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## Important Dates:

December 11:  
PRIDE Assembly

January 14:  
English Diploma Exam

January 22:  
Last Day of Classes for  
High School

December 22-January 6:  
Christmas Break

January 15:  
Social Studies Diploma Exam

January 16 & 17:  
Grad Pictures

January 31:  
First Day of Semester 2

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

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### Sign up for important updates from Mr. Trieber.

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

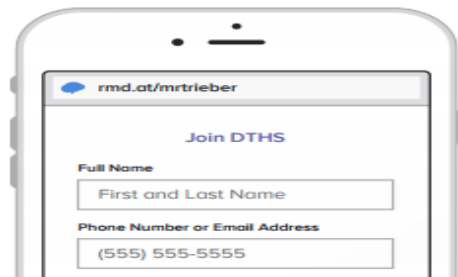
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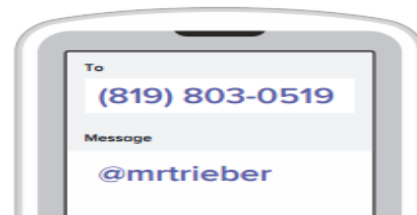
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## News From Parent Council



Please note: There will be no Parent Council meeting in December.  
Next Parent Council meeting - Wednesday January 23 @ 7 p.m.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### Recreation Board Scholarship

The David Thompson Recreation Board did not receive any local applicants for our scholarship opportunity. If you know somebody who is completing second year coursework on a post secondary program who resided within the rec board boundaries (eastern portion of clearwater county, essentially within David Thompson High School draw zone) up until leaving for school, ask them to email [ryan.smith@wrsd.ca](mailto:ryan.smith@wrsd.ca) with a paragraph including their name, address, phone number, post-secondary school and program. They may also include their employment from this past summer or present, and their community involvement. The Rec Board will consider all applicants at our January meeting and potentially distribute scholarship funds as determined by the board.



## 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.



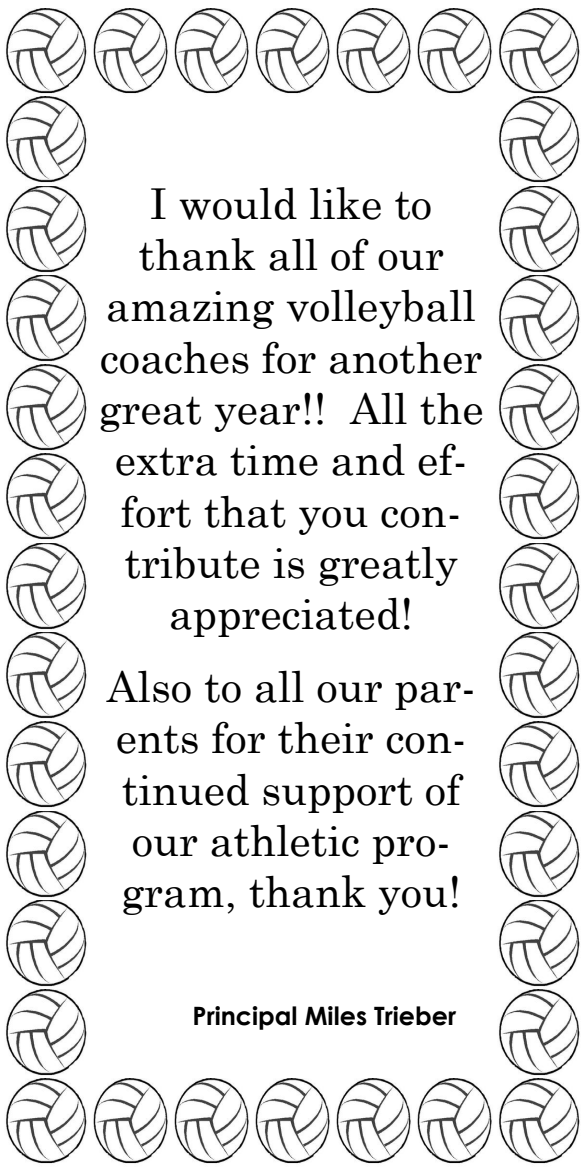
### **Has Your Contact Information Changed?**

