

# HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# WELCOME TO THE 2015/2016 SCHOOL YEAR!

Be a Charger... Take Charge!

# **Message from the Administration**

will be an exciting year. We start the year with to work toward dual credit accreditation. Dual significant available technology. purchased five additional sets of chrome books, credits. Ms. Mercer will also be responsible to as well replaced all the computers in the library run our breakfast and lunch programs. and in our K & E Program.

This summer the School Division upgraded the infrastructure, new switches and wiring to improve access and reliability of our network.

Miss Kendall Mercer who is a Red Seal Chef Principal has been hired to expand what is already an Egbert Stang

Welcome back! The 2015/2016 School Year excellent foods program. Students will be able improvements made to our credit allows students to earn high school The school has credits and at the same time each college







If you are going to be late or absent for any reason, please have your parent or quardian call the school

at 780.778.2446.

We have an answering machine if it is before school hours.



Monday, September 28th CAREER & EDUCATION EXPO

# Yoga Club

Looking for students interested in joining the voga club, with the chance of earning credits. No yoga experience needed! If you are interested go see Miss Johnson.







Grade 12 Parent/Student Information Meeting at 7 pm, on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd

## Special points of interest:

- Sept. 18th ~ NO SCHOOL Friday, (PD DAY)
- Magazine Fundraiser begins
- Sept. 26th ~ CATS Whitecourt Jr. Jamboree
- Sept. 28th~ CATS card Blitz





# **School Expectations**



There are school expectations the staff at Hilltop High School believes to be important to ensure the success of your child in our school setting. Abiding by these expectations will greatly assist in promoting a safe and caring school environment. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## **Respectful Communication**

**Definition:** Appropriate communication between staff members, between students, between students and staff, and between students, staff and parents. Appropriate communication is the practice of non-heated conversations, positive body language, appropriate volume, tone and choice of language, as well as active listening.

Expectation: Respectful communication is to be used at all times.

#### Lates/Attendance

**Definition:** Lates: coming after the usual, proper or expected time. Attendance: being in the classroom and actively learning

Expectation: Students are expected to arrive in class before the bell rings and attend class on a daily basis.

Headwear

**Definition:** Anything worn on the head that covers it.

Expectation: Headwear may not be worn on in the school between the hours of 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

# **Appropriate Dress**

**Definition:** Wearing clothing that is respectful of the learning environment.

Expectation: Students and staff will wear clothing that is non-revealing and does not have inappropriate slogans.

# **Cell Phones or Text Capable Electronics**

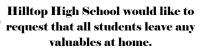
**Definition:** Any devise capable of making a phone call or text messaging.

**Expectation:** Cell phones or text capable electronics are not allowed in class unless authorized by a teacher. They are off limits in all exams.

Other school expectations exist. We encourage you to check the student agenda for more information.



Does the school have your child's current contact information Please contact the school to verify if you have concerns.



We also, encourage all students to keep their combinations for their hall & gym lockers



# HTH GOLF TEAM

Hilltop's golf team is wishing it would be summer for another two months. We have had an excellent turn out for try outs for the golf team. This year we have both a girls team and a boys team. From the

few practices and rounds we have played we are very optimistic about this years team's chance to go on to provincials. The team will be going to Barrhead for Zones on Monday, Sept 21, 2015.



Good Luck to all the players!

Coach Stang



Please ensure that all forms have been signed and returned. **School Fees** are **due** by Friday, **September 25th**.



# NATIONAL FOREST WEEK

September 20th - 26th, 2015

**NATIONAL TREE DAY** 

Wednesday, September 23, 2015







Are you interested in meeting students from across Canada and learning about our nation?

Encounters Canada is for you!

Encounters with Canada is our country's largest and foremost youth forum!

Every week of the school year, 120 to 148 teens from across Canada (ages 14 to 17) come to Ottawa. Here they discover their country through each other, learn about Canadian institutions, meet famous and accomplished Canadians, explore exciting career options, develop their civic leadership skills and live an extraordinary bilingual experience. Over 100,000 youth have lived the EWC experience, to date!

If you are interested in any of the programs, please see Mrs. Keay by October 01, 2015

For more information, check out: https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/en/home.html



# Hilltop Jr/Sr High "Friends Don't Let Friends Drink and Drive"







# **CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

Cross Country Running will begin the week of September 8th.

Please see Mrs. Kendall in Student Services if you are interested in joining the team.



# Card Blitz

night will take place on Monday, September 28th.







