

HCHS HOWLER



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Take Our Kids To Work

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 3
NON-STUDENT
DAY

FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 17
YEAR-END
ASSEMBLY

DECEMBER 20
START OF
CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS

JANUARY 3
CLASSES
RESUME

Harry Collinge would like to thank the Hinton businesses that allowed the grade 9 students to be with their parents on TOKW day. Harry Collinge had 100% participation with many thanks to Teck Coal who accommodated their employees' students as well as students who could not find placements. Students were generally most enthusiastic about their experiences throughout the day.



Some of the comments on the day were "I learnt tons of things about my mom's job, I loved bring your child to work day, I got to find out all the different jobs at a drilling rig, I was very excited about going to the hospital, it was a lot of fun, when I first went there I did not know what to expect but I did not mind working there, my mom enjoys her job, I am fairly interested in my dad's career, etc". Asked what the student learned from their day at work the replies were "we got to drive a virtual truck simulator as if it

were a real truck, I got to make my birthday cake, make crafts and learn new stuff, that through hard work and determination he climbed his way up the work ladder, I would love to work in my dad's position because he is respected and has a good pay cheque, what angle and shadows are in the photo and many other interesting insights the students discovered at their parent's workplace. In the words of a couple of students "I would gladly go again another day" or "I had a really good day' sums up the value of TOKW day in the eyes of Harry Collinge's grade 9 students. Again thank you to the many parents and businesses that made this a successful day and gave insight into one of the curriculum objectives of preparing students for the working world.

HCHS VOLLEYBALL

HCHS Girls' Junioir Varsity Volleyball

The HCHS junior varsity girls team enjoyed a successful and exciting volleyball season this fall. Despite consisting of an all grade 10 squad, they Rockies proved to be a formidable opponent with stellar performances in four of their six tournaments. The Rockies were victorious in 5 of their 7 matches in the HCHS tournament, followed by winning 4 of 5 matches in Westlock, and then went on to earn a silver medal the following weekend in the Jasper senior volleyball tournament.

Their season culminated with HCHS hosting the Junior Varsity Zones, on Nov. 5th & 6th. The girls were off to a slow start on Friday night with 2 losses and one win and their chances of qualifying for the semi-finals were fading fast. The girls regrouped to play their best volleyball of the season on Saturday to win all three of their remaining round robin matches. This earned them a 2nd place finish overall, and a challenge from Parkland to qualify for the gold medal match in the semi-finals. The Rockies had not yet lost to Parkland this season and continued to dominate by defeat-

ing them in 2 straight sets. In their fifth match of the day, the Rockies faced Barrhead in the quest for the gold medal, but were unable to beat them twice in the same day and settled for the silver medal.

Congratulations girls for your excellent team play and highly entertaining volleyball season.

Junior B Girls' Volleyball

Congratulations to the Junior Girls" B Volleyball team for earning the gold medal in the GYAC Volleyball Championships on Nov. 16th in Edson. This group of grade 8 girls, who were coached by Shayla Lalonde, Breanne Harland, Montana Stiller and Ann Stewart were undefeated in four straight matches to bring home the GYAC championship banner.

Hats off to Jane Sunderwald & Raileigh Kowalchuk for coaching the junior 'C' girls volleyball team this season. A job well done ladies!

Volleyball Volunteers

A special thank you is extended to all the coaches, referees, scorekeepers and parents who so generously volunteered their time to make the 2010 volleyball season a success. An extra special thank you is awarded to Mr. Leis who works countless hours in every dimension of the game for every volleyball player at HCHS.

Junior A Girls' Volleyball

The Junior A girls team completed their season with success placing fourth at the Zone finals in Edson. The team was put into the strongest pool to start the tournament, we started off sluggish in our first match losing two to Pine Grove, We then played Parkland immediately after playing much stronger splitting one game a piece, We then went on to play Jasper defeating them in a best of three, giving us forth place in the 2A division. This was a year of development since we had many new players. The team was successful throughout the league schedule and continued to be a threat up until the Zone finals. Thanks for a great season
Coach: Mr. Saunders

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.

Student's Name

Parent's Signature

Parent's Phone

POETS, POETS, POETS

We have some HCHS poets hard at work with Mrs. Bird. She entered two students' insightful poems in a National poetry contest. Some of these bards have attended Hinton's "Word Weavers" sessions which meets occasionally to share any kind of literature at the Creative Campus. Bird's "Poet's Perch" (pun intended!) meets Tuesdays after school until Christmas for anyone, students and staff, to share poetry, write poetry, and to learn about poetry and song writing. It's been FUN.

