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# Hilltop Jr./Sr. High School



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### **April 2021 Newsletter**

### **Message from Administration**

Welcome to April and the last three months of the school year.

It is great to see sports happening in the building even though it is a very limited capacity. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr. St. Louis, Mr. Keay, Mrs. Baer and Mrs. Sanderson for giving up their time to bring some normalcy back to our student athletes.

If you have not had a chance to do so, please check out our website or social media streams to check out the virtual art show. I am amazed every year at the quality of work our students produce. Check it out for yourself. Thanks to Ms. Zack and Mr. Schlosser for spreading the art work and photos around the school.

Thank you to the parents who have completed the school survey so far. As of writing, 113 parents have completed the survey. I would also like to remind Grade 10 parents to complete the Alberta Education Assurance Survey (formerly known as the Accountability Survey). This survey acts as a report card for the school. Grade 10 students completed the students survey before Spring Break. We will catch up with the few remaining students over the next few days.

Many parents and students have been asking about graduation at the end of June. We will take our direction from the Chief Medical Officer and Alberta Health Services as we move forward. Please continue to check our social media accounts and webpage for the latest updates. We will continue to keep you informed as information becomes available. We will be hosting a virtual parent meeting once we get more information on restrictions being lifted from the province.

I would like to invite parents of our current Grade 9 students to a virtual meeting to be held on the evening of April 13. The meeting will begin at 7 pm and will explain how students earn credits in high school as well as the pathway towards a high school diploma. We look forward to meeting with you. Watch for the survey link in the email address we have on file at the school.

Your partner in education, Brent Northcott Principal









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### **Important Dates**

April 7
Classes Resume
April 19 –23
Volunteer Week
April 21
FOH Meeting 7pm
April 22
Earth Day
April 28
Secretaries Day

### **Bell Schedule**

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Warning Bell	8:55 AM
Block 1	9:00 AM - 11:48 AM
Lunch Break	11:48 AM - 12:22 PM
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# **NEWS AND EVENTS**

**April 19 - 23** 

**Volunteer Week** 

Thank you Volunteers!

Happy National Volunteer Week!



**REGISTRATION** NOW OPEN!

### April 21

Friends of Hilltop School **Council Virtual Meeting** 7:00 pm



### April 22

**Earth Day** Love the earth as you would love yourself!



### April 28

**Administrative Professionals Day** 



We are now open for registration for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you are wanting to register your child for the upcoming school year please contact us at 780-778-2446 to set up an intake meeting.

Our registration package can be found on our website at hilltophigh.ca. Please complete the registration package and bring with you to your intake meeting.



### **Pay Attention to Attendance** Keep Your Teen on Track in Middle and High School

Even as teens grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure teens participate or get to school safely every day

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Absences can be a sign that a teen is losing interest, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a teen may drop out of high school.
   Missing 10% (or just 2 days each month) of school can drastically affect a teen's academic suc
- $\bullet \ \ \text{Attendance is an important life skill that will help your teen keep a job and graduate from college and the property of the property$

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

### Communicate with the School

- Contact your teen's teachers and let them know how to reach you.
- Request a schedule of classes and log in information for your teen.
  Ask for help from school officials, after-school program providers, other parents or community agencies if
- you're having trouble getting online or need help with food, housing or some other challenge

  Know the school's attendance policy and the consequences for absences.
- Check on your teen's attendance to make sure they are attending all of their classes regularly

#### **Make School Attendance a Priority**

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day so your teen knows this is your expectation . Encourage your teen to maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework or getting a good night's sleep.
- Avoid scheduling non-urgent dental and medical appointments when classes are in session
- · Post your teen's class schedule and log in information in a visible location, such as on the refrigerator or teen desk.
- Identify a quiet place for your teen to participate in class. Or ask your school or community agencies if they have created places for distance learning. If you have multiple children, make a schedule.

### Help Your Child Stay Healthy and Engaged

- Make sure your teen wears a mask, as needed, and gets the flu vaccine and other required shots.
- Find out if your teen feels safe from bullying. Make sure that school discipline policies don't lead to your teen becoming disengaged or pushed out of school. If there are problems, work with your school to find
- Check in weekly about your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors
- Stay on top of your teen's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping class. Teens who have a hard time
- Ask for help when you need it. School staff, after-school program providers, and other parents or community agencies are available to help families access online learning, obtain food or housing and address other experiences that make it difficult to attend and participate

Developed in partnership with ConnectEd, Families in Schools, and Parent Institute for Quality Education.

