



# HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Check out our website at: http://hth.nqps.ca

#### Message from the Principal

In the November Newsletter I want to highlight some of Yearbook committee is working on producing another the things happening at Hilltop School.

Sports are always a big part of our school. The Cross Medieval Club meets on Thursdays after school from Country Running team has done very well. Congratulations to Etienne De Jongh (4th place junior boys) and Kennedy Bahm (2<sup>nd</sup> place junior girls) for their achievements. Our Volleyball teams have been busy playing in a number of different tournaments and have been doing well. Our Cats Football team is having an outstanding year. It's also the time of year where our Curling teams and Basketball teams begin their seasons. Good luck to all our sport teams

Our student council held a student and staff barbecue near the beginning of October and it was great success and enjoyed by all.

The graduation committee is busy getting organized. Students have elected a new Grad Executive. We all know the significance of Graduation to our Grade 12 students, their parents and our school.

Drama is in full swing. On December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the Drama 10/20/30 classes will be performing "Haphazardly Ever After". Mark these dates on your

Five of our Whitecourt Wolverines are part of a group called "Flex Your Head". As part of their role they work with some of our Grade 9 boys. The program is co-facilitated with Lexi Ames, Teen Centre Co-ordinator.

This year at Hilltop we have a guitar club. We have over 20 students enrolled in the club. This is another great opportunity for our students to explore their talents.

"yearbook" filled with memories of Hilltop 2014/2015.

3:40-5:00 pm. In medieval club students learn medieval martial arts and how to conduct themselves as honourable knights once did. Students can learn to fight, referee or how to build armour at the club. Everyone is invited and everyone can come have fun. See Miss Mehl for more information.

School Reach is on Fridays at lunch in Miss Mehl's room 304. If you like game shows and know anything about movies, music, pop culture, math, science, sports or history, you can come out and test your knowledge.

The Humanitarian Club; for those of you that don't know, sponsors two projects in Uganda, Africa. One being an orphanage and the other is to provide financial support to grandparents that wish to raise their orphaned grandchildren. This support is used for food, lodging and schooling. The club donates \$1,000 a month. The funds are raised by students volunteering their time and the funds are sent as sponsorship to the above causes. We would like to send a big thank you for the generous volunteering and what those involved do to help another community in need.

Thank you to all the students who participate in the activities the school has to offer, as well as a big thank you to staff that run these activities.

Hilltop "A Great Place to LEARN ... and more!"

Principal, Egbert Stang



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#### Special points of interest:

- Grade 9 PAT/Important Parent Information/June Test Dates
- November 4th, Grade 9 Parent/ Student Info Meeting 7:00 pm
- Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Nov. 19/20 from 5:30-8:00 pm.
- Post-Secondary Application Help Session 6:30-8:00 pm



~ Report Cards will be Issued on Friday, November 14th



~ FOH Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room on **November 19th** 

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To All Parents of Hilltop Students

On behalf of the FOH, we would like to congratulate all of our students, who showed dedication and achieved awards presented at the annual "AWARDS NIGHT". We certainly have a large number of committed youth here at Hilltop and we are very proud of all of our students.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

IGA vouchers are available at Hilltop and at the Remax Office. This is a great way to save for all your school related expenses, including grad, travelling, sports and registration fees for anything school related. Stop by the office and start your account today!

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Trish Gilmore 780.779.7706

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Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30–8:00 p.m. The interviews will be organized on a drop-in basis for both evenings.

#### The Hilltop Breakfast Program



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The Breakfast Program continues to run 5 days/week. We will continue the tradition of GRILLED Cheez breakfast on the last Thursday of each month.

If you can volunteer, we are always looking for help with any mornings, we would love to have you here, please call Trish Gilmore at 780.779.7706.



#### THE HILLTOP CANTEEN

※ We are very excited to announce that we have just ※※ celebrated our one year anniversary! Thanks to ※※ everyone for making this possible.

※ We continue to offer healthy options for the ※
※ students and staff to purchase. With the cooler ※
※ weather upon us, watch for warm and comforting ※
※ specials on Wednesday's with the exception of Flex ※
※ Block Wednesday's.

We also continue to sell our CANTEEN CARDS and they can be purchased in the canteen during school hours or from the front office during school and after hours.

With the Christmas season not so far off, the canteen cards may make a nice thank you gift for any Hilltop student who may babysit, mow lawns or even help to rid your driveway of that dreaded snow that is sure to come. They might even make a nice socking stuffer.

Any question on the canteen cards or any thing else please feel free to stop in or call Trish at 780-779-7706.



