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# Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School



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## October 2020 Newsletter

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Welcome to October. We are now halfway through Quarter 1. It is great to see students settle into their classroom routines and to watch the learning that is happening in classrooms. Students and teachers have adjusted well to the new protocols in place due to Covid. I am extremely proud of how our students have settled into the new normal.

Thank you to the parents who came out to our Friends of Hilltop School Council in September. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 21 at 7 pm.

We will be hosting our Grade 12 parent information meeting on Wednesday, October 7 at 7 pm. This will be a virtual meeting. The links will be shared through our Remind system. We will also be sending out an email to all Grade 12 parents. It is important that the school has your email on file so you receive the link.

I encourage all parents to sign in to the Parent Portal on PowerSchool. There is an app available. Please check with the office if you need assistance accessing your username and password.

I would like to remind parents that our doors open at 8:30 am. Students will have access to the building after this time.

We would like to wish Ms. Greenshields a happy retirement and welcome Mrs. Kurasevich as our new Learning Commons Facilitator.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Students have a four day weekend beginning on October 9 which is a professional development and planning day for staff. Monday, October 12 is Thanksgiving. Enjoy the long weekend.

Your partner in education,

Brent Northcott

Principal

#### Important Dates

**October 5**  
World Teachers Day

**October 7**  
Virtual Grad Meeting

**October 9**  
PD Day- No School

**October 12**  
Thanksgiving-No School

**October 21**  
FOH Meeting 7pm

**Quarter One**  
September 2 - November 5

**Quarter Two**  
November 12 - January 28

**Quarter Three**  
February 1 - April 21

**Quarter Four**  
April 22 - June 28

#### **Bell Schedule**

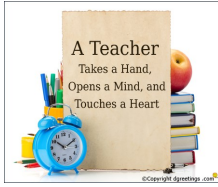
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Lunch Break	11:48 AM - 12:22 PM
Warning Bell	12:22 PM
Block 2	12:27 PM - 3:15 PM

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# NEWS AND EVENTS

**October 5**

World Teachers Day



**October 9**

PD Day  
NO SCHOOL



**October 12**

Thanksgiving  
SCHOOL'S CLOSED



**October 21**

Friends of Hilltop School Council Meeting

7:00 pm



**November 3**

PICTURE RETAKE DAY



## STUDENT POWER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Your PowerSchool information is the same as your Chromebook login information. There is **NO LONGER** a PowerSchool letter.

Most students have already reset their passwords for the year. If you have not done so, please do that first.

If you have a password saved from last year, you must remove it. It seems to override the new password. Also, when going to Power School, please use the information below:

PowerSchool through the Mobile App

District Code: **PSNT**

Username: **firstname.lastname**

Password: **what you have set up for this year**

PowerSchool through the web

Go To: **ps.ngps.ca/public**

Username: **firstname.lastname**

Password: **what you have set up for this year**

## Staff News

We would like to warmly welcome new staff to the Hilltop family!

**Mrs. Candis Kurasevich**

will be our new Learning Commons Facilitator starting October 12.

We would also like to congratulate Ms. Kirstie Greenshields on her retirement.

## REMINDER TO STUDENTS

Students need to **STAY ON SCHOOL GROUNDS** for **BREAKS**. This **DOES NOT** include the arena parking lot.

There are **MANY TEXTBOOKS** that have still not been returned from last year. Please return them ASAP. They can be dropped off at Hilltop High School or Gateway (5104 54th Avenue) between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm.



\*\*Please note that due to Covid-19 protocols, school doors will be locked. Ring the buzzer and a staff member will be happy to assist you.

"The human's life is like an enormous book, consisting of chapters. You've already read 'Childhood', 'School and College Life', they were exciting. The 'Work' chapter is almost over. At this moment, you open the enormous separate book, named 'Retirement'. May the story be full of happiness, joy, love and children's smiles".

## REGISTRATION



We are still accepting new student registration. Registration packages can be found on our website at hilltophigh.ca, please contact the school to schedule an intake meeting with administration before registering. Our office is open, Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If you still haven't sent in your **VALIDATION FORMS**, please do so **ASAP**. Another copy was sent home Monday September 28, 2020. Please remember, it is vital that you include two emergency contacts for your child. In the event of an emergency, evacuation or sickness, if we are unable to reach the students parents we will then reach out to the students emergency contacts. Updated forms are to be handed in to first block Teachers regardless if no information has changed.

