

WELCOME TO THE GRADE TWELVE INFORMATION EVENING



STAY INFORMED!

SIGN UP NOW!

(587) 316-7407

@hthgrad20



OTHER WAYS TO BE INFORMED

- ★ **THE GRAD 2020 BULLETIN BOARD** -
LOCATED BETWEEN THE
PHOTOCOPY ROOM AND LIBRARY
- ★ **MONDAY MORNING
ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- ★ **MRS. KEAY'S BULLETIN BOARD**
(across from the lunchroom)
- ★ **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**
- ★ **WEBSITE: hilltophigh.ca**

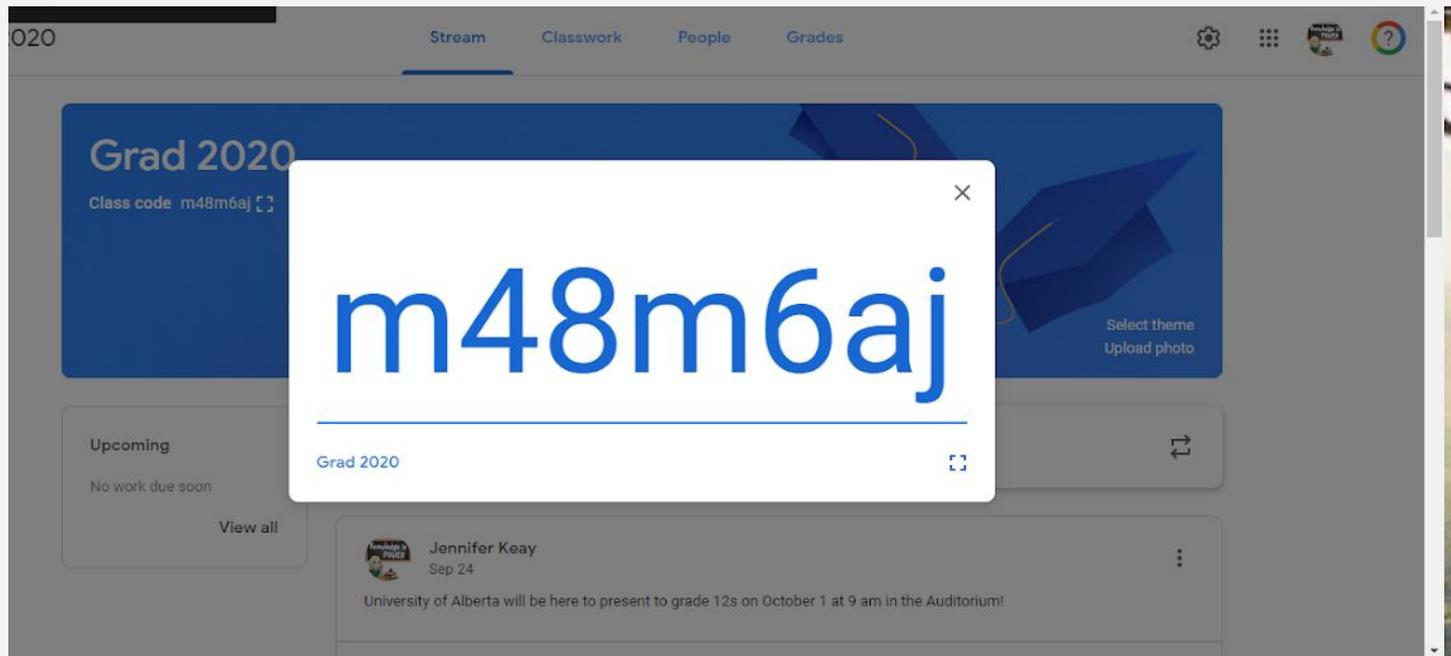


Google Classroom

Mrs. Keay will be creating a Google Classroom for all grade 12 students. *Why??*

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

Grad 2020 Google Classroom - For Students



Mrs. Keay has invited all Grade 12 students, but just in case, here is the class code.

Grad Application Forms

A TWO PART FORM.

- Part A deadline: March 31,
2020
- Part B deadline: June 17,
2020

PLEASE ENSURE:



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

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

These forms were in your school registration packages.