### POWER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Students PowerSchool information is the same as their Chromebook login information. To access your Power School account, please use the information below:

### PowerSchool through the Mobile App

**District Code: PSNT** 

Username: firstname.lastname

Password: Same as your Chromebook password

PowerSchool through the Web Go To: ps.ngps.ca/public/

**District Code: PSNT** 

Username: firstname.lastname

Password: Same as your Chromebook password

Parents/Guardians can stay informed about their child's assignments, grades and attendance by contacting the school to receive their PowerSchool login information. Parents can access their child's account either through the mobile app or desktop version at ps.ngps.ca/public/. If you are having trouble accessing your account or need to reset your password, please contact us at 780-778-2446.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

#### **COVID-19 INFORMATION**

# COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

#### Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1.	Has the child traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
If the	child answered "YES":		
• Th	e child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure.		
• If t	ne child develops any symptoms, use the <u>AHS Online Assessment Tool</u> or call Heal	th Link	811 to
det	ermine if testing is recommended.		
If the	child answered "NO", proceed to question 2.		
2.	Has the child had close contact with a case <sup>1</sup> of COVID-19 in the last 14	YES	NO
	days?		
	Face-to-face contact within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer or direct physical		
	contact such as hugging		
If the	child answered "YES":		
	e child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure.		
	: Individuals who previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90 days before being exposed to an	other cas	se of
	D-19 are not required to quarantine.  • child answered "NO", proceed to question 3.		
3.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core syr	nntome	••
3.	Fever	YES	NO
	Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	IES	INC
	Cough	YES	NO
	Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions	IES	NO
	such as asthma		
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Continuous, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known	ILS	NO
	causes or conditions such as asthma		
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological	IES	NO
	disorders		
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### If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 3:

- The child is to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities
- Use the <u>AHS Online Assessment Tool</u> or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation.

If the child answered "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 3, proceed to question 4.



# HEALTH AND SAFETY

4.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symp	otoms:	
	Chills	YES	NO
	Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather		
	Sore throat/painful swallowing	YES	NO
	Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux		
	Runny nose/congestion	YES	NO
	Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being		
	outside in cold weather		
	Feeling unwell/fatigued	YES	NO
	Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or		
	conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury		
	Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea	YES	NO
	Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety, medication or		
	irritable bowel syndrome		
	Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety or medication		
	Muscle/joint aches	YES	NO
	Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as arthritis or injury		
	Headache	YES	NO
	Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as tension-type headaches		
	or chronic migraines		
	Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO

### If the child answered "YES" to ONE symptom in question 4:

- · Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours.
- If their symptom is **improving** after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary.
- If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.

If the child answered "YES" to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 4:

- Keep your child home.
- Use the <u>AHS Online Assessment Tool</u> or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.
- Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.

### If the child answered "NO" to all questions:

· Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities.

**Please note:** If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.





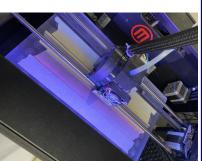
Students in Mr. Button's Science class used a single replacement reaction to create hydrogen gas and then needed a way to test if it is actually hydrogen gas. Since hydrogen gas is flammable, students concluded that it is in fact hydrogen gas, through their fireball experiment.

Ms Properzi's
Math 10C class
spent their day
factoring
trinomials
using algebra
tiles.



Students explore the incredible technology of 3D printing in Mr. Parish's class. Check out what **Soleil Dionne** made, a 3D Sulley from Monsters Inc.!





Students in Construction are busy preparing for longer days and warmer weather. Jaelyn is making a beautiful outdoor bench and Blane is making a 4 tier strawberry planter.









# Students Supporting Students

Check out the shelf **Logan MacDonald** built in Construction class, for the Cosmetology class.



Bio 20 students learn anatomy through pig dissection.

That's a sheep heart!



Ms. Koudelka's CALM class learned how to invest through an interactive game on the website **buildyourstax.com**, which uses real investment trends and fake money to develop financial literacy.