**School Fees** can be paid via SchoolCashOnline. To register your child please visit <https://ngps.schoolcashonline.com/>

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES

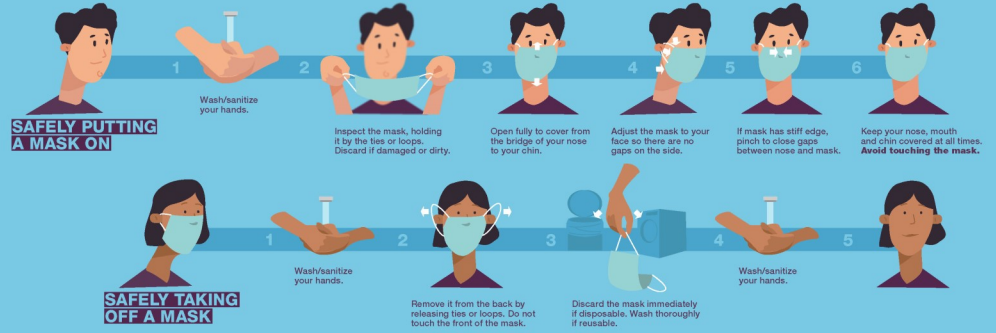


### COVID-19 INFORMATION

## HOW TO WEAR A NON-MEDICAL MASK

Non-medical masks, including homemade cloth masks, can help prevent the spread COVID-19. They are another tool to use in places where it's difficult to keep two metres from other people for extended periods of time – such as public transit, grocery stores, pharmacies, hair salons, airplanes and some retail shops.

Masks do not replace proper hygiene, physical distancing or isolation to prevent the spread.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WEARING AND CARING FOR YOUR MASK

[alberta.ca/masks](https://alberta.ca/masks)



### COVID-19 INFORMATION

## Student illness

### If a student has COVID-19 symptoms

Students with symptoms must not attend school. If a child develops symptoms that could be caused by either COVID-19 or by a known pre-existing condition (e.g., allergies, chronic cough), the child should be tested for COVID-19 to confirm that it is not the source of their symptoms before returning to school.

Anyone that reports symptoms must stay home and seek health care advice as appropriate. Parents can call Health Link 811 or their primary health care practitioner, and fill out the [AHS Online Self-Assessment tool](#) to determine if their child should be tested.

Parents, household members, and contacts of a student who has symptoms but is not a COVID-19 case, are not required to quarantine.

Only the people identified as close contacts of an individual who is a case of COVID-19 need to quarantine. The contacts of the close contacts do not need to quarantine.

#### Book a test

Book a testing appointment online with the AHS assessment tool or call Health Link 811. <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>

#### Symptoms

You should get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptom.

If you have any of these symptoms you are **legally required to isolate for at least 10 days** from the start of your symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer:

- Fever
  - Cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough)
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening)
  - Runny nose
  - Sore throat
- If you have any of these other symptoms, stay home and minimize your contact with others until your symptoms resolve:
- Chills
  - Painful swallowing
  - Stuffy nose
  - Headache
  - Muscle or joint aches
  - Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion
  - Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite)
  - Loss of sense of smell or taste
  - Conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye

Monitor your child's health and call [Health Link 811](#) if you have questions or concerns. Call 911 immediately if experiencing severe symptoms of COVID-19, including difficulty breathing, severe chest pain, feelings of confusion or loss of consciousness.

### COVID-19 INFORMATION

## Screening Questionnaire

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS MUST USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE DAILY TO DECIDE IF THE STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL

#### Risk Assessment: Initial Screening Questions

1.	Do you, or your child attending the program, have any of the below symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the person attending the activity/facility travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you/your child had close <b>unprotected*</b> contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters/6 feet) with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days <b>and who is ill**</b> ?	YES	NO
4.	Have you/your child attending the program or activity had close <b>unprotected*</b> contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters/6 feet) in the last 14 days with someone who is ill**?	YES	NO
5.	Have you/your child or anyone in your household been in close <b>unprotected*</b> contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

\* "unprotected" means close contact without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

\*\* "ill" means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above"

If you have answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** enter the school at this time. You should stay home and use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

If you have answered "No" to all the above questions, you may attend school.

