



January 2020 Newsletter

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

"A Caring Commitment to Learning"



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Story Block

Final Exams and Bus Cancellations

Students will be writing final exams in all of our senior high courses and grade 9 Social Studies and Science at the end of January.

During exam week, there are no regularly scheduled grade 10-12 classes, so students are not expected to attend unless they have a scheduled exam. Students can also use this time to make arrangements with teachers to meet and study for exams and to work on completing work. Teachers are assigned supervision during the exam week, so students should make arrangements with a teacher to insure that the teacher will be available.

January also seems to always carry with it either bitter cold or lots of snow which brings about the question, "What if the buses don't run during exams?"

Diploma Exams

Students may enter the exam room up to one hour after the start of the exam. After 10:00 am, a student is not allowed to enter the exam room or write the exam.

If a student is unable to write an exam in January due to impassable roads, a student may make an application for an exemption. The decision to exempt rests with Alberta Education. If an exemption is not granted, the student will be required to write either in April or June.

If your son or daughter is scheduled to write a diploma exam and is unable to make it to school to write the exam, they must, as soon as possible, contact the school and speak to Mrs. Wood or Mr. Serediak.

Hillside Based Exams

For Hillside based final exams, if a student is able to make it to the school on a bus day, they will be expected to write their final on the scheduled date. If they are unable to make the exam, they should contact the school and talk to Mrs. Wood or Mr. Serediak to make alternate arrangements.

The expectation is that all town-based students will write exams at the scheduled time even if buses are not running.

In all cases, please note that student safety should, and must be, the first consideration in determining whether a student attends school.

Senior High Second Semester/Course Changes

Senior High second semester timetables will be mailed out. If course changes are needed, students should see Mr. Staples or Mrs. Wood during the next few weeks so that their timetables are set for the start of second semester on Feb 3.

Grade 9 Exams/Second Semester

All grade 9's will be writing final exams in Science and Social Studies at the end of January. Science and Social Studies will be on Tuesday, January 28 at 9 am.

Grade 9's will be starting their second semester timetables on Tuesday, January 28. Grade 9 students are expected to be in school and in class during the entire exam week.

Junior High Second Semester Options






Junior High Option Courses will also be changing on February 3, 2020. Option selection sheets will be sent out soon.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2020

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| Junior Basketball Practices - Tues & Thurs @3:30pm | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| | | New Year's Eve | New Year's Day | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | First Day Back for Students | | Sr Girls BBall Shooting Practice | | Sr BasketBall Tournament - Fairview | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | ELA 30-1, 30-2 Diploma Part A | Jr High Assembly Soc 30-1, 30-2 Diploma Part A Hillside Green vs White BasketBall Game 3;30 | Sr Girls BBall Shooting Practice Jr BBall Game GP Vanier @ Hillside | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | | Sr Girls BBall Shooting Practice Math 30-1, 30-2 Diploma | ELA 30-1, 30-2 Diploma Part B | Last Day Senior High Classes Soc 30-1, 30-2 Diploma Part B | Jr Bbasketball Tournament - Fairview |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| | Biology 30 Diploma | Grade 9 Science PAT Grade 9 Social PAT Chemistry 30 Diploma | Sr Girls BBall Shooting Practice Physics 30 Diploma | Science 30 Diploma | PD Day/Semester Break Jr BasketBall Tournament - Hillside Sr BasketBall Tournament - Whitecourt | |

FEBRUARY 2020

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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | School Council Meeting 7pm Learning Commons | | Sr Girls BBall Shooting Practice Jasper |  Ski |  Trip | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | | | Jr BBall Game - Bezanson Sr Girls BBall Shooting Practice | |  Sr BasketBall Tournament - Hillside Invitational | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | | | Sr Girls BBall Shooting Practice | PTI's 4-7pm Jr/Sr Curling Zones - Fairview | | Jr BasketBall Tournament - TBA |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | | | Sr Girls BBall Shooting Practice | | | |

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 is Monday February 3, 2020, @ 7pm 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.
- ▶ 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:

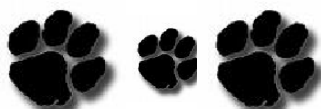
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Newsletter is Available on the Webpage!

