WELCOME TO THE GRADE TWELVE INFORMATION EVENING





STAY INFORMED!

SIGN UP NOW!

(587) 316-7407

@hthgrad21



OTHER WAYS TO BE INFORMED

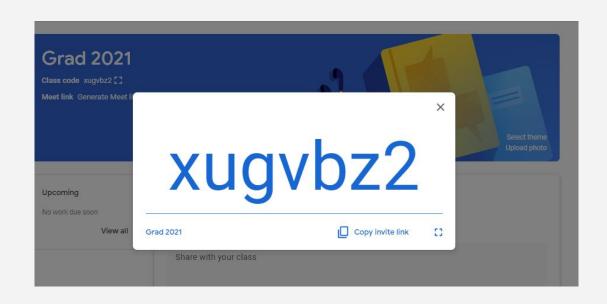
- ★ THE GRAD 2021 BULLETIN BOARD -LOCATED BETWEEN THE PHOTOCOPY ROOM AND LIBRARY
- **★** MONDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS
- **★** SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
- **★** WEBSITE: hilltophigh.ca



Google Classroom

- Mrs. Trebilcock has created a Google Classroom for <u>all</u> grade 12 students. *Why??*
 - Keep up to date with Graduation and post secondary information
 - 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 Conies of important nanerwork will

Grad 2021 Google Classroom - For Students



Mrs. Trebilcock has invited all Grade 12 students, but just in case you haven't signed up yet, here is the class code.

Grad Application Forms

A TWO PART FORM.

Part A deadline: March 15,
 2021

Part B deadline: <u>June 4</u>,
 2021

PLEASE ENSURE:



- ★ YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE **FOIP**FORMS. THESE <u>MUST</u> BE COMPLETED
 IN ORDER TO ALLOW YOUR PHOTO TO
 BE INCLUDED IN:
 - Celebratory Newspaper, Facebook or Twitter photos
 - The Yearbook
 - The Graduation SlideShow
 These forms were in your school registration packages.

SIGNIFICANT DATES

- **★** GRAD RINGS:
- ★ GRAD PHOTOS: NOVEMBER 30-December 3, 2020
- ★ GRAD PHOTO RETAKES: February 2, 2021

SIGNIFICANT DATES

- ★ Post Secondary Application workshops with Mrs. Trebilcock:
 - Thursday October 01 3:30 to 4:45
 - Friday October 02 3:30 4:45
 - Tuesday October 13

OR email/drop into Student Services to set up an appointment

GRADUATION 2021



Friday, June 25, 2021

@ 1 PM

AT THE ATHABASCA ARENA

CLASS OF 2021 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



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.

Mrs Trebilcock has met with ALL grade 12 students already. If you have questions or concerns please contact her by phone 780-778-2446 or email: jeannie.trebilcock@ngps.ca

Alberta High School Diploma Requirements:

- 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

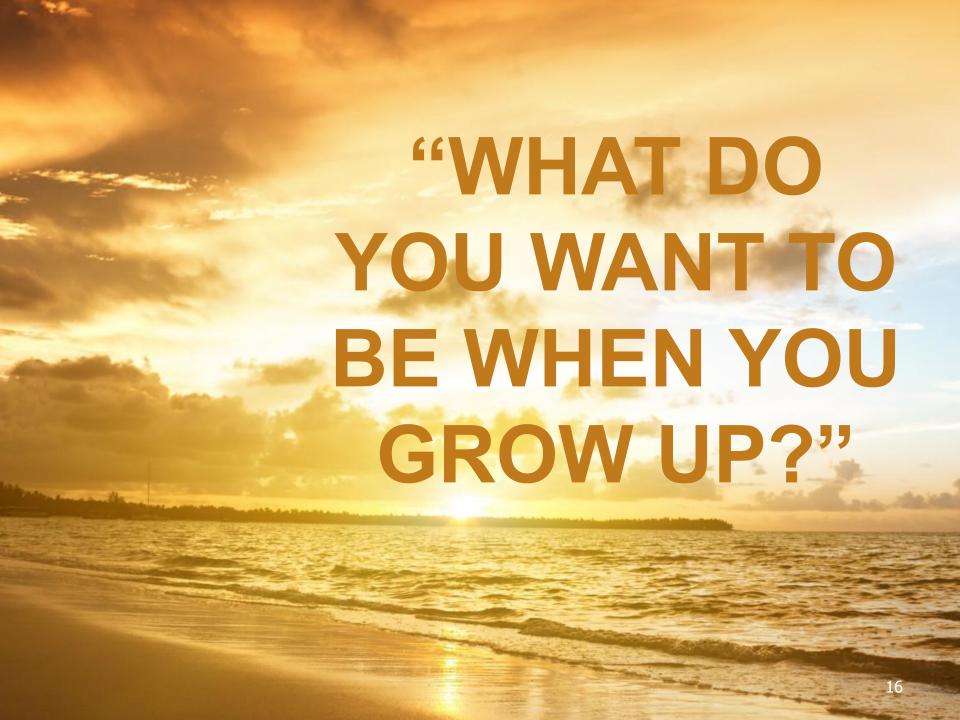
- Value of strong attendance
- PowerSchool Parent Portal (see office staff if you need help with this)
- Assignment completion
- Preparing for Diplomas
- Communication between parent, student and teachers
- Parent/teacher interviews

