

DECEMBER, 2020

KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL

What a way to end 2020! Welcome to December . . . We hope that we start to see a drop in Covid-19 cases in our province, so that we can see all of you back in classes – **in person!** At KAHS we know that learning online is not ideal for most learners, and quite honestly we would prefer to be in the classroom – with actual students. We want to try to help all students as much as we can, so please reach out to your teachers, to Administration, to the Wellness team (*information can be found later in this newsletter*) or to the office if you have questions or require any assistance.

The restrictions announced by the Alberta Government on November 24th mean that **KAHS students will be participating in ONLINE LEARNING until December 18th** when the Christmas break begins. **ONLINE LEARNING will resume from January 4 – 8, 2021.** We hope to be back in the actual classroom on January 11th!

The expectation is that students will be in their classes via Google Classroom/Google Meet (*whatever their teacher has indicated*) according to their regular class schedule. **Attendance** will be taken during this time.

Students who still require technology, such as a Chromebook can contact the KAHS Office (darby.bell@pallisersd.ab.ca or kristy.darby@pallisersd.ab.ca) to request the Chromebook Borrowing Agreement to be made available via SchoolCashOnline (*there is no cost to borrow a Chrombook*). Once the Chromebook Borrowing agreement is completed by a parent/guardian, the office will advise you when your Chromebook is available to pick up.

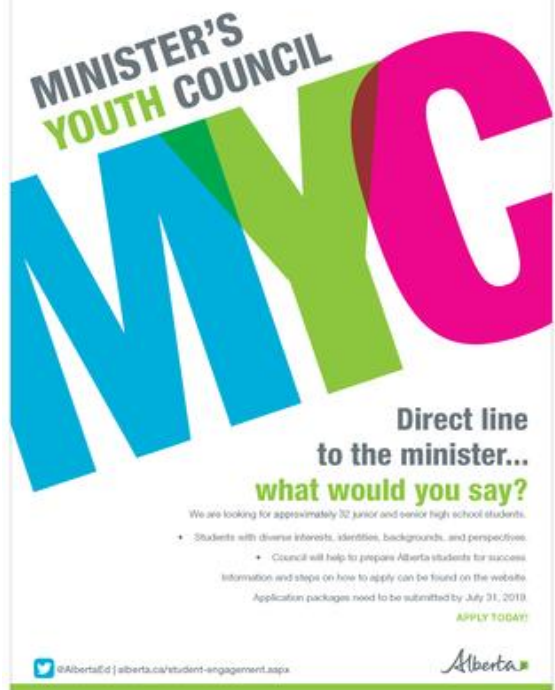
Ms. Hierath's Art 10A class created animal sculptures for the Town of Coaldale's Winter Lights Festival.

The theme of this year's display is *Awaken the Winter Spirit: A Winter Walk-in-the-Park*.

We hope you will check out the sculptures, along with the beautiful holiday lights at the Kin Picnic Park, from 5:30-8:30pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays in December.

Pictures of the sculptures are included throughout this newsletter.





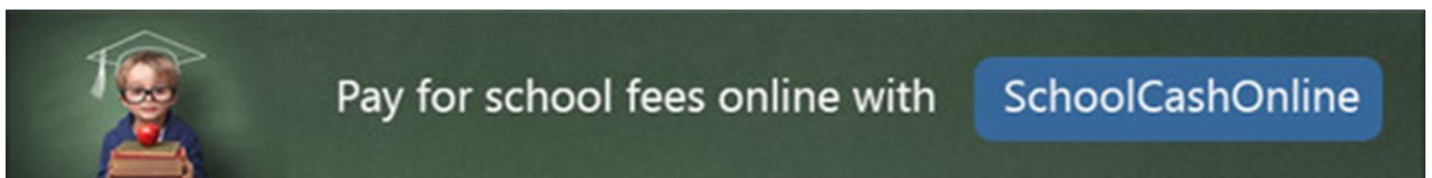
Kate Andrews High School would like to congratulate **Jonah Lee** for receiving a prestigious position on the **Alberta Education Minister's Youth Council!** Jonah has joined a group of students from all across Alberta who meet virtually to discuss the possibility of enacting change and offering potential improvements to Alberta's Education system on topics such as: mental health advocacy, different perspectives and voices being included in curriculum, and the importance of second language education. Alberta's Education minister, Adriana LaGrange, has heard suggestions first hand by members of the Council, including Kate Andrew High School's own, Jonah Lee.

Jonah first heard about the Council through a leadership conference he attended last year, and after expressing interest in the opportunity, was shortlisted from over 150 applicants. Only 41 students from across Alberta were asked to participate on the Council. Jonah enjoys the diverse perspectives on the Council, and discussing different ideas with students from Calgary, Edmonton and rural areas all over Alberta. Way to go, Jonah!



Thank-you to all the students who brought in food for our Food Drive and supported our community.

Thank-you to the Grade 9B and 9D classes for your hard work in collecting and delivering the food items to the Coaldale Food Bank.





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Did you know that KA is on Facebook? Like our page and follow us at Kate Andrews High School (@kateandrewshighschool) to keep up to date with everything going on at KA!

