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PRIDE: It's What We're Going For!

Important Dates:

October 6:
Fall Awards Ceremony
At 7:00 pm
Literacy Day-No School

October 10:
Pride Assembly

October 20:
PD Day-No School

October 9:
Thanksgiving-No School

October 19:
Grad Turkey Supper 5 - 8 p.m.
@ Leslieville Hall

October 25:
Student Lunch

There are many ways to keep up with the happenings at DTHS!

Check out our website: <http://davidthompson.wrsd.ca/>

Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/davidthompsonhs

Phone us at (403) 729-3930. We're happy to hear from you!

Sign up for REMIND:

Sign up for important updates from Mr. Trieber.

Get information for DTHS right on your phone—not on handouts.

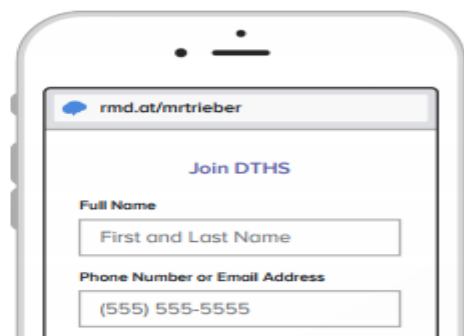
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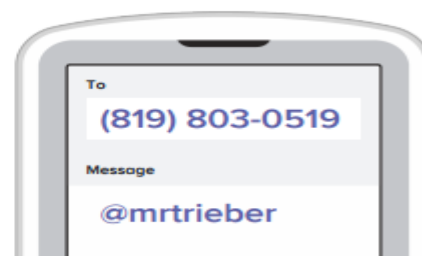
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Text the message @mtrieber to the number (819) 803-0519.



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DTHS Fall Awards Ceremony

Friday, October 6th @ 7 p.m.

Come out and celebrate our students' successes - everyone is welcome to attend!



Has Your Contact Information Changed?

If your mailing address, telephone numbers or email address have changed, please contact Carrie in the office:

Carrie.lutz@wrsd.ca or 403-729-3930



60th Anniversary Celebration

On Thursday, September 14, David Thompson High School welcomed current and former students, staff and community members, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the school. A free barbecue was held, with over 400 people served. Cenovus provided the large barbecue, with Tyler Lutz as the head chef. A beautiful array of door prizes were also available and West Stitch Advertising lent to the community spirit by donating them all. The JV Volleyball girls hosted Caroline which meant the gym was buzzing with activity. It was an amazing evening of fellowship, reminiscing and reflecting on how the "school in the middle of the field" had such a positive impact on all who attended or worked here. Thank you to Lorraine Houston and Lorna Tink for providing some early school history and doing the official cutting of the cake. Thank you also to DTHS Parent Council and WRSD who donated to the event, and to all who were able to attend.



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News From Parent Council



Casino dates are Oct. 16 & 17—Thank you to all the parent volunteers!!

October 18 @ 7 p.m. - Next Parent Council meeting— Everyone is welcome.



Principal's Message

Another exciting year of learning is underway at David Thompson High School. DTHS is continuing on the journey of High School Re-Design. The goal of High School Re-Design is to allow high school students to personalize and take responsibility for their education. DTHS in communication with the parents/guardians are here to help guide students in their decision-making. High school students are also receiving 32 minutes of Extended Learning Time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have changed from the Daily ELT from last year as a majority of students in Grades 10 and 11 were not utilizing the curriculum time given to them to complete homework or access teachers for one on one help. An added benefit was that we now could add more class time for the Grade 12 students in their core classes. The ELT is curriculum time and not spares for students. The expectation for students is that they are in a classroom receiving extra help, completing late assignments or missed exams, studying, completing a distance learning course, or reading. One of the main goals of ELT is that students will learn to prioritize and be able to make a responsible decision for their education.

Mr. Miles Trieber



Mrs. Morrish invites you to subscribe to Remind!

Mrs. Morrish Grade 8 Remind:

If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/dthsla8 Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @dthsla8 to the number (819) 410-1138.

