

HCHS HOWLER

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A New Year at HCHS

UP COMING EVENTS

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MONDAY,
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6:00-9:00 PM

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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. You'll see that we have a new website (www.harrycollinge.ca) and through it some new 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.

You'll also see a link on the website to Student's Achieve. Student's Achieve provides the opportunity to students and their parents to log on to an on-line mark book program

where teachers record student marks. How am I doing? Or how is my student doing? is now as simple as a visit to our website. In past years only a few teachers have used this service. This year every teacher is. Log on information for your account will be provided to junior high students in early October by their English teachers. Senior high students have this information from past years. But if you've forgotten it you can visit the staff page of our website where you'll find the email address of every staff member. Email Mrs. Dunn and she'll help you out. Email teachers or administration with your concerns, advice or questions. Here is an example of a question recently emailed to me:

What's Up with Early Dismissal on Fridays?

Over the past several decades, the public and education professionals have been vocal in their demands for new programs and improved practices in education. At the same time these advocates have acknowledged that teachers must come to a clear understanding of the process of change in order for implementation to be successful and for the promises of new practices to be realized. At Harry Collinge teachers spend an hour each Friday afternoon and two staff meeting nights a month working on improving instruction and assessment practices. It is our feeling, supported by research on effective schools and school improvement, that this process will provide the foundation for improvements in teaching and assessment, the development of a safe and caring learning environment, and ultimately, improved student learning.

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

Mr. T. Schmekel
Principal



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS

Wanouchi News

Despite the rumours circulating in the community, the HCHS trip to Japan has NOT been cancelled. We are not sure where the rumours are coming from, but please disabuse the rumour-mongers of this notion. The Wanouchi group continues to meet and plan and fundraise in anticipation of a trip to Japan in the spring.

Our bi-annual trip will take students through Tokyo, Osaka, Hiroshima, Miyajima, and Kyoto, and will also give students the unique opportunity to stay with a family in Wanouchi, our sister city. Wanouchi is located between Osaka and Nagoya on the island of Honshuu. This beautiful little town is, like Hinton, quite close to the mountains, but is surrounded by rice and bean fields, and even has its own ancient samurai castle. Our students will spend four days with host families there, experiencing life as part of a Japanese family.

While the current group is pretty much full, students who are interested in going in 2012 should be thinking about their schedules for the next few years. This trip is only open to students who are taking Japanese, and students who have gone in the past are clear that the more years of Japanese they have the easier and more enjoyable their time in Japan is.

Football News

The Hinton Wolfpack Football Club opened its 2009 season with an impressive 58-15 victory over Breton. All players on the team saw extensive action at a variety of positions. Stephen Gottert had a strong game on both sides of the ball with several

crushing tackles on defence, and a number of punishing runs as a running back. Veteran lineman Ricky Kaisner also had a standout game, dominating the line and catching a pass that nearly went for a touchdown. Aaron Fischer was very impressive at quarterback, running for a couple of touchdowns and completing several long passes to his receivers. The team is looking forward to its next 6 man game- time and location is yet to be announced

Golf News

The Harry Collinge High School Golf season wrapped up with the team traveling to Whitecourt to participate in the North Central 3A Boys and Girls Zone Championships. After a try-out round in which 10 golfers battled for the spots on the zone championship team a young group of dedicated grade 10 students came to fore as the future of the HCHS golf program. Harry Collinge and the community of Hinton were very well represented by 4 boys and 2 girls at the championships. While all the golfers were participating in their first tournament of this kind, they performed well under the pressure and notched scores similar to their try-out rounds.

The ability to stand up under pressure and play to one's ability is one that caught Coach Allen's eye. While there were no favourites to win the tournament coming from Hinton this year, the dedication of the young golfers certainly suggests great things in the future for the HCHS golf program. The team is already talking about plans for next year including the possibility of holding an event here in Hinton.

Also very exciting on the golf front this year was the establishment of a girls' team for the first time at HCHS. The golfers are looking forward to more boys and girls this spring when the season opens again. Congratulations to all the golfers from HCHS.

Volleyball News

Rockies Volleyball is off to a great start this year. We have 5 girls teams and 3 boys teams participating this year. On the girls side we have Beth Coelen coaching the Senior High Varsity team with Bryan Keith coaching the Junior Varsity team. In Junior High we have Beth Coelen and Chelsea Mullan coaching the "A" girls, Dave Saunders the "B" girls and Charlsie Frattinger coaching the "C" girls.

On the boys side we have Grant Kammernmayer coaching the Senior High Varsity team. Daniel Leis is coaching the Junior High "A" boys while Christian Weik is coaching the "B" boys.

