

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

### Important Dates:

December 19 - Jan 3:  
Christmas Vacation - No School

January 20:  
Last day of Semester 1 for High School students

January 29:  
PD Day - No School

## Get Connected with DTHS!

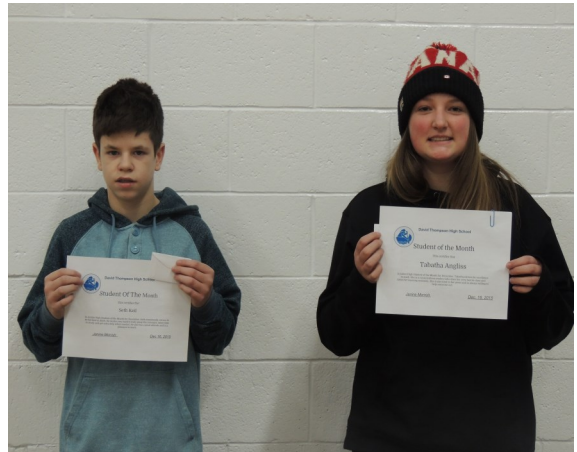
Check out our website:

<http://davidthompson.wrsd.ca/>

Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/davidthompsonhs>

## *Students of the Month - December*



Pictured from left to right: Clayton Simpson, Casey Cole, Seth Keil, Tabatha Angliss

## *Athletes of the Month - December*



Pictured from left to right: Joel Burns, Alexis Hainsworth, Justin Arksey, Nicole Henneigh

# DTHS and Diploma Exam Schedule

Last Day of Classes for Students in Grades 10 – 12 for Semester 1 is Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Date	Subject	Time
January 13	English 30-1, 30-2 Part A	9:00 – 11:30 AM
January 14	Social 30 – 2 Part A	9:00 – 11:00 AM
January 19	English 30 - 1, 30 -2 Part B	9:00 – 11:30 AM
January 20	Social 30 – 2 Part B	9:00 – 11:00 AM
January 21	Social 10 (B), English 10 (A)	9:00 – 11:00 AM
January 21	Physics 20	1:00 – 3:00 PM
January 22	Biology 30	9:00 – 11:00 AM
January 22	Science 10 (B) , Math 10C (A)	9:00 – 11:00 AM
January 25	Math 30 – 1 , 30 – 2	9:00 – 11:30 AM
January 25	Chemistry 20	9:00 – 11:00 AM

The First Day of classes for Students in Grades 10 – 12 for Semester 2 is February 1, 2016.



## Principal's Message

**With our Christmas Break quickly approaching, I would like to thank the staff, students, and parents for all of their contributions in our first four months of school. The amazing learning experiences and opportunities that we offer to our students with parental support is incredible and the wonderful students make DTHS a great place!**

**Just a reminder to help with improving communication we do maintain our school webpage at <http://davidthompson.wrsd.ca> and our page on Facebook: [facebook.com/davidthompsonhs](https://www.facebook.com/davidthompsonhs). As well I have set up a Remind Text or Email account to send out the school happenings on a weekly basis. The instructions to join Remind can be found on the school web page under School News. If you still have questions please feel free to contact the school office at 403-729-3930.**

**Attendance in Tutorial block is mandatory and all students must check in with their Tutorial group teacher – failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence. Tutorial periods have been set up to help our students achieve a better understanding of topics taught during regular class time. A reminder of our three main priorities for student Tutorial time:**

**Priority #1: to get help from the teacher in a class that they need extra time with**

**Priority #2: is for a chance for students to complete homework or study for any of their courses**

**Priority #3: is for students to work on their distance learning or ADLC**

**Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**Mr. Miles Trieber**

## WE NEED YOUR ADVICE!

*In our ongoing effort to provide our students with as much information as possible to make positive career choices, we are considering having a Career Fair in the spring of 2016 where local employers would set up booths and demonstrations for the occupations represented by their companies. A number of years ago we had very successful Career Fairs at the school with our community members representing a wide range of occupations, but decided to discontinue them when the Central Alberta Career Fair was established. Lately we have had some requests to reintroduce our Career Fair with the goal of making it more relevant to our students. We are requesting that you contact us if you are willing to be part of a Career Fair, either to have a booth representing your occupation or trade, or to recommend someone (or a company) you think might be a good spokesperson for their occupation or trade.*

*Would you also contact us to tell us whether or not you think a DTHS Career Fair would be of value to the career planning goals of our students and worth reintroducing? Your advice is very much appreciated.*

*Please contact:*

*Norma Thompson, Career Counsellor*

*Email: [norma.thompson@wrsd.ca](mailto:norma.thompson@wrsd.ca)*



## ATTENTION GRADE 12 STUDENTS!



### POST SECONDARY APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

*If you are planning to apply for a post-secondary program for September of 2016 and you haven't done so yet, it would be a good idea to get on it ASAP. The application process is pretty complex, so it will need as much time as you can possibly give. If you need assistance, see Mrs. Thompson.*

### START THE SEARCH FOR MONEY NOW!

*It's time to start looking a scholarships whose deadlines are coming up quickly.*

*Check the following sites:*

- ◆ *The post-secondary institution you are planning to attend*
  - ◆ [www.alis.alberta.ca](http://www.alis.alberta.ca)
  - ◆ [www.yconic.ca](http://www.yconic.ca)
  - ◆ [www.scholarshipscanada.ca](http://www.scholarshipscanada.ca)
  - ◆ [www.universitystudy.ca](http://www.universitystudy.ca)