SIGNIFICANT DATES

- ★ CAREER & EDUCATION EXPO
OCTOBER 3
- ★ GRAD RINGS: **OCTOBER 22 & 23 @ NOON**
OCTOBER 23 - 6:00 TO 7:00 PM
- ★ GRAD PHOTOS: **NOVEMBER 26-29**
- ★ GRAD PHOTO RETAKES: **FEBRUARY 5**

SIGNIFICANT DATES

- ★ POST SECONDARY APPLICATION WORKSHOPS WITH MRS. KEAY:
 - Tuesday October 01 - 3:30 to 4:45
 - **Wednesday October 02 - 3:30 - 4:45**
 - Thursday October 3 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm
- ★ ONE ON ONE MEETINGS WITH MRS. KEAY
 - **Please** schedule one with Mrs. Keay **ASAP if you have a C-Block Spare,** otherwise, she will call you down to her room

GRADUATION 2020



**Friday, June 26,
2020**

@ 2 PM

**AT THE ATHABASCA
ARENA**

CLASS OF 2020 GIVES BACK

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

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



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, ESPECIALLY if you have a C-Block Spare**

WHAT WILL THIS LOOK LIKE? Check your **RED** folder.

**** If you have misplaced your red folder, we can help you get a new one.**

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; 2nd Language; RAP; Work Experience.

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

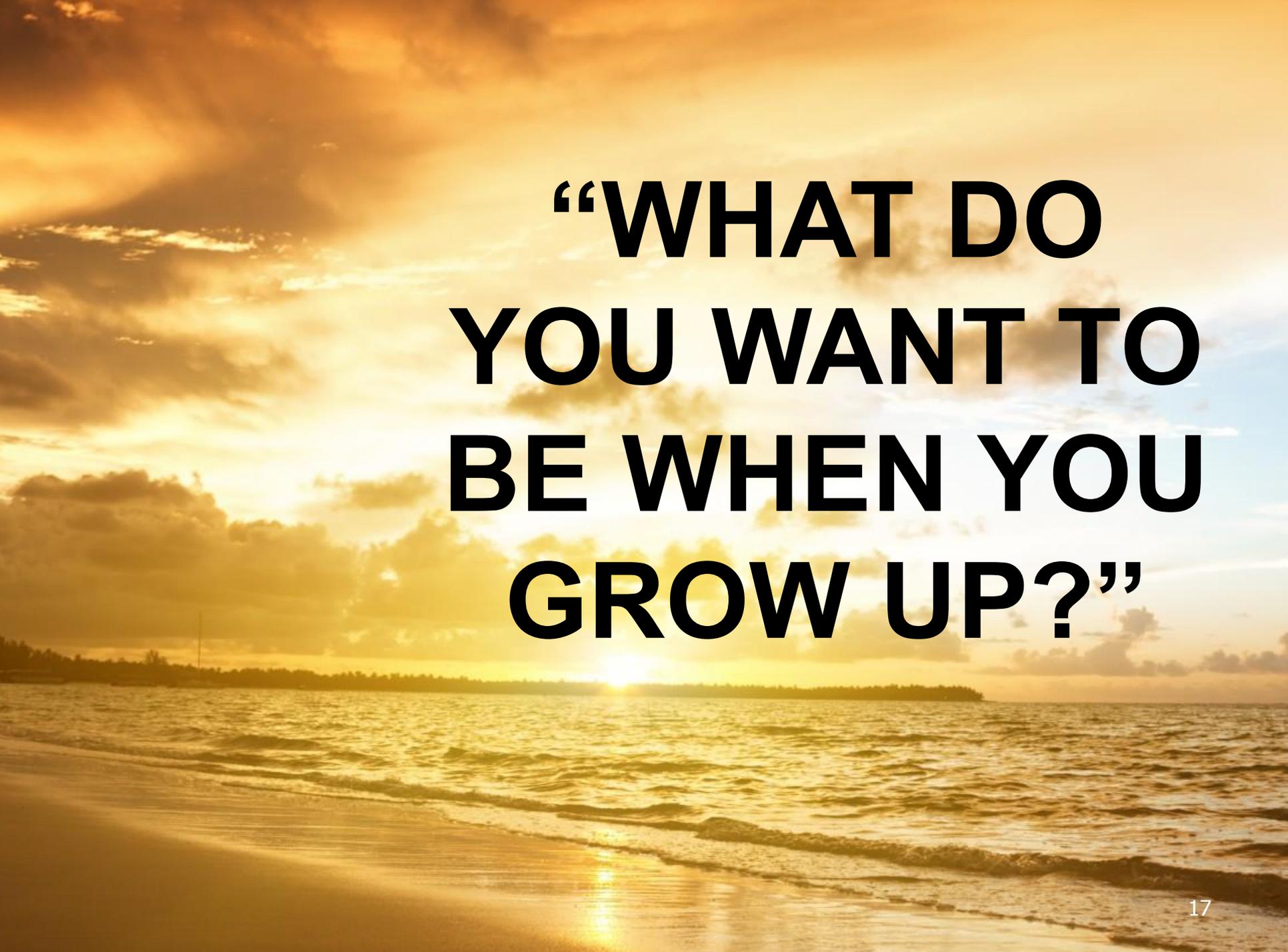
- **Student Ownership of Success**
- Value of strong attendance
- PowerSchool – Parent Portal (see office staff if you need help with this)
- Assignment completion
- FLEX Block
- Preparing for Diplomas
- Communication between parent, student and teachers
- Parent/teacher interviews

WHAT IF I NEED MY TIMETABLE MODIFIED?

