

WAINWRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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February is a time that marks another big change in our school year. Semester two is upon us!

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and perseverance in the last few weeks - students, parents, and teachers alike. We see you grinding away to make sure that everything is in its place and then creating alternate plans and changing to adapt to the circumstances: both of which are very hard to do.

Dedication to a task and working toward a goal are pursuits that sharpen our abilities to focus and endure. Adapting to change is challenging as we have to reevaluate our plans and then create new ones despite the uncertainty of the future.

Patience is also a hallmark of perseverance. In order to be able to stick to a task we must face it with the mindset that we will be presented with challenges; and that it might take longer than we anticipated. It's not often that great things are created in a short amount of time.

But, as we know, time spent isn't the only way to success.

And we can see that in our school - when people are great then greatness will follow.

WHS is great, and a great semester two will follow!

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Persistence overshadows even talent as the most valuable resource shaping the quality of life.

—
TONY ROBBINS

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KEY DATES

January 31st & February 1st - No School for Students

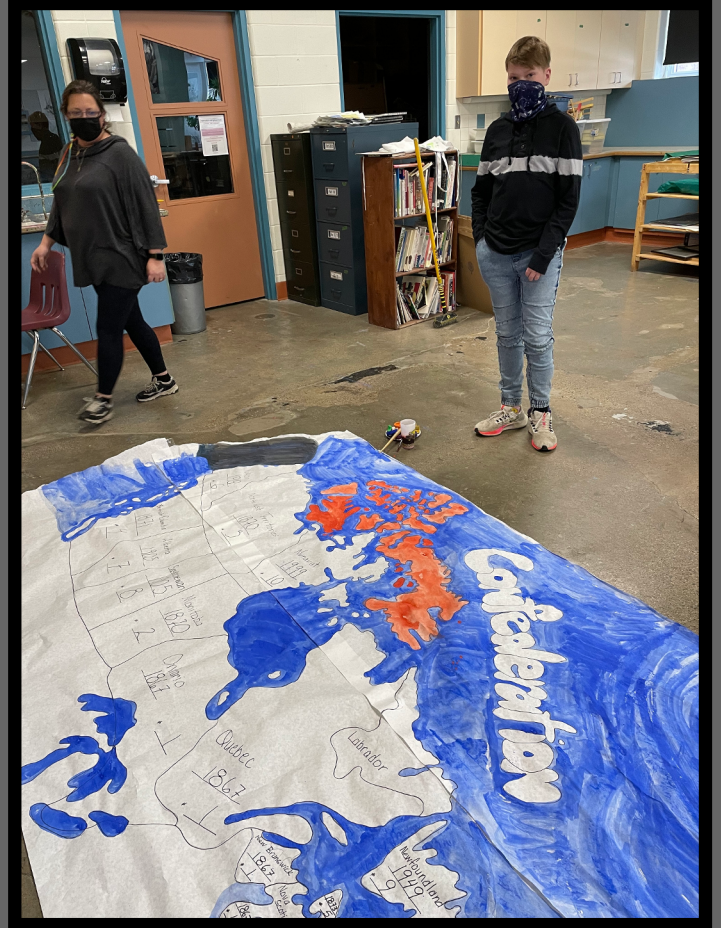
February 2nd - First day of Semester 2 and Quarter 3 options

February 16th - Virtual School Council Meeting @ 7pm

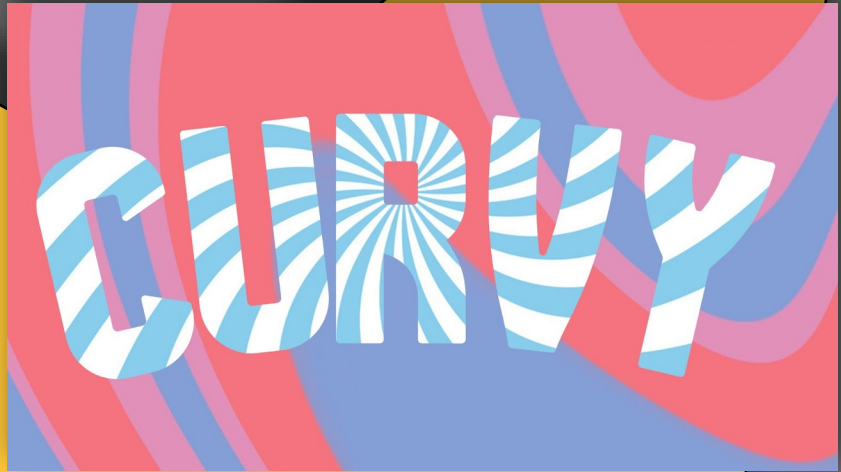
February 17, 18 & 21st - No School for Students

February 23 - Pink Shirt Day

The Junior High Grind



Senior High Communications Technology



PINK SHIRT DAY



How Pink Shirt Day began:

“David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. ‘I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,’ says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. ‘Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.’ So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. ‘It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,’ Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again.”