GUIDANCE UPDATE

December is upon us and that signals Semester I will soon be over. Students have 13 days of classes in December and then Christmas holidays begin. When we return to Harry Collinge January 3 we are into the final stretch of Semester I. Grade 12's will write English 30 on January 12 and Social 30 will be written on January 13 – time passes quickly. All grade 10's, 11's and 12's will be writing final exams or Diploma Exams by the third week in January. (Check the website for the Diploma Exam schedule. Harry Collinge's exam schedule will be posted on our website in January.)

The time to start preparing for exams is now. You can help your student by getting them back into a set schedule as early as possible in January. Setting aside some time every day for reviewing material is a good study skill. Also, numerous studies have found one of the best secrets to assist students in their achievement on exams is getting sufficient sleep. Well-rested students are better at recall of material than those that are sleep deprived. Perhaps as parents you can assist your children in this area as they prepare for January exams.

On November 16 Harry Collinge hosted 22 presenters at the Alberta Post Secondary Day. Students

were able to discuss their future plans with the representatives from universities, colleges and trade schools from across Alberta and to have their questions answered.

From all accounts it was a worthwhile opportunity for our students and the liaison officials from the post secondaries felt our students were engaged and had good questions. We can all be proud.

On November 29 the counsellors held grade meetings with the grade 10's and grade 11's. Students received information about preparing for exams, Alberta Diploma requirements, scholarship information and opportunities they might wish to pursue as students.

Grade 12's will receive information about Student Finance on December 7 when a representative from Alberta Education provides information about how to access financial support to attend a post secondary. At that time we hope to dispel the myths that surround borrowing money to attend school and help students understand the procedure they must follow if they need financial help to continue their education after grade 12.

At this time we would like to acknowledge the level of engagement of parents in accompanying their children to Open Houses hosted by the post secondaries this fall. As counsellors we always ad-

vocate for this as we understand the value of actually visiting the program and school of choice but we don't recall ever having as many students and parents follow through. We acknowledge your commitment to your children and we thank you.

Harry Collinge students who graduated last year have now received their Credit Achievement Awards if they met the requirements. These awards recognize that a well-rounded program of studies creates improved student learning, high levels of citizenship, and helps students to become life-long learners. Check the website if you want to review the criteria.

Please check the Harry Collinge website for information and call us at the school if we can be of assistance to you in your child's education..

We wish you a relaxing enjoyable holiday season and look forward to working with you to ensure your child's continued success in 2011.

Sharon Armstrong and Jeff Baxter

Counsellors

Wrestling

The Rockies wrestling team has once again started their season. Led this year by returning veterans Levi Callihoo, Ali Janeczko and Marie Alford, the team looks stronger than ever. Coach Glen Allen is joined at the helm this year by David Morley who is new to Harry Collinge but not to wrestling. The team has had tremendous support and effort from the grade nines which bodes well for a very strong senior high team in the near future. Young wrestlers to watch include Damian Fry, Kevin Watson and Taylor Burkart.

The team will compete in their season opener tournament in Calgary the first weekend in December and then attend tournaments in Edmonton, Kamloops and other Alberta locations.

Glen Allen
Coach

FOOTBALL NEWS

Strength of the Wolf

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The Hinton Wolfpak burst onto the scene in the Western Alberta Six Man Football League this season by making the playoffs in their first full season in the league. The Pack finished in 8th place among 13 teams and earned the respect of the entire league by fielding the leagues 4th place scoring offence while compiling 365 total points in a span of 8 games for an average of 45.6 points per game. This dynamic offence was led by star Quarterback Logan Fisher, who surely led the league in rushing and developed into one of the best passing Quarterbacks in the league as the season progressed. Other key components of our powerhouse offence include Stephen Gottert(Running Back/ Kicker), Luke Fisher(Center/Wide Receiver) and LJ Berube.(Tackle/Tight End) Defensively, the team was led by Austin Tanguay, who compiled several sacks and was a force against the run. Tanguay is a true football player with a mean streak who would line up and play football in a back alley, parking lot or gravel pit. He's always ready to go to war. Our team battled adversity and a short bench all season long and we were often outmanned by our opponents by a 2:1 ratio. The Wolfpak started spring camp with a roster in excess of 20 players but finished the season with only 11 players available for our playoff matchup versus Drayton Valley. A lot of our players were forced to play "Iron-man" football all season long.