*If you need any assistance, see Mrs. Thompson*



### DIPLOMA EXAM TIME IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!

*It is important at this stage that you stay focussed on the task in front of you. Start your review now so you will know what you might need extra help with. Complete all assignments and study for quizzes. Being prepared will reduce your stress level when the exam is on your desk. Success in Grade 12 courses, especially those that have a Diploma Exam requirement, will keep you competitive with other Alberta students in the post-secondary programs you wish to take, as well as scholarships to help you pay for these programs.*

*Being prepared will make the challenges of Grade 12 much easier to overcome!*



# News From Parent Council



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

**Next Parent Council meeting: Wednesday, January 20 @ 7 p.m.**

**Join us in welcoming 2 new board members:**

**Wendy Weber as Secretary/Treasurer**

**Louise Gaetz as Vice President**

**And a huge thanks to Kathy Hogberg and Teresa Simpson for dedicating their time and hard work to Parent Council!**

## DTHS Athletics

## January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	3:15-5:30 Jr Boys	Jr. Girls vs. Spruce View	3:15-5:30 Jr Boys	3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls	Sr. Girls @ Caroline	Sr. Girls @ Caroline
	5:30-7:30 Sr Girls Ba	5-7 Sr Girls Basketball	5:30-7:30 JV Boys *	5 - 7 sr boys		
		7:30-9:30		7 - 9 Sr Girls Basketball		
	JV Boys vs WCHS		Sr. Boys @ Rimbey Sr. Girls @ Rimbey			JV Boys @ Bentley
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	3:15-5:30 Jr Boys	3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls	3:15-5:30 Jr Boys	3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls		
	5:30-7:30 JV Boys*	5:30-7:30 Sr Boys Basketball	5:30-7:00 JV Boys	5 - 7 sr boys		
		7:30-9:30 Sr Girls	7-9 Sr boys	7 - 9 Sr Girls Basketball	JR Boys @ St.Doms	JR Boys @ St.Doms
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	3:15-5:30 Jr Boys	3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls	3:15-5:30 Jr Boys	3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls		
	5:30-7:00 Sr Boys	5-7 Sr Girls Basketball	5:30-7:30 JV Boys	7 - 9 Sr Girls Basketball	Sr. B&G Exhibition @ Calg	
	7:00-9:00	7:30-9:30 Sr boys	7-9 Sr boys		Jr Girls @ Caroline	Jr Girls @ Caroline
24	25	26	27	28	29 PD	30
	3:15-5:30 Jr Boys	3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls	3:15-5:30 Jr Boys	3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls		
	5:30-7:30 Sr boys	5-7 Sr Girls Basketball	5:30-7:30 JV Boys	5 - 7 Sr boys		
	7:30-9:30	7:30-9:30 Sr boys	7:00-9:00 Sr boys	7 - 9 Sr Girls Basketball		
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31		Important Reminders				

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***A junior high ski trip to Nakiska has been planned for Thursday, January 28. Thanks to those of you who returned permission forms. Money for the trip will be collected in January.***



# Distance Education News



***David Thompson is a small school that works hard to accommodate all students. One accommodation is Distance Education, where students can take courses that are not taught at the school or will not fit into a student's timetable.***

Students who have completed their Distance Education courses have one less class to worry about finishing over the holidays or in January. Good job! We expect all distance education courses to be completed by the end of January. Students that hold the course over have a very heavy load the next semester. I will be checking my e-mail periodically throughout the holidays to answer questions and to mark assignments that come in.

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



## *Career Corner - January 2016*

**Work Experience:** Students that are working for a business, an individual or around home and are over 15 years old are eligible to take work experience. Once a contract is signed, students can start counting the hours they work toward credits. A minimum of 125 hours must be worked per contract to receive 5 credits. The maximum credits 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 that are presently in Work Experience need to bring in their hours in the form of pay stubs or signed documents into me, Linda Tomlinson, or drop them off at the Career Center.

**Green Certificate:** Great job to all the students that tested for their Green Certificate on the first of December. The next test dates are February 23 or 24 at Olds College. For others that wish to sign up for Green Certificate, come and talk to Linda Tomlinson or Mrs. 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.

**Have a great holiday!**



## *An Introduction to Family Wellness*

The Family Wellness Program provides short term supportive assistance to students, guardians, and their families who are having difficulties and require support at school, home, or in the community. This program is available free of charge to students, guardians, and families with children 0-19 years of age who are living in the Rocky/Clearwater County area. We provide emotional, behavioral, and social supports to individuals and their families. We are a confidential service and access can be made by a referral through parents, guardians, school administrators, teachers, peers, or self-referrals.

Please contact the office at David Thompson High School or email [kelsey.rocque@wrsd.ca](mailto:kelsey.rocque@wrsd.ca) to inquire about services.





## Junior High Language Arts Update

Grade Eights have been willing guinea pigs as the whole class is working with the ReadWrite program on their Chromebooks. This Wednesday we are going to try the Talk to Text feature.

Grade 9 LA students are finishing the activity for the short story The Bridge Builder by doing detail drawings of the 13 bridges described in the story. There are some talented artists in grade 9! Their work will be on display in class. Stop by and admire!



### 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).



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

**If your mailing address, telephone numbers or email address have changed, please contact Ashley in the office:**

**[ashley.gaehring@wrsd.ca](mailto:ashley.gaehring@wrsd.ca) or 403-729-3930**

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