



HARRY COLLINGE HIGH SCHOOL

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, COMPASSION

MARCH 2011

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At Harry Collinge High school our core values are: respect, responsibility and compassion. We believe strongly in these as guiding principles for both our students and staff We have begun awarding core value certificates (pictured above) to our students who exemplify these values in the way they conduct themselves in the school each day. The students receive recognition in the school



newsletter, and are entered in a draw for a prize each week. All of the names of award winners stay in the hat for a draw for a larger prize at the end of the

year.

Winners for February: Cheyanna Moostoos, Alyssa Verquin, Jillian Halbert, Vicki Kentworthy, Austin Hansen, Clayton Prince, Chaitra Sjoquist, and Brett Krog.



Congratulations!

Perfect attendees since last reporting period.

Jacqueline Lee, Sarah Brodie, Justin Uden, Miranda Littlejohn, William Sanders, Kodi Brooks (left to right).

DATES OF INTEREST:

- March 7th- grade 9 parent meeting for grade 10 course selection
- March 8th- RCA Band performance: 2:30 in gym
- March 11th- Non-student day
- March 14th- Informed program for grade 8 Health and Fitness classes
- March 17th- PAC meeting
- March 21st- Informed program for grade 8 Health and Fitness classes
- March 22nd and 24th- Parent Teacher Interviews
- March 23rd- school ski trip to Marmot Basin
- March 23rd- Start of third junior high option rotation
- March 28th- First day of Spring Break.

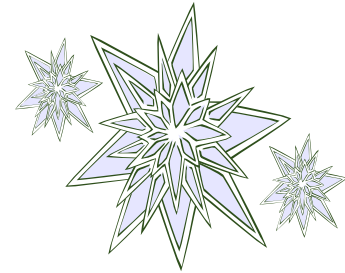
PRINCIPAL:
MR. T. FEHLER

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS:
MRS. J. MUNN
MR. G. ALLEN

2011 WINTER WALK

On February 9 all students participated in a Winter Walk sponsored by SHAPE CANADA. All classes were given the opportunity to take students on a walk in the last block of the school day. Students and teachers enjoyed the

warm weather and the chance to talk on a variety of subjects in a relaxing atmosphere. During this period students walked a total of 7920 minutes - a definite participation achievement. All participants received a free zipper pull gratis of SHAPE CANADA.

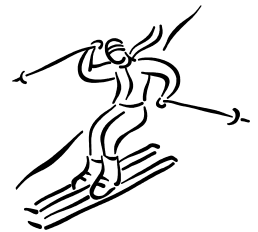


Congratulations to teachers and students for their enthusiastic participation.

HCHS is writing an hilarious version of "Saturday Night Live" our way! Many gifted and talented writers/cast/crew are putting together this comedic, fun filled show. Stay tuned for details. Presentations will happen mid-April! Rumor has it that Mr. Leis is doing an act with Shania!

SCHOOL SKI TRIP

The school is having a field trip to Marmot Basin for a day of skiing/snowboarding on



March 23. Students need to see their P.E. teacher or the front office for details and permission forms. Deadline for sign up is March 9th.

SPAIN 2012



We will be having a student trip to Spain on spring break 2012. Next student/parent meeting will be on Monday, April 11th at 7:00pm in the Art Room. Our trip will focus on the

Spanish language and culture as well as art and architecture in Spain. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity! Please contact Ms. Hack or Mr. Grocholski for more details.



ATHLETICS THIS MONTH

The young Rockies wrestling team has had a very impressive year thus far led by Levi Callihoo with two gold medal performances, Damian Fry with a Provincial Junior Olympics title and Marie Alford with strong performance for a silver medal. Rookie wrestlers Etienne Fafard, Taylor Burkart and Kevin Watson have also looked very strong and as the team wraps up for the season there remain a few important dates to watch for.

The Alberta Open will be hosted in Edson on March 19. The Rockies will face the best in their age group from across the province and Levi Callihoo and Damian Fry will be looking to tune up their performances prior to the National Championships in Windsor, Ontario April 6 - 10. There is much to look forward to for next year including the chance to host the Alberta Schools' Athletic As-

sociation Rural Provincial Championships at Harry Collinge High School.



STUDENT'S UNION

The Halloween dance was a great success!!! Thank you to the Students Union, parents and teachers who volunteered their time. Congratulations and thank you to the students who contributed to the food bank collection at the dance - this is the most food we've raised at the Halloween dance since

our Students Union presidency has been at HCHS!!! In an effort to get greater attendance at our second dance of the year, Students Union has decided to postpone the dance that traditionally takes place during the busy Christmas season and have a dance in February instead. If you would like

to help plan our next dance and other fun activities for our school, please join us for Students Union meetings on Tuesdays (juniors and seniors) and Thursdays (seniors only) at lunch.

