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Important Dates:

April 3:
Pride Assembly

April 12:
PD day—No School

April 19 & 22:
Good Friday & Easter Monday
No School

April 10:
Trip to U of A
& NAIT

April 17:
Parent Council Meeting

April 23:
Report Cards

April 18:
H2S Alive

April 29 @ 7 p.m.:
Grade 9 Parent Orientation

Monday, April 29 is Grade Nine Parent Orientation Night @ DTHS!

Incoming Grade 10 Parent Orientation - 7:00 p.m. If your child is entering Grade 10 in September, please plan to attend. This session will include important information about course selection and High School expectations.

We look forward to seeing you there!

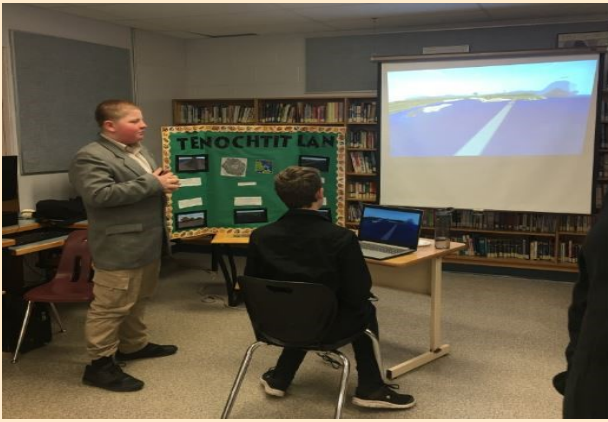


Any students who are currently in grade 9 or 10 that are interested in attending an educational international trip to Peru, during Spring Break of 2021, please see Mrs. Morrish for more details and to sign up if interested.

The cost for the trip will be approximately \$4349

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Aztec and Spanish Museum



Thank you to parents, grandparents, teachers and students at DTHS for attending the Grade 8's Aztec and Spanish Museum. It was very well received by all who participated in eating food, playing games or trying to locate a heart in a chest! Excellent work, grade 8's!



The grade 8 students have started their Mechanical Systems Unit in Science. To begin this unit they participated in a ergonomic challenge, where they needed to design a chair that would meet a particular need and function. As we move on throughout the unit students will be using their ergonomic skills to design a complex machine. The grade 8's will present their complex machines at the end of our unit to our Junior High students, as well as any parent who would like to come and see their projects.



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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".

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.



*if your number is Canada-based.

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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.



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



April 17 @ 7 p.m. - Next Parent Council Meeting



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



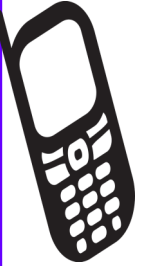
Mrs. Morrish invites you to subscribe to Remind!

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.



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.

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FROM THE CAREER CENTRE



CAREER EDUCATION NOTES

Grade 11 students will be travelling to Edmonton on April 10 to tour and receive information on the University of Alberta and NAIT. We are also planning a day long trip to SAIT in Calgary in May. Don't forget to take advantage of any opportunity you have to become an informed decision maker.

We have arranged, as a service to our students, to have 6S Safety come to the school on April 18 from 8:30 to 4:00 to do an H2S course. They are charging students \$125 including GST for the course which is \$40 less than their usual fee. Students must be at least 16 years old to take the course and are required to have a photo ID. They must also dress appropriately and wear long hair tied back. This is a course intended for adults so students must act accordingly. If you are interested in taking H2S on April 18, sign up at the office.

Grade 12 Students

Grade 12 students who are attending post-secondary will be able to apply for **student loans** and the **Rutherford Scholarship** only after the 2019/2020 application forms are available. According to Student Aid Alberta, application forms will be posted closer to June. Watch for them at [Student Aid Alberta](#). Mrs. Thompson will provide information on student loans to interested students before the application forms are available - a time yet to be determined - stay tuned!

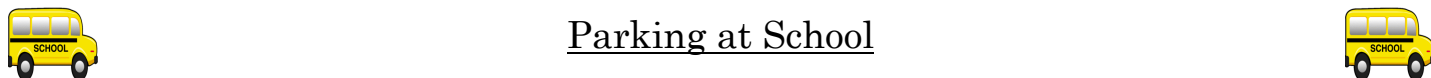
Registering for post-secondary courses for next year?

If you haven't registered for post-secondary courses, be sure to do this as soon as the course selection is available at your post-secondary. If you don't do this, you might have to put up with a pretty inconvenient schedule. Imagine being in class at 7:00 PM!

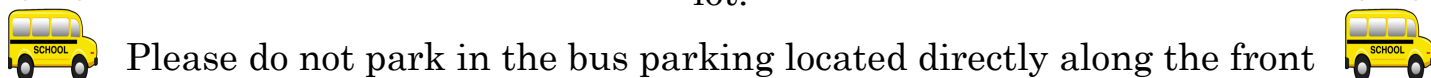
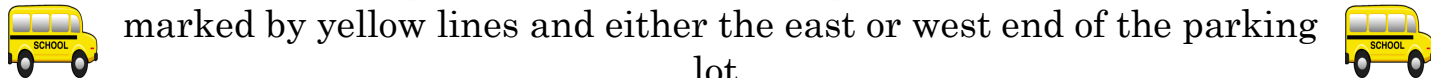
On another note, if you are planning to stay in residence next year, now is the time to finalize your application for residence.



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.



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Career Corner -April 2019



Green Certificate: The next Green Certificate testing dates are:

April 16 - Equine

May 13 & 14 - Olds College

May 15 - Lacombe for Dairy

The last chance to test this school year is June 25th.

Students who are working on the farm might want to consider signing up for the Green Certificate, a recognized farm certificate. Students are given work-books and work with a mentor and attend Olds college for verbal testing. It is possible to sign up for the Green Certificate program at any time as long as the student is over 15 years old.

Work Experience: June is not that far away. Students who are 15 years and over, who wish earn Work Experience credits during the summer, should start looking for summer employment now. Talk to friends, neighbors or check job postings. The school will also have job postings displayed on the monitor by the gym. Students are always welcome to drop into the Career Centre to upgrade their resumes and cover letters.

Work Experience is designed to introduce students to the workforce where they will gain basic employability skills. Students can work for a family member, employer or volunteer. Before the hours can be counted toward credits, the student, employer and parents must sign an employment contract. Employers fill out an evaluation which becomes the student's mark. Work Experience marks can be used when applying for the Rutherford Scholarship. Every 25 hours worked is worth one credit. A minimum of 125 hours need to be completed before being submitted for credits.

It is a student's responsibility to keep track of hours either through pay stubs or a sheet signed by the employer. Hours must be submitted to the Career Centre at school. Forms and more information on Work Experience and the Green Certificate are available at the Career Centre, or contact Linda Tomlinson by phone: 403-729-3930 or email: linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca.



Distance Education News



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.

Just a friendly reminder that there are a little over 2 months left to finish all Distance Education courses. Working hard now will eliminate the end-of-year rush. Students who are finished by the first week in June will have more time to study for other finals.

Questions? Please contact Miles Trieber or Norma Thompson at (403) 729-3930

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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

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



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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