

MARCH

2025



# HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS



Northern Gateway  
Public Schools

*"A Caring Commitment to Learning"*

A stack of four books on a wooden surface. On top of the books is a red apple. To the left of the books is a glass containing several colored pencils and two highlighters (one orange, one pink).

## NO SCHOOL

### Teachers' Conference

Thursday, March 6  
&  
Friday March, 7

A wide-angle shot of a snowy ski slope under a clear blue sky. Several evergreen trees are heavily covered in snow. A skier in an orange jacket is visible in the middle ground, descending the slope.

Jr. High Students  
will be hitting the Slopes  
at Little Smokey Ski Hill  
Thursday, March 20  
&  
Friday, March 21



# Calendar Of Events

## Hillside Happenings



### Grad Picture Retakes

Grad photo retakes are March 4  
 Grads who have already had their photos taken should check their NGPS email account for proofs.

### Jr. Boys & Girls Basketball Zones

Friday, March 7  
 & Saturday, March 8  
 In Fairview



Sunday, March 9

### Sr. Boys Basketball Zones

Friday, March 14 & Saturday, March 15  
 at Hillside in Valleyview



Monday, March 17



Saturday, March 22 - Sunday, March 30

# HHS Student Art Exhibition



March 3 - March 21  
in the Learning Commons

If you would like to participate in the  
Art Exhibition and display your art  
Please see Mrs. Stewart or Ms. Schilperoort  
for more information.

## Hillside Open Chess Tournament

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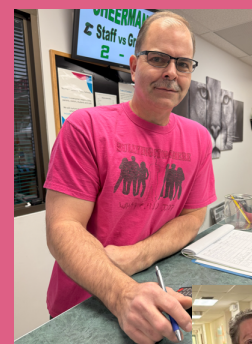
Be sure to check the schedule  
located by the Learning Commons  
to see who your next challenger is....



# Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday, February 26th Hillside Students and Staff wore pink to take a stand against bullying and to spread kindness, respect, and inclusion. Pink Shirt Day started with a simple act of support when students stood up for a classmate who was bullied for wearing pink. Now, it's a global movement – and we're part of it!

Bullying happens in many forms—at school, online, and in our communities. But small actions can make a big difference. A kind word, standing up for someone, and choosing respect over hate all help create a safer, more positive environment for everyone.





## ***Important Information***



Grads, parents, and guardians are reminded to send in baby or "younger you" photos to Mrs. Newman at [laurena.newman@ngps.ca](mailto:laurena.newman@ngps.ca)



# Spring Formal

Saturday, May 10th

Hillside Jr. Sr. High School, South Gym

Grad Supper

Grads and Invited Guests

Grad Parade

Saturday, May 10th

Time TBD

Spring Formal Dance

Formal Attire

Hillside Sr. High Students

Grades 10-12

Tickets will be on sale closer to the date

More information to follow, as it become available



# 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

### Jr. Boys & Girls Wind Up

Monday, March 10th

3:30-5:30 pm

### Basketball Zones

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

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





# Hillside Sr Basketball Exhibition Game



On Tuesday, February 25th, our Sr. High Basketball Team played an exciting exhibition game against our local RCMP. It was a fantastic event filled with fun, teamwork, and great sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see a crowd come out to cheer on both teams!







## 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](mailto:hillside@ngps.ca)

Lunch: 12:19-12:59



# 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.