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Important Dates:

October 4:
PD Day - No School

October 11:
Fall Awards Ceremony
@ 7:00 pm

October 24:
Grad Turkey Supper 4:30 -8pm
@ Leslieville Hall

October 10:
Toonies for Terry
Turkey Trot

October 14:
Thanksgiving-No School

October 25:
PD Day-No School

October 15:
Pride Assembly

October 30:
PTI 5-8pm

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.

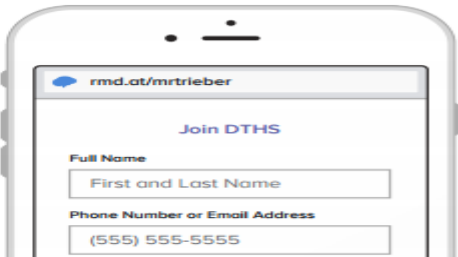
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A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

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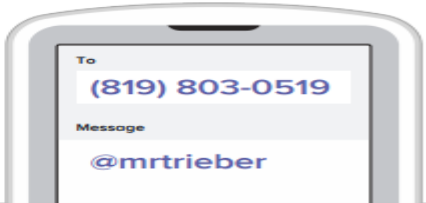
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Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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.

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DTHS Fall Awards Ceremony

Friday, October 11th @ 7 p.m.

Come out and celebrate our students' successes - everyone is welcome to attend!



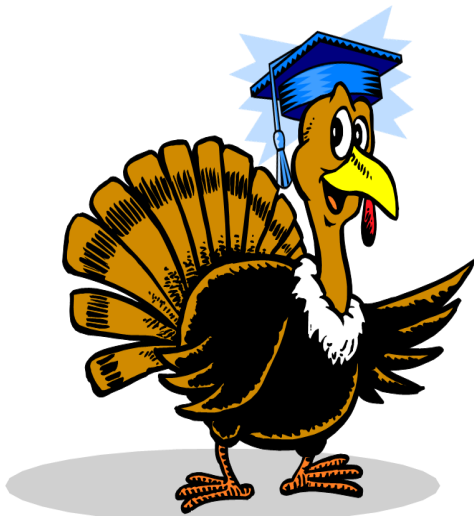
Has Your Contact Information Changed?

If your mailing address, telephone numbers or email address have changed, please contact Carrie/Irene in the office:

irene.dyck@wrsd.ca or 403-729-3930



It's that time of the year again – The David Thompson High School Graduating Class of 2020 Harvest Supper!



Thursday, October 24, 2019
Leslieville Community Hall
4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Admission Prices
Age 13 - Adult - \$15.00
Seniors - \$12.00
12 and under - \$5.00
Preschool – Free
Turkey and Roast Beef
Take Out Orders Available

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News From Parent Council



There will be no Parent Council meeting in October.
Next Parent Council meeting is on November 6 @ 7 p.m. – Everyone is welcome.

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.

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



All High School Students at DTHS:

As the new school year is well under way, now is the time to consider how you are going to best use your time at school and in the community. Students have some responsibility for organizing and enjoying their educational experience while they are in high school. Consider these suggestions:

- Be sure that you choose courses which will lead to the High School Diploma that best suits your goals. Do not drop courses without seriously weighing the pros and the cons. Consider what courses are needed or even suggested for any post-secondary you might be interested in.
- You need to do what is necessary to successfully complete your high school education with a broad selection of courses and done to the best of your ability. Now is not the time to let your school work slide. Keep up with assignments and exams and plan ahead for deadlines. Spend extra time on courses that are more difficult for you.
- Consider the options you have in mind for after high school. Whether your plans right now include a trade, a college or university program, or the workforce, you need to be prepared for any change in plans either before you are finished high school or into the future.
- You have a responsibility to create a balance in your life that includes not only a focus on academic studies but also extracurricular activities, community involvement, as well as friends and family.
- Remember that most scholarships are based on your volunteerism and contribution to the community. Take every opportunity to volunteer and to offer assistance with school and community projects. When you are ready scholarships will come your way!

Take advantage of any career field trips we organize for you this year. We will visit Calgary, Edmonton, Olds and Red Deer to check out programs and facilities. Stay tuned for dates and times!

