# WELCOME TO THE GRADE TWELVE INFORMATION EVENING

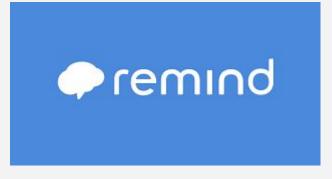




### STAY INFORMED!

**SIGN UP NOW!** 

(587) 316-7407 @hthgrad19



## OTHER WAYS TO BE INFORMED

- ★ THE GRADE 12 BULLETIN BOARD -LOCATED BETWEEN THE PHOTOCOPY ROOM AND LIBRARY
- **★** MONDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS
- **★** SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
- **★** WEBSITE: hilltophigh.ca



## 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 registration packages.

### SIGNIFICANT DATES

- ★ GRAD COMMITTEE APPLICATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 5
- ★ GRAD RINGS: OCTOBER 16 & 17 @ NOON
  - OCTOBER 16 6:00 TO 7:00 PM
- **★** GRAD PHOTOS: **DECEMBER 3 6**

## **GRADUATION 2019**



**FRIDAY JUNE 28, 2019** 

1:00 PM

AT THE ATHABASCA ARENA

# 2019 Graduation Student Committee

Package in your Red Folder
Forms Due October 5th 3:30pm to
MR. NORTHCOTT



## SIGN UP @ THE END

Senior Supper Organizers
Senior Supper Food Donations
Ceremony Decorations
Winter/Spring Formal
Grad Reception?

#### 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.

By the end of November, your child will have had a one-on-one meeting with *Mrs. Keay* **Please sign up on the calendar.** 

WHAT WILL THIS LOOK LIKE? Check your folder.

## Alberta High School Diploma Requirements:

### \*\*Individualized checklist in folder.

- 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

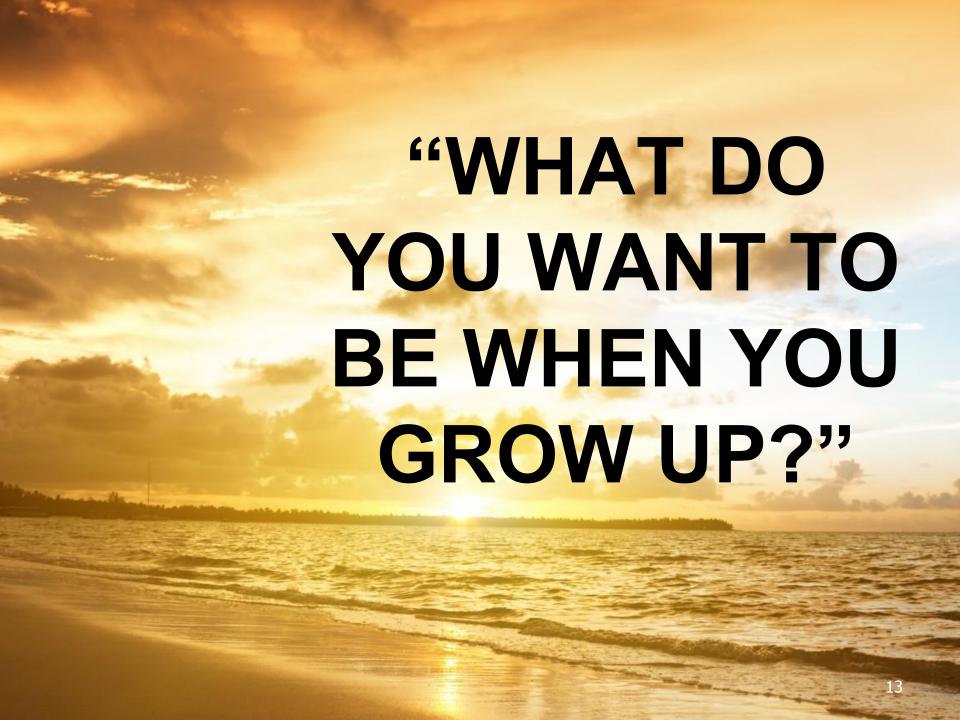
- Student Ownership of Success
- Value of strong attendance
- PowerSchool Parent Portal (see office staff if you need help with this)
- Assignment completion
- FLEX Block
- Preparing for Diplomas
- Communication between parent, student and teachers
- Parent/teacher interviews