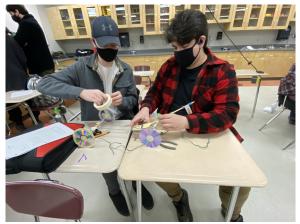




Students in Mr. Button's Science class built mouse trap car projects for their energy conversion lab!









Check out the custom decal John Pilgrim made for a few of our Newfoundland born staff members.
How cool is that?



Thank you to all our Hilltop families who took the time to complete our Quarter System Survey. Your input is valuable in assisting us with the planning of our daily operations for the upcoming school year.



## **ENTER TO WIN A \$20 GIFT CARD!**

Email the word NEWSLETTER to hilltop@ngps.ca from May 1 - June 1 and your name will be entered to win a \$20.00 gift card for Starbucks.

Winner will be announced in the June newsletter.

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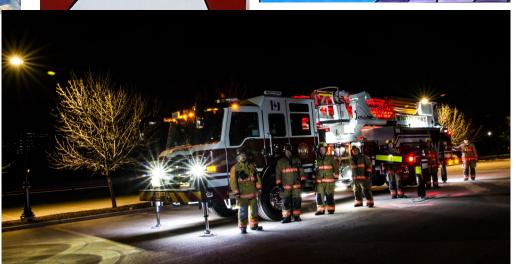












## COOKING WITH CHEF MERCER

### Pizza Roll Ups

Equipment List: Please grab all the necessary equipment before you start the recipe

- liquid measuring cup x 2
- 1 large bowl
- 1 small ingredient bowl
- 1 fork
- Kitchenaid/dough hook
- 1 rolling pin
- cutting board
- chef Knife
- bake sheet w/ parchment paper

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 cup warm water (must be between 105-110 F)
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 4 teaspoons yeast
- 1/2 tablespoon salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2-2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup pizza sauce (homemade or store bought)
- 20 pieces pepperoni
- ½ cup mozzarella
- 1/4 cup mixed cheese
- 2 tablespoons parmesan

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Preheat the oven to 400 F
- 2. In a liquid measuring cup combine:
  - \*warm water
  - \*veast
- Let sit for about 5 minutes, until the yeast is bubbling
- In Kitchenaid bowl place:
  - \*oil
  - \*salt
  - \*2 cups flour
  - \*veast mixture
- 5. Using the dough hook: mix for 3 minutes just until dough starts to form
- Add additional 1/2 cup flour (ONLY IF IT IS NEEDED) and mix until it comes together. 6.
- Knead by hand for 3 minutes: if sticks dust hands with flour 7.
- 8. Grease a large bowl with oil spray: Place dough into this bowl.
- Cover bowl with plastic wrap and let dough rest on top of the oven for 30
- While you wait: Line a baking sheet with parchment paper
- 11. Measure out:
  - \*Pizza Sauce
  - \*Cheeses
  - \*Meat
  - \*Clean up station
- 12. ON CLEAN, NOT FLOURED COUNTER roll the dough into a large rectangle about 1/4"thick
- 13. Spread pizza sauce over the series14. Sprinkle with the parmesan cheese15. Top with perperoni then with shredomeroni. Spread pizza sauce over the dough: leaving 1 inch closest to you empty

- 15. Top with pepperoni then with shredded cheeses16. Fold over one edge and carefully roll the dough and toppings into a log
- Using a sharp knife, slice the pizza roll into slices that are about 2 inch thick
- Place the slice on its side on the parchment paper and bake for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned













### Pizza Sauce

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar

### Preparation:

- In a food processor or blender, combine all ingredients and pulse until smooth.
- Store in a Tupperware container.



# NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS Submitted By: Learning Commons Facilitator Mrs. Kurasevich

### April is National Poetry Month!



- ⇒ Check out a poetry book- we have everything from Robert Frost to Rupi Kaur.
- ⇒ April 29th is Poem in Your Pocket Day, visit the Learning Commons to learn more about it!

Thank you for all of your book requests. Is there a book you would like to see added to the Learning Commons? Let me know-- I'd be happy to order it!