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#### Hilltop High School

Invites all **Grade 9 Parents & Students** to an Information meeting on

Tuesday, **November 4** at 7:00 p.m.





Congratulations to our students that won door prizes at the

#### **Career & Education Expo!**

- ◆ \$20 Tim Cards
  Megan McKinlay Gr 9
  Brooklynn Parker (Grade 9)
  Turen (Grade 11 Storefront)
  Aaron Humby Grade 9
  Ashlee Underwood
  - ◆ \$25 I tune Card
    Chelsey Parsons(Gr 11)
    Emma Maxwell(Gr 9)
    Matthew Poirer(Gr 12)
    Dylan Wittman(Gr 10)
    Amanada Marten(Gr 12)
    Alyssa Engelbert(Gr 9)
    Damien Votour(Gr 12)
    Annick Greenwood (Gr 9)
    Natalya Kocsielny (Gr 9)
  - ♦ IPad Air Emily Taylor (Grade 9)
- Bose Mobil Speaker
   Pharron McKinnon (Grade 9)

#### **Artists of the Month**

I would like to acknowledge Jessica Hellekson and Megan Thibeault in their combined effort on a commissioned piece from Dave Green. These young ladies worked hard on a tight schedule in order to complete a painting 12 feet by 8 feet. The painting was a stylized mountain range, planned and drawn by them. These artists also took the liberty to add the Northern lights shining above the mountains, which truly completed the piece. Their effort and talent paid off, as the commissioner of the painting was delighted by the final outcome.

> Miss Johnson Art Teacher



#### **GRAD 2015 INFORMATION**

In order to keep potential Grads and their parents informed about the events pertaining to GRAD, we utilize several lines of communication:

- Grad Board
- school newsletter
- phone fan-out
- webpage—hth.ngrd.ab.ca (old) and hilltophigh.ca (new)
- Remind101—texts specific for GRAD (text 587 316 7407 with the message @hthgrad15)
- Remind101—texts general for School (text 587 316 7407 with the message @hilltophig)

Please ensure we have your most current phone number and that you sign up for Grad's Remind101 in order for us to be able to keep you informed.

Our two counselors, Mr. Mireau and Mrs. Kendall, have started the Grade 12 One on One Interviews. During these interviews, potential grads are informed of their Current Credit Count and the Requirements for Graduation. Here, a plan is put in place to track the student's progress towards graduation. Students will meet with a counselor to revise this plan over the course of the year if necessary. This initial meeting <u>must</u> be signed off on the Graduation Application Part One which is **due Dec. 1, 2014**.

#### Significant Dates

- · Grad Photos-December 4-6, February 26
- . Seniors' Supper-specific date TBD in conjunction with the Seniors' Circle
- Graduation Date and Venue: 3:00 pm Saturday, June 28, 2014 @ the Athabasca Arena
- Others TBD with input from the Grad Committee/Grad Class

#### Grad Details:

- Grads are required to complete two separate grad applications: one for each semester (available at the
  office and on the webpage).
- · Grad consists of three parts:
  - 1. convocation ceremony (organized by school),
  - 2. grand march (organized by school),
  - 3. banquet (organized by parents if they choose to have one)

Note Please: There is NO school approved ski trip, campout or party or out of country trip ie. S-Trip.



#### 2015 Grad Committee

President: Justin Jacobsen
Vice President: Jessica Berggren
Secretary/Treasurer: Dustin Jendrick
Events Coordinator/Class Rep: Kelli Butler

Yearbook Liaisons: Brittany Childs-LeRoy and Kylie Churchill

## GU TAR CLUB

Guitar Club meets every Wednesday at noon. Please join us for lessons. All skills levels are welcome. Lessons are taught by Randy & Cindy from Cultured Stone Studios. If you have any questions or concerns see Mrs. Kendall



**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 between 8:30 am & 4:00 pm or leave a message.

2013 ~ 2014 AWARDS NIGHT Congratulations to all our students that received an award!

#### www.alis.alberta.ca

Check out the *Alberta Learning Information Service* link on our
HHS website.

Topics include career planning, postsecondary info, student loans, scholarships, videos and more.



#### **Humanitarian Club**

We are excited to start up the Humanitarian Society again this year. We have had a great turn out, with lots of willing hands ready to help to our cause. For those of you who are not aware of what the Humanitarian Society is, we are a student-run organization that raises money in order to help support grandparents keep their orphaned children as well as an orphanage in Uganda. If you are interested in joining we meet every Thursday at lunch in Mrs. Rosvold's room. It is a worthy cause full of fun and exciting ætivities.