LIBRARY CORNER

We are having a special in the Library right now; if you bring in 10 Campbell Soup product labels, you will get \$1.00 off your current library fine. So tell all your family and friends to collect and your library fine will be paid off in no time. If you're not sure of what part to collect, drop by or phone Mrs. Fenrich at the Library. The Special will run until the end of May.



Coins for Christmas donation by members of our Student Union.

GUIDANCE INFORMATION: MRS. ARMSTRONG/MR. BAXTER

**March 2011**

Semester one is over and semester two has begun. The school year steadily moves along! Grade 12's have received their semester one Diploma Exam marks from Alberta Education and are now focusing on semester two courses as they continue to prepare for their futures after high school. At this time grade 12's are fully aware that Prom is fast approaching. Grade 12 is a busy year and students often struggle to stay focused on their studies while dealing with all the other influences in their lives. Helping your grade 12 keep some balance in his/her busy life is an important role for parents who have more life experience and also have that perspective that many young people may not possess. Grade 12's do continue to need that important parental guidance –

“STUDENT MARKS IN GRADE 9 WILL IMPACT WHAT COURSES STUDENTS MAY REGISTER FOR IN THEIR GRADE 10 YEAR.”

even if they don't always appreciate it!

On Monday, March 7 there was a meeting for parents of grade 9 students. At the meeting the counsellors and Mr. Fehler provided information parents may need to assist their grade 9's in choosing courses for grade 10. Grade 9's complete the course “Preparing for High School” during the school year and this course gives the students the information they need to understand how to choose appropriate courses in their grade 10 timetables.

At the March 7 meeting we shared Alberta Education guidelines for achieving High School Diplomas and Alberta Education and Harry Collinge recommendations for choosing high school courses. This information included the difference between academic and general courses and the criteria one should take into consideration when selecting appropriate courses. The goal of the evening was to provide background information to help parents work with their child to build an appropriate timetable as they begin their High School education. We all understand the importance of building a strong foundation in one's high school program and we want to

make sure our grade 9 students get off to a good start in high school. If you missed the meeting please check the Harry Collinge website for information and/ or get in touch with the counsellors.

It is important both parents and students understand student marks in grade 9 will impact what courses students may register for in their grade 10 year. Basically if a student has a mark of 65% or higher they may register in the 10-1 course; 10-1 is considered the academic level course. If the earned mark in grade 9 is 64% or lower then the student must register in the 10-2 course which is the general level course and meets all the requirements for a High School Diploma. Students and parents need to be aware of these guidelines.

Parents are invited to visit the Harry Collinge website for registration information for students who are presently in grades 9,10 and 11. Students will be informed when they may begin the process of registering for courses for the 2011-12 school year.

Please contact us if we may be of assistance to you as we move into this important time in the school year.

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Ms. Thomas is in the preliminary stages of planning a trip to Italy and Greece for Spring Break 2013. Please contact Ms. Thomas for more details.



Harry Collinge First Nations students are again collecting for Toonies for Hats for Haiti/Pakistan. Students pay a toonie for the privilege of wearing a hat on designated hat days. This money is then collected and at the end of the year money is sent to the Red Cross to help the devastated earthquake victims in Haiti and the flood victims in Pakistan. Students/staff enjoy wearing their hats and donating to a worthwhile cause. Last year over \$750 was raised by the students and we are well on the way to matching that this year. I would like to thank Corrine Strawberry for undertaking this fund raiser.

HCHS Athletics Facilities



Our gymnasium features a 2 year old hardwood floor, three full sized volleyball courts and seating for 600.



Our weightroom has a full Nautilus circuit, universal machines, free weights and kettlebells. Supervised use is available after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



We also have a fitness room with the latest in modern equipment (made possible through a generous donation by Teck Coal) that is utilized both during the school day and after school.

Athletics and fitness are an important part of life at Harry Collinge High School. In addition to the facilities shown above we also have a full size track, playing fields, and tennis courts adjacent to our building, and we are within a very short walking distance of our community recreation centre which features two skating rinks, an aquatic centre, and racquetball courts. We are also a short walking distance from our local curling rink. Our students are able to make use of all of these facilities either through our excellent physical education programming or the variety of extra-curricular sports we offer at HCCHS. This year we are offering teams in basketball, volleyball, football, golf, wrestling, track and field, and badminton.