### **New MANGA**





























### **New Graphic Novels**



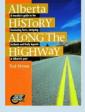






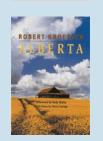


### Thank you to the Yellowhead Regional Library for these generous donations.





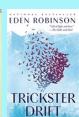


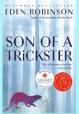


### **New Fiction**



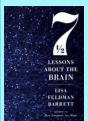


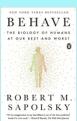




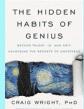


### **New Non-Fiction**











REMEMBER: To avoid charges please return all overdue textbooks, class novels and calculators. Thank you!

### **INDIGENOUS NEWS**

Submitted by: Ms. Smith-Tomke, Indigenous Liaison

### Tansi, Abawashded

Just a reminder for any Indigenous students who are interested in the Bold Eagle Military summer camp, your application is due **April 30**. This is a 6 week program and the possible income could be \$3700.00. This camp builds confidence, discipline, teamwork and fitness while training you for a career in the military. Endless possibilities! There is some screening and criteria involved, however help is available to accomplish your goal.

Please stop into Student Services if you are interested in a career in the Canadian Military.

Hiy hiy, Ish Nish



ANC Indigenous Scholarship Opportunity

### INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Alberta Newsprint Company offers a total of \$1000.00 per year in scholarships for Indigenous high school graduates.

A minimum of 2 applicants must be received.

### **PURPOSE**

ANC and its employees wish to support the broad needs of our community for trained, skilled and educated people to fill employment and community service roles in the future.

Our hope is that scholarship assistance will be encouragement for local students to pursue a post secondary education at an accredited College, University, Technical School or Vocational Institution.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Graduating students who have not reached the age of twenty-five at the time of application are eligible to apply.

Applications must be <u>received</u> prior to **April 28, 2021** (Noon.) to:

Human Resources Department Alberta Newsprint Company Postal Bag 9000 Whitecourt, Alberta T7S 1P9

email: scholarship@albertanewsprint.com

Please indicate that your application is for: INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### REGULATIONS

ANC Indigenous Scholarship Opportunity

This scholarship must be used to pursue post-secondary education in Canada. Scholarships will be paid directly to the Post Secondary Institution.

Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies. Cash will not be paid to the student.

The scholarship stipend will be sent to the post-secondary in the first year, but need not be totally used in that year. The student and the school must decide distribution of the scholarship monies.

The recipient of this scholarship may accept other awards.

A scholarship recipient who fails to enroll in a post secondary institute in the academic year of his or her award will have one (1) year from receiving award to enroll if requiring high school upgrading. A scholarship recipient who fails to enroll in a post secondary institute in the academic year of his or her award will normally forfeit the scholarship. One who withdraws from a post-secondary institute and does not transfer to another accredited institution will normally forfeit the unused portion of the award.

### APPLICATION CONTENT

The application should contain the following information:

- A covering letter, which would include an outline of the applicants, career objectives
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  why they deserve this scholarship.
- An attached letter of recommendation from a staff member of the participant's school. This recommendation can be made on the basis of financial need, work ethic, community involvement or academic standing.
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ESSAY TOPIC for 2021 - Candidate to choose one (1) of the following topics for essay:

"How will COVID-19 effect the future?"
"What does a healthy Canadian economy look like in 2030?"

### SELECTION COMMITTEE

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### **CO-ORDINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

All inquires should be directed to ANC's Personnel Services Coordinator who will be responsible for receipt of applications, distribution applications to the committee and who will provide notification to the successful applicant.



ANC Scholarship Opportunity

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Alberta Newsprint Company offers a total of \$4250.00 per year in scholarships for high school students graduating in the Whitecourt area. The following are offered:

St. Joseph School	\$750.00
Hill Top School	\$750.00
Mayerthorpe	\$750.00
Fox Creek	\$750.00

Open, any of the above schools or

a home study student \$1250.00

A minimum of **2** applicants per school must be received. If not, a second overall recipient will receive scholarship dollars in the amount of \$750.00.

