

FEBRUARY

2025



HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS



"A Caring Commitment to Learning"

Hillside Breakfast Program

A Big Thank You

To

OUR Sponsors

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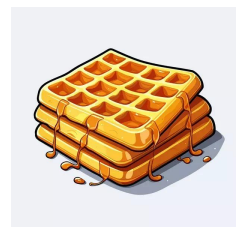
United Church Women

Freson Bros. Valleyview

Brett Slade & Karla Huber



We are still accepting Donations,
contact Mrs. Grotkowski in the office
at 780-524-3277





Calendar Of Events Hillside Happenings



Hillside's Open Chess Tournament

The Tournament will be held during lunch hours in the Learning Commons.

Check out the Schedule posted outside the Learning Commons.



Mark Your Calendars

Grad Pictures

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Thursday, Feb. 6

Sign up sheet is posted in the office



Friday, Feb 7 & Saturday Feb 8
Hillside Sr Invitational Basketball
Tournament
Hillside North & South Gyms

Friday, Feb. 14

Valentines Day

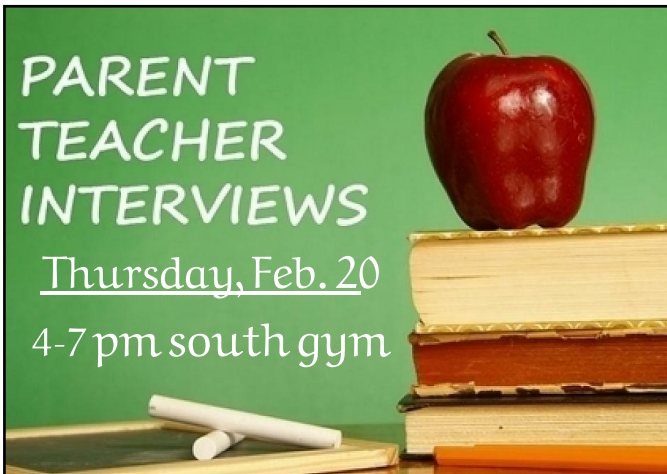
Monday, Feb. 17

Family Day - No School



**PARENT
TEACHER
INTERVIEWS**

Thursday, Feb. 20
4-7 pm south gym



Thursday, Feb. 20,



7 pm in the Learning Commons

We are still accepting applications for Scotland 2026!



This trip will give students the chance to learn by experience – they will expand their perspective of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow confident and independent.

There is incredible growth that comes with seeing the world, exploring new places and experiencing new cultures - and we are excited to bring that opportunity to your family and our community.

Interested? Follow the following steps:

1. Scan the following QR code or head to the link to enroll for our waitlist (*it will ask for payment details but NO MONEY WILL BE TAKEN until you actually register!*)
2. Pick up a 'Student Application' in the office, fill it out, and return it to the office or Mrs. Caron
3. When your application is approved, you will be notified via email from EF Tours with the actual registration link

Your enrollment number:

2775880



Scan the QR code or visit
eftours.ca/enrol to sign up for the
waitlist!

****Direct any questions you have to Mrs. Caron****

Important Information



Sign up for important updates from Mrs. Newman.

Get information for Hillside Junior/Senior High School right on your phone—not on handouts.

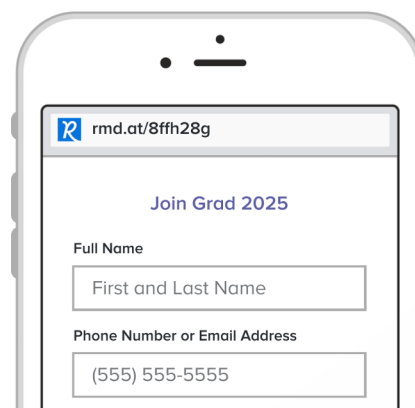
Pick a way to receive messages for Grad 2025:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/8ffh28g

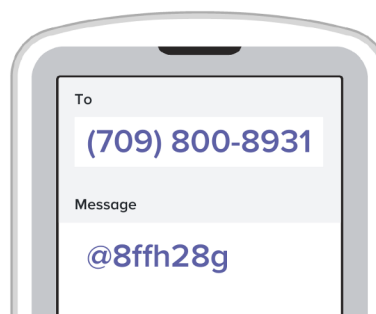
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@8ffh28g](https://t.me/8ffh28g) to the number (709) 800-8931.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/8ffh28g on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