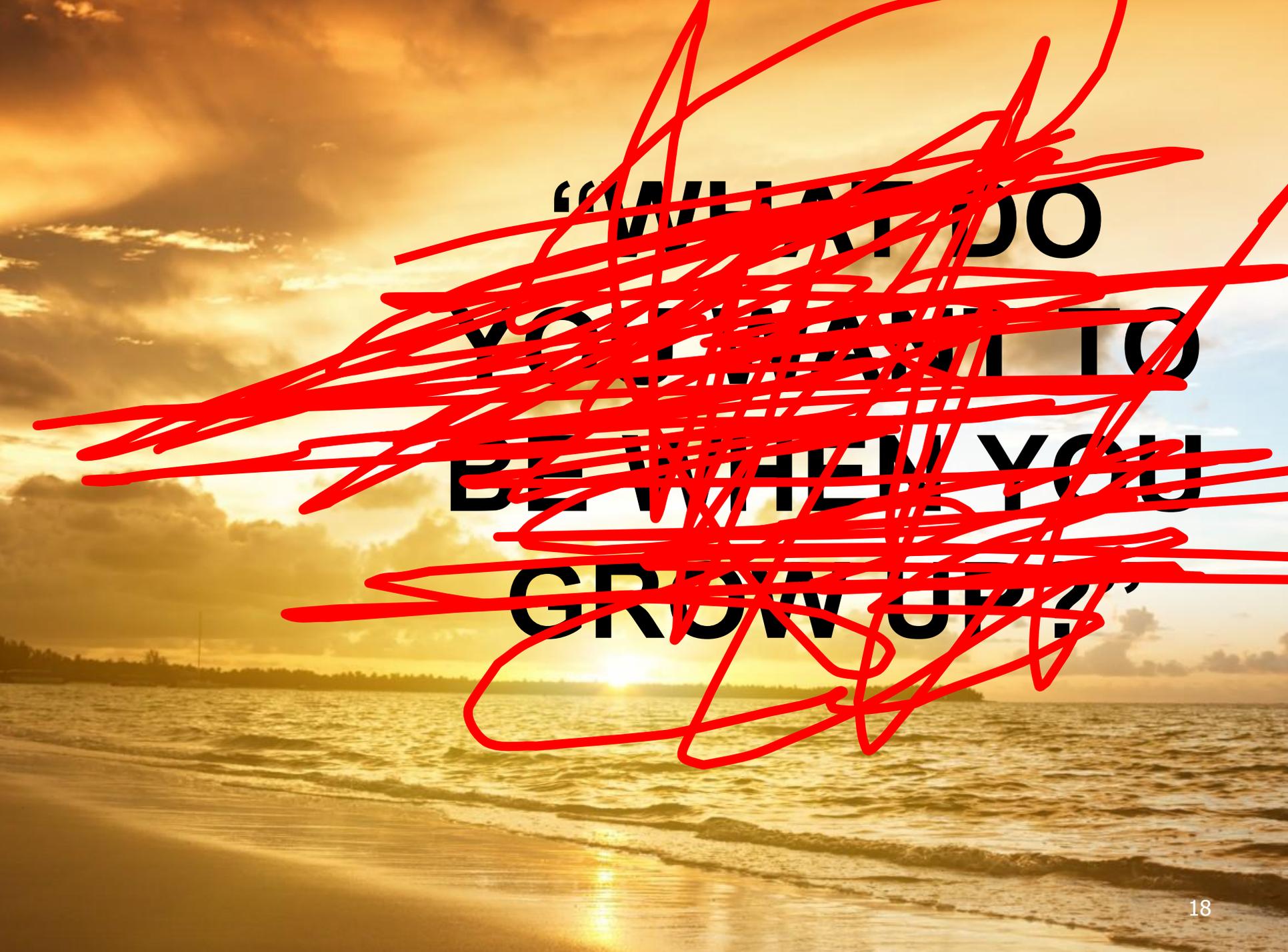
- Speak with Mr. Northcott. However, most timetable changes were accommodated in the first week of school

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.



