

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

Important Dates:

January 31:
First Day of Semester 2

February 7:
Report Cards

February 18:
Family Day-No School

February 1:
PD Day-No School

February 12:
Pride Assembly

February 20:
Parent Council Meeting

Students of the Month



Pictured from left to right:
Drake Burton and Bobbi-Jo Lipka.

Missing: Hailey Randall and Bryce Budvarson

Athletes of the Month



Pictured from left to right:
Tabatha Angliss, Piper Wylie, Jakob Hoeksema, Kassie McCurrach, and Paige Wylie.

Missing: Jason Roberts

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number.

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: 978338

For **US-BASED** numbers: 61569 (see next page for QR code)



You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

*if your number is Canada-based.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send "Y" or
"Yes" to
978338.**

(For Canada-based numbers).

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

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For **US-BASED** numbers:

**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send "Y"
or "Yes" to
61569.**

(For US-based numbers).

i [Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:](#)

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

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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.

Despite the outpouring of support from educators, students, and parents—and despite Bell's decision to keep communication accessible for classrooms and communities across Canada—Rogers has no plans to reverse the fee being imposed on Remind text messages on its network.

This forces us to end Remind text notifications for everyone with a Rogers wireless plan (including these subsidiaries) starting today, January 29, at 6pm PT. To keep getting your messages, anyone who has Rogers as their phone carrier will need to enable other notifications on Remind.

To avoid service disruptions, please ask your classes to **download our free app and turn on push notifications**; you can find full instructions in our [Help Center](#), including options for people without smartphones. Text messaging will also continue to be supported for organizations with a [Remind School and District plan](#), which is now available in Canada.

We've updated our [Terms of Service](#) to reflect these changes, which you can review on our website here. You can also see specific changes on [Github](#).

Thank you again for making your voice heard on this issue. We're truly grateful for your support and apologize for the inconvenience this causes.

Sincerely,
The Remind team

[Download the app](#)

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Take the Survey



Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Survey: Jan. - Feb. 2019

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning. From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

- In January, parents of students in grades 8 - 12 should receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, students in grades 8 - 12 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2019 and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

If you have any questions please contact
Mr. Trieber. Thank you for completing the survey.



Yearbooks

Order forms for the 2018/2019 Yearbook are now available at the office. Price is \$40.00.

Orders can also be made online by visiting YBPay.lifetouch.com yearbook ID CODE is 11417919

ATTENTION 2019 GRAD PARENTS

We will be including the grad's baby pictures in the yearbook. Please help your son or daughter to find their cutest baby picture! They will be scanned and returned to you. These can be dropped off at the office. Alternatively, you can scan them yourself and email them to kara.egeto@wrsd.ca

There are a few extra copies of last year's Yearbook available for purchase. Please talk to the office if you would like to purchase one.

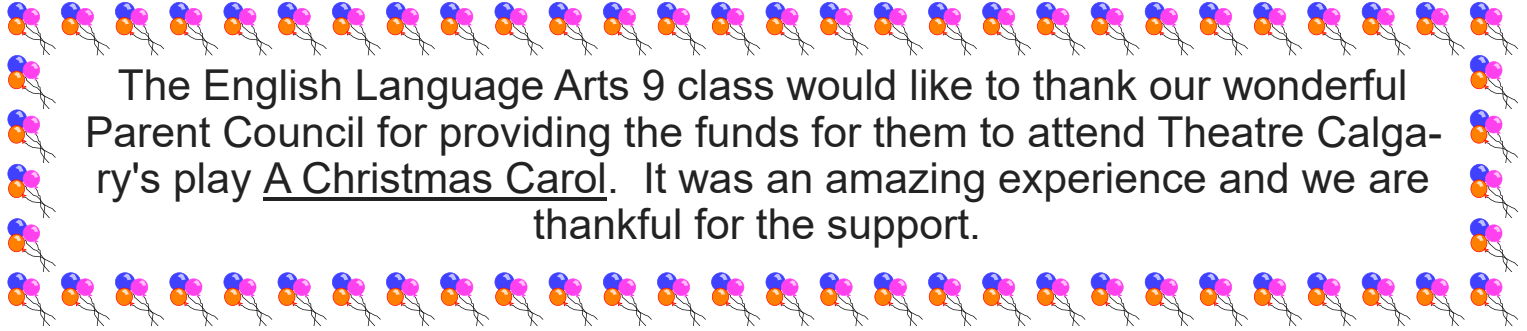
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News From Parent Council



February 20 @ 7 p.m. - Next Parent Council Meeting



The English Language Arts 9 class would like to thank our wonderful Parent Council for providing the funds for them to attend Theatre Calgary's play A Christmas Carol. It was an amazing experience and we are thankful for the support.



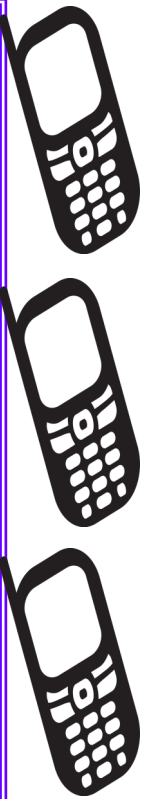
Mrs. Morrish invites you to subscribe to Remind!

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.

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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 of money, especially what 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.

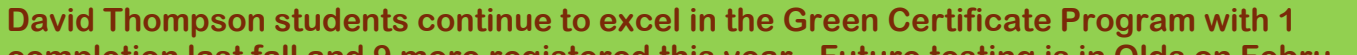
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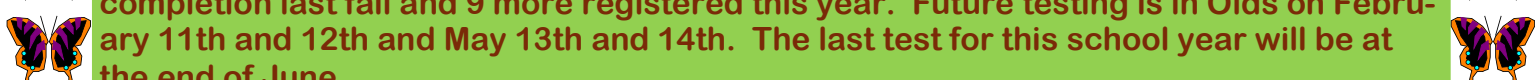
Career Corner




Green Certificate Information:



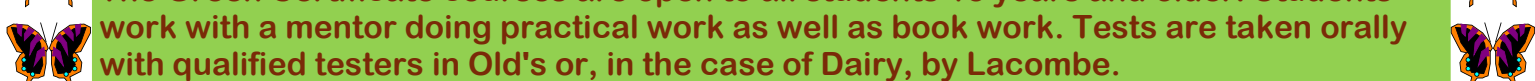
David Thompson students continue to excel in the Green Certificate Program with 1 completion last fall and 9 more registered this year. Future testing is in Olds on February 11th and 12th and May 13th and 14th. The last test for this school year will be at the end of June.



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 Old's 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 by calling the school at 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.



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



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**
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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.



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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