

## November News

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](http://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.

### **Stay Focused - Stay Healthy**

We are on the home stretch to the Christmas break. 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.

### **Winter Weather**

The winter season has definitely arrived. While we do not expect disruptions to the same degree as last year, the safety of students is our primary concern and sometimes this results in cancellation of bus service. During bus cancellations, the school does remain open. Teachers conduct classes (combined if numbers are small), but new material will not be covered. The course outlines for each course describe the expectations for students and availability of teachers on these days. If your student has assignments not completed, whether they are at home or school, these days are a great opportunity to catch up on them (check PowerSchool and GoogleClassroom). Students can also practice literacy skills by reading, and numeracy skills by playing board and card games.

If you do not have a device for your student to access GoogleClassroom on these days, you can contact the office and borrow one to keep at home for the winter months in the event that there is a need. We do not have enough to send one with every student to keep at home, but we do have a number of them if you require. Junior high students will not be attending online classes on these days and there will not be any mandatory work but there may be some review activities, practice or previous work that can be completed. Senior high classes generally have a drop in google meet to clarify concepts or ask questions. Please check the course outlines for more information.

### **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 November 29, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

### **Senior High Dance**

The senior high students have requested an opportunity to practice their dancing skills. The scheduled date for the senior high dance is Friday November 25, 2022. Students will be selling tickets this week for \$5.

### **Junior High Citadel Trip**

The junior high students will have an opportunity to go on a field trip this December 13, 2022 to the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton to see the classic "A Christmas Carol". Forms will be available next week and spots will be delivered on a first come, first paid basis. Students must be in good standing at school to participate on this trip (no recent behavioral concerns, suspensions and all fees paid).

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 am. The dates are as follows:

### **January Exams**

English Language Arts 30-1 Part A Thursday January 12, 2023  
English Language Arts 30-2 Part A Thursday January 12, 2023  
Social Studies 30-1 Part A Friday January 13, 2023  
Social Studies 30-2 Part A Friday January 13, 2023  
Mathematics 30-1 Thursday January 19, 2023  
Mathematics 30-2 Thursday January 19, 2023  
English Language Arts 30-1 Part B Friday January 20, 2023  
English Language Arts 30-2 Part B Friday January 20, 2023  
Social Studies 30-1 Part B Monday January 23, 2023  
Social Studies 30-2 Part B Monday January 23, 2023  
Biology 30 Tuesday January 24, 2023  
Chemistry 30 Wednesday January 25, 2023  
Physics 30 Thursday January 26, 2023  
Science 30 Friday January 27, 2023

### **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.