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## OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION

### **NEW OPPORTUNITY**



### **RAP Positions**

Instrumentation/Electrical
Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
Parts Technician (Whitecourt)

Whitecourt, Fox Creek, Valleyview

### Pembina Pipeline Corporation – Conventional Business Unit (3 positions available)

Starting Date: July 2, 2021 Hours: Based on availability Wage: \$16.85

#### **Requirements:**

Minimum Age: 16
Minimum Grade Completed: Grade 9
HCS 3000 Completed
Driver's License required

Safety Tickets preferred: First Aid and H2S Alive
Resume, Cover Letter - noting which position(s) you are interested in and
completed Off-Campus Education Application Form
Please speak with your Off-Campus Coordinator or school
administration to apply

Deadline to Apply: April 30, 2021

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Huge congratulations to these two young men who secured RAP positions at Alberta Newsprint Company! **Tyler Carson** joins the ANC team as a Millwright apprentice and **Pearson Amiot** joins as a Heavy Duty Technician apprentice. We look forward to watching your careers develop and grow through the RAP program and we thank ANC for their continued support of our student's future success.

Way to go guys!









### careersnextgen.ca

Discover a career in Forestry, Technology, Health Services, Communications and more! Learn what the RAP program has to offer and the opportunities available for women and indigenous peoples in the trades.

Take a quiz to find out what trade you're best suited for at careersnextgen.ca.

# OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION

### **Alberta Apprenticeship** and Industry Training

TRADE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS



#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of the following

◀ English 10-2

RECOMMENDED PATH

Alberta High School Diploma that includes the following courses:

Physics 20 OR Chemistry 20 OR Science 20

Science 10

OR

CATEGORY

Entrance Exam

EGORY

Math 30-3

Physics 30 **OR** Chemistry 30 **OR** Science 30 Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses

Physics 20 **OR** Chemistry 20 **OR** Science 20 Related Career and Technology Studies (CTS)

Baker

Barber

Bricklaver

Cabinetmaker

Carpenter

Concrete Finisher

Cook

Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator

Floor Covering Installer

Glazier

Insulator (Heat and Frost)

Ironworker

Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic)

Metal Fabricator (Fitter)

Painter and Decorator

Parts Technician

Water Well Driller

Welder

Agricultural Equipment Technician

Appliance Service Technician

Automotive Service Technician

Boilermaker

Communication Technician

Electric Motor Systems Technician

Flectrician

Elevator Constructor

Gasfitter

Heavy Equipment Technician

Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)

Motorcycle Mechanic

Natural Gas Compression Technician

Plumber

Power System Electrician

Powerline Technician

Sheet Metal Worker

Sprinkler Systems Installer

Steamfitter-Pipefitter

Transport Refrigeration Technician

Auto Body Technician Landscape Horticulturist

Machinist

Outdoor Power Equipment Technician

Recreation Vehicle Service Technician

\* CATEGORY

Instrumentation and Control Technician Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic

\*See the individual trades on tradesecrets.alberta.ca for Category D trade entrance requirements

Equivalencies will be considered for entrance requirements.

If you have an existing trade certificate, it can serve as your entrance requirement when registering in an additional trade.

tradesecrets.alberta.ca





ced Education, May 2020

### **Scholarships**

Check out the following websites to find Scholarships in Alberta

Alberta Apprentice & Training **Awards** 

tradesecrets.alberta.ca

Scholarships in Canada

scholarshipscanada.com

ScholarTree

scholartree.ca

ALIS: Scholarships in Alberta

alis.alberta.ca

Alberta Scholarships (2)

albertascholarships.ca

Find Scholarships

studentawards.com

Student Loans & Student Aid

Alberta Student Aid

studentaid.alberta.ca

National Student Loan Centre (Canada)

csnpe-nslsc.canada.ca/en/

Check out our website hilltophigh.ca for more scholarship information

### **NEED HELP WITH YOUR RESUME?**

Go visit the ladies in Student Services and they will assist you with

creating your resume and cover letter.







### **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** 

Friday, June 25, 2021 1:00 pm (Tentative)

### **Introducing the Class of 2021 Grad Council**

Madison Martell - President
Shyla Berube - Vice President
Katie Dickson - Secretary
Aarav Sibbal - Treasurer
Kendall Shuck - Public Relations
Sami Heer - Public Relations
Allison Wolfe - Grad Council Member
Mrs. Christianson - Staff Advisor
Mrs. Blain - Staff Advisor
Mrs. Van De Kerckhove - Staff Advisor



# Support the Class of 2021!





Please support the Class of 2021 and Grad Council's fundraising efforts by donating your bottles/cans to the Whitecourt Bottle Depot. Just mention they are for Hilltop High School's Class of 2021 graduates.

Thank you for your support!