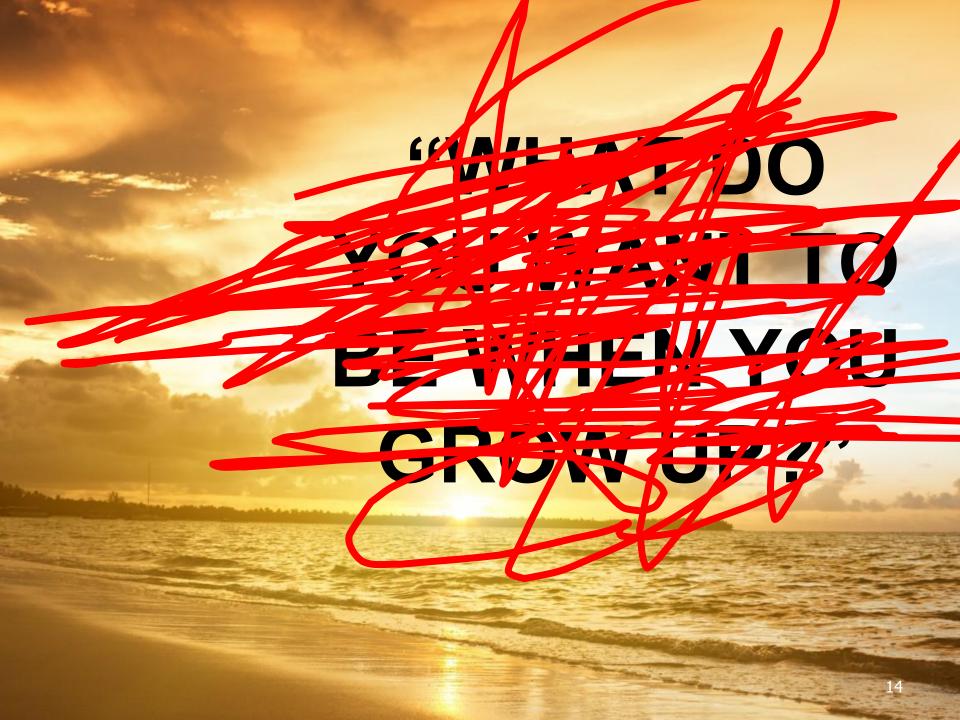
#### WHAT IF I NEED MY TIMETABLE MODIFIED?

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

### In a unique situation:

- Sit down with the appropriate teacher and discuss success.
- Check in with Mrs. Keay
- 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. What might be a good plan for being well and self-sufficient? Both are important.
- 3. If your life was a story, what would you like in the next chapter?
- 4. How could you make money doing something you are good at?
- 5. If you have a passion, would it be better for it to be an income source, or a hobby paid for by another job?

## 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?

- myBlueprint.ca
  - activation code: hilltop
  - ASN Alberta Student Number (in folder)
- ALIS ONE STOP SHOPPING
  - www.alis.alberta.ca
- RAP
  - www.TradeSecrets.alberta.ca
- Work Experience
- Dual Credit programs
  - http://www.albertadualcredit.ca/

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

- -Grade 11 marks
- -Grade 12 marks

.... That's it.

- Exceptions:
  - Arts program: Portfolio
  - **—** ....

#### THE VALUE OF BUILDING A RESUME

- You need a resume.
- Student Services is happy to help.
- pruffreeding Proofreading
- Digital footprint/social media
- 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

## 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.

### 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.

## Report finds higher ed is best investment

College diploma delivers top return, economists write

KIM COVERT Financial Post OTTAWA

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

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

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

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

"Looking ahead, the disparate employment outcomes by education levels are likely to widen," write Alexander and Mobasher Fard "The demand for higher-skilled workers will only increase as the Canadian economy evolves, while an aging population will likely lead to shortages in many trade occupations and high-skilled occupations."

