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A New Year at HCHS

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Welcome back! We're happy to welcome families, returning students, and new students to Harry Collinge High School. And a special welcome to our new grade 8 students! We know things seem strange and are moving quickly along for you now that you are at the high school, but we're here to help. Don't hesitate to ask.

Parents, we want your student to be happy and successful at Harry Collinge High School and we believe that you play a key role. That role is to continually show interest in and support for your student. The student who knows that his or her family is interested in and supports the school program will almost always have fewer problems in school and will enjoy greater success. We recognize the parent-teacher communication is important in ensuring student success so you'll be hearing from us. But in the meantime, if you've got questions or concerns don't hesitate to call or email.



At HCHS, we try to create a safe and caring environment modeled on our three school beliefs of Respect, Compassion, and Responsibility. It is our hope that the school environment will be one where courtesy and kindness prevail and where we educate students to be

successful in a world that is changing at an exponential rate.

So what's new this year? The short answer is lots. There are some new staff, some new programs and a good number of new ideas. Remember that our website (www.harrycollinge.ca) has many ways of communicating with students and families. For example, each day teachers post homework and assignments on the website. If students forget their homework or if they are absent they are only a click away from what took place in the classroom. We are introducing Powerschool this year which will provide the opportunity to students and their parents to log on to an on-line mark book program where teachers record student marks and attendance records. How am I doing? Or how is my student doing? Is now as simple as a visit to our website. Log on information for your account will be provided to students in mid-October. Email teachers or administration with your concerns, advice or questions.

So welcome to Harry Collinge High School. We look forward to a great year.

Mr. T. Fehler

Principal

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS

Golf News

Harry Collinge High School had a strong representation at local and provincial golf tournaments this season. The senior high team first started with 13 boys vying for the 4 spots to represent the school at the ASAA zone championships held in Hinton. Luc Roach, Cody Lavoie, Kyle Christensen, and Steven Woloszyn came out with the best scores and did a fine job of representing themselves and Harry Collinge at the zone championships.

Luc had a very showing at zones shooting an 83 – good enough for the zone silver medal and a spot in the provincial championships in Olds. At provincials Luc struggled a little with his first round but found his swing in the second round to finish tied for 38th out of 122 golfers from across the province.

Harry Collinge had its first ever junior golf team this year. Several keen, young golfers came out to compete in the GYAC. Branden Robinson, Jonathan Lodder, Nick Shain, Riley Bertoncini, and Justin Uden flew the Harry Collinge colours at the competition with Branden shooting the second best low gross score in the tournament. With the arrival of a junior golf program at HCHS, the future looks bright for golf results.

Volleyball News

Harry Collinge is excited for a new volleyball season to start. We are planning on having nine (9) volleyball teams this year representing our school. Following are the teams and the coaches involved:

Senior Varsity Girls (SV) -Mr. A Clarke

Senior Varsity Boys (SV) -Mr. G. Kammermayer

Junior Varsity Girls (JV) -Mrs. B. Coelen
Junior Varsity Boys (JV) -Mr. C. Gelein

Junior High "A" Girls - Mr. D. Saunders
Junior High "A" Boys - Mr. D. Leis

Junior High "B" Girls - Shayla Lalonde
Breanne Harland

Junior High "B" Boys - Mr. C. Weik

Junior High "C" Girls -Jane Sunderwald

If you would like to get involved with Rockies Volleyball, in any capacity, please contact the school at 780-865-3714.

Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball News

The HCHS junior varsity girls' volleyball team is off to an impressive start this season. In their first tournament at Barrhead on September 25th, the girls earned second place in their pool by winning 2 of their 3 matches. A loss to Athabasca in the third set of the medal qualifying match earned the Rockies a fifth place finish overall.

The Rockies were back on the court for the Harry Collinge junior varsity tournament on October 1st and 2nd. They split their first match with Swan Hills, defeated Edson, Gerard Redmond, Louis St. Laurent and Spirit River each in two straight sets. The Grande Prairie squad, who eventually won the gold medal, handed the Rockies their first and only loss in round robin play. The Rockies finished second in the preliminary rounds and faced Swan Hills in the semi – finals to determine who would advance to the gold medal match. In an excitingly close match, the Rockies were defeated 16

– 14 by Swan Hills in the third set to earn them a third place finish overall. The girls are also to be commended for the sportsmanship they exhibited throughout the tournament.

The Rockies are improving with every match and are an exciting team to watch. Their next tournament is in Westlock on October 15th. Harry Collinge will be hosting the junior varsity volleyball zones on November 5 & 6th. Come out and cheer on the Rockies!!

Student Leadership in Volleyball

Hats off to Shayla Lalonde and Breanne Harland for volunteering their time to coach the junior girls' volleyball team, to Kari Hengel for assisting with the junior 'A' girls' volleyball team and to Jane Sunderwald and Raleigh Kowalchuk for indoctrinating the junior 'C' girls' team. All five of these girls are currently playing on either the HCHS senior or JV volleyball teams. We are most fortunate to have such an enthusiastic group of student volunteers who spend countless hours sharing their passion for volleyball.

A special thanks also goes out to all the student volunteers who kept score and acted as line officials in the HCHS junior varsity volleyball tournament on October 1st & 2nd. The officials forwarded their appreciation of a job well done.