Boys & Girls Club

of Whitecourt & District



### **PROM-ise Campaign**

The Boys & Girls Club of Whitecourt is once again running their PROM-ise Campaign for graduating students this year.

In light of COVID-19, we understand that obtaining a grad outfit may be difficult for many, whether there are financial barriers, transportation barriers, or government restrictions that may be causing issues for a student.

Our Boys & Girls Club has a large inventory of dresses, and select inventory for suits and tuxedos. Our grad outfits are completely free, and we require nothing for families to access this service. We want to ensure that every student has the opportunity to earn their diploma in style and celebrate accordingly.

If you have any questions please contact;

Kyria Baranowski, RSW Executive Director Boys & Girls Club of White

Boys & Girls Club of Whitecourt & District

Phone: 780-778-6696

### **DON'T FORGET...**

All Grads intending to participate in Grad day ceremonies must first complete the Grad Application package. This can be found in the pages to follow or on our website hilltophigh.ca.

Part 1 Due: April 22, 2021

Part 2 Due: May 31, 2021







# Graduation Ceremonies Application 2020 - 2021 PART 1



### Form Submission Deadline: on or before April 22, 2021

Participation in the Graduation Ceremonies is a privilege, not a right. In order to be part of the celebration on Friday, June 25, 2021, you must complete TWO forms. Part 1: Due April 22, 2021.....Part 2: Due May 31, 2021

All students intending to participate in the graduation ceremony on June 25, 2021, must complete this form (PART 1) to be put on the initial grad list. This form MUST be turned in to Mrs Trebilcock in Student Services on or before April 22, 2021.

1.	Full Name:			
2.	Phone Number:	(person	al cell)	(home phone)
3.	Participation in Gradu Yes No (if you would \$50 is required)	ation Ceremo	onies:	us grad memorabilia, a cheque for
ASA costs	y cash, debit or cheque ( .P, BUT you will be reimb	made out to oursed if you	Hilltop Grad) do not gradu	online at SchoolCashOnline.com  The cheque will be cashed  ate. Grad Fees and other grad related ram. For more information contact the
<u>Wha</u>	at are your fees for???			
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Adv	rertising\$10 N	lisc\$4	Decoration	s, Programs, etc\$5
Phot	tos of the Day (handshai	ke, class cap	& gown, cla	ss formal)\$30
		то	TAL \$85	
Mrs. R	Runge's Signature			TURN OVER







### Graduation Ceremonies Application 2020 - 2021 PART 1



### Have you:

- 5. Completed the "Hilltop High Grad 2021 Ceremony Biography" form. Have Ms Bezushko sign below.
- 6. Emailed ONE baby and ONE early teen picture to jessica.bezushko@ngps.ca \*\*\*\*\*\*\*Your photos MUST be in digital format.

Ms.	Bezushko's	signature:	
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# Graduation Ceremonies Application 2020 - 2021 -Part 2



### Form Submission Deadline: on or before May 31, 2021

Participation in the Graduation Ceremonies is a privilege, not a right. In order to be part of the celebration on Friday, June 25, 2021, you must complete TWO forms. Part 1: Due April 22, 2021.....Part 2: Due May 31, 2021

This second form will ensure you have met the requirements for graduation. Please be sure to read through the graduation policy so that you are not caught by surprise and all graduation requirements are met. This form MUST be turned in to Mrs Trebilcock in Student Services, on or before Monday, May 31, 2021.

Phone number:	
(personal)	(house)
Fees & Books	
All school fees must be up to date (M	frs Runge) and library and text book
(Mrs. Kurasevich) must be returned or	
final graduation list. Please have then	
outstanding fees or library/textbooks.	
Mrs Runge (school fees)	Mrs Kurasevich (library & textbooks)
Mrs Runge (school fees)	Mrs Kurasevich (library & textbooks)
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Do you plan to attend the graduation	•
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Do you plan to attend the graduation	,

PTO







# Graduation Ceremonies Application 2020 - 2021 -Part 2



Stu	udent Signature	Date
Pa	rent Signature	Date
6.		lace to earn at least 100 credits, including the erta High School diploma, you must meet <b>AGAIN</b> and <b>One-on-One Meeting</b> .  Date:
	After all signatures are to Mrs Trebilcock	e completed, hand this form back have her sign below.

