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

Important Dates:

February 1:
First day of second semester

February 15:
Family Day - No School

February 18 & 19:
Teacher Convention - No School

February 23:
Subway Lunch

Get Connected with DTHS!

Check out our website:

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

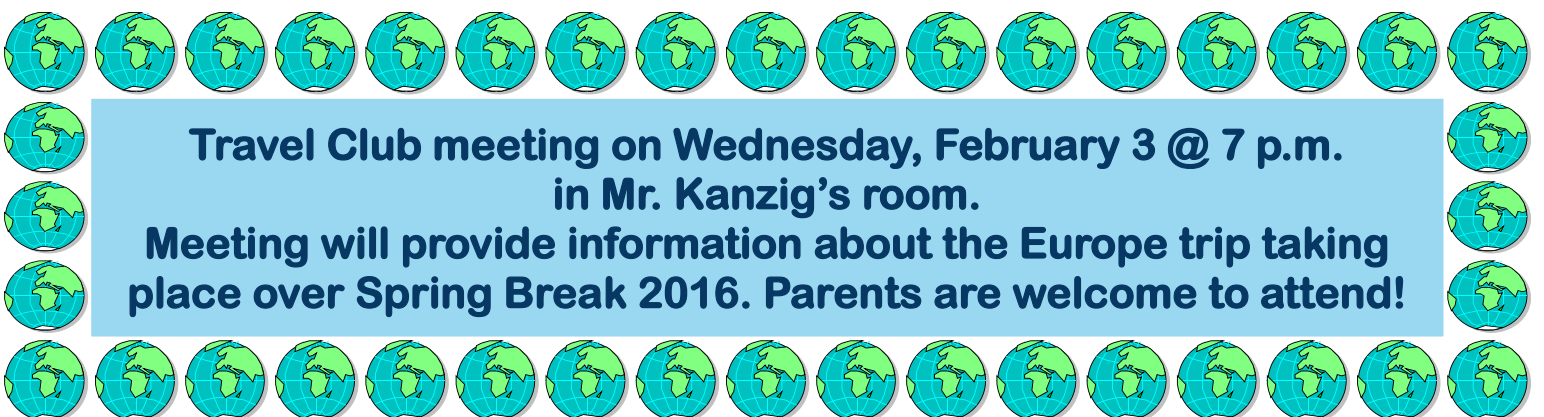
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DTHS Athletics

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jr Girls vs St Doms Jr Boys vs St. Doms 7:00 -9:30 sr boys	2 3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls 5:30-7:30 Sr Girls Baske 7:30 -9:30 sr boys	3 3:15-5 Jr Boys 5:30-7:30 Sr Girls Basket JV Boys @ Caroline	4 5 to 7 Sr Boys Sr. Girls @ Rundle Colleg Jr. Girls @ West Central JR Boys @ West Central	5 3:15- 5 Sr. Badminton	6
7	8 3:15-5 Jr Boys Sr. Boys vs PL Sr. Girls vs PL	9 3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls 5:30-7:30 Sr Girls Baske 7:30 -9:30 sr boys	10 3:15-5 Jr Boys 5-7 JV Boys 7 - 9 Sr. Boys @ PAA Sr. Girls @ PAA	11 Jr. Boys vs Caroline Jr. Girls vs St. Matts 7-9 Sr Boys	12 3:15- 5 Sr. Badminton	13
14	15 Holiday	16 3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls 5:30-7:30 Sr. Girls Bask 7:30 -9:30 sr boys	17 3:15-5 JV Boys Sr. Boys vs St. A's Sr. Girls vs St. A's	18 Teacher Convention	19 Teacher Convention	20 Sr. Boys Tournament Sr. Boys Tournament
21	22 3:15-5 Jr Boys Sr. Boys @ St.Doms Sr. Girls @ St. Doms	23 3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls 5:30 -7:30 sr boys	24 3:15-5 Jr Boys 5:30 -7:30 sr boys 7:30-9:30 Sr Girls Basket	25 Sr. Boys vs Rimbey Sr. Girls vs Rimbey Jr Boys/Girls Vs St. Doms	26 Sr. Girls Tournament	27 Sr. Girls Tournament
28	29 7-9 Sr Girls Basketball					



**Travel Club meeting on Wednesday, February 3 @ 7 p.m.
in Mr. Kanzig's room.**

**Meeting will provide information about the Europe trip taking
place over Spring Break 2016. Parents are welcome to attend!**

GRADE 12 STUDENTS TO PRESENT TO THE COMMUNITY ON FEBRUARY 4

On February 4, we will celebrate the work achieved by our Grade 12 students in career planning with the presentation of their Career Portfolios to a variety of panels represented by 25 members of the community.

Over the past four years, these students have spent time setting goals, doing personal inventories, researching a variety of occupation options, listening to many in-class presentations and traveling to post-secondary institutions and Career Fairs. They have now come to the point where they are ready to publicly showcase their career development up to this time, as well as their future goals and plans.

While this journey has posed challenges for some, all of the students are now in possession of a toolbox of skills which will allow them to make important career decisions not only for the near future but also for many years to come. We know our students are well prepared to give it their best shot on February 4.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYBODY!



News From Parent Council



**Subway lunch on February 23 - order forms will be available soon.
The next Parent Council meeting will take place on
Wednesday, February 17 @ 7 p.m.**

David Thompson High School is very excited to announce the addition of Brittany Baird to our dedicated and caring staff. Miss Baird will be teaching Phys. Ed, Biology 20 and Outdoor Ed for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

Please join us in welcoming Miss Baird to our school community!

