

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

Important Dates:

November 30:
 Grade 9 Field Trip - Theatre
 Calgary - A Christmas Carol

December 5:
 Student Hot Lunch

December 12:
 PRIDE Assembly

December 23-January 7:
 Christmas Break

January 17:
 Parent Council Meeting

January 23-26:
 High School Exams

January 29:
 Junior High Ski Trip

January 31:
 First Day of Semester 2

Students of the Month



Pictured from left to right:
 Olivia Parker, Nicole
 Henneigh, and Ryan
 Wzykoski.

Not pictured: Craig Leth-
 bridge

Athletes of the Month



Pictured from left to right: Jasmine Angliss, Brooklyn McMeekin, Ava Beisal, Chel-
 sey Madson, Colton Windo, Macy Kotanko, Carson Lethbridge.

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.

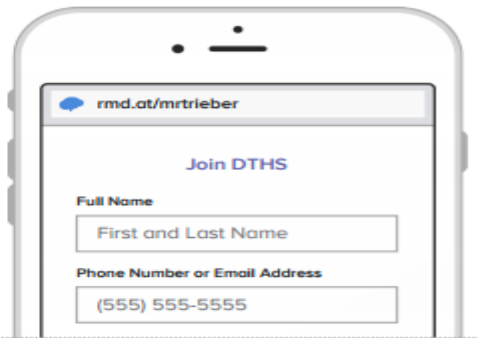
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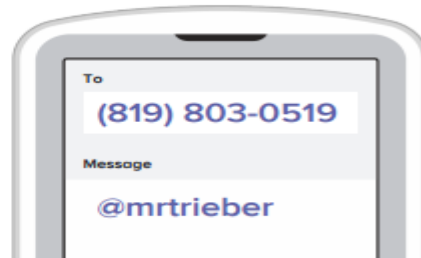
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B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

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



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/mtrieber on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

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

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News From Parent Council



Please note: There will be no Parent Council meeting in December.
Next Parent Council meeting - Wednesday January 17 @ 7 p.m.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Our Junior High Ski Trip will take place on January 29, 2018 at the Nakiska Ski Resort. Please see Mrs. Morrish or pick up a form at the office. Permission forms are due back to the office by December 18, 2017. **Late forms will not be accepted as we need time to compile the paperwork for Nakiska prior to Christmas break.** Please contact Mrs. Morrish with any questions or concerns by phone: (403) 729-3930 or by email: janine.morrish@wrsd.ca



As part of their Social Studies curriculum, the grade 9 classes will be touring the Red Deer Provincial Courthouse in December.

9A's will go December 7, and 9B's will go December 14. Permission forms will be sent home the first week of December.



Distance Education News



It is always good to see students who are taking the distance education option to be progressing in their courses. This term is quickly coming to an end, which means that students should have completed at least half of their material to be finished by the end of January.

It is always best to complete early and to have extra time to work on other courses. We expect all distance education courses to be completed by the middle of January.

Completed assignments should be handed in at the Career Office. They are returned to students before exams to study.

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**Congratulations
to our Senior
Girls Volleyball
team for taking
DTHS to provin-
cials!!**

I would like to thank our amazing volleyball coaches:

-Sr High Girls: Mr. Tom Beisal and Ms. Chanda Strome,

-JV Girls: Mr. Jerry Lutz.

-Jr High Girls: Mrs. Teresa Angliss, Mrs. Dana Dickson, Tabitha Angliss, Piper Wylie and Ms. Katie Heyland.

-Sr High Boys: Mr. Seim,

-Jr High Boys: Mr. Seim, Owen Smith and Lance Clay.

Also to the parents for their continued support of our athletic program.

Principal Miles Trieber

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

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FROM THE CAREER CENTRE



HELP, I NEED \$\$\$ FOR POST-SECONDARY!