FROM THE CAREER CENTRE



Grade 12 Students

- If you are in *Grade 12*, and you plan to attend post-secondary any time in the future, remember that the courses you choose to take this year and the marks you get, count. Diploma exams are particularly important. **WORK HARD AND STUDY FOR THESE EXAMS!**
- If you are planning to pursue a post-secondary program next year, be sure you have done enough research on programs and institutions, so that you can make wise decisions based on factual information.
- *Careers 30* is an important course for all *Grade 12* students. Its purpose is to allow you to become an expert about opportunities in the workforce and in related post-secondary programs. When you have completed *Careers 30* you will be able to make informed decisions based on the knowledge you have acquired. You will also know the process of applying for post-secondary programs and applying for the many scholarships available for all programs.
- Learning a trade is also considered to be a post-secondary program. Some students are already enrolled in a trade apprenticeship and are encouraged to make the best of the opportunity to start their post-secondary education early. Others need to do research in *Careers 30* to access the best information possible before they choose a trade.
- If you have any questions on academic or career choices and how to achieve your goals, talk to Mrs. Thompson. Together we can choose the best path possible for you!

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.

Career Corner

Work Experience, RAP and the Green Certificate are all off campus courses that move students education out of the school and into the workplace.

Students that are working at home or away, paid or unpaid are eligible for work experience credits if they are 15 years old. Students can pick up a Work Experience contract from the Career Center. The contract must be signed by their employer, parents and themselves before it is returned to the office. The students will then be given a calendar in which to keep track of their hours worked. At the end of each month the employer must sign the calendar then the student will return it to the Career Center.

For every 25 hours worked with one employer, students will receive one credit. The minimum amount of credits given is 5 the maximum is 30. Employers fill out an evaluation which becomes the students mark.

RAP is short for Registered Apprenticeship Program. To qualify for this course students must be 15 years of age and working under a Red Seal Journeyman. Students that are starting in RAP should come to the Career Center and get assistance in registering online from Mrs. Thompson. Employers will then keep track of students hours and of what they have learned. All hours can be used towards hours needed to take the first year apprenticeship schooling.

Credits are determined by the number of hours worked. Mark is determined by the employer.

Green Certificate is a hands on Agricultural Program that allows students 15 years or older to learn while working on the farm or greenhouse. Students along with a mentor sign up for a program in one of the different agricultural streams: cow/calf, field crops, greenhouse, equine, swine, poultry, feedlot, sheep, beekeeping and dairy. Students will receive a large booklet divided into 3 different sections. Each section lists a number of competencies that the student is to learn before testing. Once learned, the student signs up for a testing time through the Career Center. All sections except dairy take place at Olds College. Dairy tests are done by Lacombe.

The testing is in a form of a conversation or demonstrations that takes place between the student and a farmer that is an expert in their field. The tester will give a mark on how well the student has answered the five questions. Students should be working towards testing at this time. The next testing time will be November 18, 2019.

Students will receive 5 or 6 credits for each section for a total of 16 credits.

All students registered in these Off Campus Programs are covered by WCB. All places of work are visited by Linda Tomlinson who completes a mandatory safety form.

For more information please contact Linda Tomlinson 409 729 3930 or linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca

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Distance Education News



It is impossible for a small school such as David Thompson to offer all topics that interest every student. The solution is Distance Education courses. Students start the process by talking to Mr. Trieber and Mrs. Thompson. Once approved, students are enrolled and have their course in approximately 24 hours.

For more information contact Mr. Trieber or Mrs. Thompson or at the ADLC website <https://www.adlc.ca/>



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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Grade 8 Camp Kuriakos

The Grade 8 Fall Leadership Trip to Camp Kuriakos was a great experience. The students had a great time with all the activities regardless of the weather. A huge thank you goes out to Ashlie McKenzie, Juli Houston, Amanda Finkbeiner, and Mr. Wolitski for supervising and making this trip possible

