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Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School

November 2017

Dear School Family:

It seems winter has finally arrived. We have a few things to share with you this month which may be of interest to you.

School Upgrades

Over the course of the summer we have had a number of upgrades at our school. Some of them still have not been finished but we are all looking forward to their completion. Still to come is a new 4x8 electronic HD sign. This should be up and operational this month. We also have a new Learning Commons being developed for our high school students. This will be a great place for students when completed.

As for other upgrades, our school has agreed to pilot a program called Chrome Classroom. Currently, two teachers are committed to this pilot. While our students have several years of experience with Google Chrome and Chrome books, the Google Chrome classroom offers our students a unique learning opportunity. Students engage with technology for a more empowering educational experience. Chrome is a platform which offers limitless knowledge to the user and it also offers the medium to analyze, synthesize, create and utilize this knowledge with their teacher and peers.

Cell Phones

There have been a number of concerns raised regarding the inappropriate use of cellphones during class time. The policy at MHS is that students are allowed to use these devices for educational purposes as long as the student exercises ethical citizen choices when doing so. The decision whether a phone is to be used in class or not for educational purposes is at the discretion of the teacher of each class. If students are asked not to bring cell phones into class, students must comply.

November Happenings

- November 3rd - LIVE Different Presentation
- November 7th – MHS Remembrance Day ceremony 10:30
- November 8th - No School Staff PD day
- November 9th - No School
- November 10th – No School
- November 22nd – Grade 9 Parent Information Night @ 7:00 pm in the library
- November 27th - School council meeting 7:00pm



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Breakfast and Lunch Program

We are always looking for volunteers for our Breakfast Club. If you would like to help out, please contact Mrs. Roszko.

Dual Credit Opportunities:

The renovations for the MHS Medical Wing are completed and our Health Care Aid program is up and running. We currently have 21 students in the program. We are in the early stages of discussion with NorQuest College in the hopes of bringing other programs to MHS. That will open broader educational possibilities for both our school and community.

We will be offering our Work Safety Program in the coming months, as well as opportunities this spring for Oilfield Operator and Service Rig Technician.

Report Cards

Report cards will be mailed out at the end of January and June. If you have not signed up through the parent portal to check on your child's current marks, attendance and achievement, please contact the office and Diane will set you up on Powerschool.

Sincerely,

Dafydd Thomas

Principal

*There are a number of ways for parents and guardians to keep in touch with MHS. Our website, www.mayerthorpehigh.ca and our Facebook page. We would also like to invite parents to sign up to our Parent Remind account. Through our social media sites and our web page, we send out reminders such as no school, bus cancellations, parent-teacher interviews, etc.