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# Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School

Principal: Mr. Brent Northcott Email: brent.northcott@ngps.ca



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November 8-13 NO SCHOOL

November 20 Friends of Hilltop Parent **Council Meeting** 7:00pm

> November 26-29 Grad Picture Week



### **Bell Schedule**

Warning Bell	8:55 AM
Block 1	9:00 AM - 10:22 AM
Break	10:22 AM - 10:26 AM
Block 2	10:26 AM - 11:48 AM
Lunch Break	11:48 AM - 12:22 PM
Warning Bell	12:22 PM
Block 3	12:27 PM - 1:49 PM
Break	1:49 - 1:53 PM
Block 4	1:53 PM - 3:15 PM

# November 2019 Newsletter

## Message from the Administration

Welcome to November!

November is a time for reflection at Hilltop High School. We start the month off by recognizing the accomplishments of our students from last year in academics, athletics and citizenship. Congratulations to all student award winners. You are very deserving of your success. We also stop to remember the men and women who fought to keep our country free on Remembrance Day. This year our Remembrance Day ceremony will take place on November 7th starting at 10:30am. Parents and community members are welcome to attend to honour the sacrifices made by so many.

Students have an extended break in November as there is no school from November 8 through to November 13. Enjoy your break with your families.

I would like to thank all of the parents who came out for Parent-Teacher Interview Night in October. Your thoughts regarding the positive feel in the building and effective communication between students, parents, and staff support our goal to ensure student and parent connectivity to school. We invite parents to attend our next Friends of Hilltop School Council meeting on November 20 at 7 pm.

November also means a change in the school sports seasons. We are winding down our volleyball season with GCAA playoffs and Zones. The Sr. Girls are hosting the Zone tournament this year on November 15 while the Sr. Boys travel to Barrhead. Jr. High Zones take place on Wednesday, November 6. Good luck to all of our teams. As soon as volleyball ends, we jump right into the basketball season. Team tryouts will be taking place soon.

The Cats football team will be hosting a provincial quarterfinal game against Sturgeon on Saturday, November 9 at Graham Acres. Come out and cheer on the Cats as they try to advance to the next round. The game starts at 1 pm.

We encourage parent communication at Hilltop and use many channels to reach parents and the community. You can sign up for Remind, follow us on Facebook and Twitter and we also send messages using the School Messenger system. Parents can always call or email their children's teachers or administration. We love to hear from you.

Your partner in education, **Brent Northcott** Principal





### Special Guests

It was an honour and our privilege to have **Alberta Education Minister**, the Honourable Adriana LaGrange tour our school, along with MLA Long, MLA Getson, Superintendent Andrea and the NGPS Board of Trustees. Thank you to our special guests for visiting and students **Emma Schlosser** and **Katie Dickson** for joining us on the tour.







## Career and Education Expo <u>Highlights</u>

The Career and Education Expo is a unique opportunity for students to explore their career and post-secondary options both locally and abroad. This years Expo was another success! Thank you to all our community partners involved in organizing this important event for our students.



### **RCMP Presentation**

Thank you Constable Cherry of the Whitecourt RCMP detachment for presenting to our students the opportunities available to them in a policing career. For more information on the qualifications needed and how to apply, please visit their website,

http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ en/qualifications-andrequirements



Chef Mercer's Foods class learns the Breakfast planning unit and the art of presentation.

# ALBERTA

Thank you to the University of Alberta for

presenting to our students the vast amount of opportunities available to them at the U of A. The U of A is one of the top five institutions in Canada with world class professors. They have a wide

range of programs, both in Edmonton and abroad. For more information please check out their website at www.ualberta.ca.



Ms. Bezushko's Science 10 class learns about PH.





Mr. Button's students get hands on in Science class.