First Aid/CPR Course

Harry Collinge will be offering a first aid/ CPR course to its senior high students on Saturday, November 27 and Sunday, November 28th from 8:00 am – 5:30 pm. The cost is \$25 (payable to HCHS) and students may register with Mrs. Coelen on a first come, first served basis.

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 #

DR. EVA OLSSON HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

Evergreen Catholic Local #44 is proud to present

Dr. Eva Olsson
Holocaust Survivor

Come and be inspired by her experience!

For over a decade Eva has spoken to over one million people in schools, service clubs, churches and the United Nations. The focus of her message is bullying and the importance of not being a bystander to injustice.

She uses her life experiences, primarily in the Holocaust to illustrate the power of hate and the importance of standing up against the forces of

Thursday, October 21st :

Gerard Redmond School/Harry Collinge High School (Grades 7 – 12) at Harry Collinge (9:30-11:00 a.m.)

St. Gregory School (Grades 1 – 6) at St. Gregory School (12:30 – 2:00 p.m.)

GUIDANCE NEWS

The Guidance Office has been busy during the month of September finalizing student timetables and assisting teachers and students in checking prerequisite courses while keeping in mind the students' career plans. This year all grade 9 students will complete the complementary course "Preparing for High School" which gives students crucial information they need for making course selections when they enter grade 10. The importance of choosing the correct courses so they will have the required courses for entry into their program of choice at a post secondary is introduced to students. Many post secondary programs have competitive entry requirements and students are reminded that they must keep this in mind during their high school years as they work towards their future goals.

On November 16th the **Alberta Post Secondary Schools** will visit Harry Collinge and provide information to students about the programs they offer. They will also provide students information about post secondary life, entry requirements, residences, scholarships and how to be successful in a post secondary. Parents are welcome. This session will take place in the gym from 9a.m to 11a.m.

On September 29 the counselors attended the grade 12 parent meeting and provided information to parents and students and offered their services to work as a team in this crucial year of their child's education.

On October 5 the counselors and administration met with the grade 12's and talked to them about their grade 12 year, the importance of maintaining balance in their lives and focusing on attaining an Alberta High School Diploma. Grade 12's are currently meeting with the counselors one on one to make sure they will meet the requirements for an Alberta High School Diploma, to discuss future plans, to begin the application process for a post secondary, if desired, and to discuss how they will finance their post secondary education. Students are encouraged to visit an Open House at the post secondary of their choice if they have not yet

done so. Parents are invited to attend this interview with their child. Students will provide the information of the date and time as meetings are scheduled.

Post secondary education is expensive and students need to know how to access scholarship information. Several websites are excellent beginning points for students and we would encourage you to get to know them. The first is the Alberta Education website www.alis.alberta.ca. This website is designed for Alberta students and lists scholarships but also has links to post secondaries and provides other useful information. The second website students and parents should consider using is

www.careercruising.com. Grande Yellowhead has signed a contract with this company to provide access for students and parents. The user name is: hinton and the password is: jasper. The counselors will be working with Harry Collinge students to familiarize them with this program but we invite you to access this program and learn what it offers.

Two other websites to check out are www.studentawards.com and www.ScholarshipsCanada.com. Please be aware scholarship criteria and deadlines often change from one year to the next so it is important to pay particular attention to the guidelines in any given year.

Rutherford Scholarships – specific information is on the ALIS website. Students may start "earning money for marks" in grade 10. Scholarships reward averages of 75% plus in the required courses in grades 10, 11 and 12. Application forms are filled out in the spring of grade 12 if a student is attending a Post Secondary in the following September. Many students can meet the requirements for this scholarship.

Carmichael Scholarship – The generosity of Don and Pearl Carmichael, long time Hinton residents, has resulted in an endow-

ment fund for graduates of Harry Collinge who are pursuing a university education and would benefit from financial support. Approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 is distributed each year to 3 or 4 students. Applications are required.

Harry Collinge Scholarships – around \$15,000 worth of scholarships are distributed to grade 12 students at graduation. Some scholarships are based on marks and contingent upon attending a post secondary immediately following grade 12, other scholarships recognize the students' contribution to the school and student life, and some scholarships are awarded to students in specific programs or following specified career paths. Only courses completed at Harry Collinge High School will be considered in awarding these scholarships.

Credit Achievement Award – Recognizing that a well-rounded program of studies creates improved student learning, high levels of citizenship, and helps students to become life-long learners, this award provides monetary recompense for the number of credits (above 125 credits) that a student earns at Harry Collinge in their 3 years of high school. Recipients are recognized in the fall after they complete grade 12. 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.
Sharon Armstrong and Jeff Baxter
Counsellors

Harry Collinge graduation was held on Saturday, September 25. We had 105 graduates with 95 students attending graduation. Students were delighted to see their former classmates and be able to catch up on event happenings since June final exams. These students were strongly supported by their community with over \$15,000 worth of individual scholarships, \$15,000 in Carmichael Endowment scholarship, \$48,000 in Rutherford scholarships and approximately \$30,000 in credit achievement awards. "Like a boss" Luke Clifton-Friend presented a stirring, humorous and inspiring speech that was appreciate by all. Sponsors, graduates, parents, grandparents and guests mingled in the cafeteria over desserts, fruit and coffee after the ceremony. Graduates eagerly claimed the yearbooks they had purchased and had the opportunity to get as many signatures as possible.