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

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

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

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

Postmedia News

## FINANCING EDUCATION

## A **big** investment

A 2009 TD Economics report pegged the cost of four-year degree (combined with living expenses) at \$55,000 for students living at home and \$84,000 for students away from home.



## Scholarship Assistance

- Student Services and Mrs. Keay are always available for scholarship application assistance. Students are welcome to drop in and parents are welcome to phone us at any time.
- School phone number: 780-778-2446
- Mrs. Keay: ext. 1302
- Ms. Trebilcock: ext 1703
- Mrs. Smith-Tomke: ext. 1705
- Mr. Northcott: ext. 1709



- 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.

5CHOLARSHIPS

- Honour your hard work at school:
  - Research and apply!

### 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 My Blueprint calculates your eligibility amounts for YOU!!



### HILLTOP SCHOLARSHIP GROUP

- Hilltop website: hilltophigh.ca
- Hilltop Scholarship Group (based on career path)
  - Jonathan White Memorial Scholarship
  - Gary Nelson Memorial Scholarship
  - Wendy Calliou "Heart of Gold" Scholarship
  - FNMI Scholarship (2)



### "GIANT CHEQUE" SCHOLARSHIPS

- Loran Scholarship
- Schulich Scholarship



\*Nomination-based applications.

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

Deadline: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIP INFO

- www.yconic.com
- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- http://www.aucc.ca/programs-services/sc



- 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

\*\*Alberta v. Federal Student Loans



-Information for students and families on government loans and other forms of student aid:

## <u>www.studentaid.alberta.ca</u> <u>www.canlearn.ca</u>

\*\*\*Parental income is no longer a consideration for Alberta student loan applications

**Important note:** Sometimes, schools have their own student aid offices, which can offer additional support as need arises. ie.

http://www.su.ualberta.ca/services/sfaic/

## Opportunities for Indigenous Students

Several opportunities exist for self-declared students

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

Also:

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



 Mrs. Keay is happy to assist students in organizing student-for-a-day experiences at major schools.

## University of Alberta OPEN HOUSE

- October 20, 2018
- 9 am to 4 pm
- Visit:

https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/open-house

For more information and to register



## NAIT OPEN HOUSE



## MacEwan University OPEN HOUSE

November 3, 2018

https://www.macewan.ca/wcm/MacEwanEvents/OpenHouse/index.htm

## When can I apply to schools?

\*\*Detailed information is in your folder.

-NAIT: October 1, 2018 to Day 1 of class

-Most Canadian Universities: October 1, 2018 to May 1, 2019

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





## 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.

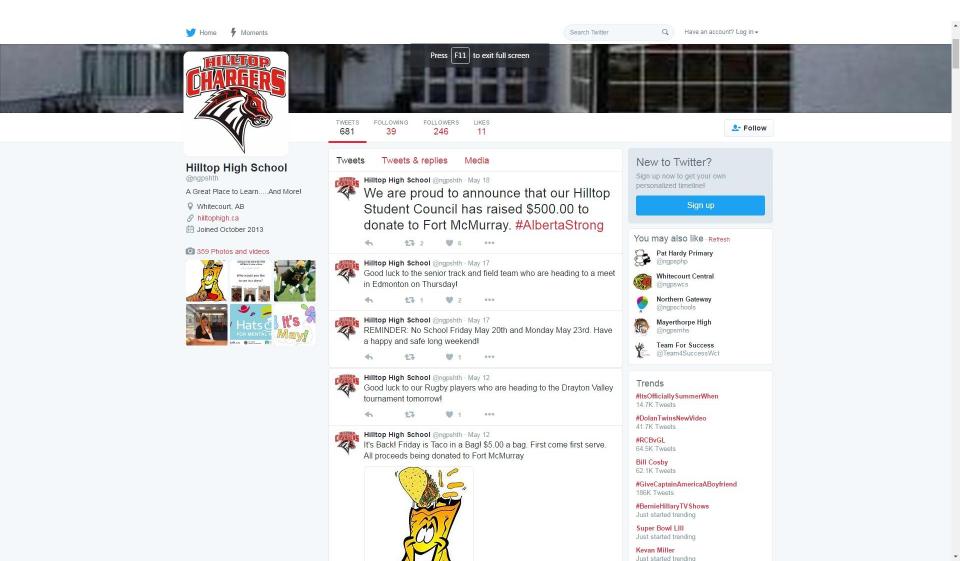
To use all the features offered by myPass, please ensure you are using a supported browser.