— GLOBE & MAIL

Pink Shirt Day falls on the last Wednesday of February every year; join us for Pink Shirt Day on February 23rd, 2022 in our mission to create a kinder and more inclusive world.



Mental Health

- If a child needs someone to talk to, they can text **CONNECT** to the Kids' Help Phone at 686868 or call 1-800-668-6868. This 24/7, free service offers professional counselling, information and referrals. The Jack.org [Alberta COVID-19 Youth Mental Health Resource Hub](#) also has great information for teens on mental health, self-care and supporting others.
- If an adult needs someone to talk to, they are encouraged to call the confidential, toll-free, 24/7 mental health helpline at 1-877-303-2642. This helpline is attended by a team that includes nurses, psychologists and social workers.
- The Alberta Health Services website [Help in Tough Times](#) also has helpful information, including the [Text4Hope resource](#), which you can subscribe to for free by texting COVID19HOPE to 393939. It offers 3 months of supportive text messages written by mental health therapists.

With the low temperatures, we would like to remind everyone that the main entrance doors and south entrance doors will not open until 8:30.



Please continue to complete the daily screening and refrain from coming to school if you have developed symptoms.



A reminder to wear your masks while inside. Check the 2021-22 Parent Guide for updates.

VIRTUAL SHOWCASE



CAREERS is exploring skilled trades, ICT and agriculture around the province.

Students are encouraged to come learn about job opportunities available in a variety of industries and what it takes to succeed in a workplace.

AGRICULTURE - PLANT SYSTEMS
JANUARY 18 • 6PM

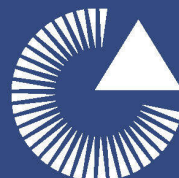
FORESTRY
FEBRUARY 16 • 6PM

REGISTER HERE



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for information email or call
events@nextgen.org
1.888.757.7172



CAREERS
take on the future

Provost Music Festival

March 27 - April 1, 2022

Speech . Strings . Instrumental . Piano . Vocal

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students-

The Provost Music Festival is proud to announce the upcoming dates of the 50th annual festival. This exciting week long event showcases an impressive array of local talent. All participants are professionally adjudicated in non-competitive classes and considered for awards or competition advancement. Audience support is always welcomed and encouraged. Please join us and celebrate the arts!

Entry Forms Now Available

Registration deadline late January 28 2022

Find us on-line! for contact information, involvement opportunities, registration packages, class selections or syllabus links.

www.provostmusicfestival.com

50
Years of
Excellence

VIRTUAL SESSIONS

TAKE ON THE FUTURE AND LEARN FROM ALBERTA INDUSTRY EXPERTS

November 30 • Industrial Trades
(YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGIES)

January 12 • Agriculture/Cooking
(YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGIES)

January 18 • Agriculture - Plant Systems

February 16 • Forestry

February 24 • ICT/Forestry
(YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGIES)

March 8 • Scaffolding

March 17 • Automotive/Mechanical
(YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGIES)

March 23 • Mechanical Trades

April 5 • Service Trades

April 20 • Pipe Trades

May 10 • Information and Communications Technology

May 17 • All Opportunities/Summer Internships

CALENDAR



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Wainwright on Wellness (WOW) is a program funded by Alberta Services as part of the *Mental Health Capacity Building Initiative (MHCB)* to provide programming and support to students, schools, families and communities in building their mental health and wellness capacity.

Please click on above links for additional online prevention and promotion support

School Council Dates

Please join us **VIRTUALLY** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month!

For more information, please contact Jason Dahlgren, School Council President at councilwhs@gmail.com



Habitat for Humanity Edmonton

Habitat's affordable home ownership program

Would you like to become a homeowner in Wainwright?