Hillside Sports



Basketball Team

Jr. Basketball Practices

Tuesdays and Thursdays

3:30 - 5:30 pm

Sr. Basketball Practices

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5:45 - 7:45 pm

Sr. Basketball Tournaments

Friday, Feb. 7 and Saturday, Feb. 8 in Valleyview

Friday, Feb. 14 and Saturday, Feb. 15 In Grimshaw

Basketball Zones

Jr. Basketball Zones Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 in Fairview

Sr. Girls Basketball Zones Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 in Peace River

Sr. Boys Basketball Zones Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 in Valleyview

Basketball Provincials

Sr. Basketball Provincials Thursday, March 20, Friday, March 21,
and Saturday, March 22 in TBD



Special Points Of Interests



School Purchases

Preferred payment method for school purchases are:

School cash Online, Debit, Visa, MasterCard & Amex. Cash and e-transfer sent to hillside@ngps.ca - *please note the student's name in the message as well as what the money is for.*

Scholastic Book Orders

can still be placed online at <https://bookclubs.scholastic.ca>

Access Code: RC199625.

Cafeteria Service

Open during lunch 12:19-12:59 available for all students. Pre-paid tabs are available through Mrs. Grotkowski in the office using debit, visa, MasterCard, Amex or e-transfer (*name and reason must be noted in the message*).

School Newsletter

You can have our School Newsletter emailed to you.

Please contact Mrs. Stewart in the Learning Commons at 780-524-3277.

The Newsletter is also available on our webpage!

<https://www.hillsidehigh.ca>

Our mailing address and contact information:

Hillside Jr/Sr High School, Bag 3, 4701-52 Avenue

Valleyview, AB T0H 3N0

Phone: 780-524-3277

Fax: 780-524-4205

E-mail: hillside@ngps.ca

Lunch: 12:19-12:59



BUSES: Running or Not

HOW DO WE DECIDE?

The Director of Transportation makes the decision based on:



Weather Conditions



Scouting the Roads



Highway Cameras



Communication with Bus Drivers/Contractors



- 40°

Temperature Readings from Environment Canada & 511 Alberta

HOW DO WE NOTIFY?



Social Media



NGPS.ca



BusPlanner App

DECISION IS MADE BETWEEN

6:00 AM - 6:30 AM



Your Choice

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



Hillside Jr/Sr High School Personal Mobile Device Policy

In preparation for the start of the 2024/25 school year, we would like to inform you about our school-based Personal Mobile Device (PMD) policy. This policy reflects the new Ministerial Order and NGPS AP 650. In accordance with the new Ministerial Order the intention of the policy is to create clear and easy to understand guidelines that allows opportunity for digital citizenship and improved learning outcomes by supporting a distraction-free learning environment that promotes well-being.

We respectfully request the support of our parent communities in promoting this policy. If there is the need to connect with your child during instructional times, please contact the office and we will be happy to facilitate communication with you child.

What are PMDs?

Any personal electronic that can be used to communicate with or access the internet, such as a cellphone, tablet, laptop, gaming device or smart watch. This also includes devices capable of communicating with a PMD (e.g. Bluetooth devices such as headphones, earbuds or smart watches)



When can students use PMDs?

- In the Morning before class time (8:48-8:53)
- During Lunch hour 12:19-12:59
- During 4 minute break times between classes
- At the end of the instructional day (after 3:19)



School Wide PMD policy of restrictions and guidelines for Instructional Time

- PMDs should be stored in personal lockers during instructional time. If a student has a PMD with them during instructional times, it must be powered off and kept out of view. Smartwatches must be in airplane mode.
- PMDs are NOT allowed in restrooms, changing rooms, or with students during school-wide presentations and assemblies.



What is Instructional Time?

- Instructional time includes time scheduled for the purpose of instruction and learning.
- Examples include, but are not limited to, in class instruction and activities, assemblies, talks or presentations from a guest speaker, spares and time spent in learning commons during the instructional day.

Special Considerations:

School Administrator may authorize exemptions if a personal mobile device is needed to support the delivery of programming, or to support unique medical and learning needs for individual students.

Progressive Disciplinary Action

If a student is not in compliance with the guidelines for PMDs a progressive discipline process will be applied.

First Time

We will remind the student of the rules.

Second Time

The student's PMD will be taken and securely stored in office until the end of the school day for student to pick up.

Third Time

The students PMD will be taken and securely stored and parent and/or guardian will be asked to retrieve the device from the school.

Further Violations

Parent and/or Guardian will be required to pick up the PMD and additional consequences may be applied such as issuing an in-school or out of school suspension.