For most of us, the financial commitment to post-secondary education is a major consideration when deciding where to attend and what program to enroll in. The tuition for post-secondary programs can range from a few hundred dollars (\$780 per year for apprenticeship training), to several thousand dollars (\$20,000 per year for Dentistry at the University of Alberta). Tuition for a four-year degree in Alberta is about \$5000 to \$6000 per year. You must also consider other fees as well as living expenses and transportation costs.

How to Pay for Post-Secondary Education

You may cover post-secondary costs in several ways and not all will break your bank.

Scholarships are the best option for paying for some of your post-secondary costs. Some scholarships are based on academic achievement but the vast majority depend on your contribution to your school and community. Be sure to keep track of any volunteer activities you are involved in and if possible ask the organization supervisor for a reference letter.

Many of the post-secondary institutions open their applications for scholarships on December 1. Most require a single application for several scholarships so you are not required to fill in separate applications for each one. Apply for these scholarships as soon as you are able.

Every student is eligible for a Rutherford scholarship if you are able to achieve at least a 75% average in Grades 10, 11 and/or 12. Rutherford Scholarship criteria includes courses such as CTS, Physical Education and many other non-core courses. Do your best to put some Rutherford money in your bank.

Be sure to create a file for yourself that has a copy of your scholarships essay file and any scholarship essays you have written.

If you want more information on local scholarships and deadline dates, be sure to get a handout from Mrs. Thompson. Apply for every scholarship for which you qualify. You will be happy you did this when the money starts to roll in!

YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T APPLY!

Apprenticeships are another way to pay for your post-secondary education. There are approximately 50 opportunities for apprenticeships in Alberta. Most include technical trades but there are others including baker, cook and hairstylist. An apprentice works for about 1500 hours a year earning a salary and then spends 8 weeks at school. There are several scholarships available for apprentices including a RAP scholarship (\$1000), which can be earned when a student finishes high school. If you are in the RAP program, you will need to apply for this scholarship in the spring of 2018.

Part Time Jobs can add to your pot of money especially that earned during breaks and summer holidays. You must ensure the time you need for school is not taken by a part time job while you are in school, so it is necessary to strike a positive balance with the two activities.

Student Loans are a source of money for post-secondary expenses. Ideally, you will borrow only as much as you need to cover what you cannot earn any other way. Student loans are less expensive than bank loans and do not have to be paid back until you are finished your post-secondary program. If you want information on student loans visit the website [Student Aid Alberta](#). See Mrs. Thompson about applying for student loans later in 2018.

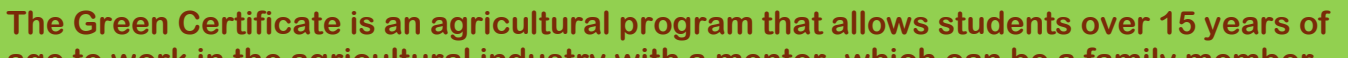
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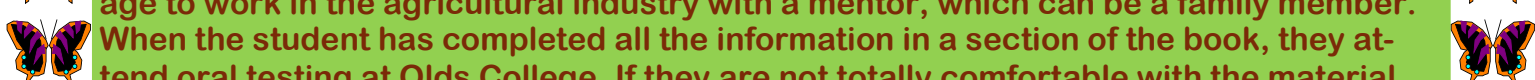
Career Corner



Green Certificate



The Green Certificate is an agricultural program that allows students over 15 years of age to work in the agricultural industry with a mentor, which can be a family member. When the student has completed all the information in a section of the book, they attend oral testing at Olds College. If they are not totally comfortable with the material they have the option to do a practice test. Once students complete a section they receive grade 12 credits.



Students also have to complete AGR3000 which is available in booklet form through the Career Center.



