 15 min Math 20-2 - 5 x 40 min Math 20-1 - 5 x 40 min

GRADE TWELVE

Put away your phone and buckle up. Apply for post-secondaries as early as October 1st. Think about working less and earning higher marks; you have your whole life to work. If you miss school, you have work to do!



Is a part-time job a good idea?

PUT TOGETHER WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE STAFF AT HILLTOP HIGH. www.hilltophigh.

Healthy Schools Calendar from Alberta Health Services

	December 2017							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
					1 Girls in Motion Grant Due Go Girl Grant Due	2		
3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4	5	6	7	8	9		
		I	National Safe Driving Wee	k				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23		
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30		

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NOW AVAILABLE - December's issues of Healthy Children and Healthy Teens newsletter for parents (aussi disponible en Français). For resources to support building healthy school communities visit www.ahs.ca/csh

			January 2018			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Weedless Wednesday	25 Conservation, Community and Education Grants Due	26	27
			lational Non-Smoking We	ek		
28	29	30	31 Alberta Traffic Safety Grant Due	newsletter for parents (a	ary's issues of Healthy CH aussi disponible en Franç t building healthy school	;ais).
		Shaping the Fu	iture Conference			

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Saturday	2	თ	16	23	90	
Friday	1 Day 2	8 Day 3	15 Day 3	22 Day 3 Last day of Classes Before Christmas Break	29	
Thursday		7 Day 2 Grad Pictures	14 Day 2	21 Day 2	28	ry 7, 2018
Wednesday	17	6 Grad Pictures Day 1	13 FLEX Day 2 English/Science/Other Tutorial	20 FLEX Day 1 Math/Social/Other Tutorial	27	l Happy New Year! December 25, 2017 – January 7, 2018
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Friday	W elcome back, hopefully your holiday was a restful one. Best of luck to all students as you write your Diploma and Final Exams.	۵	12 Day 3 Diploma Exams Social 30-1 Part A Social 30-2 Part A 8:50am start	19 Day 3	26 Day 4 Grade 9 PAT Exams- Language Arts Part B Diploma Exams Biology 30 8:50am start	
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Tuesday		2	9 Day 1	16 Day 1	23 Day 1 Diploma Exams English 30-1 Part B English 30-2 Part B 8:50 am start	30 Day 2 Gr. 9 PAT Exams-Social Diploma Exams Physics 30 8:50am start Science 30 1:00pm start
Monday	January 2	1 New Year's Day	8 Day 4 First day of classes following Christmas break	15 Day 4	22 Day 4 Last Day of classes Gr. 9-12 Last Day Gr. 9 Options 3/6	29 Day 1 Grade 9 PAT Exams- Science Diploma Exams Chemistry 30 8:50am start
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Grades 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) Quick Facts for Parents/Guardians

What are PATs?

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) are administered to students in grades 6 and 9 and have three main purposes:

- to determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn;
- to report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling;
- to assist schools, authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning.

When are PATs administered?

PATs are administered in May and June annually in English and French language arts, mathematics, science and social studies in grade 6 and grade 9. Some grade 9 students write PATs in January of each year.

Are there any practice questions my child can do before writing PATs?

Yes. Students can try out the released questions from previous PATs that are located at <u>https://questaplus.alberta.ca/PracticeMain.html</u>.

When will I find out my child's PAT results?

After PATs are administered, school staff share the preliminary results with parents. Each fall, Individual Student Results (ISPs) are made available to schools that contain official student results. School staff then share the ISPs with parents and keep a record of the ISP on the student's record in accordance with the *Student Record Regulation*.

Want to know more?

More information and resources for the PATs are available on the Alberta Education website at https://education.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests.

The personal information collected in the Provincial Achievement Testing program is collected pursuant to section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (RSA 2000, C. F-25). This information will be used for the purpose of administering the Provincial Achievement Testing program as well as support program and policy evaluation and measurement.

Questions regarding the program and collection, use and disclosure of information may be directed to the Director, Provincial Achievement Tests, Student Learning Standards, Alberta Education, 6th Floor, 10044 -108 Street, 44 Capital Boulevard, Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6 or by telephone at 780-427-6204. (Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free from outside the Edmonton area.)

Test Taking Tips for ALL Students

General Tips

- · Before you begin, find out:
 - how much time you will have to write the test
 - what materials you will need to write the test
- · Skim through the whole test before beginning
- · Read all instructions carefully
- Ask questions if you are unsure of something
- · Answer the easy questions first and then go back to the harder ones
- · Double-check to make sure you have answered everything before handing in the test

Multiple Choice Tests

- Skim through the entire test. Find out how many questions there are and plan your time accordingly
- Do not spend too much time on any one question. Make a note beside a difficult question and go back to it if you have time
- Read each question carefully, underline key words and try to think of an answer before looking at the choices
- · Read all the choices and see which one best fits the answer that you thought of
- When you are not sure which answer is correct, cross out/erase any choices that you know are wrong
- · If time permits, recheck your answers



Exam Schedule January 2017

*last day of classes for all grades January 22nd

In class Part A exams:

January 16th - English 20-1 - Kendall; English 20-2 - Koudelka; Social 10-2 - Mehl January 18th - Social 20-1 - Keay (Blocks 1 & 3); English 10-1 - Gartner (Block 1 & 3) January 19th - Math 10-3 - Woodford (Block 3) January 19th - Social 20-2 - Babiuk (Block 3) January 22nd - Social 10-1 - Keay (Blocks 3 & 4) January 22nd - Math 20-3 - Properzi (Block 1) January 22nd - CALM FINAL - Cartwright (Block 5) January 19th - Grade 9 Language Arts Midterm - in class

Part A Diploma exams:

9:00 am January 11 th		January 12th
	English 30-1	Social 30-1
	English 30-2	Social 30-2

9:00 am	Tuesday January 23 rd	Wednesday January 24 th	Thursday January 25 th	Friday January 26 th	Monday January 29 th	Tuesday January 30 th
Diplomas	English 30-1	Social 30-1	Math 30-1	Biology	Chemistry	Physics am
	English 30-2	Social 30-2	Math 30-2			Science 30 pm
	English 20-1	Social 20-1	Math 20-1	Biology 20	Chemistry 20	Physics 20
	English 20-2	Social 20-2	Math 20-3	Science 20		
	English 10-1	Social 10-1	Math 20-2	Science 10		
	English 10-2	Social 10-2	Math 10C	Science 14		
			Math 10-3			
PAT	LA Midterm		Math 9		Science	Social
Exams	ALL grade 9's		9-1/9-2		9-3/9-4	9-2/9-3







Elita Whitehorse on her trip to Ottawa with Encounters with Canada



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Construction class



Testing the sturdiness of their build in Construction



Outdoor Ed cooks over homemade cook



Happy Holidays from Hilltop High

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thank you

Topline!







Electricity Unit in Science

Mr. St. Louis ready to coach his first basketball game in 20 years



Drone shot of Hilltop



There's no better way to spend a "snow day" then building a snowman.



Parents vs. Players Volleyball Game



Computers students make their own magnets



Volleyball coaches show their holiday spirit.





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