Your family may qualify if...

- Your annual gross income is between \$35,000 and \$65,000
- You have children under the age of 18 living at home
- You are willing to volunteer 500 hours
- You are a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

For more information, please contact Carley at (780) 842-3381. HFH.org



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2021-2022 BTPS SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Buffalo Trail Public Schools is committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team.

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
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LEGEND	
■ Holiday	■ Day-in-Lieu
■ Self Directed Teacher Day	■ Celebration Day
■ School Based PL	■ Convention / ATA PL Day
■ BTPS Learning Day	● First Student Day of Semester
■ Central Office Closed	

The first day for students is **September 1, 2021**. **February 2, 2022** is the first day of Term 2. **June 29, 2022** is the last day of school for students.

Please be reminded that when inclement weather does not allow us to operate our buses, schools will be open, classes are occurring and student learning continues. As with any absence, students who miss material will be provided with an opportunity to receive instructional material through an alternate means or catch up on missed school work upon return to school

Students are required to be in attendance until the last day of school as identified by the BTPS Board Approved Calendar. Final exams at the Grade 7 to 9 level will occur during the last five student days each semester. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur. Final exams in diploma courses will occur as described in the Alberta Education Diploma exam schedule (www.education.alberta.ca) and submission of marks will occur the day the diploma marks are due to Alberta Ed. During non-examination times, tutorials, course review and alternate activities will occur.

The 2021-2022 school calendar provides for instructional time for students that exceeds the requirements set by Alberta Education for instructional hours at the Grade 1-9 levels of 950 hours and at the Grade 10-12 levels for 1000 hours. The total student days in this year's calendar equals 181 days.

STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DATES

August 2	Heritage Day	Dec 20 - 31	Christmas Break
August 26	Self Directed Teacher Day	January 31	Self Directed Teacher Day
August 27	BTPS Learning Day	February 1	School Based PL
August 30	Self Directed Teacher Day	February 17 & 18	ATA Teachers' Convention
August 31	School Based PL	February 21	Family Day
September 6	Labour Day	March 4	BTPS Learning Day
October 8	Celebration Day	April 15	Good Friday
October 11	Thanksgiving Day	April 18 - 22	Easter Break
October 22	School Based PL & Support Staff PL	May 6	School Based PL
November 8	School Based PL	May 19	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)
November 9	ATA Professional	May 20	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)
November 10	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Staff Meeting)	May 23	Victoria Day
November 11	Remembrance Day	June 30	Self Directed Teacher Day
November 12	Designated Day-in-Lieu (Parent Teacher Interviews)		

** Central Office Closure will be July 18th - July 29th, 2022

Assessment For Learning

As a semester ends, we are used to looking at grades on Student and Parent Portal that reflect the overall understanding of course objectives. In senior high classes Powerschool, the BTPS reporting software, requires that a numerical number is entered.

Assessment of learning is referred to as summative assessment. A good way to break this down is that a final grade is a measurement of the SUM of the learning that has occurred.

However there are some

assignments that might not receive a numerical mark. Sometimes assignments are recorded as collected or maybe just have a comment attached.

These assignments are used to assess what students need to learn next. Assessment for learning is referred to as formative assessment. This can be broken down as assessments that FORM an understanding.

In addition, teachers use other methods to formatively assess their students, which might not

appear in grade book at all. Teachers assess students through their discussions in class and observations of them working with their peers or on their own.

Projects, essays, worksheets, and exams are just one way for teachers to make a summative assessment. The triangulation of assignment, process, and conversation provides a teacher with a holistic understanding of what a student knows and can do. Assessment for learning plays a role in triangulation for teachers.

LOVE

Showing a genuine concern for the good of others, with the unselfish acts of kindness such as: compassion, caring, thoughtfulness, service and other humanitarian and noble actions.

~From the Virtues Project~

WHAT'S NEW AT WHS?

For semester two, our music program will be on hold until Mrs. Gingrich returns in next school year. Her introduction to WHS was great, and we loved what she did with our band program. So, it's not a good-bye, but rather, "See you soon!"

Also, we are happy to have Mrs. Grosky back with us full time starting in January. She will be teaching grade 9 ELA,



grade 8 Social Studies, and Maker Space in quarter 4.

Ms. Boxell will continue with us teaching grade 7 ELA and jr. and sr. foods until Ms. Belanger returns.

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