For more information: [alberta.ca/covid19](https://alberta.ca/covid19)

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## COVID-19 Information—Student illness

### STAY AT HOME GUIDE

This summary, based on the September 2020 Government of Alberta update, [COVID-19 Symptom-Student illness](#), provides further clarity to parents about the ‘isolation’ period or ‘stay home and minimize contact with others’ period if a child has presenting symptoms.

It is still expected that parents complete [Alberta Health’s Daily Checklist](#), each day, before sending your child to school.

### My child has COVID-19 symptoms. How long must my child stay home?

<b>If my child has any of these core COVID-19 symptoms:</b>	<b>If my child has any of these (secondary) symptoms:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fever</li> <li>Cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough)</li> <li>Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening)</li> <li>Runny nose</li> <li>Sore throat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chills</li> <li>Painful swallowing</li> <li>Stuffy nose</li> <li>Headache</li> <li>Muscle or joint aches</li> <li>Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion</li> <li>Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite)</li> <li>Loss of sense of smell or taste</li> <li>Conjunctivitis (pink eye)</li> </ul>
<b>What should I do next?</b>	<b>What should I do next?</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete AHS’ <a href="#">Online Self-Assessment Tool</a> and call 811.</li> <li>2. You are legally required to have your child isolate for at least 10 days from the start of symptoms or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.</li> <li>3. It is strongly recommended that your child be tested for COVID-19.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete AHS’ <a href="#">Online Self-Assessment Tool</a> and call 811.</li> <li>2. Keep your child home from school and minimize your child’s contact with others until symptoms resolve.</li> <li>3. It is recommended that your child be tested for COVID-19.</li> </ol>
<b>When can my child return to school?</b>	<b>When can my child return to school?</b>
<p>Your child may return to school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once the 10-day isolation is complete and symptoms have resolved,</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When your child has received a negative COVID-19 test result, has no known exposure to the virus, and symptoms have resolved.</li> </ul>	<p>Your child may return to school once symptoms have resolved and your child is feeling better.</p>
<p>Please see Alberta’s <a href="#">COVID-19 Symptom-Student illness</a> document for information regarding pre-existing conditions.</p>	

## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

I have shared information about keeping children and youth safe online previously. However, with the increased reliance on technology during COVID-19, we could use an updated reminder of basic safety and appropriate digital citizenship.

### WHAT IS DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP?

The online dictionary definition of DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP is "the responsible use of technology by anyone who uses computers, the internet and digital devices to engage with society on any level".

When it comes to safe use of technology, Northern Gateway Public Schools Administrative Procedure 140 1.3 states *Accessing, uploading, downloading, transmitting, displaying or distributing obscene, violent, illegal or sexually explicit language is unacceptable. All users are responsible for their appropriate use of resources in all areas of the school program.*

### DANGERS

With just a click, we can have access to any terrifying, vile, twisted and horrific image. It is not a matter of IF our children will witness extreme violence, perversion and brutality, it is a matter of WHEN. I do not say this to cause fear. Rather, we as parents and/or grandparents, must protect our children. If not us, then whom? We need to arm ourselves with the knowledge and skills to teach our children how to report obscene sites, reject requests from strangers, block inappropriate followers, and talk to you when they see something upsetting.

### HELPFUL SAFETY HINTS

**Keep devices and computers in high-traffic areas of your home.** The Canadian Pediatric Society tells us that solitary use increases the risks for exposure to negative or harmful content.

**Talk, talk and talk some more with your children.** It is never too early or late to start conversations staying safe online. See "Discussion Starters" below.

**Set limits and boundaries.** Just like giving bedtimes and curfews, children need to know what you expect online, time limits, sites to go on, etc. According to the Canadian Pediatric Society, for children under 5 years of age, screen time should be less than 1 hour per day. Screens should be avoided at least 1 hour before bedtime, and "screen-free" times must be incorporated daily, for activities such as exercise, sports, board games or family meal time.

**Surf the internet together.** Let your children show you what they like to do online.

**Be a good digital citizen.** Start talking with your kids early about being respectful and responsible online. Discuss your family values in relation to the acceptable uses of technology. Use your own online behavior as a **role model**. Limit the amount of personal information you share and keep a healthy balance between time spent on screens and face to face relationships.