WHAT IF I NEED MY TIMETABLE MODIFIED?

 Speak with <u>Mr. Northcott.</u> 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. Trebilcock
- The Gr. 12 one-on-one meeting helps all parties determine what is best for the student.





BETTER QUESTIONS TO POSE

- 1. What are your **priorities** in the next three years?
- 2. 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?

- ALIS ONE STOP SHOPPING (helps with career and scholarship information)
 - 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





- 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.

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 dipioma, which has lower upfront costs, offers an even higher return on your investment, chief economist Craig Alexander and economist Shahrzad Mobasher Fard write in the report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Postmedia News

FINANCING EDUCATION

A **big** investment

A 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 are 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. Trebilcock
- Mrs. Smith-Tomke
- Mr. Northcott



- Year after year, numerous scholarships fail to receive a <u>single</u> application.
- When in doubt: Apply!
- Think about it this way: A few hours of work assembling letters and filling out a form could translate into thousands of dollars.
- 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.

5CHOLARSHIPS

- 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.
- pruffreeding 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

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



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 Scholarships (2)



"GIANT CHEQUE" SCHOLARSHIPS

- Loran Scholarship
- Schulich Scholarship



*Nomination-based applications.

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

Deadline: **November 4**th, 2020 (see our October Newsletter for more information)

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP INFO

https://scholartree.ca/





- http://alis.alberta.ca/hs/fo/pay/scholarships/available. html
- The RAP/CTS Scholarships
 - https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholar ships/rap_cts-scholarships/

STUDENT LOANS & STUDENT AID

Student Loans are a good idea if you need further assistance funding your education.



Opportunities for Indigenous Students

Several opportunities exist for self-declared students

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

Also:

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

OPEN HOUSE Dates

This year post secondary institutions are offering Open House visits VIRTUALLY. You will have to pre-register so be sure to go online before the open house date.

UNIVERSITY Of ALBERTA Open House

- Thursday October 15 Saturday October 17, 2020
- Thurs. Oct 15: 4 pm 8 pm
- Fri. Oct 16: 2 pm 6 pm
- Sat. Oct 17: 10 am 3 pm
- Visit:

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

For more information and to register

NAIT Open House

Friday, Oct 16: 9 am - 3 pm

Saturday, Oct 17: 10 am - 3 pm



MacEwan University OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

10 AM - 3PM



Lethbridge College

Wednesday, Oct 21: 10 am - 4 pm





Check with GPRC - they will be hosting a Virtual event May 12 but also hosting smaller events throughout the vear

When can I apply to schools?

Check individual College/University websites for exact deadlines. These are approximates:

-NAIT/SAIT: October 1, to Day 1 of class

-Most Canadian Universities:

October 1, to May 1, 2019

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

Trebilcock





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.