S.O.S.

Save Our Subscriptions!

HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL IS AGAIN RUNNING A QSP MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER THIS SEPTEMBER WITH OVER 600 TITLES!

Please wait to purchase all your NEW, RENEWAL and GIFT subscriptions through the school and not through the publishers.

OR

Order on-line all year long, and help support our school. Simply go to <a href="https://www.QSP.ca">www.QSP.ca</a>, click 'JUST SHOPPING', use our school <a href="https://www.gROUP#331">GROUP#331</a> and start shopping. It's that easy!

NEW THIS FALL - OVER 70 DIGITAL TITLES!

We submit the program to you:

TO SAVE MONEY
TO PROMOTE READING
O SUPPORT SCHOOL PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

DID YOU KNOW?

When you order a magazine directly from the publisher, all of your money leaves our community. When you order through this program over one-third of the subscription price 'stays at home' to support our school's activities. We also guarantee the best price with coupon or special offer!



Better Homes and Gardens - Family Circle - National Geographic - Harrowsmith - Elle - Parents - Chickadee

Do you want to be part of your community and your country's future? Get involved now! The Forum for Young Canadians presents a fun and valuable opportunity to meet other young Canadians like you during a week-long behind-the-scenes trip in the world of federal politics at Parliament Hill. You'll learn how to share, collaborate and turn your ideas into community action. You'll meet Members of Parliament, Senators and other leading figures in government and the public service.

Forum is about one week that may very well change the rest of your life.

It's about giving smart, engaged and opinionated 15 – 19 year olds a chance to recreate parliament for a week. In Ottawa. On the Hill. Beyond the history books, beyond the news channel and beyond classroom debates, there's a lot to discuss. Your voice can make an impact now. If you have ideas. If you think and read and talk about what's going on in the world. If you have something to say—say it at Forum. Be a Voice.

If you are interested in Forum for Young Canadians, please see Mrs.Keay by October 01, 2015



# To All Parents of Hilltop Students

#### From Friends of Hilltop Parent Council

**WELCOME BACK!** On behalf of the Friends of Hilltop...a special welcome is extended to our new Grade 9's and their families. Hilltop is a great school with a caring and supportive staff. We hope you enjoy all the opportunities available to you.

To those of you who are not aware the FOH offers a great savings program that helps to fund any school expenses:

✓ Supplies ✓ Sports teams ✓ School trips ✓ GRAD!!!!

This is not a fundraiser; you can save by shopping for groceries at our local IGA. All you need to do is start your account at the Hilltop Office. Purchase grocery vouchers and shop dollar for dollar for the amount you have purchased. We then save 5.0% of your total vouchers purchased for as long as you have a child enrolled in Hilltop, or until you have a school expense that you would like to withdraw funds for. We encourage you to take advantage of this program and vouchers are available in \$50-\$500 cards, depending on your need. Vouchers can certainly make a great gift idea, while you save 5.0 % towards other expenses.

We would like to invite you to the FOH monthly meetings, held on the 3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday of each month (except December and June). Our next meeting will be held on **September 16, 2015 at Hilltop@7:00 PM**. The meetings are usually ONE hour in length, and we are updated on current information and upcoming events. We do not fundraise as parents, but please support Hilltop High with the upcoming magazine sales.

Please join us, keep up to date and have a voice in your child's education!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call any of the FOH committee members listed below.

Kim Nendsa



# SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH



ELECTION

# Bell Schedules

9:00 A.M.	Warning
	Bell
9:05 A.M.	Block 1
10:12 A.M.	Break
10:15 A.M.	Block 2
11:22 A.M.	Break
11:25A.M.	Block 3
12:31 P.M.	Lunch Break
1:11P.M.	Warning Bell
1:15P.M.	Block 4
2:21 P.M.	Break
2:24 P.M.	Block 5
3:30 P.M.	Dismiss





runs from Tuesday, September 21st through to Wednesday, October 13th, 2015.

Order new magazines or renew your magazines through any student from Hilltop High School and keep the profit in our community.





2014/2015 CATS Players were in Whitecourt this past weekend and were interviewed by Miss Christa Betson, Photographer for the CATS Football Team! See what they had to say re their journey!







#### Questions

- 1. How did football encourage or help your education? Or did it at all? Because some guys without for wouldn't have graduated.
- What motivates you to keep playing?
- Who is your biggest supporter?
- What would you like to say to the grade 9's?