We started off the year with elections for the various positions within the society. The position were filled as follows:

- President Jessica Berggren
- ♦ Vice President Jennifer Long
- Secretary Rae Swanson
- Treasurer Caelyn Basaraba
- ♦ Media Team Justine Davey, Rhyleigh Henault, Kaitlyn Snow and Elizabeth Pitt-Taylor

We took some time to get to know each other at our annual welcome back party. Burgers were eaten, laughs were had and even a brave soul managed to find their way to the hot tub. Now our force is ready to raise some money. Look out for us at the following events Firemen's Ball and Halloween, where we will be selling some candy bags.



The Jr. girls volleyball is continuing a great run this season as they remain undefeated in GCAA league play. The team is also looking forward to the Mayerthorpe tournament where their skills will be tested. This will be great timing as the team gets ready for their zone tournament and league finals.

The Sr. boys and girls volleyball continues with the teams getting stronger as the season rolls on. The girls are sitting in the middle of the pack in league play and the boys are on top of the standings also with an unblemished record. Both teams are getting ready for some tough games in the Edson tournament. The Chargers will be facing rivals from all over the zone and look to move up the rankings before the zone tournament.

A big thank you to Brock Elliot and the time he put towards the Jr. boys volleyball program this year. It is truly appreciated from all of us here at Hilltop.

Congratulations to the Hilltop Chargers Sr. boys volleyball team for winning the Mayerthorpe Sr. volleyball tournament on the weekend. The chargers defeated Evansburg in the final with scores of 25 - 18 and 25 - 21. The chargers teams will be competing in Edson next on Oct. 31, & Nov. 1, 2014. **GO CHARGERS!** 

Coming soon, you will see student sports reporters around the school and on the Monday announcements as they interview coaches, athletes and the students here at Hilltop.

Chris Keay (Athletic Director, Hilltop High School)



Welcome to our visiting 2014 Japanese students from Yabetsu, Japan.

The drumming presentation held on Tuesday, November 4th was quite amazing! We thank the visiting students for sharing their culture with us.



Here is a list of hosting students and their partners:

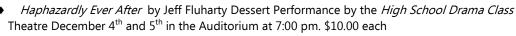
★ Katlyn Szybunka Yuzuki Iwasaki
 ★ Rachel Wise Shiori Yamaki
 ★ Dakota Woods Shu Sasaki

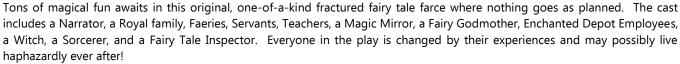
◆ Jason Colbourne Sonosuke Shimizu◆ Brooklyn Parker Ran Tanikawa

Megan Thibault Kasumi Watanabe

#### Hilltop High School Drama 9 Presents the following:

On October 31, Halloween Day, at lunch the Drama 9 students organized and performed A Haunted House. It was a fun time filled with spooky & scary costumes and well received by all the students.





- If The Shoe Fits by Karen Woodford Dessert Performance by Drama 9-1 (will take place in January)
  Prince Owen is depressed. He's ready to go to college and study computers (After all, the Kingdom of Kravitz is the only kingdom without a webpage!), but tradition dictates that he attend a ball in honor of his graduation and choose a bride. All the eligible girls in the kingdom will be there, including the Royal Fan Club. The play includes a king who's a stickler for tradition, a town crier who hates his job and a fairy godmother straight from the employment agency, this modern twist of an old favorite is sure to provide a rollicking good time for cast and audience alike!
- ♦ The Princess King by Jeff Fluharty Dessert Performance by Drama 9-2 (will take place in January)

  Everyone loves a good story, especially when it comes to life! Lucille's mother tells her the story of "The Princess King" a s it unfolds before the audience on stage. Princess Genevieve wants to marry Henry, but he's just a common cook. Of course, the king thinks this is ridiculous and takes it upon himself to choose who will be the next king and a suitable husband for his daughter. Filled with mistaken identities, tongue-in-cheek humor and over-the-top characters, your audiences will cheer for the princess as she tries to outsmart Prince Air-Guitar and evil "Prince Fluffy" and battle the great chicken -dragon, with some help from Henry's delicious lasagna!



#### **Grade 9 PAT: IMPORTANT Parent Information**

In January and June of this school year, students in Grade 9 throughout the province will write provincial achievement tests in four subject areas: language arts, math, science and social studies. Results from 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. These results can be used to improve learning opportunities for students.