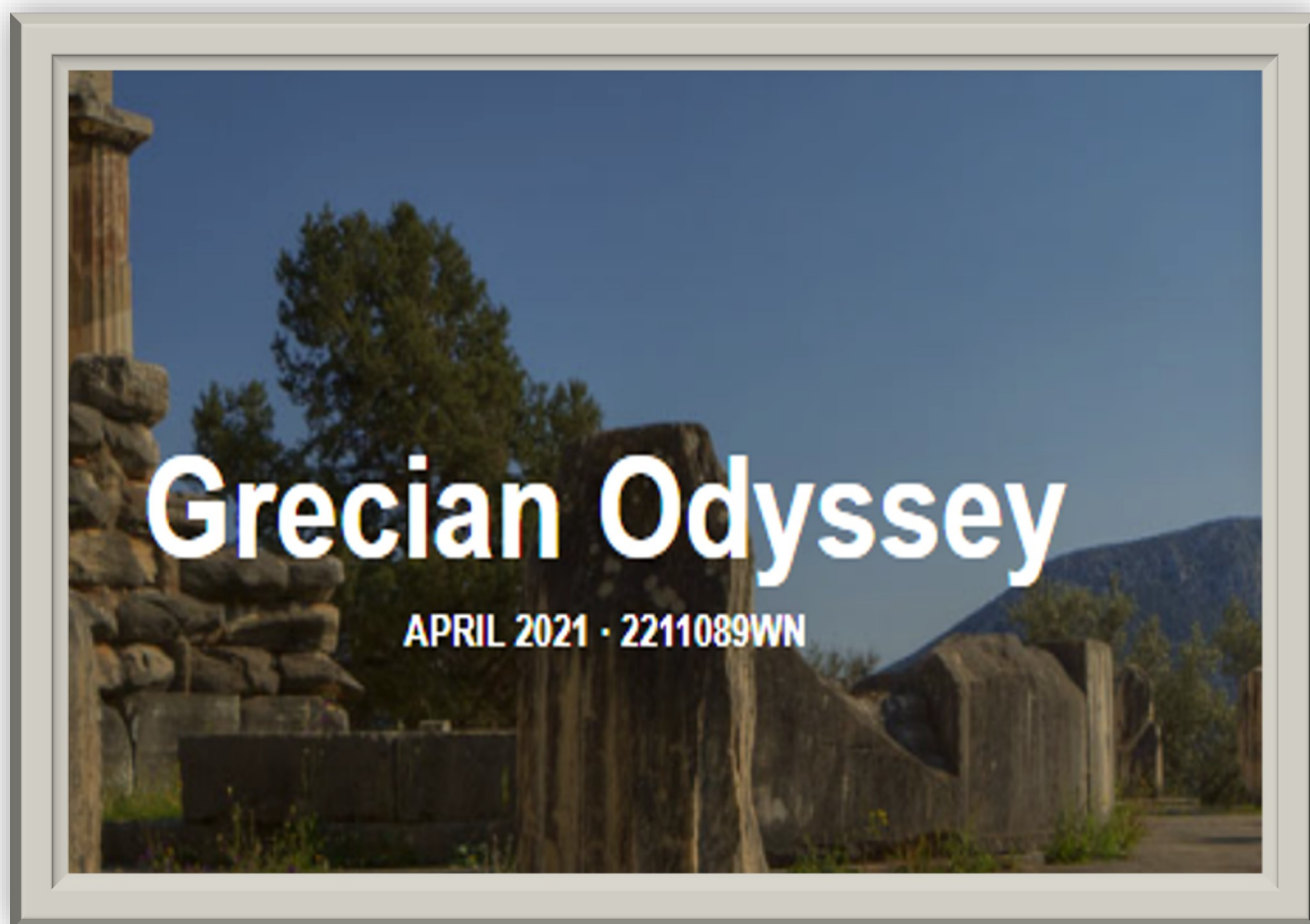


Grade 9 Camp Kuriakos

Students from the Grade 9 class enjoyed the annual 3-day camp at Kuriakos from September 11-13. They prepared, cooked and served all the meals for their classmates and participated in many leadership events. It was an excellent time of learning, fellowship and physical activity. Congratulations to the grade 9's for excellent representation of David Thompson High School!



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Any students currently in grade 10 or 11 that are interested in travelling to Greece during our Spring Break of 2021 are invited to check out our tour on eftours.ca. The tour number is 2211089WN. For more information see Mrs. Morrish or contact her at the school at 403-729-3930 or email janine.morrish@wrsd.ca.



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Order Pizza Kits on line or contact Janine Morrish at the school 403-729-3930 or janine.morrish@wrsd.ca.

To order online go to www.pizzakit.ca
 Click on products and click on shop
 Pay with credit card
 Use our fundraiser #375143

Kits will be delivered to the school on Oct. 30 and **MUST** be picked up between 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. (If you are unable to pick up please contact Mrs. Morrish directly to arrange delivery or an alternate pick up time, if possible).

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