Mrs. Morrish Grade 9 Remind:

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/dthsla9 or text the message @dthsla9 to the number (819) 410-1138.

DRESS CODE REMINDER – Students are expected to:



- dress in a clean, neat manner
- not wear headgear in the school during school hours
- wear shoes at all times
- when appropriate, wear shorts and skirts of a reasonable length (Plus or minus one inch of arms straight down at student's side)
- no halter, backless, spaghetti, strapless, or short tops to school
- always wear a shirt (pinnies provided in P. Ed.)
- never wear shirts with unbecoming pictures, profane words or obscene slogans
- never wear fashion accessories that may be deemed to be dangerous
- keep pants pulled up

FROM THE CAREER CENTRE



All High School Students at DTSS:

As the new school year is well under way, now is the time to consider how you are going to best use your time at school and in the community. Students have some responsibility for organizing and enjoying their educational experience while they are in high school. Consider these suggestions:

- You should seek advice about high school options from your parents, your teachers, your career advisers and even post-secondary institutes.
- You need to be sure that you choose courses which will lead to the High School Diploma that best suits your goals
- You need to do what is necessary to successfully complete your high school education with a broad selection of courses, and done to the best of your ability. Now is not the time to let your school work slide. Keep up with assignments and exams and plan ahead for deadlines. Spend extra time on courses that are more difficult for you.
- You need to consider the options you have in mind for after high school. Whether your plans right now include a trade, a college or university program, or the workforce, you need to be prepared for any change in plans either before you are finished high school or into the future
- You have a responsibility to create a balance in your life that includes not only a focus on academic studies but also extracurricular activities, community involvement, as well as friends and family.

Grade 12 Students

- If you are in Grade 12, and you plan to attend post-secondary any time in the future, remember that the courses you choose to take this year and the marks you get, count. Diploma exams are particularly important. **WORK HARD AND STUDY FOR THESE EXAMS!**
- Although it is still early in the year, many post-secondary institutions begin to take applications for next year programs on October 1. Sometimes applying early will make a difference in your acceptance to post-secondary programs
- If you are planning to pursue a post-secondary program next year, be sure you have done enough research on programs and institutions, so that you can make wise decisions based on factual information.
- During Careers 30 Class, all students who may possibly go to post-secondary college or university either next year or another time will be doing an Apply Alberta application form up to the point of selecting a program. This is done so you are familiar with completing an application whenever you choose to attend. Students who are planning a trade will do similar research on applications.
- If you have any questions on academic or career choices and how to achieve your goals,

Please Note:

The DTHS office will no longer automatically print receipts for fee payments. If you require a receipt, please contact the school office and we will be happy to send one home with your child.

Career Corner - October 2017

Once students are in grade 10, and 15 years old, they can get credits for working. Students can work for family, friends or a business. For every 25 hours of work students receive 1 credit with the minimum credit they can receive being 3.

To be able to receive work experience credits students must fill in a contract with their employer and have it signed by their parents. Once the contract is brought back to the school students can start counting their hours. I visit all employers to talk to them and do a quick safety audit as required by the government.

It is up to the student to bring the hours he/she worked back to the school in the form of pay stubs or a sheet signed by the employer. The student will also need to fill in a sheet listing the duties they performed. All students are also required to complete and hand in a calendar for each month which includes the hours you work each day along with your signature and the signature of your supervisor. You will be given a new calendar each month.

The marks students receive for this course are based on the work report filled out by the employer.

There are 3 different work Experience levels, WE 15, WE25, WE35, with the possibility of earning 30 credits.

Work experience contracts are available at the Career Center.

The Green Certificate, which is run through Olds College, is a great opportunity for students who work on farms or have an interest in farming. Students work with a mentor, and a thick book of information, learning about one section of agriculture; Cow-Calf, Dairy, Feedlot beef, Field Crop, Sheep, Swine, Beekeeping and Equine courses.

Each course is divided into three sections. When the mentor has signed off on all the items in one section, the student signs up to take an oral test at Olds College. Students can test for up to three sections at a time.

