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

Important Dates:

September 29:
Hot Lunch
Turkey Trot/Toonies for Terry

October 6:
Student Lunch

October 20:
Grad Turkey Supper 5 - 8 p.m.
@ Leslieville Hall

September 30:
Orange Shirt Day

October 7:
Fall Awards Ceremony @ 7 p.m.

October 21:
PD Day - No School

October 4:
PRIDE Assembly

October 10:
Thanksgiving - No School

November 1:
PRIDE Assembly

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.

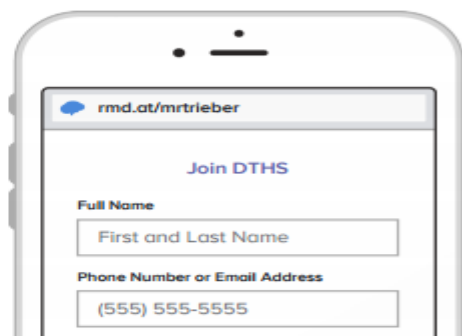
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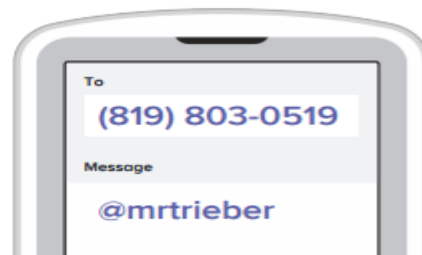
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DTHS Fall Awards Ceremony

Friday, October 7th @ 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 Ashley in the office:

ashley.gaehring@wrsd.ca or 403-729-3930



October Athletics Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 3:15-5 Jr. Boys 6:00 Sr. Girls Host St. Doms 8-9:15 Sr. Boys	4 3:15-5 Jr. Girls 5 - 7 Gr 9 Girls 7 - 9 Sr Girls JV Girls @ St. As	5 3:15-5 Jr. Girls Host Pione 7 - 9 Sr Girls Gr 9 Girls@WC Gr 9 Boys @ St. Matts	6 3:15-5 Jr. Girls 5 - 7 JV Girls 7-9 Sr. Boys Gr 8 Boys @ St. Doms	7 Awards Night	8
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September 29 - Hot Lunch - Burger, treat, and juice box for \$5

November 16 @ 7 p.m. - Next Parent Council meeting



Principal's Message

Another exciting year of learning is underway at David Thompson High School. DTHS is continuing on the journey of High School Re-Design and introducing some of the concepts to the Grade 8 and 9 students. The goal of High School Re-Design is to allow high school students to personalize and take responsibility for their education. DTHS in communication with the parents/guardians are here to help guide students in their decision making. High school students are also receiving 35 minutes of Extended Learning Time each day. The ELT is curriculum time and not spares for students. The expectation for students is that they are in a classroom getting extra help, completing late assignments or missed exams, studying, completing a distance learning course, or reading. One of the main goals of ELT is that students will learn to prioritize and be able to make a responsible decision for their education.

The students in Grade 8 and 9 receive one period of ELT on Tuesdays. Hopefully this will help them start the process of responsible decision making in high school. We will also continue on with our focus on literacy as the Grade 8 and 9 students will continue their reading period once a week.

DTHS places great value on getting students into the community for learning and educational experiences through field trips, volunteer opportunities, and work experience. We see the connection with the community as a vital piece in the students' education. The Grade 8s and 9s have attended their camp trips and Grade 10s have been out golfing. We have a number of students involved in our off-campus programs in work experience and green certificate. If you have any questions regarding the off-campus programming, please feel free to call the school.

Our priority is the education of the whole child, by creating enhanced learning opportunities.

Mr. Miles Trieber



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

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:

- You should seek advice about high school options from your parents, your teachers, your career advisors and even post-secondary institutes.
- You need be sure that you choose courses which will lead to the High School Diploma that best suits your goals.
- 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.
- You need to 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.

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!**
- Although it is still early in the year, many post-secondary institutions begin to take applications for next year programs on October 1. Sometimes applying early will make a difference in your acceptance to post-secondary programs.
- 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.
- During Careers 30 Class, all students who may possibly go to post-secondary college or university either next year or another time will be doing an Apply Alberta application form up to the point of selecting a program. This is done so you are familiar with completing an application whenever you choose to attend. Students who are planning a trade will do similar research on applications.
- 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!