The next testing date is:



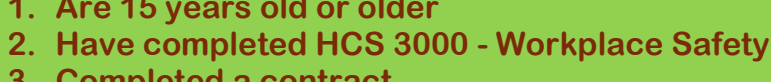
Winter testing Feb 12, 13, in Olds with Dairy testing Feb 14, in Lacombe




Spring testing May 14, 15, in Olds with Dairy testing May 16, in Lacombe

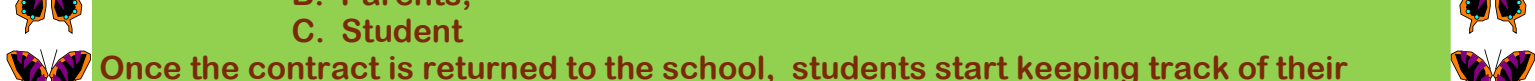


Students are eligible for Work Experience Credits if they

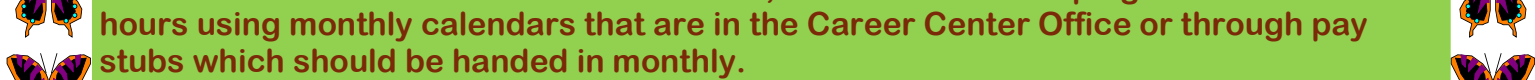
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1. Are 15 years old or older
 2. Have completed HCS 3000 - Workplace Safety
 3. Completed a contract
 - A. Signed by employer,
 - B. Parents,
 - C. Student



Once the contract is returned to the school, students start keeping track of their hours using monthly calendars that are in the Career Center Office or through pay stubs which should be handed in monthly.



The workplace coordinator will visit the place of employment and do a quick safety audit and discuss the program which includes helping both the students and employer to ensure that the program is successful.



The marks for Work Experience come from the competency sheet that the employer completes.



The student's can work for family, friends or an unrelated business.



WE CANNOT ACCEPT HOURS WORKED UNTIL A CONTRACT IS SIGNED AND HANDED IN.



Students that wish to be in a RAP, Registered Apprenticeship Program should talk to Mrs. Thompson in the Career Office.




Any questions? Please contact Linda at linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca or phone 403 729 3930.



Volunteers and Parent Drivers



As part of our commitment to keeping our students safe we require the following from our volunteers and parent drivers:

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- 1. A Criminal Record Check**
 - 2. An Intervention Record Check**
 - 3. Driver Abstract - a form can be filled out at the office**
 - driving record must be satisfactory for a minimum of 5 yrs.**
 - drivers must have an unrestricted license**
 - drivers must not have more than 6 demerits**
 - 4. Proof of a minimum of \$ 1,000,000 third party liability insurance**



Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns at 403.729.3930



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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.



Parking at School



If you are visiting DTHS, during school hours, we have three available areas for you to park. The middle of the parking lot where stalls are marked by yellow lines and either the east or west end of the parking lot.

Please do not park in the bus parking located directly along the front sidewalk of the school during school hours.

Thank-you for your cooperation.



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.

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Principal's Message

With our Christmas Break fast approaching, I would like to thank the staff, students, and parents for all their contributions in our first few months of school. The amazing learning experiences and opportunities that we offer to our students, with parental support, are incredible and the wonderful students make DTHS a great place to be!

Just a reminder to help with improving communication we do maintain our school webpage at <http://davidthompson.wrsd.ca> and our page on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/davidthompsonhs/>. As well, I have set up a Remind Text or Email account to send out the school happenings dates on a weekly basis. The instructions to join Remind is on the school web page under School News, and on page 2 of this newsletter. If you still have questions, please feel free to contact the school office at [\(403\) 729-3930](tel:4037293930).

Our PowerSchool Parent Portal is an excellent way to keep track of your child's progress throughout the school year. If you have not set up your account, please contact Mrs. Carrie Lutz in office at [\(403\) 729-3930](tel:4037293930) or email carrie.lutz@wrsd.ca.

Have a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Mr. Miles Trieber



Mrs. Glass invites you to subscribe to Remind!

Math 8 - Text the message @9g73g8 to the number (780) 666-7355.





Mrs. Morrish invites you to subscribe to Remind!

Mrs. Morrish Grade 8 Remind:

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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.



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