# Bailey Cook

- Not sure I feel like football had an impact on my education.
- The love I have for the sport and I like the atmosphere that football creates, its not like any other
- My parents. The come out to every single high school game and they are still coming now. If you want to be sful in football, you need to grind everyday in the off season to become a bette so you can play est of your ability when the season comes.

# Brendan Caouette

- Totally helped my education. Pushed me to do good in school. Can't play football without good grades.
- 2 The love for the sport.
- My mom.
- Don't quit! Go Saints.



On Page 8 see photos of these players.



#### Zac White

- 1. Football is important to me, but education comes first. I needed to do good in school so I could pursu dream
- The love for the sport.
- My family and my girlfriend.
- Work hard and reach for the stars.

# Morgan Runge

- 1. I didn't need football to motivate me when I was in high school. What motivated me was my parents and myA grade two class from post secondary entry requirements.
- I think the curione of those the well as the camaraderie(friendship) and dedication keeps me motivated. Football one of those the wonder how far you can go in it.
- ...ny biggest supporters, they make every effort to come out to my games.
- To be successful in football, you have to hold yourself accountable to your commitments in the footbactive, motivating, and skill season. It is very rare for someone to miss a practice for any reason and that dedication took us to the packed class with provincial finals. Same goes for school if you put in the work, make the commitment you will see results be successful.

#### Connor Cook

- 1. Football keeps me straight and narrow. Keeps me disciplined and helps me focus on studies on and of the field whether it came to school or anything else in my life.
- The opportunity I have been given with the Huskies and the drives to be a starter.
- My Dad. He' supported me throughout all of high school and continue to support and motivate me today.
- Be confident in your ability as a football player. Trust yourself, your brothers and be a coachable athlete. Listen and respect your coaches. They're there for a reason. These qualities are the basis for a strong football team as well as they shape you to be a successful, hardworking adult. Remember boy's, never quit!

# use them during their breaks.

We hope that everyone has had a restful summer and are ready for We ask that students who still have overdue books and course materials to return them to the office at Hilltop or to Storefront School.

There are some up and coming activities for students to engage in. HIV West Yellowhead presentation will be on Wednesday, September There are a few changes to the day at Storefront. There will be 16 at 12:30 pm. We will be hosting a Thanksgiving luncheon on scheduled breaks this school year at 10:30 am and 2:00 pm, with Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at noon. We will be holding our Awards

# **Storefront Hours:**

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm



# Health and Wellness Fair

Hilltop is excited to be hosting their own Health and Wellness Fair.

Ms. Deacon's Sports and Leadership class along with Ms. Johnson's Wellness class and Mrs. Sanderson's foods class will be partnering with community members to promote and bring awareness to different aspects of wellness along with ways to improve your health. The fair will be full of information, activities nutritional and some snacks!

Come check it out on Thursday, October 8 from 11:30 to 2:00.

# Sports and Leadership

Pat Hardy Elementary will be coming to Hilltop in September to have an

andMiss Deacon's Grade 9 Sports and Leadership class!



## Welcome back everyone!

the 2015-2016 school year. Storefront School staff welcomes back all returning students and new students. Also, a warm welcome is extended to the Whitecourt Wolverine players who have enrolled at Storefront School.

lunch at noon. There is an expectation for all students to have an Ceremony on Tuesday, October 20 at 2 pm. intake meeting to review school expectations and to set academic goals. In addition, students are expected to hand in their phones in the drop box upon entering the building. Students are permitted to

Vote = Voice: Project Based Learning at Hilltop

While attending the Buck Institute for Education workshop on Project Based Learning (PBL), we had the opportunity to develop a complete project based learning unit that is cross-curricular and cross grade. This project will be executed in September of 2015, the first of its kind; examining voter trends and apathy in Federal elections. Our purpose is to eliminate and conquer voter apathy through education. Using Google Apps for Education (such as Google Classroom and Forms) to reverse instruction, students will collaborate and investigate historical and current trends in voter apathy. Working together, students will analyze statistical data to suggest solutions to eliminate voter apathy in Whitecourt. This project will culminate with an Information Night (October 7) where students will present their findings to the public, as well as help to educate the voter population about the issues and platforms in the 2015 Federal Election (Monday October 19, 2015). We chose this approach because there are many benefits of Project Based Learning:

- It's a student-centered approach.
- PBL requires the use and development of 21st Century Skills and Attributes (collaboration, communication, critical thinking, problem solving).
- . Typically students find it more enjoyable and satisfying.
- . It allows students to master content and apply higher level thinking skills.
- . Students with PBL experience are able advocate and self-assess, increasing achievement.
- PBL develops lifelong learning skills.

