

JANUARY

2025



HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

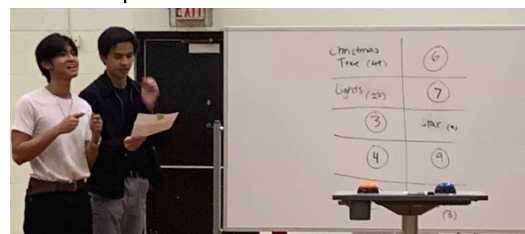


"A Caring Commitment to Learning"

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

Looking Back At Decembers Leadership Events

During the final weeks of school the Hillside Student Leadership Group organized and implemented the Christmas Olympics. Teams competed in a number of activities: skiing, gift wrapping, gift delivery, cookie decorating, collecting points with each event. The two teams with the most points competed in a final trivia game challenge with Santa AKA Carson, being the game show host and the judges being Mark and Miko. The two finalists were the Staff against the Caroling Crusaders. Lots of fun was had by all the teams. A big thank you goes out to the Leadership Students, Mrs. Serediak and the participating teams.





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.



Diploma Exams

Start Jan. 14



Final Exams

for Grades 9-12
Schedule page 5

Last Day

of Sr High Classes is
Wednesday, Jan. 22

Second Semester
starts Wednesday
Jan. 29th

Friday, January 31

REMINDER
NO SCHOOL

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Jan 10&11, 2025

Jr Basketball Tournament - Peace River

Jan 17&18, 2025

Sr Basketball Tournament - Fox Creek

Jan 24&25, 2025

Jr Basketball Tournament - Peace River

Mark Your Calendars

Grad Pictures

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Thursday, Feb. 6



Sign up sheet will be posted
in the office

Christmas Breakfast Provided by Parent Council

On Wednesday, December 18th Parent Council members along with Ms. Viker cooked up a hardy breakfast for the students and staff of Hillside.

Scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes, potatoes and fruit were served along with a variety of juices. A big thank you goes out to Parent Council, and all those who helped to make breakfast possible.



Cheermania Event

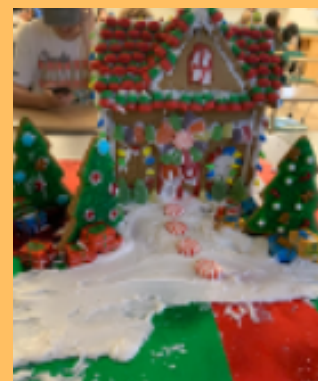
Staff and Grads had two lunch hours to design a gingerbread house. Then Hillside students voted on the best gingerbread house.



1st place designed by Miko Ambas, Mark Rivera, Princess Salvador and Angelica De Guzman.



2nd place designed by Tanis Campbell-Nielsen and Faith Putman-Polachuk.



3rd place designed by Hillside staff

Hillside Breakfast Program

A Big Thank You

To

our Sponsors

Joy-Al Business Ventures

Western Valley Inn

Alliance Church

Emmanuel Baptist Church

United Church Women

Freson Bros. Valleyview

Brett Slade & Karla Huber



We are still accepting Donations,
contact Mrs. Grotkowski in the office



Hillside's Exam Schedule

Hillside High School

January, 2024 Exam Schedule

Last Day of Classes for Sr High is January 22nd.

Diploma Exams

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025 at 9 am

ELA 30-1 Pt A , Mr. Staples

ELA 30-2 Pt A , Mr. Slaney

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025 at 9 am

Soc. 30-1 & 30-2 Pt A

Friday, Jan. 17, 2025 at 9 am

Math 30-1, Mr. Cooney

Math 30-2 , Mrs. Storie

Monday, Jan. 20 at 9 am

ELA 30-1 Pt B, Mr. Staples

ELA 30-2 Pt B, Mr. Slaney

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025 at 9 am

Soc. 30-1 & 30-2 Pt B

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2025 at 9 am

Chem. 30, Ms Benard



ALL Library books
& textbooks
MUST
BE RETURNED
by your **last exam**

Hillside's Exam Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025 at 9 am

English 10-1, Mr. Staples and Mrs. Galandie

Science 20, Ms Benard

Physics 20, Mrs. Serediak

Science 24, Mr. Cooney

Social 10-2, Mr. Slaney

Social 10-2, Mrs. Caron

Grade 9 Science PAT, Mrs. Serediak

Friday, Jan. 24, 2025 at 9 am

Science 14, Ms Benard

Social 20-1, Mrs. Newman

English 20-2, Mr. Slaney & Ms. Galandie

Grade 9 Social PAT, Mrs. Kohlman

Monday, Jan. 27, 2025 at 9 am

Math 20-1, Mr. Loewen

Math 20-2, Mr. Loewen

Science 10, Mrs. Serediak

Math 30-3, Mr. Morrison

Missed Exams at 1 pm in Office

Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 9 am

Bio 20, Mrs. Serediak

New Semester Starts January 29th, 2025

Important* Be sure to Hand in your Textbooks and Novel Studies



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

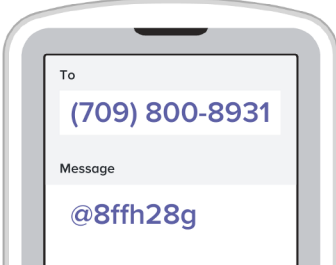
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

A smartphone mockup displaying a web browser page. The address bar shows "rmd.at/8ffh28g". The page title is "Join Grad 2025". There are two input fields: "Full Name" with a sub-label "First and Last Name" and "Phone Number or Email Address" with a sub-label "(555) 555-5555".

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

Text the message @8ffh28g to the number (709) 800-8931.

* Standard text message rates apply.

A smartphone mockup showing a text message interface. The "To" field contains "(709) 800-8931". The "Message" field contains "@8ffh28g".

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

Jr. Basketball Tournaments

Friday, January 10 & Saturday, January 11

Peace River

Friday, January 24 & Saturday, January 25

Glenmary School, Peace River

Sr. Basketball Practices

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5:45 - 7:45 pm

Sr. Basketball Tournaments

Friday, January 17 & Saturday, January 18

Fox Creek



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****



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.