Mrs. Trebilcock

Mrs. Smith-Tomke

#### Mrs. Van De Kerckhove

### **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.

### **Summer CALM CAMP 2021 Registration NOW OPEN!!!**

The Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) is offering Career and Life Management 20 in an immersive experiential manner for your student.

Students will take the course over 5 days and 4 nights at the Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre in Bow Valley Provincial Park. Students will receive 6 credits for the course: CALM 20 (3 credits), Speaking and Listening (1 credit), Job Maintenance (1credit), and Workplace Safety Systems (1 credit and due prior to the start date of the course).

Course Fee: \$825.00 All activities and programming is dependent on current COVID-19 restrictions at the time of your child's course. Additional forms may be required prior to your child attending their course.

For more information check out olc.crps.ca

Experience horseback riding, rock climbing, canoe skill development and hiking while exploring career choices, decision making and team building.



### 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!



### 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.

If you are interested in earning credits while you work, see Mrs. Trebilcock in Student Services to pick up Work Experience papers. It is important to return the Parent Permission Form and the Employer Contract form ASAP so we can start the process of earning credits.

Remember, every 25 hours = 1 credit so this is a great opportunity to easily earn extra credits toward your graduation requirements. Also, be sure to hand in your hours at the end of every month.



### **MYPASS.ALBERTA.CA**

To access your records after writing a diploma, you will need to have a 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
- 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.

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.

## <u>Gateway Academy – Whitecourt Campus News</u> (formerly called Storefront)

Phone: 780 - 778 - 5865 Fax: 780-778-5683

Text: 780-779-1193

### A School For All Reasons!

### 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.

#### **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

### 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.

Parents/Guardians are recommended to check their child's progress using PowerSchool (If you are having trouble accessing PowerSchool, please call the school for an update or assistance).

Staff members for the 2020/2021 school year are:

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

Contact: maureen.kendall@ngps.ca

Chris Thomas - Math/Science Teacher (Part time)

Contact: chris.thomas@ngps.ca

Kevin Babiuk - Social/Science/Math Teacher

Contact: kevin.babiuk@ngps.ca

Tammy Johnson - Administration Assistant

Contact: tammy.johnson@ngps.ca Jennifer Osmond - Educational Assistant



Malachi Malbeuf and Javin Hughes attend Gateway Academy on a regular basis, working hard to complete their Grade eleven courses while working for Malbeuf Roofing. Excellent dedication from fine young men!

### **NEXT MEETING:** Apr 21 7pm

Friends of Hilltop Parent Council

2020-2021 Friends of Hilltop Council President: Tammy Dickson Vice President: Avy Fast Secretary: Joanne Merrifield **Treasurer: Roxanne Amiot** 

\*\*At this time Friends of Hilltop cannot offer a Breakfast Program. We are really hoping public health restrictions will be lifted soon so we can once again provide breakfast to the students.

Even through this pandemic 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.

Currently you can ONLY purchase grocery vouchers from the Remax Office on main street--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.



### A Season of Grief, Loss and Hope

This may appear to be a depressing start to an article that should be uplifting, but please be patient, and read on. Yes, it is the beautiful season of spring...however it is also a season of grieving. All of us caregivers, educators, coaches and helpers have tried so very hard this past year, to be positive and hopeful. We are now at the anniversary of a year defined by losses, some great, and some small. I believe it is the time to allow our children to GRIEVE. It is time to give our children the opportunity to talk, to cry, to mourn, and to be angry. It is frightening to hear such a suggestion. What if they start crying and not stop? What if they stay sad and depressed forever?

What I know of grief, on a personal level, is this: Like physical pain, grief is best faced head on. Not to stuff it, ignore it, numb it, or deny it. With deep loss, it may feel as if we will actually die ourselves should we let ourselves feel the full extent of that loss. Yet, when we put a name to grief, call it what it is, we allow the feelings to happen which will eventually evolve into empowerment.

David Kessler is the world's foremost expert on grief and the founder of <a href="www.grief.com">www.grief.com</a>. He co-wrote "On Grief and Grieving: Finding the Meaning of Grief Through the Five Stages of Loss" with Psychiatrist Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. Kessler explains that when we are dealing with a loss, it is important to acknowledge it, learn to manage it and learn to find meaning from it.