Stay tuned for more information as this project unfolds! We hope that you are as excited about this student-centered, engaging, and relevant educational learning opportunity as we are.

Educationally Yours,
Mrs. J. Keay and Mrs. K.
Woodford

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# X

# X-Country Running

Mrs. Kendall is hitting the road with

the X-Country team as they travel to Camrose for a run in September. Thanks to St. Joes for hosting a run at Rotary Park during the season.

# WANTED

# <u>TUTORS</u>

HTH is in need of tutors for all core subjects.

Math and Science in particular.

If you would like to earn some extra money and are interested please

call the school at 780.778.2446.



# Volleyball

Volleyball season is underway and we are looking forward to a fantastic season!

Come cheer on the Charger's senior volleyball teams
October 2nd and 3rd!

I Live To Play Volleyball

**H**illtop's Athletic department is excited for a new school year and all the sporting opportunities that are available. This year Hilltop Senior Boys have two new coaches from our community, Mr. Chris Vasquez and Mr. Daniel Gudgeon. With a solid squad of 8 players they will be travelling to many tournaments around our zone. The senior girls will be coached by Miss Paige Deacon. This is Miss Deacon's second year with the team and with a full roster is optimistic with the potential the team has and the support of the parents it will be a great year!

These are the tournaments the teams are presently attending:

- \* September 25 & 26 Spruce Grove
- \* October 16 & 17 Drayton Valley
- \* November 6 & 7 Edson

Plus, everyone is welcome to come cheer on the Chargers for our annual A & W Classic on October 2 & 3rd. Teams competing at this tournament are Evansburg, Athabasca, Vermilion, Drayton Valley, Camrose, Onoway, Peace River, Mayerthorpe, Kinuso, St. Joes (Whitecourt), Wetaskiwin, Westlock. Be part of the action.....

Mr. Keay will be coaching the JV Girls, Grade 9 Volleyball is just starting to have try outs. Community Coaches Miss Abigail Mitchell, Miss Brittany Childs-Leroy and Miss Hailey Ellis have volunteered to help Hilltop athletes reach their potential in a sport they are passionate about.

Ms. Hleck Athletic Dept.



## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Hello everyone! Welcome back to Hilltop High School for the 2015-2016 school year! Student council is a great way to get involved with the happenings at Hilltop. You get a chance to plan activities for the entire school population and you get to be directly involved in the activities that we come up with.



Student council meets every Tuesday at noon hour in the Home Ec. Lab. Please bring your lunch and come out and see what we are all about!

Our first activity is going to be a school wide BBQ! It is free for all students and will be held the week of September 21.

#### Humanitarian

Looking for a way to give back? Come check out the Humanitarian Club. Every month we send \$1000 to two organizations in Uganda helping them become self-sustaining. The first organization is MCV, an orphanage outside of Kampala. At MCV children without relatives are take care for sent to school and provided their basic needs. The second organization is RWADA. Here children are reunited with extended family after losing their parents.

The Humanitarian Society meets every week on Thursdays at lunch to organize different fundraisers to support these causes. If you are interested in helping out see Miss. Johnson or Mrs. Rosvold.



#### **Grad 2016 Information**

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Student/Parent Graduation Information Evening: 7:00 pm in the Auditorium Wednesday, September 23, 2015;
- Student/Parent Post-Secondary and Scholarship Information Evening:
   7:00 pm in the Auditorium Wednesday, October 7, 2015;
- Grad Committee Nomination Forms Due in to Ms. Otto by Friday, October 2, 2015 by 4:00 pm;
- Grad Ring Orders will take place Monday, October 5, Tuesday, October 6, and Wednesday, October 7, 2014 in the front foyer at lunch and after school with special hours for parents on Wednesday from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm;
- Grad Committee Election at noon on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 in room 501;
- Grad Photos are by appointment only on Wednesday, December 2, Thursday December 3, and Friday, December 4, 2015 with retakes on Wednesday, February 10, 2016—information on how to book your appointments will be posted on the Grad Board and at the Office once it is available;
- Graduation Ceremony at 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Athabasca Arena with the Grand March to follow.
- It is important that potential Grads and their parents feel informed about Graduation and its various events and activities. In order to insure the information is available, we communicate it in a variety of ways including this monthly newsletter, the Grad Board located next to the Staff Workroom, our school website, phone fan-outs and Remind, a phone app which allows you to receive texts or emails from us. To receive messages via text, text the message@2016hth to (587) 316 7407. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe@2016hth'. Or to receive messages via email, send an email to 2016hth@mail.remind.com. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

















# Student Services Newsletter

The new Student Service's Dept. has a wealth of information that will help all students throughout the year; whether its deciding on a career choice, finding a job or working on one of the computers to complete a school project.

