

January News

Welcome to 2023! Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a very relaxing and recharging break as we move into the remaining days of semester 1. Our focus continues to be promoting student success and students have been given some tools and lessons on how to foster their learning.

- Be Prepared and On Time
- Attendance Matters
- Work Hard - Study, study, study

On our website, mayerthorpehigh.ca, under the students and parents tab, you will find our student agenda in a pdf form. Students have also been given an agenda to help them keep track of assignments, due dates and has our rules and policies in it. We have reviewed these with our students over the first two weeks, but please feel free to review them as well. Students were also given a paper and a magnet that has our calendar dates listed for important days.

We look forward to working with you through this educational adventure.

January Exam Week

As we move towards the end of the semester for high school students and the midpoint of the year for junior high students, we have put together both a schedule for exams and some key pieces of information for parents.

We will be conducting an exam week for students in grades 7-12. Courses ending will have a final exam, and courses that are year long will have a midterm exam. During this week, there will not be any regular classes. These exams are important to student assessment and to students development as a learner. Exposure to larger assessments under exam conditions early in their jr/sr high academic career helps to prepare students for standardized assessment conditions. Familiarity with these settings can assist students in learning how to manage stress around assessments and studying. We will be working with students on study skills and test taking strategies over the coming months.

All exams start at 9 am. Students will be writing exams in the gym and will have between 1.5-3 hours depending on the exam. Grade 9 - 12 students are only required to attend for their scheduled exams. Bus students are required to remain at school unless being picked up by a parent and signed out of the school.

Grade 7 & 8 students are required to write exams and will be provided with supervised space to study after their exam. This time and space is the opportunity to catch up on work, study for exams and enhance learning. Students will be expected to behave appropriately and use the time effectively.

Exams are to be written on the scheduled date and time. Please do not schedule appointments and other commitments during this week. If there are any questions please contact me to discuss individual concerns as soon as they arise.

Diploma Exams

Alberta Education has reduced the weighting of the diploma exams for the 2022-2023 school year from 30% to 20%. Diploma exam dates are directed and set by the province. These exams will be administered in January 2023 and June 2023 in core 30-level subjects. Exams begin at 9.

EXAM SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.

Stay Focused - Stay Healthy

It is important to promote healthy learning habits for your students and assist them in remaining focused for the coming weeks. Here are some tips:

- Keep a consistent sleep schedule. Sleep is critical in helping students maximize their potential academically, physically and socially. Students should be getting at least 8 hours of sleep a night.
- Each night, talk about things that students did in class, help them review, check Google Classroom for new and old assignments that need to be completed.
- High school students should spend an hour per course doing homework and/or studying material covered.
- Limit online time/TV time: play a board game or teach them a new card game. Yahtzee is great for practicing numeracy skills!
- Keep students home when they are sick. Sleep and fluids will help them heal quicker and keep from spreading to students and staff.

Ski Trip Date

The annual ski trip to Marmot Basin, Jasper will be held Thursday March 23, 2023. The ski trip forms will go home at the beginning of semester 2 and the trip will be first come first paid/qualified. Students must be in good standing with the school to participate - fees paid, no behavioral concerns, have all course work completed to an acceptable standard.

School Council - Parent Advisory Group

We will continue to meet as a parent advisory group for this year. The next meeting will be held Tuesday February 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Post-Secondary Information

October 1 marks the opening of post-secondary applications for Fall 2023. Schools begin taking applications from now until generally March 1, 2022. Students have worked on getting accounts for Apply Alberta and taken the early steps in creating their profiles. Any student who requires more assistance can make an appointment to see Mrs. Jager.

Scholarships

The school website has links to a number of scholarships. The **Masonic Higher Education Bursary** can be applied for online at <https://mhebf.digitaltea.com/index.php> and the deadline to apply is **February 1, 2023**.

The **Schulich Leader Scholarship** - Every high school in Canada can nominate ONE student per academic year going into Science, Technology, Engineering and Math at specific universities. Visit schulichleaders.com to see eligibility requirements. You must be nominated in order to be considered for this scholarship. If you think you should be nominated, please reach out to Mrs. Jager today! The deadline for nomination is **January 31, 2023**.

The **TD Scholarships for Indigenous Students** are open for application at <https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-advice/indigenous-student-scholarships-grants-and-bursaries/>. Visit the website for information on eligible programs, and to apply. The deadline for applications is **January 16, 2023**.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

The parent portal access is the perfect way to keep up-to-date with student assessment and attendance. If you do not have access to the portal for your students please contact the office.

Breakfast Club

Each morning students have access to complimentary breakfast items. The menu varies daily and is always nutritious, delicious and served with a smile. We serve about 60 students daily. Thank you to Breakfast Club of Canada, Pembina Pipelines and Pembina West Co-op for their donations to our program. If you would like to help support the program, juice boxes and cereal are always appreciated.

Sports

Junior and Senior Basketball have begun and will be competing through to March. Our junior high home tournament will be held on February 17 & 18. Archery has also begun with scheduled competition in March. Soon after Badminton and Handball teams will begin their seasons. Good Luck to all our athletes and thank you to the coaches and volunteers that make these happen.

Dinner Theatre

Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Schalm are in the early planning stages of conducting a dinner theatre this year. In February, scripts will be available and auditions will take place. It will be held on May 31 and June 1, 2023. More information to follow in the coming months.

Always Looking For...

The sewing class is in need of old jeans for a project.

The foods lab is always in search of plastic containers and metal cutlery.

The IA shop is always in search of old horseshoes for welding projects.

Final Exam Schedule Jan 2023

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Thursday Jan 12	Diploma Exam	Diploma ELA 30-1/30-2 Part A
Friday Jan 13	Diploma Exam	Diploma SS 30-1/30-2 Part A
Thursday Jan 19	Diploma Exam	Diploma Math 30-1/30-2
Friday Jan 20	Diploma Exam	Diploma ELA 30-1/30-2 Part B
LAST DAY OF CLASSES GR 7-12 Friday January 20		
Monday Jan 23	Diploma Exam	Diploma SS 30-1/30-2 Part B
	PAT	PAT Science 9
	Final Exam	ELA 20-1 Part A
	Final Exam	SS 20-2 Part A
	Final Exam	PE 10
	Final Exam	CALM 20
	Midterm	ELA 8 Part A
	Midterm	ELA 7 Part A
Tuesday Jan 24	PAT	PAT Social Studies 9
	Final Exam	Math 20-1
	Final Exam	Math 20-2
	Final Exam	Math 20-3
	Final Exam	ELA 10-1 Part A
	Final Exam	ELA 10-2 Part A
	Midterm	ELA 8 Part B
	Midterm	ELA 7 Part B
Wednesday Jan 25	Final Exam	ELA 20-1 Part B
	Final Exam	SS 20-2 Part B
	Final Exam	ELA 10-1 Part B
	Final Exam	ELA 10-2 Part B

	Midterm	ELA 9 Part A
	Midterm	Science 8
	Midterm	Science 7
Thursday Jan 26	Final Exam	Chemistry 20
	Final Exam	Science 20
	Final Exam	Science 10
	Final Exam	Science 14
	Midterm	Math 9
	Midterm	Social 8
	Midterm	Social 7
Friday Jan 27	Midterm	ELA 9 Part B
	Midterm	Math 8
	Midterm	Math 7