

# HCHS HOWLER

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## HCHS Track & Field Highlights 2009

### UP COMING EVENTS

LAST DAY OF  
CLASSES FOR  
STUDENTS  
FRIDAY,  
JUNE 19

DIPLOMA  
EXAMS START  
MONDAY,  
JUNE 15  
TO  
FRIDAY  
JUNE 26

EXAM WEEK  
MONDAY  
JUNE 22  
TO  
FRIDAY,  
JUNE 26

The track & field season started out with temperamental weather conditions, making training conditions extremely difficult. Despite this obstacle, we were able to assemble two strong junior high and senior high track teams. On May 21, 2009 the senior high team competed at Foote Field in Edmonton. Harry Collinge High School had twelve athletes competing against the best in our zone. The senior zone track meet had 600 track & field competitors entered for competition. Despite the number of athletes, Harry Collinge High School was able to produce three silver and one bronze medal. The other placings on the team ranged from 4th to 10th place. Two athletes from HCHS track team earned a position to compete at provincials at Glenmore Track in Calgary on June 5-6 2009.



On May 25, 2009 Harry Collinge High School held a local junior track and field meet, which involved 200 athletes. The meet had outstanding attendance and participation from all the athletes who competed. This meet required the competitors to place first or second in their respective events in order to move on to the divisional meet. There were five new HCHS records set during this track meet. HCHS maintains and updates record profiles as far back as 1981. Mr. Saunders Physical Education 20/30 class successfully officiated all field event sites.

On May 26, 2009 the Elementary schools ran their qualifying meet with a number of athletes qualifying for the divisional track and field meet. Teachers from the elementary schools work together so that they make this a positive and rewarding experience for these athletes.

The GYAC track & field meet was held at Harry Collinge High School on May 27, 2009. This is our divisional meet, which hosts 400 of our top track & field athletes. The competitive level of the athletes was noticeably higher in all event areas. Athletes who placed first or second in their event earned the right to compete at zones, held in St. Albert. There were 40 workers involved in the running this divisional track meet. These workers included students, teachers, teacher assistants, administrators and custodial staff.

On June 4, 2009 the athletes that qualified at the divisional track & field meet, earned the right to compete at the Junior High School Zone Meet, held in St. Albert. Harry Collinge High School sent 17 athletes who competed in field and running events. There were five elementary students from Hinton, who, made the trip with HCHS to compete at zones. Harry Collinge came away with a silver and bronze medal as well as 4th -10th placings. This track & field meet hosted 400 of the top athletes from our zone.

On June 5-6 two senior Harry Collinge High School students travelled to Calgary to compete in the 2009 High School Provincial Track & Field Championships, held at Glenmore Track. The top athletes from all eight zones in the province showcase their talent. The results from this meet will be posted at a later date.

Special thanks goes out to all the individuals who volunteered their time and expertise to make this a successful track & field season.

## ABORIGINAL LEADERSHIP CAMP

Five students from HCHS attended this year's Aboriginal Leadership Camp. The camp is held annually at the Jasper Palisades Centre. Twenty one students from the GYRD division attended the camp. The youth participated in numerous activities such as mountain biking, rafting, swimming at Miette, GPS-ing and leadership activities. The group made medicine wheels and had two big fuzzy grizzlies visit. Speakers from Hinton came to share traditional teachings with the youth. The Mountain Cree Singers came to sing and share stories of the drum. We got to listen to a variety of traditional powwow drum songs and ended the night with a friendship dance (round-dance). The camp turned out to be a great success.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS

### Students' Union News

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, nine students from Harry Collinge had the opportunity to attend a weekend conference held at Centennial High School in Calgary. Mrs. Hack and Mr. Cherniwchan came along as teacher chaperones. The Alberta Student Leadership Conference (ASLC) based their theme around the famous quote, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

While we were there we listened to many inspiring and well known guest speakers, watched a performance by HOJA, and were entertained by a magician. There were students from all across the province attending, so we were divided up into smaller groups. These groups were a useful tool for making new friends, sharing ideas, and brainstorming. We learned some very valuable things during the conference. We talked to members of other Student Union groups and learned how they approach the task of bettering their schools and communities. Ideas were also put forward about how to make schools more safe, caring and involved. Upon our arrival in Hinton, our heads were full of new ideas and motivation! We are already putting some of our ideas to use for the upcoming Year End Assembly (June 17<sup>th</sup>).

This conference was an amazing

experience for everyone that attended.

Also, this coming weekend is the Relay for Life. Sixteen Students' Union kids have signed up; so many that we needed to make two teams! It will be a lot of fun, and our goal is to raise \$1000 for cancer research!

### HCHS Band Concert

If you would have strolled into the Harry Collinge Gym on the evening of Wednesday June 3, the sound of music would have welcomed you. Students in Grade 8-11 performed selections of music that they have been perfecting throughout the semester. Accurately named *Semi colon, Right Bracket*; the concert left a smile on the audience members faces.

The evening began with the Senior Wind Ensemble; who blew the audience away with a rendition of *The Phantom of the Opera*. The group performed with a passion that brought the music to life. Anger, exhilaration, sorrow, passion, love and regret could be felt resonating throughout the gym as the students played.

Following the Wind Ensemble was the Grade 9 Band. The Grade 9s

performed with energy and enthusiasm for the songs that they played. The highlight of their selections was the song *Castles and Dragons*. The students were able to transform the notes on the page into a mystical adventure for the audience. Next the Grade 8 band set the tone of their performance by taking the stage in a professional manner. The students overcame their nerves and performed beautifully for the audience. The evening concluded with the Senior High Jazz Band. The Jazz band performed a variety of styles from Funk to Blues to Rock. Throughout the performance the students demonstrated their enthusiasm, passion and musical prowess. The Jazz Band concluded the evening with a song chosen by the group called *Chicken*. The students lit up the stage and had the audience dancing in their chairs.

### Students' Union

Congratulations to the 16 HCHS Students' Union members who raised just over \$2300.00 dollars for the "Relay For Life" Cancer Walk on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13. Well done.

### WIN 1 OF 3 \$10.00 GIFT CERTIFICATES

Return this portion of the newsletter to the office with your name and a parents signature and phone # for your entry to win 1 of 3 \$10.00 Gift Certificates.

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Student's Name

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Parent's Signature

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Parent's Phone #

## GREASE

GREASE "rolled in and out" May 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> at HCHS. It was a full-filled, hilarious, entertaining play with a very talented cast and crew. Many hours were spent rehearsing, working backstage, building sets and creating two very impressive vehicles. Also the community is to be commended for helping us out in so many ways. A heartfelt thanks is extended to ALL who lent us a hand. Equally impressive, were our actors, band and choreographers. GREASE was inspiring. Congratulations HCHS. In addition it was wonderful to have the Yearbook team run the fun concession and the Japanese field trip committee selling fifty-fifty tickets. GREASE is the word...