**Set strong passwords for all devices.** It's important to NOT use the same passwords for critical accounts, and to change passwords regularly. Reinforce with your children that they should NEVER share their passwords with anyone other than you, not even their best friend. **Know your child's passwords.**

**Set privacy settings.** They should be at the highest possible setting for each site and each app your child is accessing.

**Share with care.** Younger children should not post personal information — including their name, phone number, email address, postal address, school, or photos without consulting with you.

**Talk with older children about the information they are posting.** Putting personal information online leaves them open to cyberbullying or to people who want to take advantage of them. Social networks (Tik Tok, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, etc.) are a great way to connect with other people, but children need to consider carefully what they post on these sites. Reinforce the message that the internet is *FOREVER* and that information they post can be shared with *ANYONE*. In addition, be knowledgeable on the age requirements of apps, games, movies and television shows. Most social media apps are a minimum of 13 years old. Many apps, games and Netflix shows are Mature due to violence, sex and profanity.

**Don't respond to a bully or try to retaliate.** *STOP, BLOCK, TELL* is a good rule. Teach your children to stop communicating with someone who is sending insulting, hurtful or disturbing messages online. If the messages continue, ask your child to save them and then block that person. Then they need to tell a parent or trusted adult. Cyberbullying can have tragic outcomes for the [bullied](#) and serious legal consequences for the [bully](#).

**Think before you click.** Children should never click links in messages from people they don't know or in messages that look suspicious. They should not download files to their phones or computers unless they are absolutely sure they're safe.

**Be wary.** Children should not get together with anyone they "meet" online. The person they think they're talking to online may not always be who they say they are. If a person asks for personal information or makes them uncomfortable, they need to come to you or another trusted adult.

**Inform yourself.** It can be difficult to keep up with technology, but just as you need to know where your children are in their offline lives, it is just as important to know where they go when they're online. Talk to other parents, learn from one another. As noted earlier, open communication with your children is your best route staying informed.

**Randomly Check Your Child's Browser and Chat Histories.** Don't be afraid to take a close look at what your children are looking at and who they're chatting with online. *Forewarned is forearmed.* [Protectkids.com](#) and [Internet Safety 101](#) are excellent sources of information about sexual predators and advice to help avoid the dangers associated with online predators.

**Check With Your ISP for Parental Control Software.** Most Internet Service Providers offer free parental control software that can help parents keep their kids safe online. Some providers have it built into the modem/router used to access the service.

**Set Parental Controls on the Connected Devices Your Kids Use.** Windows and Mac computers, iOS and Android phones and tablets, and gaming consoles all offer parental controls. Familiarize yourself with these controls and adjust them as needed.

Check out these sites for the best apps to keep your entire family safe and responsible online.

<https://www.safewise.com/resources/parental-control-filters-buyers-guide/> and

<https://pixelprivacy.com/resources/keep-children-safe-online/> and

<https://www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-parental-control-software>

## WARNING SIGNS

Kids who are being cyber-bullied, have been contacted by an online predator or viewing inappropriate material often exhibit changed behavior. They may act secretively, react unusually, close browser windows when you enter the room, take a device into the bathroom or other locked doors, spend excessive time online, especially at night, moodier than usual, and have mature knowledge about adult situations. Do not get angry at your child but talk to them in a non-judgmental manner.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

What are your favorite things to do online?

What is personal information? Why should you keep it private?

Tell me about a time that you were scared or worried about something you saw online.

What could you do to be safer online?

What would you do if anyone online asked to meet you face-to-face? Besides me, who do you feel that you can talk to if you are in a scary or uncomfortable situation?

("National Center for Missing and Exploited Children" website [[www.netismartz.org/internetsafety/](http://www.netismartz.org/internetsafety/)])

Parenting is hard! It takes a lot of time and energy to stay informed on keeping children safe online and in real time. Do not lose hope! With positive relationships, open communication and a healthy connection with your child, you will all survive and be stronger because of it!