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**



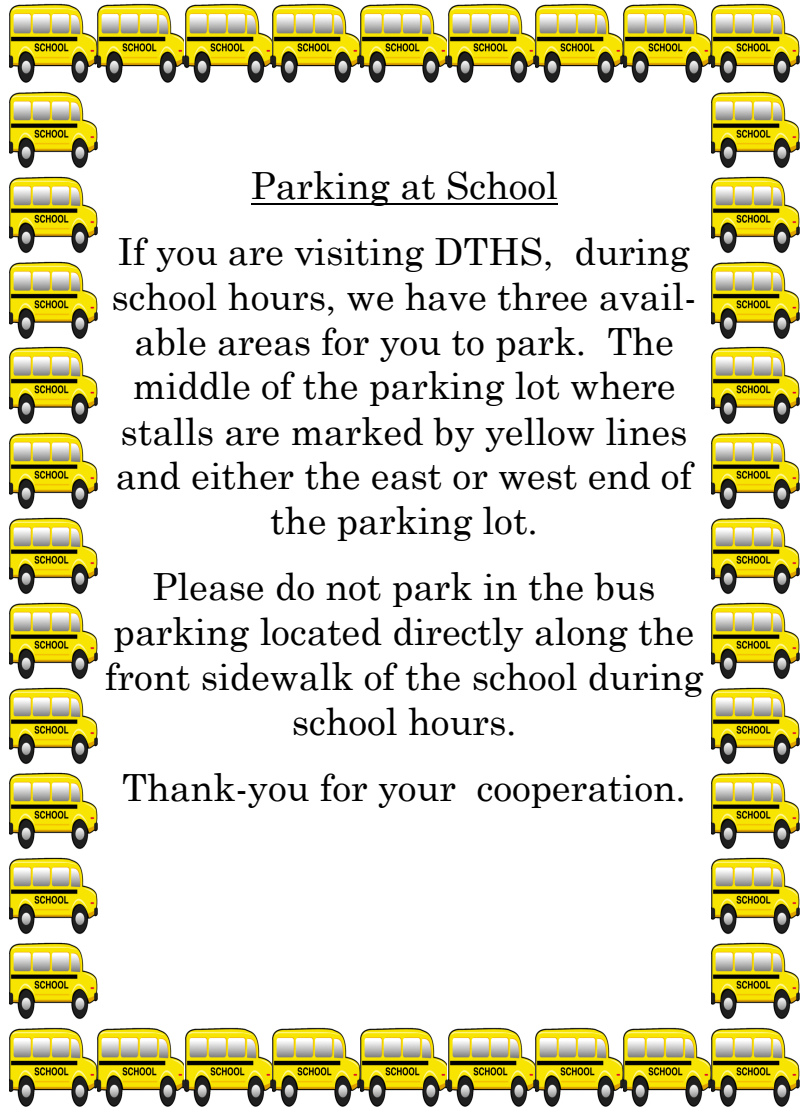
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I would like to thank all of our amazing volleyball coaches for another great year!! All the extra time and effort that you contribute is greatly appreciated!

Also to all our parents for their continued support of our athletic program, thank you!

Principal Miles Trieber



### 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.

**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**

### **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 2019.

**Part Time Jobs** can add to your pot. This is money that is 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 2019.

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## *Career Corner –December 2018*

**Green Certificate:** We have a large number of students enrolled in the Green Certificate this year. Testing dates in the new year are February 11 and 12 in Olds, and Dairy on February 13 in Lacombe. I need to know 3 to 4 weeks in advance to be able to book a testing time. For others that wish to sign up for Green Certificate, come and talk to Linda Tomlinson or Norma Thompson. It is a great program, especially if you are already working around the farm. The Green Certificate is recognized in many countries throughout the world.

**Work Experience:** Students who are working for an employer, or around home, and are over 15 are eligible to take 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 who are presently in Work Experience need to bring in their hours in the form of pay stubs or signed documents to me, Linda Tomlinson, or drop them off at the Career Center ASAP. I am still looking for many students summer hours.

Questions? Please contact Linda Tomlinson at (403) 729-3930 or [linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca](mailto:linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca)

### **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.



Ms. Cinnamon and our grade 8 class took the opportunity to plant some donated tulip bulbs.

They hope to give them back to the community when they bloom in the spring!!



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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](http://breakfastforlearning.ca).



### **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:**

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