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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 - October 2016

Green Certificate: The Green Certificate Coordinator from Olds College has already given a presentation at David Thompson. Students who choose to do this program work with a trainer, learning information that is set out by Olds College. Oral testing is done at the college three times a year. Dairy is the one exception; they test at Lacombe as the college no longer has a dairy barn. This year test dates are: November 29 and 30, Feb 21 and 23, and May 23 and 24 with the exception of dairy test dates, which are Dec 1, Feb 24, May 25.

The Green Certificate is a great opportunity for students who work on farms or have an interest in farming. When the students have completed the program they will receive 16 grade 12 credits. The Green Certificate credentials are recognized by people in the industry.

Greenhouse has been added to the list which includes: cow-calf, Dairy, Feedlot beef, Field Crop, Sheep, Swine, Bee and Equine courses.

Students must bring in a deposit of \$200, (or make other arrangements at the office) along with the application form.

Students have to be 15 years of age to take Work Experience or the Green Certificate. Both programs are covered by our School Division's Workers' Compensation.

Work Experience: It is always a pleasure to visit employers and hear and read all the positive comments about David Thompson students who are participating in Work Experience or working towards their Green Certificate.

Work Experience is a high school credit course that allows students to receive credits for working, paid or unpaid. This includes working on the family farm, volunteering at the hall or working at a paid job. A credit is given for every 25 hours worked with the minimum amount being 125 hours with one employer up to 750 hours which amounts to 30 credits.

Before students can claim any work experience hours they need to fill out a Work Experience contract, have it signed by the employer and parents as well as the student and returned to the school. Students are responsible for keeping track of their own hours in the form of an employer-signed sheet or a pay stub. Hours worked before the contract is handed in will not be accepted.

Students who did work experience over the summer, please bring in your hours so they can be recorded.

Questions? Please contact Linda Tomlinson at (403) 729-3930 or linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca



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, a \$100 completion deposit is given to the office and the course is ordered. Students are enrolled and have their course in approximately 24 hours. Some courses have the option of print and/or online. Others are online only.

Grade 10 and 11 students will work on these courses in a supervised classroom. The average time it takes to complete a credit is 25 hours. The amount of credits a student takes reflects the amount of credits they would have earned in the class that they opted out of. One period a day is equal to 3 credits a semester.

Completed assignments should be handed in at the Career Office. If I am not in the office, please email me to tell me you have handed in an assignment for marking: linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca. Assignments are usually marked within a few days. Completed modules are stored in the Library with Mrs. Williamson. They are returned to students before exams to study.



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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.

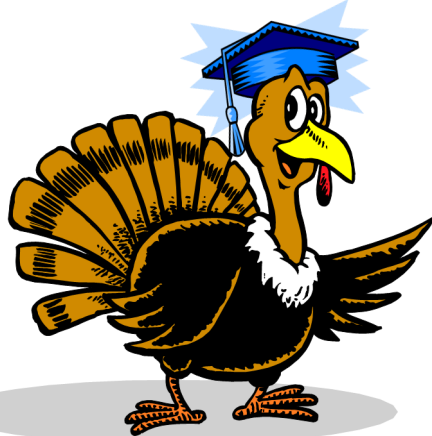
Breakfast for Learning is a national charity that is committed to ensuring students attend school well nourished and ready to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life.

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.

It's that time of the year again – The David Thompson High School Graduating Class of 2017 Harvest Supper!



Thursday, October 20, 2016

Leslieville Community Hall

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Admission Prices

Age 13 - Adult - \$12.00

Seniors - \$10.00

12 and under - \$7.00

Preschool – Free

Turkey and Roast Beef

Take Out Orders Available

Grade 8 Camp Kuriakos

On September 20 and 21, the Grade 8 Health/Leadership class went to Camp Kuriakos on Sylvan Lake. It was an excellent opportunity for students to get to know each other as well as gain leadership skills while having a great time.

Although the weather was cold and wet, the students still had a great time playing games, participating in team challenges, canoeing, doing archery and even swimming. I was especially impressed with how all students participated in the high ropes course. Every student challenged themselves to step out of their comfort zone and supported each other.

~ Mrs. Janine Morrish



Grade 9 Camp Kuriakos

Grade 9 students from David Thompson High School enjoyed a three-day Leadership Camp from September 12-14. Students participated in many activities, including the high ropes challenge, rock and wall climbing, preparing, cooking and serving food, and swimming in Sylvan Lake. The grade 9s have been participating in this fall camp for several years.

~ Ms. Cheryl Caron

