



September 2017 Newsletter

# HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

*"A Caring Commitment to Learning"*



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## Story Block

### Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

As we enter the new school year, I would like to share some of the things happening at Hillside:

1. Staffing - We are very happy to welcome Ms. Prusko to the staff of Hillside. Ms. Prusko will be teaching Junior High Social Studies, Language Arts, Health and Options. Mrs. LaVallee has returned to our staff following her year off and will be teaching Math 9, Senior High Math and Chemistry.

2. PLT - Senior high (grade 10-12) PLT is scheduled for Block 2 on Friday. This block will appear as a blank time on student timesheets, but it is intended for personalized education for students. Students may be nominated by a teacher to catch up on missed/missing work or to write tests. Students who are not nominated by a teacher, may choose which classroom they will be in during that time to work on homework or projects or to get additional help from teachers.

3. School Council is a great way for parents to have input and be informed. Our organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26 at 7 pm in the Learning Commons. All parents are encouraged to join us.

4. Webpage - Please visit our webpage at [hillsidehigh.ca](http://hillsidehigh.ca) for copies of the handbook, bell schedule and highlights about ongoing events at Hillside.

We are looking forward to working with our students and their families for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 780-524-3277.



Hello! My name is Jayna Prusko and I am a new member of staff at Hillside Junior/Senior High this year. I am working in the Junior High end, teaching ELA 7 & 8, Health 7 & 8, Social 7 and team teaching junior high options. I will also be coaching the Junior Girls Volleyball team. I am very excited to be with this wonderful school for the 2017/2018 school year.

I am originally from Drayton Valley, Alberta. I received my Bachelors of Secondary Education from the U of A in 2013, with a major in Social Studies and a minor in Health Education. This will be my third full year of teaching. In my free time I enjoy reading, shopping and spending time with friends. I am a fairly active person and enjoy running and playing sports, such as volleyball and softball. Some fun facts about myself, for 17 years my younger sister and I competed in Irish Dancing and I traveled to Ireland to compete in the Rose of Tralee Festival as a representative for Western Canada!

This year I will be using Google Classroom and Remind for my core subjects. Codes are listed below and are the same for both Remind and GC. If signing up for Remind, text your classroom code to **(450) 500-0579**:

**Language Arts 8A- HGDKUQ1**

**Language Arts 7C- KS73QI**

**Social Studies 7B- 79UBP8N**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school 780-524-3277 or via email [jayna.prusko@ngps.ca](mailto:jayna.prusko@ngps.ca). I hope everyone has a fabulous school year!

# News, Sports & Events

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ▶ Preferred payment method for school purchases are: SchoolCashOnline, Debit, Visa, Mastercard. Cash and Cheques are still accepted.
- ▶ The next School Council Meeting will be held Tuesday September 26, 2017 in the Learning Commons.
- ▶ Scholastic Book Orders are to be turned into Mrs. Staples in the Learning Commons.
- ▶ The office no longer provides change for vending machines. Please come to school prepared.
- ▶ The cafeteria does not accept any bills larger than a \$20.
- ▶ You can now have the newsletter emailed to you. Please contact Mrs. Staples in the Learning Commons at 780-524-3277.
- ▶ Tabs are available for the cafeteria. See Mrs. Grotkowski for details.
- ▶ Hillside Webpage:

hillsidehigh.ca

Newsletter Available on Webpage!

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## Junior & Senior Golf

Junior & Senior Golf Tryouts - Monday September 11, 2017

Junior Golf Zones - Monday September 25, 2017

Senior Golf Zones - Monday September 18, 2017

Senior Golf Provincials - TBD

## Hillside Senior Band

Band will start Monday  
September 11, 2017.

Classes run:

Mondays 3:30 - 5:00pm

Wednesdays 7:45 - 8:30am



## School Council AGM

September 26, 2017  
@7pm in the Learning  
Commons.



### Debit Card Only?

Cafeteria Prepaid Tabs are available in the office. Please see Mrs. Grotkowski.

### Allergies

Please be considerate of students in our building. Do not bring the following foods in Hillside:  
Peanuts



## School Cash Online

Hillside Jr/Sr High School is pleased to announce the launch of School Cash Online, a convenient and secure online payment system that offers a way for parents to pay for school activities, field trips, hot lunches and other fees. To access online payments, please enroll at [ngps.schoolcashonline.com](http://ngps.schoolcashonline.com) or go to our website, [HillsideHigh.ca](http://HillsideHigh.ca) and click the link under the Parents and students - school fees tab; it takes less than 5 minutes. Once registered, you will be able to see your online payment history, print receipts and receive email notifications whenever new student fees are posted for your child.

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Grotkowski at the school, 780-524-3277.

Thank you.

## Hillside WebPage:

Here at Hillside we are trying to be more 'Green'. Our school newsletter 'Hillside Happenings' is available on our WebPage - [hillsidehigh.ca](http://hillsidehigh.ca), or you can contact Mrs. Staples at (780)524-3277 to have your name added to our e-mail list.