For children, the five stages of grief they may have experienced this past year look like this: DENIAL (this virus won't affect my friends and I), ANGER (COVID has taken away my sports and music and cancelling grad), BARGAINING (okay, if I wear a mask all day, it will get better), DEPRESSION/SADNESS (this is how everything is going to be forever) ACCEPTANCE (I guess this is really happening, I better figure out how to move on, within provincial regulations).

Kessler tells us that it is in acceptance where the power lies. He reminds us that the stages are not linear or even happen in order, oftentimes we circle back and repeat a stage.

Once we have allowed our children to process their grief, there will come a time of acceptance. When our children are able to accept this past year of losses for what it is, then, my dear friends, they will have hope. Brene Brown's words of wisdom seems fitting: "When we deny the story, it defines us. When we own the story, we can write a brave new ending".

I am finding that spring 2021 seems to be bringing more hope than most years. Perhaps it is just me, but doesn't it seem as though the sun is brighter, the birds more cheerful, the sky more blue? With anticipation of normalcy on the horizon, it feels as though the weight of the past year and the dreariness of the long winter months are being lifted from our weary shoulders.

Our children need us to be the safe sanctuary as they grieve the many losses of this last year and they also need us to point their sweet faces to the warmth of the rising sun and share with them the message that all hard times come to an end, giving way to the promise of better days ahead. While they need us to help them name, navigate and process their grief, they also need us to embrace this season of hope. As a Buddist Monk, Thich Nhat Hanh once said "if we believe tomorrow will be better, we can bear the hardships of today".

Wishing all Northern Gateway Public School Division students, families and staff a wonderful Easter break.



This article was submitted by Tammy Charko BA, BSW, RSW. Tammy is Northern Gateway Public School's Student Support Facilitator.

She advocates for students and parents, providing a link to other supports within the community.



# We all want our students to be successful. That's why we need to hear from you.

Our education system must know what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The results of our Assurance Survey give everyone important information and evidence about the quality of your child's education. It assures us all that schools are moving in the right direction. It also helps our schools show their parents, their communities and the province that they are meeting the needs of your child.

I know this year is different. COVID-19 has meant new challenges to deal with – including in our schools. I'd like to thank families, students, teachers and staff for their efforts and flexibility during this unusual time. Health rules, and moving to and from at-home learning, have led to changes in routine and the way parents engage with schools. That's why it is more important than ever to hear from you.

I hope you take the time to complete this survey. My commitment is to listen to what you have to say. Your voice will help shape the future of education in Alberta.

Thank you.

Original sign by

Adriana LaGrange Minister of Education

If you have any questions, please contact:

System Assurance Branch, Alberta Education

Email: EDC.SystemAssurance@gov.ab.ca

Phone: 780-643-9193 (toll-free access within Alberta by dialing 310-0000 first)

Please complete the survey by April 23, 2021.



Parents/Guardians of Grade 10 students:

Please check your postal mailboxes to obtain your 8 digit online access code in order to complete the survey online.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday	No School	7 First Day of Classes following Easter Vacation	ω	o.	10
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18 National Volunteer Week	6	20	21 Gr 9 Option 3/6 Ends Friends of Hilltop School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	22 Quarter Four Begins Gr 9 Option 4/6 Begins Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28 Administrative Professionals Day	29	90	





## **Exam Schedule APRIL 2021**

## \*\*Last day of classes for all grades Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

### Grade 9s will have classes until April 20th

### **Exam Schedule**

9:00 am	Friday April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday April 21 <sup>s</sup>
	ELA 30-2 Part A	ELA 30-2 Part B	ELA 9-5 Part A	Math 9-1 and 9-2 has a midterm on Friday, April 23rd as we are all year.
	ELA 10-2 Part A	Chemistry 30	CALM (Cutrell)	SS 9-3
	SS 10-1 Part A	Math 30-2	Biology 20	Science 9-4
		Science 30	ELA 10-2 Part B	ELA 9-5 Part B
			Science 24	SS 10-1 Part B
12:27 pm	SS 30-2 Part A	SS 30-2 Part B	SS 20-1 Part B	Science 14
	SS 20-2 Part A	Math 10C	SS 20-2 Part B	Physics 20
	SS 20-1 Part A	Science 10		Math 20-3
	Biology 30	CALM (Koudelka)		

Part A- Written Part B- Multiple Choice

