



October 2019

Dear School Family:

Here are some things you may wish to know for the month of October and beyond this year.

Career Fair: On October 3rd MHS Career and Life Management students, as well as our current grade 9 students are attending the Career and Education Expo in Whitecourt. Our students will have a buffet of career choices to sample as they get hands on experience as well as an opportunity to speak to professionals in those careers.

Robb Nash: The Robb Nash Project Super Show is on October 22, 2019 at the River Cree Casino. In 2016, Robb Nash visited MHS and received great reviews from students attending. I am excited to say we have been invited to this presentation by his organization. And, a special thank you goes to Lac Ste. Anne FCSS and the Parent Fundraising organization for sponsoring the cost of transportation to make this event possible.

Robb is a Canadian recording artist who tours the country and speaks to students about hope and purpose. He combines humor, song and storytelling to communicate with students about the value of life and self-worth. In his presentations, he covers topics such as bullying, drugs/alcohol misuse, making good choices, depression and suicide, self-respect and respecting others. His main message to students is to make every day count. Robb has spoken to over 1 million students, and visits cities all across Canada each school year with a profound impact. It is common for students to find a new sense of hope and purpose in their lives after experiencing a Robb Nash presentation.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Parent teacher interviews will be held on October 24th, 2019 in our school gym. We encourage all parents to come and meet the people dedicated to the success of your child. Interviews start at 4:00 and end at 8:30.

School Sports/Extra-curricular and Fees: Please be sure to clear up all outstanding school fee arrears before September 30th, 2019. All accounts must be cleared and in good standing for the 2019-2020 year. All fees for 2019-2020 extra-curricular activities must be paid before commencing in those activities. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Student Union News: This year we have brought a significant modernization to our Student Union by creating a separate space which has been renovated to suit the needs of this important student body. As a result of these changes we have seen a large increase in student participation in our student body. This month's events include: A food drive; pie day for Thanksgiving; Halloweenies and a costume contest. The student union is also looking to bring back later this year a formal prom for high school students.



Tiger Hockey: This is the second year we are offering a junior high hockey option at MHS this fall. Currently we have 30 students enrolled in the program. The program will run until the end of January and focuses on hockey skill development on the ice as well as dryland training and conditioning. Tiger hockey students will be on the ice approximately three classes per week. If you would like to see our program, please come by the office for a tour.

Health Care Aide (HCA): This is the fifth year we have offered HCA through Norquest College. Many of our HCA graduates are now serving our community as certified Health Care Aide workers. They are contributing meaningfully as caregivers and citizens.

No cell phones: Just a reminder to parents and guardians that there is a “No cell phone” policy at MHS. Students may not use their cell phones during instructional times. Thank you parents and guardians for supporting the school in this regard. We have seen many positive changes as a result.

Parent council: We met for the first time this year on Monday September 30th. The meeting updated parents on the cell phone policy; the new late policy; budget; the building a sustainable school community; school council ideas; the Teacher Quality Standard and the new Student Union Headquarters. (SUHQ)

Sincerely,

Dafydd Thomas

Principal

*There are a number of ways for parents and guardians to keep in touch with MHS. Our website, www.mayerthorpehigh.ca and our Facebook page. We would also like to invite parents to sign up to our Parent Remind account. Through our social media sites and our web page, we send out reminders such as no school, bus cancellations, parent-teacher interviews, etc.