To ensure that they do their best when writing an achievement test, special format test materials and other writing accommodations are available to students who have learning or physical abilities and who use such accommodations regularly to support their learning. If a student is **NOT** capable of responding to an achievement test even with one or more writing accommodations, or if participation would be harmful to the student, a superintendent may excuse a student from writing. A superintendent's decision to excuse a student from writing an achievement test is based on a recommendation from the principal that is supported by the child's parent or guardian. This recommendation must also be supported with documentation such as a student's individual learning plan (IPP).

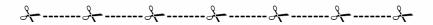
#### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR REVIEW OR STUDY MATERIAL FOR YOUR GRADE 9 CHILD?

"The Key" study guide is a resource published by Castle Rock Research and is designed to provide a focus for students in studying for PAT's and for general class review at the grade 9 level. "The Key" is available for Social Studies 9, Math 9, Language Arts 9 and Science 9; it provides a summary of the main course content and practice questions. "The Key" follows Alberta's Program of Studies and focuses on the outcomes for each grade 9 class.

We are making "The Key" available to our grade 9 students at the cost of \$20.00 per Key (sold for up to \$30.00 in most bookstores) on a pre-order basis. We are only doing one order this school year. Buying "The Key" is not required and is being offered only as a service to students to help them review class material/content and to help in their preparation for exams.

Money or cheques (made out to Hilltop High School) will be collected by your child's homeroom teacher until Monday November 24. We anticipate that we will receive "The Key" books before the winter break.

A copy of the order form is attached or they can be picked up at the Hilltop office until November 24. Homeroom teachers will have order forms too.



#### Please return this form to your homeroom teacher by Monday November 24, 2014.

QUANTITY	SUBJECT	COST		TOTAL
	Math 9 2013	\$20.00		
	Science 9 2013	\$20.00		
	Language Arts 9 2013	\$20.00		
	Social Studies 9 2013	\$20.00		
	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			
Student's name:			Class	

Please make cheques payable to: Hilltop High School

Payment via cheque \_\_\_\_\_ or cash \_\_\_\_\_

### GRADE NINE PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION MEETING

#### **NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

7:00 p.m. in the LIBRARY.

Please join us to learn about grade 10 at Hilltop High School. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call Mrs. Kendall at the school.

#### Topics will include:

- classes available
- ♦ Important dates
- graduation requirements
  - ♦ course registration
  - CALM and HCS3000
- Off-Campus Education Opportunities
  - Post-Secondary



In reviewing the 2014/2015 **PAT Information** the following was discovered:

- January dates for exams in the agenda are correct
- June dates need are incorrect and need to be shifted one day over...
  - ♦ LA PART A May 11
  - ♦ Science June 23rd
    - ♦ Math June 24th
    - LA Part B June 25
  - ♦ Social Studies June 26

#### **Times Officially Scheduled:**

- ♦ LA Part A 120 minutes
- ♦ LA Part B 75 minutes
- ♦ Math 90 minutes
- ♦ Science 75 minutes
- ♦ Social Studies 80 minutes
  - ♦ K & E 75 minutes

ALL TESTS - 30 minutes extra time allowed

♦ Start Time for all exams is 9:00 a.m.



#### **Student Services**

Grade 12 students should drop in or make an appointment to see Mr. Mireau for your grade 12 interview to make sure graduation is in order, correct any deficiencies that may exist, and to assist in post secondary planning.

### Work Experience

Please see Mr. Mireau if you are interested in the Work Exp. Program. Hours cannot be counted or credits awarded until all paper work is completed. Remember you can get up to 15 credits in Work Experience towards your high school diploma.

#### **NOVEMBER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

- Scotiabank National Scholarship, November 4, 2014
  - ◆ TD Canada Trust, November 28th, 2014

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS OPEN NOVEMBER 1st, 2014



#### POST-SECONDARY APPLICATION SESSION

Wednesday, November 26th from 6:30-8pm, Mr. Mireau will be on hand to assist students and parents in applying for postsecondary programs online. Contact Student Services for more details.

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



thinking of applying to post-secondary institutions, in preparation for their exciting futures. To assist with the financial aspect, Indspire's FAAY Stay in School Incentive Award electronic application is located on Indspire's website at indspire.ca. This is a \$750 National award provided to 24 selected First Nation, Inuit and Métis high school students. The deadline is November 1st, 2014. Please check out the many opportunities available to you.