The job opportunity/volunteer board will be updated weekly so students can find a part time job or volunteer within our community.



Are you undecided about a career? One of the best web sites for Career, Learning and Employinformation is www.alis.gov.ab.ca. It also includes information on financial assistance.

# **Work Experience**

Work Ex is underway for 2015-2016! Sign up as soon as possible to maximize credits. Remember: Your placement is not official until Mr. Mireau has finalized the details with your employer.



#### Are YOU a Volunteer?

If you volunteer to coach a team, help with seniors, tutor or any other form of volunteerism you may qualify for high school credits.

# **Scholarships**

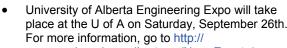
This scholarship listing is on our website and is based on information received at Hilltop High School to date and may not reflect all the scholarship opportunities available to students. Also, current year information may not have been received by the school as of this date so deadlines may vary slightly from what is listed. Once new current information is received the scholarship website will be updated. Students should check the website regularly.

Also, read "Tips to Follow When Applying for Scholarships"

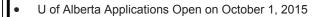
# RAP ~ Registered Apprenticeship Program for **High School Students.**

If you are interested in a RAP position and would like to find out more information, please see Ms. Lesia Hleck in the front office.

# **Open Houses/Preview Day**



www.engineering.ualberta.ca/NewsEvents/ Expo2015.aspx



- University of Alberta and MacEwan University Trip. October 13th. Cost to participants is five dollars. Grade 12 students have priority.
- NAIT Trip. October 16th, Cost to participants is five dollars. Grade 12 students have priority.
- NAIT Open House October 17th, 2015
- U of A OPEN HOUSE, October 17th, 2015 North Campus, Butterdome



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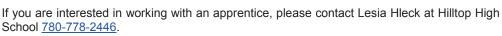
HOUSE

# RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program)

Super opportunity to be part of the ANC team. They are presently recruiting a grade 11 student interested in the INSTRUMENTATION trade. Resumes and applications to Ms. Hleck on or before Friday, September 18th. Interviews to follow and the successful applicant will begin at ANC the end of September and continuing in this trade until the end of June 2017.

Congratulation to Santana Rivard who is pursuing a trade as an INSULATOR. Santana is apprenticing at INTREPID.

> Daniel Taylor is starting a trade also at MILLAR WESTERN on September 14th as a POWER ENGINEER. Both will be great ambassadors for Hilltop in our community.





# First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI)

Tansi! Welcome to Hilltop High School for the 2015/2016 school term. respect who you are. I look forward to celebrating many successes This year is going be amazing as we begin with the Career and Education Expo, and carry on with other events to showcase our students and their many talents. I encourage our Aboriginal students to identify with their culture on the registration forms, or come and let myself know, as this can open many doors into your future. Our school receives funding for programs for Indigenous students, so let's all work together for the greater good. Be proud of your heritage and

with you this year, please stop in at Students Services to chat.



Mrs. Smith-Tomke **FNMI Liaison Worker** 

New faces at HTH **VOLUME 6, ISSUE 1** Mrs. Ulrich ~ Ms. Zack ~ Art 9/LA9 Educational Assistant  $M\alpha \tau \hbar S$ **Business** Minded RED SEAL Chef Mercer cooking all sorts of good healthy food in the HTH Bistro **Mavericks Wanted BE YOUR OWN BOSS BUILD YOUR OWN EMPIRE** PROFIT FROM YOUR PASSIONS & Miss Hilland has EARN HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS Mrs. Walsh **Proudly Present** The Mavericks Business and **Entrepreneurial Boot Camp** Intense Hands On Learning Get the skinny on start ups from idea to implementation Includes pitching your micro business and other events during Small Business Week October 5-7 & 13-14 Hilltop High School Library Sign Up Now! Only 20 spaces available adline to Apply September 30 Alberta Living Waters
Catholic Schools CONNOR COOK BAILEY COOK HUSKIES ZACK WHITE MORGAN RUNGE BRENDAN CAOUETTE HUSKIES