Call of Duty

Recruiting new players and fans will be crucial to our team next season. Our coaching staff's number one priority will be to increase our roster size to 25 players for next season. There are a great number of talented

athletes in Hinton and we certainly hope have them contribute to the success of our team going forward. We fully expect to contend for the league championship in the 2011 season and we could use the extra firepower. If you are a young person reading this article you should know that next season has the potential to be the most successful season ever for the Hinton Wolfpak. We will have a veteran football team with a high octane offence and a defense with a mean streak. Football is the quintessential team sport and we want you on our football team! It's your Call of Duty!!! It's your chance to be a key part of something special and to build a memory that will last forever. Spring camp will start in May 2011, see you there!

Edmonton Wildcat Scouts Interested in Hinton Talent

Our coaching staff was recently contacted by the scouting department of the Edmonton Wildcats Football Club. The Wildcats are a semi-pro football team that competes in the Prairie Football Conference. Several players who have played for the Wildcats have made to leap up and went on to play in the CFL, including our own coach Chris Johnstone who spent 9 years in the

CFL playing for the Edmonton Eskimos and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Johnstone played in 4 Grey cups, winning one.

The Wildcat scouts were particularly interested in our QB Logan Fisher, RB

Stephen Gottert and WR Luke Fisher. If these men continue to develop their football skills they may have a chance to play football at the highest level.

At the beginning of the 2010 season our coaching staff stated that one of our goals was to produce a CFL level athlete. With a lot of hard work one of these young men may make that dream a reality. It just goes to show that scouts are watching and if you dream big and play well there is a

realistic chance that you can become a professional athlete.

Hinton Pride and School Spirit
The Wolfpak would like to thank some other major contributors to our football program.

Sarah McCune and the choir from the Gerard Redmond school did an amazing

job performing "O Canada" at our home games.

Barb Marchant and her cheerleading squad also did an excellent job cheering us on.

Our faithful mascot "Howler" was also part of our home game entertainment.

To all of you who supported us and to the many volunteers who worked very hard.....Thank you!

Looking Forward

The sport of 6 man football is quickly gaining popularity in Alberta. It is a high scoring, exciting brand of football that is ideal for teaching the game to young players. The Edmonton Eskimos will continue to assist in the development of the league by lending support, coaching and guidance to our leagues teams. Many Eskimo players have attended league functions and events and provided coaching and star power to our emerging league. Eskimos star player Patrick Kabongo was present at this years fall jamboree tournament and he even got into the huddle and cheered some teams on. Our league is considering expansion again this season and may hold up to 20 teams next season.

I would like to thank all of our football players for their tremendous display of toughness and grit this season. You can't teach what beats inside! This group of young men laid it all on the line for each other. Thanks men!

Edward Grzech
Head Coach
Hinton Wolfpak Football Club

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

What is "AISI"?

AISI is an acronym for that stands for "Alberta Initiative for School Improvement." Under this initiative, the government of Alberta provides funding to schools and school divisions so that they can develop professional development projects intended to improve schools and benefit students.

GYPSD is currently in the second year of a three-year plan to improve student learning through better assessment practices.

Assessment is the process of gathering information that reflects how well students are

achieving the expectations outlined in the Alberta Program of Studies.

You may have heard two different **assessment** terms:

1. Assessment FOR Learning, also called formative assessment, is providing *descriptive feedback* to students to help them answer the three key questions:

Where am I going?
Where am I now?
How can I close the gap?

2. Assessment OF Learning, also known as summative assessment, is providing *evaluative feedback* that tells how the

learner has performed compared to what was to be learned.

STUDENTS' UNION NEWS

On October 29th, HCHS hosted its annual Halloween Dance. The Students' Union worked very hard and made the "Monster Ball" the most successful dance in years. The two major areas of success were student behavior and the impressive amount of food bank donations that were collected. A huge thank you goes to all the parent and teacher chaperones who made this dance possible. This year we have chosen to have our winter dance in mid-February. One reason for doing this is because we feel that the Halloween and Winter Dance are too close together-about one month. Then we have to wait 5 months until the Spring Dance. January is a busy time because of Diploma Exams. Since the majority of Student's Union members are in grade 12 (which is unusual) we don't have the time it takes to organize a dance. The dance will still keep up the tradition of being a formal dance, it will just be at a later date.