When the students have completed the program they will receive 16 grade 12 credits. The Green Certificate credentials are recognized by people in the industry.

Students who take the Green Certificate program must complete the safety component, AGR 3000 which is available as a booklet through the Career Center or it can be taken during an afternoon at Olds College. The tentative dates for this are Oct 13 or 14.

Testing dates:

- Nov 20, 21 Cow-Calf, Feedlot beef, Field Crop, Sheep, Swine, Beekeeping, Green House and Equine courses.
- Nov 22 - Dairy - Lacombe
- Feb 12, 13, 2018 - cow-calf, Feedlot beef, Field Crop, Sheep, Swine, Beekeeping, Green House and Equine courses.
- Feb 14, 2018 - Dairy

For more information please contact Linda Tomlinson 403 729 3930 linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca



Distance Education News



It is impossible for a small school such as David Thompson to offer all topics that interest every student. The solution is Distance Education courses. Students start the process by talking to Mr. Trieber and Mrs. Thompson. Once approved, a \$100 completion deposit is given to the office and the course is ordered. Students are enrolled and have their course in approximately 24 hours. Some courses have the option of print and/or online. Others are online only.

Grade 10 and 11 students will work on these courses in a supervised classroom. The average time it takes to complete a credit is 25 hours. The amount of credits a student takes reflects the amount of credits they would have earned in the class that they opted out of. One period a day is equal to 3 credits a semester.

Completed assignments should be handed in at the Career Office. If I am not in the office, please email me to tell me you have handed in an assignment for marking: linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca. Assignments are usually marked within a few days. Completed modules are stored in the Library with Mrs. Williamson. They are returned to students before exams to study.



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Breakfast for Learning

Our school's nutrition program is proudly funded by Breakfast for Learning. Thanks to their support, we are able to offer our students a healthy meal or snack during the school day.

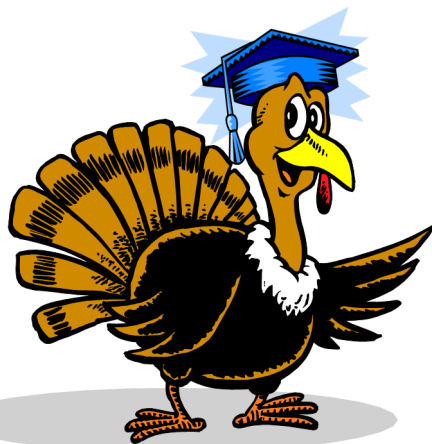
Breakfast for Learning is a national charity that is committed to ensuring students attend school well nourished and ready to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life.

In the 2013/14 school year, Breakfast for Learning funded 2,402 breakfast, lunch and snack programs, served 251,531 children and youth and provided over 40 million nourishing meals and snacks.

Since 1992, Breakfast for Learning has helped serve over 510 million meals to children and youth across Canada.

For more information, please visit breakfastforlearning.ca.

It's that time of the year again – The David Thompson High School Graduating Class of 2018 Harvest Supper!



Thursday, October 19, 2017

Leslieville Community Hall

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Admission Prices

Age 13 - Adult - \$12.00

Seniors - \$10.00

12 and under - \$7.00

Preschool – Free

Turkey and Roast Beef

Take Out Orders Available

Grade 8 Camp Kuriakos

The grade 8 class enjoyed their leadership trip to Camp Kuriakos on Sept. 11/12. Students demonstrated leadership skills and had a lot of fun in all the activities, including high ropes, archery, canoeing and of course a lot of team games. A huge thank you to our parent supervisors, Julie May and Clint Knopp, for giving their time so that our field trip could be a success.



Grade 9 Camp Kuriakos

The Grade 9 classes spent three days at Camp Kuriakos on September 19, 20 and 21. They participated in many leadership activities, including high ropes, the climbing wall, preparing, serving and cleaning in the kitchen and other games. It was an active three days and the students learned many new skills to get them started for the new year.

