

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

Important Dates:

January 29:
Junior High Ski Trip

February 6:
Report Cards

February 19:
Family Day-No School

January 31:
First Day of Semester 2

February 13:
Pride Assembly
Hot Lunch

February 22 & 23:
ATA Teacher Convention
No School

February 2:
PD Day-No School

Students of the Month



Pictured from left to right:

Kylie Windo,
Zachery Hubl, Jana
Neukom and Logan
Thomson.

Athletes of the Month



Pictured from left to right:

Nathan Litke, Ma-
kayla Beisal, Hayley
Dickson, Will Brad-
ford and Callie Cor-
riveau.

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.

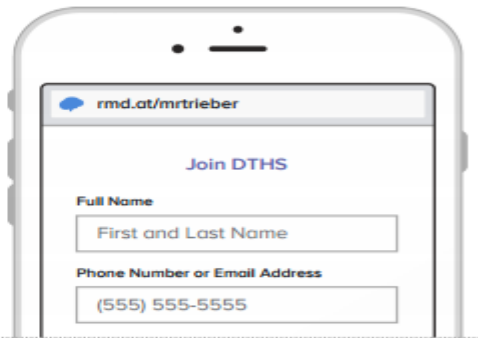
Pick a way to receive messages for DTHS:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

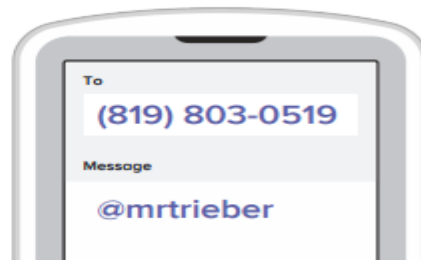
rmd.at/mtrieber

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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



February 13 - Subway Hot Lunch

March 21 @ 7 p.m. - Next Parent Council Meeting

Mrs. Glass invites you to subscribe to Remind!

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

Math 9 - Text the message @ab6gc to the number (780) 666-7355.

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.

Distance Education News

Semester one is completed as are most of the Distance Education courses that were started in September. A job well done. Those students who still have courses to complete, need to do so ASAP to make their workload in the new semester more manageable. David Thompson being a small school, uses distance education courses to offer a wider range of classes. That being said, no school in Alberta, no matter the size, can offer all the courses available through ADLC.

Students who are successful with Distance Education are ones that are self-motivated to work on the course daily, the same as an in-class course. Students who wish to take Distance Education classes in semester two need to discuss it with Mr. Trieber and Mrs. Thompson. A one hundred dollar completion deposit is also required.

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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

Three students wrote the Green Certificate Tests last fall with very impressive results. Five students are signed up to write in February 12 - 14. The next testing dates in Olds and Lacombe are May 14 to 16.

The Green Certificate courses are open to all students 15 years and older. Students work with a mentor doing practical work as well as book work. Tests are taken orally with qualified testers in Olds or in the case of Dairy by Lacombe.

If students wish to take the Green Certificate but do not know a mentor, we can help find one. If interested in this learning opportunity contact Linda Tomlinson or Norma Thompson at the Career Center. 403 729 3930

Students who are working for an employer, or at home, and are over 15 are eligible to enroll in Work Experience. Contracts are available at the Career Office. Once a contract is signed, students can start counting the hours they work towards credits. A minimum of 125 hours must be worked per contract to receive 5 credits. The maximum that can be received during the course of high school is 30 credits. Marks are based on the employer's evaluation of the student.

Students in Work Experience need to bring in their hours monthly. These hours can be in the form of pay stubs or calendar sheets signed by employers. Extra sheets are available at the Career Center.



Volunteers and Parent Drivers

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

- 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.



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

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.



NOURISHMENT
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BRIGHTER FUTURE

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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