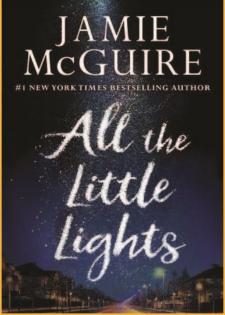
# **New Things November – Wellbeing Calendar**

Try to aim to do at least 5 of the ideas on the calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Feel Outstanding!				<sup>1</sup> Make a list of new things you want to try this month	2 Read a new book, magazine or website	<sup>3</sup> Enjoy new music
<sup>4</sup> Speak to someone new and learn something about them	<sup>5</sup> Go for a walk in a new location, pick out the beauty you can see around	6 Make a meal with a new recipe	7 When you feel you can't do something, add the word 'yet'	<sup>8</sup> Connect and speak to someone from a different generation	9 Try a new skill, Origami, first aid?	10 Get out into nature
<sup>11</sup> Find out three new topics or ideas	12 Volunteer or support a charity in some way	<sup>13</sup> Be creative, draw, cook, paint!	14 Help a friend out who is in need	15 Write all the negatives of the week and throw them away!	16 Learn a new skill from a friend and teach them one of yours!	<sup>I7</sup> Do a long walk at your favourite place
18 Join a new club or event	19 Sign up to take a new course, activity or evening class	<sup>20</sup> Say hello to someone you see regularly but don't always talk to	21 Learn to say a phrase in three languages	22 Choose to do something out of your comfort zone	<sup>23</sup> Go outside and do something	24 Design your own Christmas Cards!
25 Try a new way to practice self care and be kind to yourself	26 Wear something different!	<sup>27</sup> Try a different TV channel or series	28 Join a friend with a hobby, find out why they love it!	29 Use one of your strengths in a new, creative way	30 Set aside a regular time for a new hobby	

# **Teen Book Club**

Join us at the Whitecourt Public Library on the 14th of November from 6 - 7pm for our Teen Book Club. This month we are reading All The Little Lights. When selecting books to read, we will consider books shelved in the Young Adult section of the library. If you enjoy reading these sorts of books and would like to be a part of the discussion, please call the Whitecourt Public Library at 780-778-2900 to let us know you would like to participate.We look forward to seeing you there!









Friends of Hilltop Parent Council 2019-2020 Friends of Hilltop Council Members Chairpersons: Tammy Dickson and Avy Fast Secretary: Joanne Merrifield Treasurer: Roxanne Amiot



### NEXT MEETING: November 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm

This will be a year of new and exciting things at Hilltop High School and we look forward to any feedback, questions, or concerns parents have. Please feel free to attend our next meeting – **November 20 at 7 pm**.

We are now offering PIZZA LUNCH approximately every two weeks to support our free Breakfast Program. **Next pizza lunch days are Nov 1 and 22.** 

Hilltop High School is not part of Breakfast Clubs of Canada and is run by 100% Parent, community, and student volunteers. Mrs. Bell has been graciously helping us while she is trying to run the Bistro, but definitely needs extra hands. If you can help at all – even one morning a week, please see her at the Bistro. Thank you in advance!!

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

**EARN MONEY** to pay 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 the Remax Office or at the school 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 any variety of school related expenses. IGA voucher cards are the **ONLY** fundraiser for Friends of Hilltop, other than bottle recycling to fund our Breakfast Program. Stop by or call the office for more details.



# Hilltop Bistro



## **Open Daily**

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 make a great gift idea.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
				1 Pizza Day	Daily Lunch Special Full Order \$5.00 Half order \$3.00
4 Loaded Tater Tots	5 Chef Mercer Special	6 Chili Dog Tater Tot Casserole	7 Meatball Lasagna w/ Side Salad	8 PD Day No School	Small Chocolate Milk \$1.00 Milk 2 Go (Chocolate, Banana, Strawberry) \$2.50
11 Remembrance Day No School	12 No School	13 No School	14 Macaroni and Cheese	15 Chili Cheese Dogs	Keurig Cup \$1.00 Cookie \$0.50 Loaf \$1.50 Muffin \$1.00
18 Aloha Chicken and Rice	19 Sweet & Sour Meatballs w/ Mashed Potatoes and Corn	20 Chef Mercer Special	21 Cheeseburger Tater Tot Casserole	22 Pizza Day	Square or Pastry \$2.00 Veggie Cup \$1.00 Sandwiches \$3.50 Yogurt Parfait \$1.50
25 Cheesy Ravioli Bake with Cheese Bread	26 Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo	27 Chef Mercer Special	28 Taco in a Bag	29 Butter Chicken w/ Rice	Cheese, Meat & Crackers \$3.50



Grade 10-12 students! Are you interested in a trip to Ottawa to learn about medicine?