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

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

**‘WHAT DO
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GROW UP?’**

BETTER QUESTIONS TO POSE

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



WHAT ARE SOME OPTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR?

Some common choices you can discuss together:

- **Post-Secondary:**

 - University / College / Technical School

- **Work:**

 - Apprenticeship / Career

- **Goal-Setting Year:**

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

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

- **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 and Interview
 - Apprenticeship: some may require evidence of hours completed

YOUR ONLINE IDENTITY



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

<https://www.applyalberta.ca>

What is ApplyAlberta?

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

How does ApplyAlberta benefit students?

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

FINANCING EDUCATION

3, 2011

BUSINESS

Report finds higher ed is best investment

College diploma delivers top return, economists write

KIM COVERT
Financial Post
OTTAWA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Postmedia News

A big investment

A 2019 TD Economics report pegged the cost of four-year degree (combined with living expenses) at \$65,000 for students living at home and \$94,000 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 **single** application.
- When in doubt: **Apply!**
- Think about it this way: A few hours of work assembling letters and filling out a form could translate into **thousands of dollars.**
- Honour your hard work at school:
Research and apply!



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

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



THE VALUE OF BUILDING A RESUME

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

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 4th, 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/scholarships/rap_cts-scholarships/



STUDENT LOANS & STUDENT AID

Student Loans are a good idea if you need further assistance funding your education. Mrs. Keay can help you with this if necessary.



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>

student FOR A DAY

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

University of Alberta OPEN HOUSE

- October 19, 2019
- 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

Open House

October 18 + 19

Be bold.

Be curious.

Be essential.

MacEwan University OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2

10 AM - 3PM



MacEwan
UNIVERSITY



November 8, 2019

****You must register, see
Mrs. Keay if interested!**

When can I apply to schools?

**Detailed information is in your folder.

- **NAIT/SAIT**: 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](#).

**BEFORE APPLYING FOR POST SECONDARY,
YOU MUST HAVE **APPLY ALBERTA** SET UP.**

HANDY COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

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

On Twitter @ngpsht

Home Moments

Search Twitter

Have an account? Log in

Press F11 to exit full screen



TWEETS 681 FOLLOWING 39 FOLLOWERS 246 LIKES 11

Follow

Hilltop High School

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A Great Place to Learn.....And More!

Whitecourt, AB

hilltophigh.ca

Joined October 2013

359 Photos and videos



Tweets Tweets & replies Media

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

Retweets 2 Likes 6

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

Retweets 1 Likes 2

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

Retweets 1 Likes 1

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

Retweets 1 Likes 1

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



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Northern Gateway @ngpschools

Mayerthorpe High @ngpsmhs

Team For Success @Team4SuccessWct

Trends

#ItsOfficiallySummerWhen
14.7K Tweets

#DolanTwinsNewVideo
41.7K Tweets

#RCBvGL
64.5K Tweets

Bill Cosby
62.1K Tweets

#GiveCaptainAmericaABoyfriend
186K Tweets

#BernieHillaryTVShows
Just started trending

Super Bowl LIII
Just started trending

Kevan Miller
Just started trending



us on Facebook!

A screenshot of the Hilltop Jr/Sr High School Facebook page. The page header shows the school's name and a search bar. Below the header is a large photo of the school building. To the left of the photo is the school's profile picture, which is a logo for the 'Hilltop Chargers' featuring a red and white horse head. The page is divided into sections: 'School' information, 'About' details, 'Photos', and a 'Timeline' of posts. The 'Timeline' section shows three posts from May 12, 17, and 18, 2016. The first post (May 18) announces a \$500 donation to Fort McMurray. The second post (May 17) is a reminder about school cancellations for Friday and Monday. The third post (May 12) promotes a 'Taco in a Bag' event. The page also includes a 'Create Page' button, a 'Recent' activity list, and a 'Chat' window at the bottom right.

www.ngps.ca



Telephone: 780.778.2800
Toll Free: 1.800.262.8674

 Schools

 Search

 MENU

District Notice

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

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

Learning for life. Together.



ALL BUSES ON TIME

MAY 19

Division welcomes
new Assistant
Superintendent

MAY 17

Hillside Service
Learning in
Nicaragua!

MAY 16

New Principal begins
at Onoway
Elementary this
September!

www.hilltophigh.ca

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Hilltop Jr/Sr High School

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

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<http://bit.ly/11e4mz>.

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.