Lunch Hour  
12:19-12:59

# Calendar of Events

## SEPTEMBER 2017

	Sr Volleyball Practices - Monday & Wednesday 5:15 - 7:00pm	Senior Band Classes are Mondays 3:30-5pm & Wednesdays 7:45-8:30am			1  Grade 7 Orientation	2
3	4  Labour Day	5 First Day of School 	6 Football @ PWA Titans Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball Tryouts Jr Boys & Girls Volleyball Tryouts	7	8	9
10	11  Jr & Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball Tryouts	12	13  Football @ Hillside vs St. Joe's	14	15	16
17	18  Sr Golf Zones	19	20	21  Football @ Charles Spencer	22 Career & Education Expo- -Whitecourt  Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball Tournament - Grimshaw Jr Boys & Girls Volleyball Tournament - Grande Prairie	23
24	25 Grad Parent Meeting 7pm in Learning Commons Jr Golf Zones	26 Hillside School Council AGM 7pm Learning Commons School Pictures Grades 7-9	27 School Pictures Grades 10-12	28 Football @ Peace River	29 Jr Girls & Boys Volleyball Tournament - Spirit River	30

## OCTOBER 2017

1	2	3	4	5	6 PD Day Football @ Whitecourt	7 Jr Boys & Girls Volleyball Tournament - Sexsmith
8	9  Thanksgiving Day	10 School Picture Retake Day	11 Cross-Country Zones	12 Football vs High Prairie @ Hillside	13 Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball Tournament - High Prairie	14
15	16	17 PTI's 4-7 South Gym	18	19 Football vs GP Comp - @ Hillside	20 Hillside Cougar Classic	21 Volleyball Tournament
22	23	24	25	26	27 Sr Volleyball Tournament - Fairview Jr Boys & Girls Volleyball Tournament - Peace Wapiti	28 Football Semi Finals - TBD
29	30	31  Halloween				

## First Nations & Metis Info

Tansi! Welcome back for another great year at Hillside.

"I tell my children that the way to get honor is to go to work and be good men and women."

- Chief Running Bird

Money for school?? Some information on funding and scholarships:

- Sturgeon Lake Band Members: Grade 12 or post-graduate students need to contact Gloria Goodswimmer at Sturgeon Lake Resources, as soon as possible, 780-524-2520, about post-secondary funding for 2018, even if you are planning to take a year off between high

school and post-secondary. Students on and off reserve can get funding information from Ms. Goodswimmer.

- Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY) is a national scholarship and bursary program that responds to the critical need to assist Aboriginal high school and post-secondary students. If you are First Nation, Metis or Inuit and in grade 9 to 12 there are bursaries available. Apply on-line at [www.ccab.com/application](http://www.ccab.com/application) process or 1-866-566-3229 before October 15, 2017.
- Alberta Human Services has applications for the

Metis and Non-Status Indian Bursary Program. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2018. See Mrs. Boman for information.

Other information:

- Free online Learning Resource for your child is now available to all Treaty 8 students in Grades 3 to 12 who live on-reserve and attend a Provincial School. For more information and to register contact Justine Supernault at Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta, 1-888-TREATY8 (873-2898).

## Drugs/Alcohol/Mental Health Help Centers

Places for parents and students to get information:

Contact Numbers:

AADAC/Northern Addictions Centre Grande Prairie 538-5210 (free call through RITE Line 310-0000). For Problems with alcohol or drugs. Counseling, groups, detox, treatment programs. Information on support groups such as AA and Alanon.

AADAC Help Line 1-866-332-2322. 24 hours/7 days a week for anyone with concerns about alcohol and drug problems.

MITAA - Valleyview 524-2909

Alcohol and addictions program.

First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line; 1-855-242-3310

Mental Health Help Line 1-877-303-2642 or (780)524-7050 for services in town.

Peace Country Sexual Assault Help Line 1-888-37PEACE

Bullying Hot Line 1-888-456-2323

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

Family Violence Info Line 310-1818

FNMI Hope For Wellness Hotline - 1-855-242-3310 Toll Free 24/7 access

Fentanyl Information Sheet -

<http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/>

Fentanyl-Information-Parents-Teachers-2016.pdf

## Quebec City, Montreal, & Ottawa 2018

With fifteen spots in total, there are still some left, so if you are interested in joining us on this amazing opportunity, don't wait! Come and see Mr. Lawson about an application form today! Or you can email him at [craig.lawson@ngps.ca](mailto:craig.lawson@ngps.ca) or go to the EF Tours website for this trip at

<http://www.eftours.ca/tour-website/1931492ZD> for more information. If the Nicaragua 2016 and Vimy Ridge 2017 trips are anything to go by, this trip is guaranteed to be unforgettable!

There will be another meeting for those still interested in joining us and for those already signed up sometime early in October. Stay tuned for more information.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! Keep your eyes open for more information, or come and ask Mr. Lawson for details.

**Remind Number: Text: @QMO2018 to [\(226\) 271-1126](tel:2262711126) to join**