Principal's Message

As DTHS continues on with High School Redesign we have made some changes to improve student learning.

One of the changes we have made is to provide our students with 35 minutes of Enriched Learning Time on Tuesdays through Fridays. The goals of the Enriched Learning Time are for students to:

- 1) receive extra-help from their teachers
- 2) complete homework or missed assignments, quizzes, and exams
- 3) study
- 4) complete a distance learning or WRSD flex course of their choice
- 5) read

Students will still have their Teacher Advisor Group on Mondays as we continue to build on student – staff relationships during this time.

We have also changed the length of classes from 33 to 35 minutes. The new bell schedule is on our web page.

DTHS has also made some changes for the students in Grade 8 and 9. The Grade 8s will be receiving an hour more of class time per week for Math in the second semester. Both grades will also have a 35 minute period for reading on Wednesdays. The goal is to increase students' reading levels as literacy is a very critical element in being a life-long learner.

If you have any questions about these changes please feel free to contact me at 403-729-3930.

Mr. Miles Trieber

THE POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL IS NOW UP AND RUNNING!
IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR PERSONALIZED ACCESS LETTER, PLEASE
CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 403-729-3930.

DTHS YEARBOOK NEWS!

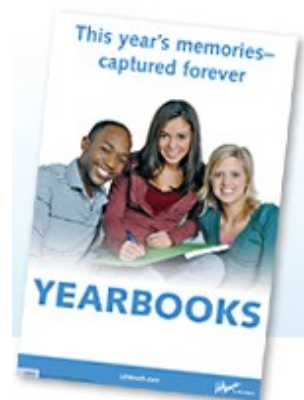
The 2014/2015 edition of the DTHS yearbook arrived just before Christmas so we hope that those of you who ordered one enjoyed looking over your memories during the holidays.

Work is underway for this year's edition. We want to take this time to thank all of those parents who contributed pictures last year and we sincerely hope that you can continue to do so! Pictures make a yearbook what it is and we greatly appreciate all of the pictures that are sent our way! If you would like to share them this can be done in different ways, whichever is easiest and most convenient for you.

They can be uploaded directly onto the publisher's website by going to:
community.lifetouch.com and entering access code UKSTYO

OR send them in on a USB stick, which we will return to you ASAP!

OR Email them to clare.cole@wrsd.ca
Many thanks from the Yearbook Committee!





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.

Great job to all the students who completed their Distance Education courses before the end of this term! One less thing to worry about next semester. For those few that are not complete, finish as soon as possible to lighten your load.

Those students who wish to start a Distance Education course, begin by talking with Mr. Trieber and Mrs. Thompson. There is a \$100 completion deposit required.

Questions? Please contact Linda Tomlinson, linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca or phone the School at 403-729-3930.



Career Corner - February 2016

Work Experience: Students that are working for a business, an individual or around home and are over 15 years old are eligible to sign up for 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 amount of credits that can be earned throughout High School is 30. 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 to Linda Tomlinson, or drop them off at the Career Center.

Green Certificate: The Green Certificate program is great for students that are interested in and working with cow/calf, sheep, field crops, equine, bees or in a feedlot. The certificate is recognized internationally as well as at home. Interested students please contact Linda Tomlinson or Mrs. Thompson at the Career Center. The next testing dates for Green Certificate students are February 23 and 24 in Olds.



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 to inquire about services.





Junior High Language Arts Update

Grade 9 LA just finished reading *The Lottery* by Shirley Jackson - a very different lottery than what they are familiar with.

Ask them if they agree or disagree with *The Lottery*!

Grade 8 LA students are working on a poetry anthology.

Some amazing work is being created!



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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.



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 or 403-729-3930

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Outdoor Ed 9



The 9B class built survival shelters known as "Quinzees". For winter camping and survival purposes, it is possible to construct a Quinzee by gathering a large pile of snow and excavating the inside. Ask our 9B students about the process!



On January 26, the entire grade 9 class had the opportunity to participate in cross country skiing and snowshoeing at Crimson Lake. With incredible weather and a beautiful trail, an excellent time was had by all!



Systematic Training For Effective Parenting

INTERESTED IN FORMING A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR CHILD?

Raising a child is one of the toughest but most rewarding jobs anyone will ever have in their life. You are not alone. Every parent experiences thoughts like: will he ever learn, why won't she listen, why do I have to keep repeating myself? When you experience the good moments, you wish you could make them last. Wouldn't you like to improve that relationship with your child and have even more good moments?

Starting on **March 2nd to April 20th, Wednesday evenings from 7:00—9:00 p.m.** Marilyn Rees a Rocky/Clearwater Family Wellness Worker, will be offering a seven week course called STEP. This course is designed specifically for parents with children ages 6-12. The course will provide parents with different approaches for strengthening communication and most importantly strengthening your relationship with your child. The STEP program will help parents raise responsible children who will grow into responsible adults.

The course will run on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We understand as a parent you do not have a lot of free time. A commitment to taking this course will cut down on the time you spend solving your child's problems and will give you more quality time with your child. To view a short webpage that provides more information on the program <http://rcfamilywellness.weebly.com/step-program.html> .

If you are interested in registering for this program or would like more information contact Marilyn Rees at marilyn.rees@wrsd.ca or (403-844-5765).