Technology? Canada's Parliamentary Democracy? Law? Business? Then Encounters With Canada is the program for you! For under \$800 you can travel to our nation's capital, spend a week with students from across Canada and discover careers in 15 different theme weeks!

Spots are limited! See Mrs. Keay if you are interested!



# School Reach

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



# Medieval Club

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



#### Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News (formerly called Storefront) Phone: 780 - 778 - 5865 Fax: 780-778-5683 <u>SCHOOL HOURS</u> Monday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Wednesday: 12:30 pm to 7:00 pm Thursday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm



No School November 11, 12 and 13

Friday: No School



### FUNDRAISER FOR GATEWAY ACADEMY

Gateway Academy Fundraiser is fundraising for new furniture for our counselling room with Purdys Chocolatier, just in time for Christmas!

If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Christmas gifts for friends, family and yourself, please use the link below:

#### https://fundraising.purdys.com/1021354-67539

After you've signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign. The orders will be ready for pick up on **December 10th**. The deadline for our Purdy's fundraiser is **November 28th**.

### **Gateway Academy Graduates**

Please join our Grad Remind to stay up to date with current grad information. Text the message @hthgrad20 to the number (587) 316-7407.

It is time to book your grad photos! Grad Pictures will take place **November 26-29**. Photo sessions can be booked online at lifetouch.ca/Prestige Portraits. For full instructions on how to book your photo session please see the image to the right.

#### **HOW TO BOOK YOUR GRAD PHOTO SESSION**

#### Follow the steps below for online booking

- 1. Go to Lifetouch.ca
- 2. Click on Prestige Grad Portraits > Get Grad Info
- 3. Click on Find a location near you
- 4. Click on Northern Alberta/Edmonton, AB
- 5. Click on Choose your location
- 6. Schedule High School Session
- 7. Locate your school > Drop down menu Alberta > Enter Whitecourt
- 8. Select Hilltop High School
- 9. Enter your students legal **name** (as it appears in PowerSchool) to receive an appointment code. (write down your code)
- 10. Click on schedule your appointment
- 11. Verify your appointment with an **email address** (you will receive a confirmation email after booking)
- 12. Select your appointment day
- 13. Pick a time for your session
- 14. Confirm your session details are correct and click **continue** to choose your session package
- 15. Proceed to **payment** confirmation and provide your credit card details. *(A standard deluxe session is \$20.00)*
- 16. Print your session details and <u>bring your confirmation to your</u> appointment along with the \$20.00 sitting fee if not paid online.
- 17. Consider viewing the Grad picture day checklist for tips on what to expect out of your Grad Photo session.



### Grad 2020 Remind

Parents and students please sign up to receive important reminders regarding Grad 2019 via text message.

Text the message @hthgrad20 to the number (587) 316-7407

# Important Days to Remember

Hilltop High School's 53rd Graduation Ceremony

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Grad 2020 Friday, June 26 at 2:00 pm All Grads must arrive at gym by 12:00

Grad Pictures November 26-29 Photo sessions can be booked online, please see image below for instructions

> Grad Photo Re-takes February 5



Grad Council 2020

Emma Schlosser - President Kyra Paul - Vice President Kenzie Beck - Secretary Randi Lemoal - Treasurer Kat Taylor - Public Relations Hannah Lyver Luc Aubin Shanitha Murry Rianna Hodgson

Grad Advisers: Mrs. Christianson, Mrs. Blain and Mrs. Van De Kerckhove

### Your winning grad logo, quote and song!

Logo Artist: Falyn Iggulden.

**Quote:** "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory." - Dr. Seuss

**Song:** "I Lived" by One Republic



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# **Grad Wear**

Grad wear order forms are being sent home soon! Please watch for the forms via our grad remind, social media platforms and website. Grad Council will be collecting order on **November 19, 20 and 21** at lunch time in the front office. Sizes will be available to try on. Order forms can also be handed in to the office with payment to Mrs. Runge in Rm 503.