Rockies Volleyball is hosting many tournaments again this year:

Oct. 2 & 3	JV Tournament
Oct. 16 & 17	Tim Hortons (Senior High Tournament)
Oct. 24	Subway Melt (Junior High Tournament)
Oct. 31	Junior High "B" Tournament
Nov. 20 & 21	Senior High Girls Zones

Rockies Volleyball would like to invite everyone to come out and cheer all the volleyball teams. Please check the athletic calendar at www.harrycollinge.ca for more games and info.

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 #

STUDENTS' UNION NEWS

The Students' Union is off to a busy and exciting start in 2009-10. We kicked off the year with the annual Ken Prosk memorial breakfast. We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Baxter and Mr. Cardiff for volunteering their time to organize the day for us; we could not have done it without their help. On September 24, 2009, the entire Harry Collinge student body participate in the Terry Fox walk. In all, close to \$900 was raised for Cancer research. On September 29- October 4 four of our Students' Union members: Amy Stenhouse, Emma Bauer, Jenna LaBerge and Justine Hayward attended the Canadian Student Leadership Conference in Olds, Alberta, where they had the opportunity to network with other student leaders in the country and learn new ideas in order to make Harry Collinge the best place it can be. The Fall Masquerade dance, on October 30th, at Harry Collinge, starting at 8 PM and other special events will be announced in the coming week. We were very excited to see the many new faces of the Students' Union. New members are welcome to join at any time. We have regularly scheduled meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch in room 222

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS

GUIDANCE ITEMS

The **University of Alberta** offers over \$25 million in scholarships. Grade 11 and 12 students are eligible for these scholarships. Visit the Guidance Office or visit www.ualberta.ca/awards.

Olds College is hosting Discovery Day 2009 on Friday, October 16. Register online at www.oldscollge.ca/discoverday or visit the Guidance Office for information.

TD Canada Trust Scholarship applications have arrived. The deadline is October 30. If you are a grade 12 student who is involved in your community, takes part in extracurricular activities, and meets entry requirements for a college or university program please see us in the Guidance Office for further information. Scholarships are valued at the cost of tuition. Visit www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship for more information.

StudentAwards.com is a website for high school students that will match you with thousands of scholarships and other awards. Make sure you register for this helpful information.

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes! Visit **WendysClassicAchiever.ca** for information. You could win a trip to New York, a \$5,000 scholarship or \$20 gift cards.

Theatre News

Having difficulty getting your parents to buy you that dog you always wanted? Your faking sick skills need a little fine tuning? Then you need to visit the cast of HCHS' fall play How to Eat Like a Child and Other Lesson in Not Being a Grown-up. By the time the November show rolls around these 20 eager cast members along with the creative backstage team will be experts in everything you need to know to trick an adult.

Cast and crew already have three weeks of rehearsal s under their belt and are using every free lunch hour to learn lines, create set pieces and practice their choreography. Since the production is just starting to ramp up we still need a couple people and items to help make this play the talk of the town. If you are interested in helping (right now we could use a few more actors and some large pieces of cardboard) please contact Miss Shack or Miss Dennis. We look forward to seeing you at our Desert & Dinner Theatre on November 25, 26, 27 & 28. Details about

tickets and prices will be available in late October.

Grade 8 Orientation

The staff of Harry Collinge welcomed about 100 new students to the school on September 1. Students entering grade 8 for the 2009/2010 school year were treated to an activity-packed morning, beginning with an assembly in the gymnasium. Students, and their parents, were introduced to the administration, and some of the extra-curricular groups in the school. After a group photo, members of the Student's Union took over, helping the new students with their timetables and various other paper work that needed to be completed. Once the paper shuffle was completed, the students were sent off on a school-wide scavenger hunt, allowing them to get to know the school, and the teachers. Prizes were awarded to all the participants and everyone was sent home by 11:30 am.

Harry Collinge will be using Mountainview School's gym to host a Ski and Snowboard Swap on Saturday, October 24. If you have items you'd like to sell please contact Ms. Lisa Tanner at 780-817-6112 .

Volunteers are also needed for this event. We'd greatly appreciate any help you can provide us. Please contact Lisa at 780-817-6112 if you can help.

Date of Sale: Sat. October 24th (10:00am to 2:00pm)

Location: Mountainview School (HCHS Swap, but at Mountainview)

Consignment Drop Off/Registration: Fri. October 23rd (6:00pm to 9:00pm)

Sat. October 24th (8:30am to 9:30am)

Customer Pick Up of Unsold Items or Cheque for Sold Items: after the sale (3:00pm to 5:00pm)

Fundraising dollars: We charge \$1.00 per item consigned and 20% of all sales

Exhibitors: Edge Control, Free Wheel, Jasper Source for Sports, Totem Ski Shop ~ all from Jasper (will consign used items and have new products available)