### More resources for parents:

Government of Canada: [Get Cyber Safe](#), [Canadian Centre for Child Protection](#), [Need Help Now](#), [www.kidshelpline.com](#), report concerns to <https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/report> and/or the RCMP

**Sources:** [CBC News](#), [Scholastic](#), [Privacy Canada](#), [Pixel Privacy](#), [Protect Young Minds](#), [Canadian Pediatric Society](#)



# Hilltop Bistro



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Chicken Caesar Wrap	2 Cheeseburger Tater Tot Casserole with Side Salad
5 Mac and Cheese	6 Beef Stroganoff & Side Salad	7 Thai Chicken Wraps with Chicken Noodle Soup	8 Bacon Cheese Burger & Potato Salad	9 NO SCHOOL PD DAY
12 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	13 Loaded Tater Tots	14 Perogies & Garlic Sausage	15 Cheesy Ravioli Bake with Side Salad	16 Chili Dogs with Coleslaw
19 Oven Baked Mozza Meatball Sandwiches	20 Parmesan Chicken with Rotini Pasta & Side Salad	21 Turkey Bacon Ranch Club Wrap	22 Taco in a Bag	23 Lasagna with Side Salad
26 Meatballs with Gravy Mashed Potato Butter Peas	27 Aloha Chicken & Rice	28 Pulled Pork Buns with Side Salad	29 Toasted BLT & Beef Barley Soup	30 Sausage Alfredo Bake w/ Mozza Cheese & Side Salad

**Open Daily**

• **All vending machines and microwaves are closed at this time.**

**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	\$1.50
Cheese, Meat & Crackers	\$3.50

**Buy your \$10 or \$20 Bistro Card today! See Mrs. Runge in Rm 503. Debit/Cash Accepted!**

[Friends of Hilltop Parent Council](#)

**2020-2021 Friends of Hilltop Council Members**

**Tammy Dickson, Avy Fast, Joanne Merrifield and Roxanne Amiot**

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

To All Parents of Hilltop Students  
From FRIENDS OF HILLTOP PARENT COUNCIL

**NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

**\*\*At this time Friends of Hilltop cannot offer a Breakfast Program. Please stay tuned in the future for more information.**

You can continue to **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 --**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.

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# Grad News

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## Grad 2020 Remind

Parents and students please sign up to receive important reminders regarding Grad 2021 via text message.

**Text the message @hthgrad21 to the number (587) 316-7407**

## Important Days to Remember

Hilltop High School's 54th Graduation Ceremony

Grad Day 2021  
**Date & Time: TBA**

Graduation/Scholarship Information Meeting  
Virtual Student/Parent ZOOM Meeting  
**October 7th @ 7pm**

Information, including the ZOOM link will be sent home early October. Please watch for this.

Grad Pictures  
**November 30 - December 3**

Photo sessions can be booked online approximately a week before. Communication will be sent out via the Grad Remind with full instructions once online booking is available and open.

## Need a ONE-ON-ONE Meeting?

Starting October 1st, 2020, Mrs. Trebilcock (In Student Services), will be offering assistance after school to any Grade 12 students wishing to apply to Post Secondary Education. Students will need to bring a laptop and a credit card and they MUST have already signed up for applyalberta.

## Schulich Leader Scholarships– Creating the Next Generation



Are you an entrepreneurial mind, a technology innovator? Nominate yourself **TODAY** for a Schulich Leader Scholarship. Write a letter to Mrs. Trebilcock, Student Services, highlighting your academic excellence, leadership attributes, and the focus of your career choice in one of the following areas: Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Business Enterprise and Applied Scientific Research. Don't forget to explain **HOW** and **WHY** you would be an excellent candidate. Submit the letter **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 4th** and it could be you! **GOOD LUCK!**

The Schulich Leader Scholarships are the largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships in Canada with a top value of up to \$1000,000 each!

**WOW!**

## Applying to Universities

### Choose your Program(s)

Review programs and identify your top choices. Check the admission requirements. Selecting two program choices (PER UNIVERSITY/ COLLEGE YOU ARE WISHING TO ATTEND) will give you the best chance of receiving an admission offer. Your most desired program should be your first choice/priority. \*NOTE: there is a non-refundable fee of \$90-\$150 per university application.

### Submit your application

Start your application at the desired University/College. You will report your completed grade 11 and 12 courses, AND grade 12 courses you are taking and planning to take. You can also apply for residence on your application. After you apply for admission, you will receive a student ID and CCID that you can use to apply for scholarships.

### Check your Status

After you apply you will have access to the Universities portal. Here you can check your application status, submit outstanding documents, update new final marks and review any checklist items for your program. Universities will also send you a University email address where you will check for notifications or correspondence.

### Accept your Offer

After you receive an admission offer, you'll need to accept and pay the tuition deposit. You will also need to accept your residence offer.