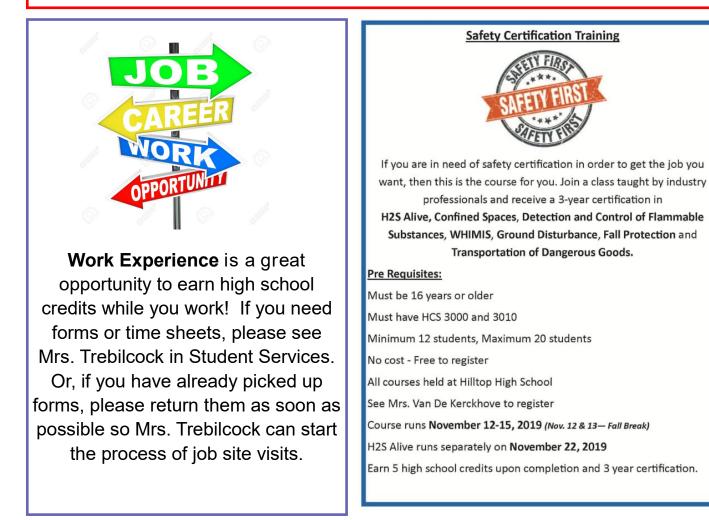




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If you are a student interested in Off-Campus Education or are a business interested in taking on a RAP student, please contact Mrs. Van De Kerckhove at 780-778-2446

FOR NEW RAP OPPORTUNITIES WATCH HERE, ONLINE OR THE OFF CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD





# Athletics Be a Charger...Take Charge!

Jr. Girls Volleyball Home Tournament Saturday, November 2.

Sr. Girls Volleyball Home Tournament (Zones) November 15 & 16

Come cheer on the Chargers!



Sr. Girls Basketball Nov 18 5:30-7:00 (Tryouts) Nov 19 5:30-7:00 (Tryouts)

Nov 20 5:30-7:00 (JV Girls Practice) (Tentative) Nov 21 5:30-7:00 (Sr Girls Practice) (Tentative)

Sr. Boys Basketball Tryouts November 19 7:00 - 8:30 November 21 7:00 - 8:30

#### Jr. Girls Basketball

Tournament Schedule Jr Girls and Boys at Hilltop Practice 2 days per week, day depending on coach and gym schedule.

> Dec 12&13 Morinville Jan 10 & 11 Whitecourt Jan 24 & 25 Edson Feb 21 & 22 Mayerthorpe March 6 & 7 Zones (Girls Morinville, Boys Onoway)

In addition there are 4 league games, 2 home and 2 away, usually played on Tuesdays, girls play first at 4:30, boys to follow.

GCAAS is a one day tournament that takes place during a weekday, usually a Tuesday, last week of February.

# Jr Boys and Jr Girls Volleyball win GOLD!





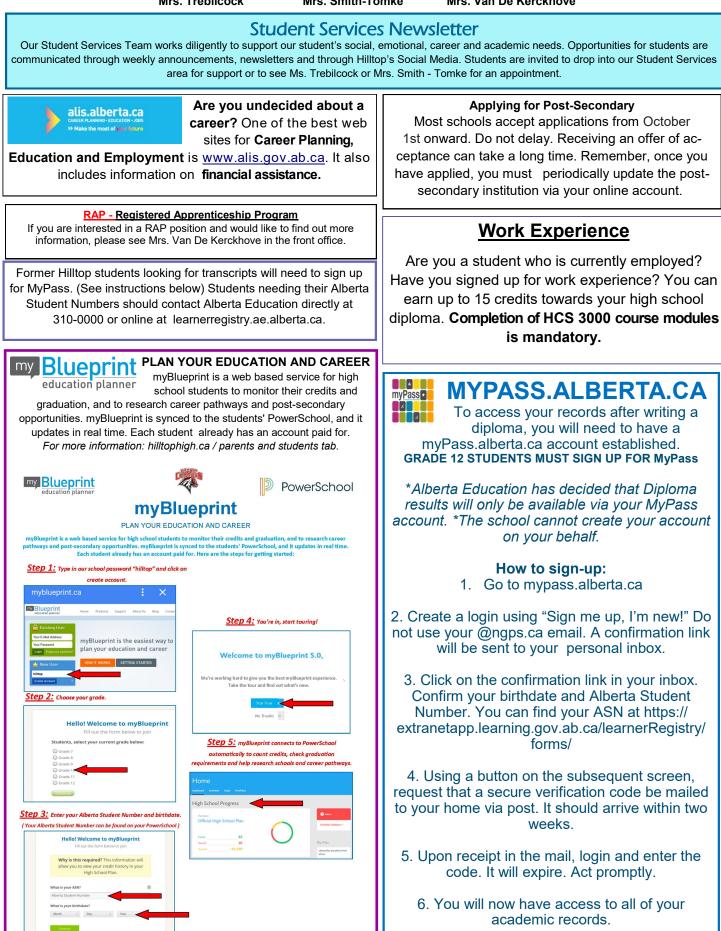
The **CATS Football** team is gearing up to take on Sturgeon in the Provincial Quarter Finals. Come cheer on the CATS on their home turf at **Graham Acres**, **November 9** at **1:00** 