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Lunch Hour
 12:19-12:59



ECUADOR



Ecuador 2020

With only two and a half months remaining until our trip, things are quickly coming together. All of our dates have been confirmed, backpacks have been picked up, passports are in, accounts are nearly paid off, and it's time to start thinking about packing, spending money, and a final pre-departure meeting.

We will have our last meeting about a month before departure, late in February or early March; stay posted for the actual date. This meeting will include signing consent forms, receiving EF backpacks, and any other last minute things that come up. This meeting will be mandatory – all travellers and their guardians will need to attend. The date will be confirmed and shared with you as soon as possible.

Just think, in about 80 days we'll be exploring the rugged beauty of the Andes Mountains, jumping across the Equator, and snorkeling with penguins in the Galapagos!

Remind Number: Text: @Ecuador-20 to (226) 271-1126 to join, or enter that code on the Remind App

To Run or not to run



Who makes the decision and how?

1 Rhett Czaban
Director of Transportation

Weather

Highway Satellite Cameras

Temperature readings
Environment Canada
511 Alberta

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Scouting the Roads

Bus Driver On-duty

Calls to bus drivers and contractors

2 Are the buses running?

3 The decision is made between

06:00 am **06:30** am

4 How do we let you know?

ngps.ca

5 It's your decision!

Send to School

Keep Home

It is always your decision whether or not to send your child to school when weather conditions are extreme.

6 Dress warmly!

Don't forget to dress warmly. See you at school!

Remind Numbers

| Teacher | Class | Class Code | Number |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Hillside School | | @hhschool | (418) 800-7941 |
| Ms. A. Benard | Science 8C | @sci8ben | (204) 813-5888 |
| | Chemistry 20 | @chem20-ben | (204) 813-5888 |
| | Health 7B | @health7ben | (204) 813-5888 |
| | Health 9C | @health9ben | (204) 813-5888 |
| | Science 20 | @sci20ben | (204) 813-5888 |
| Mrs. V. Berry | Math 8 1 | @4ch2e6 | (587) 316-1040 |
| | Math 7B | @mrsbmath7b | (587) 316-1040 |
| | Math 7A | @g9fabh | (587) 316-1040 |
| | Health 7C | @c629d38 | (587) 316-1040 |
| Ms. S. Kirchner | Science 7B | @kirch7bsci | (587) 316-1097 |
| | Science 8A | @sci8akirch | (587) 316-1097 |
| Mr. C. Lawson | LA 9A | @lawla9 | (226) 271-1126 |
| | Social 20-2 | @lawss202 | (226) 271-1126 |
| | English 30-2 | @laweng302 | (226) 271-1126 |
| | 2020 Ecuador | @ecuador-20 | (226) 271-1126 |
| Mrs. L. Newman | Social Studies 30-1 | @gah73f | (581) 221-0374 |
| Ms. B. Osborne | Science 7A | @8e692b | (450) 500-0691 |
| | Science 7C | @7cosborne | (450) 500-0691 |
| | Science 8B | @kh2369 | (450) 500-0691 |
| | Math 8-2 | @93e3ega | (450) 500-0691 |
| Mrs. L. Serediak | Grad 2019 | @commence19 | (587) 333-2931 |
| Mr. D. Slaney | LA 9 | @hslang9 | (587) 316-1059 |
| | Social 20-1 | @hillsocial | (587) 316-1059 |
| | English 10-1 | @hseng10 | (587) 316-1059 |
| Mrs. K. Staples | Curling Team | @hshcurl | (450) 900-0126 |
| Mr. M. Staples | English 10-1 | @mrmstapl | (647) 931-1805 |
| | Green Certificate | @mrmstaples | (647) 931-1805 |
| Ms. A. Wolfe | LA 8A | @a3d7ga | (647) 931-1813 |
| | LA 8B | @a3d7ga | (647) 931-1813 |
| | LA 9C | @b8a24k | (647) 931-1813 |
| | Health 8B | @bhebdg | (647) 931-1813 |

Allergies

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

Debit Card Only?

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