## Are you in Grade 10, 11 or 12? Thinking about University, College or Trade School?

Check out these **VIRTUAL Open Houses**.  
**\*\*Pre-registration is required\*\***



Open House  
**Saturday, October 17, 2020**  
 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



We're a community of thinkers, doers and makers whose job is to make sure you're equipped for yours.

Join us on from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 21** for our Virtual Open House.  
 Explore our wide range of academic programs and student services, and meet with a faculty member from your academic area of interest.

**Live Zoom sessions** are scheduled throughout the day.



**October 24, 2020 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)**  
 Apply for **FREE** at the event (\$70 value)  
 Enter to win a **\$1,000 tuition rebate.**

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
 10am-2pm

Explore all we have to offer!



RCD Open House  
**CANCELLED** due to COVID-19.  
 Please visit our RCD info sessions  
 October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.



Friday, October 16, 9 am - 3 pm  
 Saturday, October 17, 10 am - 3pm

Visit over 20 virtual booths showcasing NAIT's programs and services.



**Date:** November 8, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00am - 6:30pm

### Join us for VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Take a live virtual tour, visit our faculty and student service virtual exhibitions, and attend online discovery sessions to get to know your future campus.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 2020  
 10 AM - 3 PM

UCALGARY.CA/OPENHOUSE



## UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Join us at Virtual Open House 2020!

Thursday, October 15, 2020 - Saturday, October 17, 2020

- Day 1 | Thursday, October 15, 2020 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Day 2 | Friday, October 16, 2020 from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Day 3 | Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



### VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday  
 November 7, 2020  
 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter for registration details and how you could win an educational award of \$5,000!

MacEwan.ca/OpenHouse



## **Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News** (formerly called Storefront)

**Phone: 780 - 778 - 5865 Fax: 780-778-5683**  
**Text: 780-779-1193**

### **SCHOOL HOURS**

**Monday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm**  
(Break 10-10:15. Lunch 12-1)

**Tuesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm**  
(Break 10-10:15. Lunch 12-1)

**Wednesday: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm**

(Break at 10-10:15. Lunch 12-1. Break 3-3:15. Supper is 30min at your own discretion)

**Thursday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm**  
(Break 10-10:15. Lunch 12-1)

**Friday: No School**



### What is Gateway Academy?

Gateway Academy is Hilltop High School's Outreach program. Our alternative educational setting is designed for students that are unable to, or do not wish to, attend a traditional high school program. We offer programming for Grades 9 through 12. The program is based on Alberta Education's curriculum and students receive credit towards their high school diploma as they would in the regular program.



We offer:

- a nurturing environment that supports not only academic development but emotional, social and intellectual growth.
- A flexible schedule where students can drop in to receive individualized tutorials;
- **A quiet, welcoming learning environment;**
- **Individualized independent learning** utilizing Alberta Distance Learning Resources;
- In person and/or online one on one tutorials with the subject teacher;
- Personal Support (**including access to counselling with a psychologist from Canniff & Associates**);
- Staff mentorship to aid in planning high school courses and school-career transitions.

### Staff members for the 2020/2021 school year are:

**Maureen Kendall Outreach Program Coordinator/Teacher (English/Social/Options)**

Contact: [maureen.kendall@ngps.ca](mailto:maureen.kendall@ngps.ca)

**Chris Thomas Math/Science Teacher (Part time)**

Contact: [chris.thomas@ngps.ca](mailto:chris.thomas@ngps.ca)

**Kevin Babiuk Social/Science/Math Teacher**

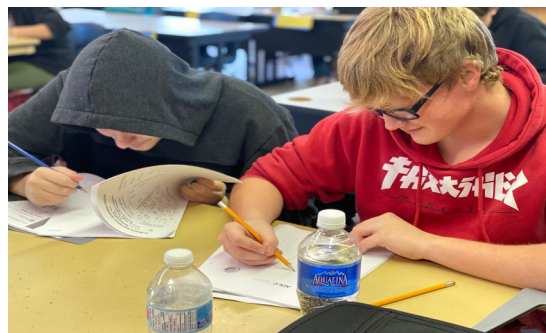
Contact: [kevin.babiuk@ngps.ca](mailto:kevin.babiuk@ngps.ca)

**Tammy Johnson Administration Assistant**

Contact: [tammy.johnson@ngps.ca](mailto:tammy.johnson@ngps.ca)

**Jennifer Osmond Educational Assistant**

Contact: [jennifer.osmond@ngps.ca](mailto:jennifer.osmond@ngps.ca)



Have questions about our program? Are you a current student wishing to book a tutorial or counselling appointment?  
Please reach out:

**School Phone: (780) 778-5865 School Cell: (780) 779-1193**

# Construction NEWS

Submitted by: Construction Teacher, Miss. Hlus

Our construction 10 / 20 / 30 class at Hilltop has been BUSY for the first few weeks of the new school year.