Tansi! Time flies . . . I hope our many FNMI Graduates are Congratulations to Shaylynn Auger, the amazing recipient of the Hilltop FNMI Scholarship for the 2013/14 school year. Shaylynn has plans to continue her studies and we are very proud of her accomplishments! Every year Hilltop High School awards funds to many of our students. It is so wonderful to share the success stories of our youth as they continue on their path to success.

> Mrs. Smith-Tomke FNMI Liaison Worker

#### What is it: Alexander Rutherford High School Achievement Scholarship

**Sponsored by**: Alberta Scholarship Programs.

Purpose: To recognize and reward academic achievement at the senior high school level and to encourage students to pursue post-secondary studies.

**Value**: Up to \$2,500

Eligibility: Applicants must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident and an Alberta resident; and plan to enroll or be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program or apprenticeship program.

Selection: A student must have a minimum combined average based on five designated courses in at least one grade: Grade 10, 11 or 12. The minimum average, value of the award, and courses that can be used depend on the year the student graduated.

Application forms are also available from Alberta Scholarship Programs and at all Alberta High Schools.

Deadline: May 1 for September start date and December 1 for January start date.

**Disbursement**: The award is issued in November for students who applied by May 1 and in early April for students who applied by December 1.



On Wednesday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, 2014 is Hilltop High School's day for all grade 9s to participate in a one-day job-shadowing experience.

Parents are invited to bring their child in grade nine to their workplace to introduce students to career opportunities. Students who do not wish to participate will attend their regular classes.

Specific information outlining the program will be sent home. If you have any questions about "Take Our Kids to Work" Day, please contact Mrs. Kendall in the Student Services office or call 780.778.2446.

# **Storefront School**



Hilltop Storefront students were kept busy during the month of October. We held our annual Awards Ceremony on October 15 and recognized 16 students in a variety of categories for their dedication, success and accomplishments. Some of the awards and recipients were:

- Most Dedicated Student Awards went to Ashten Barclay, Taren Bradley, Holden Commandeur, Madison Dunkley, Toni Fullarton, Josie Galliot, Brianne Koren, Kristen Lacosse, Kat Newton and Meranda Robinson, Most Dedicated Blended Student awards went to Skye Charbonneau, Megan Thibeault, Shayna Vandezande and Bryce Wilkinson.
- Outstanding Senior High Student award went to Kat Newton and Meranda Robinson.
- Volunteer Award went to Kat Newton
- Ambassador award went to Brianne Koren and Nakeita Snook. (ongratulations!)

Most Improved Student went to Tamara Simpson.

The Friends of Hilltop provided a \$500 Scholarship in memory of Jonathan Chapdelaine who was a student at storefront school. The winner of the one-time award was Meranda Robinson. We would like to congratulate all our award winners for their hard work and dedication.

During the month of October Storefront students kept busy in the kitchen. The students prepared a delicious meal consisting of turkey and all the trimmings for Thanksgiving and it was well received and highly complimented by those who had the opportunity to take part. The Community Special Guest luncheon was well received on October 28<sup>th</sup> as well.

As always, Storefront has exceptional support workers from the community that come to our school and help out; Sara Sears with addictions will be coming in on Tuesday's to do learning activities with the students. Carolyn Lynch with Caniff will be here on Monday's and Wednesday's from 10:30 to 12 noon. Kyria Baranowski from Family Community Liasion will be at Storefront on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am.

Swamp the teacher campaign was well received and many students won prizes.

Storefront will offer two late nights on November 13 and 27, to determine if it is feasible to extend the school day to 6:00 pm.

Some of our upcoming events for November will be our Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:30 am on Thursday, November 6, 2014. Our students will be preparing and serving a luncheon on November 25 for the Whitecourt Fire Department.

> Hours: Monday ~ Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Phone 780.778.5865



Report cards Issued on Friday. November 14th

NO School for students on Monday, November 10th (Day-in-lieu of PTI)

or Tuesday, November 11th (Remembrance Day).



Go CATS Go!

FLANDERS FIELDS

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In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved. and now we lie, In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

> In Flanders fields. John McCrae



#### MAGAZINE SALES WINNERS

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the magazine sales; a job well done!

- Dawson Keefe IPad mini
- Mitchell Appel Lazer Box
- Kelly-Ann Hallman- Top Seller gr.
- Jemina Moore- Top seller gr. 11
- Sam Soper- Top Seller gr. 10 \$50
- Annick Jeanveau- Top Seller gr. 9
- Nicole Cone- Mini fridge
- Dason Nichols-Speakers
- \$318 was given out in chocolate picks



Mrs. Shelley Slobodian for all her countless hours and hard keeping all the paperwork organized.