## In October, students will be called down to work with Mrs. Keay and sign up for MyPass and MyBlueprint during C-Block

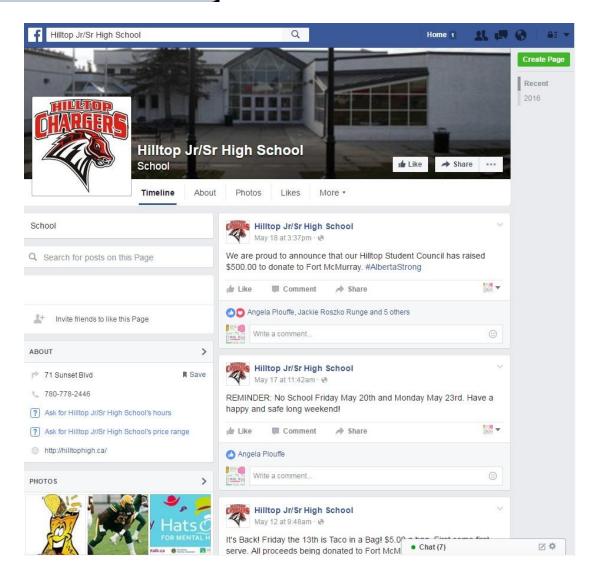
### HANDY COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

- Staff Email: firstname.lastname@nqps.ca
- School website <u>www.hilltophigh.ca</u>
- Monthly newsletter
- Remind
  - \*Please look at Remind sign up in your package

## On Twitter @ngpshth







### www.ngps.ca



Telephone: 780.778.2800 Toll Free: 1.800.262.8674

☐ Schools

Q Search

**=** MENU

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.ly/1764mnz">http://bit.ly/1764mnz</a>.





Division welcomes new Assistant

Superintendent

**MAY 19** 

MAY 17

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

New Principal begins at Onoway Elementary this September!

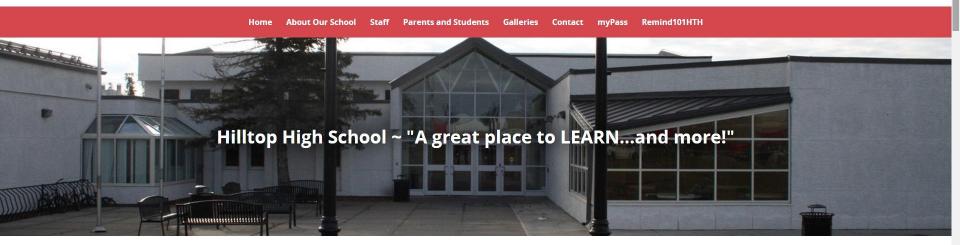
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71 Sunset Boulevard Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N1 Phone: 780.778.2446 Fax: 780.778.8818





#### Hilltop Jr/Sr High School



① District Notice

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http://bit.lv/1T64mnz

Welcome to Hilltop High School

Welcome to the Website of Hilltop High School.



### **THANK YOU**

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

> Mr. Northcott Mrs. Keay Mrs. Smith-Tomke, or Ms. Trebilcock.