The Construction 10 students have already completed their first project of a simple box. The criteria they had to follow was to choose a different type of joinery technique for each corner to work on their joinery skills. They also had to router a design into the lid of the box.



Here is a photo of a few of the students' hard work!

The Construction 20 students have also been busy, working on their framing and carpentry skills and choosing larger projects to support their learning. Our Hilltop CON 20 students would also like to advertise that they are looking for "Framing Course" customers! They are able to build any of the three options found below!



Outdoor playhouse:  
Measures 4' wide, 8' long, and 6' tall (it will be built on a deck that is 8' x 8')

Indoor playhouse: Measures appx. 4.5' wide, 6.5' long, and 5' tall.

Firewood shelter: Measures appx. 4' wide by 8' long by 5.5' tall

Contact Miss. Hlus at [laramie.hlus@ngps.ca](mailto:laramie.hlus@ngps.ca) for pricing and availability

## Student Services Newsletter

Our Student Services Team works diligently to support our student's social, emotional, career and academic needs. Opportunities for students are communicated through weekly announcements, newsletters and through Hilltop's Social Media. Students are invited to drop into our Student Services area for support or to see Ms. Trebilcock or Mrs. Smith - Tomke for an appointment.



**Are you undecided about a career?** One of the best web sites for **Career Planning, Education and Employment** is [www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca). It also includes information on **financial assistance**.

**Mrs. Trebilcock will be starting Grade 11 one-on-one meetings in Mid-October. These meetings will go over grad requirements and look at setting a path for Post Secondary. Book one TODAY!**

### **RAP - Registered Apprenticeship Program**

If you are interested in a RAP position and would like to find out more information, please see Mrs. Van De Kerckhove in the front office.

## Work Experience

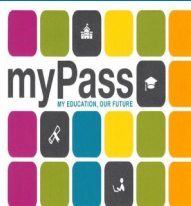
Are you a student who is currently employed? Have you signed up for work experience? You can earn up to 15 credits towards your high school diploma. **Completion of HCS 3000 course modules is mandatory.**

Former Hilltop students looking for transcripts will need to sign up for MyPass. (See instructions below) Students needing their Alberta Student Numbers should contact Alberta Education directly at 310-0000 or online at [learnerregistry.ae.alberta.ca](http://learnerregistry.ae.alberta.ca).



## APPLYING TO POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS IN ALBERTA?

If so, you must sign up for applyalberta! The process takes about twenty minutes, but if you intend to apply to Colleges, Trade schools or University you **MUST** go through this website!



## **MYPASS.ALBERTA.CA**

To access your records after writing a diploma, you will need to have a [myPass.alberta.ca](http://myPass.alberta.ca) account established.

### **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](http://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.

#### COVID-19 Information

**!** A MyAlberta Digital ID BASIC account is required to access ApplyAlberta. You do not need to create a MyAlberta Digital ID VERIFIED account to access ApplyAlberta.



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Orange Shirt Day (September 30th) is a national movement where survivors of residential schools are recognized and honored. It is a collective commitment to show that every child matters. It calls on all Canadians to wear an orange shirt in the spirit of healing and reconciliation.

#residentialschools

#reconciliation

#neverforget



*The Moose Hide Campaign is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who are standing up against violence towards women and children.*

*Wearing this moose hide signifies your commitment to honour, respect, and protect the women and children in your life and to work together to end violence against women and children.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October 2020</b>						
			Happy Thanksgiving!			
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4	5 World Teachers Day	6	7	8	9 Professional Development Day No Classes	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day No School	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Friends of Hilltop School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween



our most up-to-date calendar please view our Google Calendar on our website at [hilltophigh.ca](http://hilltophigh.ca)

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