

The David Thompson Compass

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Important Dates:

March 7: **PD Day - No School**

March 14 - 16: **Graduation Photos**

March 24 - Apr 3: Spring Break - No School

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Students of the Month - February



Athletes of the Month - January/February



Pictured from left to right: Hayden Cole, Stephen Smith, Kolton Marcinek, Macy Kotanko, Amy Korth, Lance Clay, Ben Neukom. Not pictured: Kylie Kotanko, Megan Arksey, Kevin Szymanek.

Athletics News

Best of luck to Hunter Smith and Brooklyn Thomson at Rural Wrestling Provincials in Lethbridge!

Come out to DTHS and support our Senior Girls Basketball team at the Last Chance Tournament, February 26 & 27.



The <u>Voyageurs Athletics</u> <u>Savings Card</u> is back again! The cards feature many great deals and lots of savings from local businesses. For each \$20 savings card a student sells, they will receive a \$10 credit towards school fees, field trip fees, sports fees etc. What an amazing program—support our students and buy a card today!

DTHS Athletics

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
	3:15-5 Jr Boys	3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls	3:15-5 Jr Boys	3:30 - 5:00 Jr. Girls	3:15- 5 Sr. Badminton	1
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	7-9 Sr Girls Basketball	Sr. Boys @ CACHS	6:30 7:30 Sr Boys	5:30-7:30 Sr Girls Basket		
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The grade 12 Career Portfolio interviews took place on February 4 and the entire activity was very successful; an event like this takes a great deal of time and energy from many people to make it an outstanding educational experience for our students. DTHS wishes to thank the following people:

- The twenty-three members of the community who were participants on panels that interviewed our students about their visions for their futures, their chosen career pathways, how they came to these decisions and their plans to achieve these dreams. The students really appreciated the opportunity to share with all of you.
- Randy Wolitski, Linda Tomlinson and all of the staff and students who prepared the lunch and set up the gym. This was a big job well done.
- And finally the Grade 12 students who worked very hard to prepare for their presentations and demonstrated an amazing understanding of who they are and how their future vision is reflected in the choices they have made. We heard some very big compliments from the visiting panel members.

<u>Grade 12 Students:</u>

"Hear Ye, Hear Ye"



If you are planning to rewrite a diploma exam, be sure to do two things: apply through your

myPass account to rewrite and prepare for the exam. If you are trying to decide whether or not you should write, something you need to consider is that your mark will not go down. Your highest mark is your official one. Understand also that upgrading later on is expensive and requires you to remember previous learning in the course you are upgrading. If you are having difficulty preparing for an exam, be sure to ask your teacher or Mr. Trieber for some resources. if you have any questions, see Mrs. Thompson.

For those of you who are attending post-secondary next year, be sure to start applying for scholarships. Red Deer College, for example, has one application for most of the scholarships. You fill out one form and they decide who will receive them. One of the scholarships for \$1000 is designated for a student from David Thompson. If you don't apply, you can't win! See Mrs. Thompson if you need help with scholarships.

Sometimes it is a bit overwhelming when first time post-secondary students attempt to choose courses and create a schedule. Red Deer College has offered to give assistance with course selection to David Thompson students who plan to attend there in the fall. This would take place in early April. If you are interested in taking a trip to Red Deer to get this help, please let Mrs. Thompson know.

Miss Williams invites you to subscribe to Remind! Science 8: text the message @sc8a to 450-233-0041 Science 9A: text the message @sc9a to 450-233-0041 Science 9B: text the message @sc9b to 450-233-0041 Ms. Caron invites you to subscribe to Remind! Social Studies 8: text the message @dths8 to 709-757-0178 Social Studies 9A: text the message @ss9a to 709-757-0178 Social Studies 9B: text the message @ss9b to 709-757-0178

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Next Parent Council meeting: Wednesday, March 16 @ 7 p.m.



DTHS Grade 9 Health and Leadership classes are sponsoring the Red Deer SPCA National Cupcake Day on Mon., Feb. 29 and Tues., Mar. 1.

The classes are baking, decorating and selling cupcakes during lunch on both days. Please support the local SPCA by purchasing a \$2.00 cupcake. Higher donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated!



DTHS YEARBOOK NEWS!! ATTENTION 2016 GRAD PARENTS:

As in previous years we will once again be including grads' baby pictures in the yearbook. Please help your son or daughter to find their cutest baby picture! They will be scanned and returned promptly to you. Alternatively, you can scan them yourself and email them to <u>clare.cole@wrsd.ca</u>

YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE. Deadline to order will be May 20th. Please note, Yearbooks <u>must</u> be pre-ordered.



With the school year now more than half way over, it's the time of year when school supplies start to run out. Please take a look at the following list and ensure that your child has enough school supplies to finish up the year:

School Supplies Check List David Thompson High School

Binders

- Subject divider tabs (5 packages)
- Loose leaf (3-4 packages)
- Pencils (2 packs of 10 regular pencils)
- Pens (blue and black preferably and at least one red)
- Good Quality White Eraser



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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.

Schools, no matter how large or small, rely on distance education courses to be able to provide students with courses that fit into their schedule and their interests. 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. All courses are to be completed by June 17, 2016.

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

Career Corner - March 2016

<u>Green Certificate:</u> David Thompson High School has always been a strong supporter of the Green Certificate program which runs out of Olds College. It is great for students that are interested in and working with cow/calf, sheep, field crops, equine, bees or in a feedlot as it increases their knowledge and the certificate is recognized throughout the farming communities in numerous countries. Interested students please contact Linda Tomlinson or Mrs. Thompson at the Career Center. Students need to be proactive and be prepared to test May 24 or 25. Congratulations to Levi Marcinek who completed his Green Certificate for cow/calf in February.

Work Experience: Students that are working for someone, or around home and are over 15 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. Working is a good way to develop practical experience and work experience credits help increase a student's credit base. Students who 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.

An Introduction to Family Wellness

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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 <u>kelsey.rocque@wrsd.ca</u> to inquire about services.



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