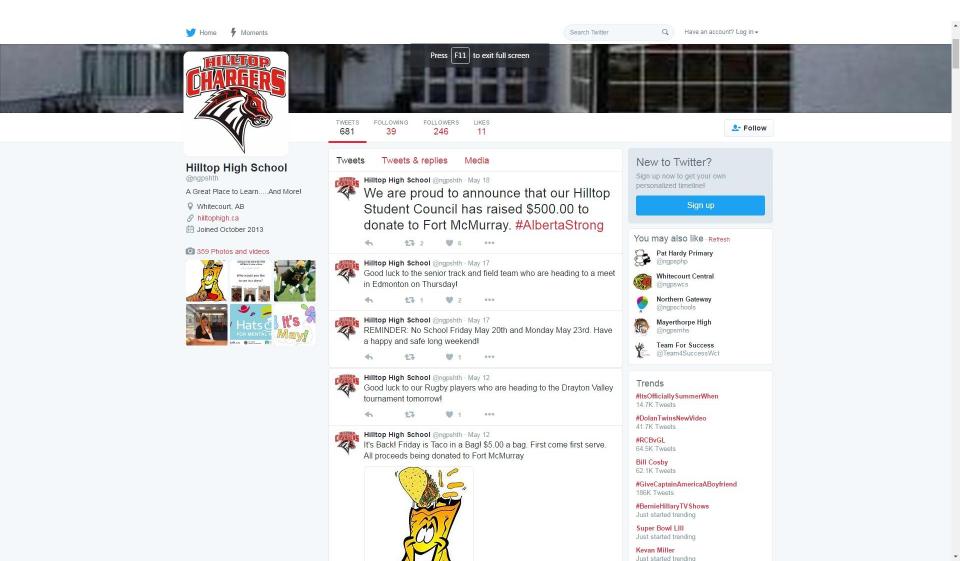
BEFORE APPLYING FOR POST SECONDARY, YOU <u>MUST</u> HAVE **MyPass** SET UP.

HANDY COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

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

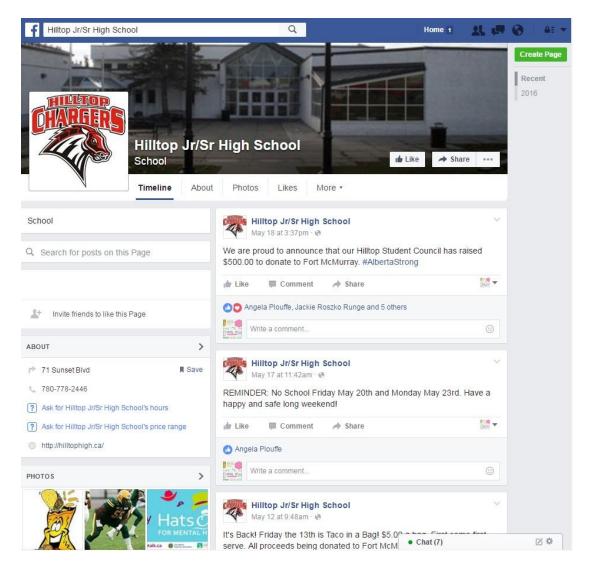
Introducing our 2020-2021Grad Council

On Twitter @ngpshth





us on



www.ngps.ca



Telephone: 780.778.2800 Toll Free: 1.800.262.8674

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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.lv/1764mnz.





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!

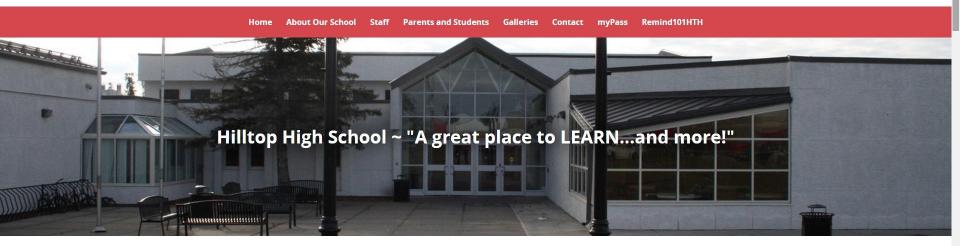
www.hilltophigh.ca

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





Hilltop Jr/Sr High School



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http://bit.lv/1T64mnz

Welcome to Hilltop High School

Welcome to the Website of Hilltop High School.



THANKYOU

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

> Mr. Northcott Mrs. Smith-Tomke or Mrs. Trebilcock