GRADE 12 STUDENTS!

Early Admission Deadlines for post-secondary institutions are quickly approaching, as most schools close early admission on December 15th.

Any students requiring assistance can contact Miss Meurs (jo-anna.meurs@pallisersd.ab.ca) or visit her webpage by clicking on the Career & Ac. Counselling link on the KA Webpage for assistance.

Scholarship Information can also be found on Miss Meurs' site.

While things are going to look a little different over the next few weeks as you all move to online learning, we wanted to let you know that the Wellness Team is still here to support you!

Below is the contact information for each member of the Wellness Team. Please reach out if you are needing support - we are happy to help in any way we can.

If it is an emergency or you are needing support outside of school hours please call 911 or the Distress Line at 403-327-7905.

WELLNESS TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Miss Kris (Vice-Principal and Learning Support Teacher):

- kris.vanwieren@pallisersd.ab.ca

Melinda Greenaway (Family School Liaison Counsellor):

- melinda.greenaway@pallisersd.ab.ca

Jessica Hoffman (Making Connections Worker):

- jessica.hoffman@pallisersd.ab.ca
- Text: 403-332-1599

Kristin Krein (Indigenous Success Coordinator):

- kristin.krein@pallisersd.ab.ca

There are a lot of “UNKNOWN” right now. Here are some things that we do know:

- 1. Diploma Exams:** Colleges and Universities have been clear - **whatever final mark appears on your transcript is the mark they will use for admission purposes.** They will not differentiate between final marks that include a diploma exam and final marks that do not. So, if you believe taking a diploma exam would be a benefit to you, please talk with your respective teachers, and get in touch with Miss Meurs as well. If you are sitting at a comfortable grade, it may not be advisable to add the stress of a diploma exam to your plate.
- 2. Continue to work hard in your courses!** The mark you finish with, is the mark that schools and scholarship organizers will be looking at!
- 3. Make sure you have access to [myPass](#)** so that you can view your transcripts and check your credits. The link to sign up for MyPass is on our webpage at kateandrewshighschool.com. Sign up now, because AB Education will send you your password via snail mail.
- 4. Applying to Post-Secondary:** If you are applying for post-secondary and are having trouble getting started or working through your application, please contact Miss Meurs to set up a virtual meeting. She is happy to go through that process with you.
- 5. Early Admission Deadline:** Most post-secondary schools that participate in early admission have their deadlines set at December 15th. By applying early, you may be securing a spot in your program. Some programs do fill up. Waiting to apply until the spring, may result in you being put on a waitlist. On top of that, many schools also provide scholarship money for students who gain early acceptance into their programs.
- 6. Scholarships:** If you haven't already, please check out Miss Meurs list of scholarship websites [here](#). There are plenty of scholarships to apply for! Once you are accepted into a program, your post-secondary school may also have scholarships available for you. These don't normally come out until the spring.

If you require assistance to set up your Parent Portal account, please contact the KA office.



ITB has sent us the following job posting, that they are ideally looking for a Grade 11 or 12 student to fill.



INTERCONTINENTAL TRUCK BODY

HR Department

CASUAL

OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

COMPANY OVERVIEW

Intercontinental Truck Body has been building unique quality products for over 45 years. Our mission is to be driven by innovative engineering, uncompromising quality and superior customer service and our goal is to meet our customers' needs while exceeding their expectations. With each customer relationship, we strive to deliver the unmatched value and excellence making us a leading manufacturer of custom truck bodies, trailers and enclosures. ITB is a dynamic company with an open mind and lots of opportunity for growth. We value creativity, reliability, and open minded thinking.

JOB SUMMARY

ITB requires a Casual Student to support our administration team. This position is a flexible 8 – 16 hours per week and will assist our Finance team with a number of clerical duties, under the direction of the Office Manager.

The successful candidate will be detail oriented, self-motivated and possess strong computer skills.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Accounts Payable - Sort, match and code invoices
- Data Entry
- Filing
- Scanning
- Photocopying
- Reception and other office duties as required

WORKING HOURS AND CONDITIONS

- Casual Part-time office;
- Monday – Friday - *days and hours will be flexible to accommodate academic schedule*
- 8 – 16 hrs / Week
- Employment Standards – Job creation student wage will apply
 - \$13.00/hr

QUALIFICATIONS

- High School student looking for administrative work experience
- Proficiency in MS Office suite, Excel would be an asset

RELATIONSHIPS

Internal

- Maintain positive relations with co-workers;
- Works closely with the Office Manager and Admin Assistant Level 1 and 2 positions.

External

- Professionally and courteously communicate with suppliers and vendors daily.

PLEASE FORWARD A RESUME TO:

hr@itb.ca



University of Lethbridge

You are invited to drop in and chat virtually with a uLethbridge representative. Learn more about scholarship opportunities, program requirements, deadline information, and application help! Students of any age can use this opportunity to have their questions about post-secondary answered in a casual conversation. Parents and guardians welcome!

When: Wednesday, December 9

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Link to join: <https://uleth.zoom.us/j/9556547558>



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