The **A&W Classic** home tournament was another success this year. The Sr. Boys and Sr. Girls both earned gold. Thank you to all participating teams. Special thanks to A&W for their continued support and sponsorship.





Mrs. Trebilcock

Mrs. Smith-Tomke

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Student Grades and Attendance

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# Safe at School



**HOLD AND SECURE** is used when there is a threat or potential threat of violence **OUTSIDE** the school.

This includes events such as: criminal activity; police pursuits; or a dangerous offender in the area (not in the school).

- All exterior doors and windows are locked.
- No outsider access into the building while protocol is in effect.
- If the Hold and Secure extends past dismissal times, doors will remain locked and parents will be provided dismissal information.
- Students will not be released until the Hold and Secure is over.



Register at SchoolCashOnline.com



Hats: \$10.00 each Spirit Wear can be purchased from Mrs. Runge in Room 503

Reduced Spirit Wear Short Sleeve & Long Sleeve T-Shirts \$3.00 each Shorts \$3.00 each



# School Fees

CTS Fees, school fees, and grad fees are available to pay on schoolcashonline.ca. Please check your account regularly to make sure you don't have any outstanding fees on your account.



Hilltop High School would like to request that all students leave any valuables at home.

We encourage all students to keep their combinations for their hall & gym lockers confidential.

# **Attention Parents/Guardians**

\* All students courses, assignments, grades and attendance are available live on Power School and can be viewed at any time. If you have not signed up for Power School, or are having difficulty signing in, please contact the front office and we will help get you started at 780-778-2446. If you have no access to internet you are welcome to stop in to the Learning Commons and access Power School through our internet. Power School is also available as an app for smart phones.

\* If a student is going to be late or absent for any reason, a parent or guardian must notify the school at 780.778.2446. Please use our answering machine if you need to call before or after school hours

\* 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.

\* If there is no call or notification of a students absence from a parent or guardian then it will be considered <u>unexcused</u> and an automated call will go home that night. 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)

\* Please contact the school to verify your contact information or if you need to make any changes.

We appreciate your cooperation



#### Dear Parents,

Hilltop is pleased to partner with Castle Rock Research to provide online ordering for the KEY Study Guide and other resources from Castle Rock. These additional resources can be used by students to prepare for unit tests as well as final exams, Provincial Diploma Exams and Grade Nine Achievement exams. To order resources from Castle Rock Research, please visit https://schoolorders.solaro.com/2108

The order page will have Hilltop High School already listed as well as the school district. Solaro is the digital version of the KEY Study Guide and is listed first. Solaro costs \$14 for one year of access to the digital test bank in one specific subject. Solaro can also be accessed through the Whitecourt Public Library, at no cost. After the Solaro listings, print resources are listed. These resources include:

- KEY Study Guide—a very brief summary of course content, practice questions and tests
- Class Notes—a detailed summary of course content, highlighting curricular outcomes
- Problem Solved—practice questions and answers
- SNAP—student notes and problems which is a combination of the above two resources

The last day to order is Thursday November 7th. Payment can be made using VISA or Mastercard. All orders will be shipped to Hilltop High School. Students should receive their order the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding KEY Study Guides or Solaro, please phone Hilltop High School and ask to be put through to the library

Sincerely,

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K. Greenshields Library Staff Hilltop High School 780.778.2446

November 2019 On Remembrance Day, take the time to remember those who sacrificed their lives to achieve freedom for us all.
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Day 2 26 Day 1 27 Day 2 Grad Pictures Grad Pictures

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# Pep Rally Time







NGPS Annual Employee Recognition Evening







Halloween at Hilltop















