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KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

There is no School on Monday, October 11nd, as this Thanksgiving Monday.

There is no School on Friday, October 29th, as this is a PD Day.



We ask that students please bring their own their mask to school each day. Our office has been providing masks for student to use, however some students have been taking multiple masks each day. KAHS is no longer being provided with masks distribute to students. Students who do not bring a mask will be asked to leave the building until they return, wearing a mask.



As there is once again a masking mandate in Alberta, staff and students are required to wear masks in schools. If situations where appropriate physical distancing can be achieved or when students are seated, and facing forward in their desks, masks may be removed during class time.

Please also remember that our best chance at slowing the spread and keeping illness out of our building is to stay away when we are sick. Students who miss classes due to illness, should stay in touch with their teachers via email and Google Classroom to stay on top of any class work.

Our goal as a school is to work towards a positive, productive school year where the realities of masks and Covid-19 can be managed in a way that people in the building can learn and thrive.

KAHS LIVE STREAM FOR ATHLETICS

Spectators are not currently permitted at school games, so a LIVESREAM has been set up so that parents/community can still watch games and cheer on the PRIDE!

You can find our YouTube channel at Kate Andrews High School TV.

[Kate Andrews High School TV](#)

Information Verification/FOIPP/ Technology Consent Forms

In September, Grade 10 – 12 students were given a package which included a **WHITE Information Verification Form**, a **GOLD/ORANGE coloured Information Technology User Agreement/Permission Form** and a **BRIGHT YELLOW coloured Consents for Information Disclosure form**. While most of these forms have been returned to the office, there are still some missing. If you still have these forms please complete them (must be completed by a parent/guardian) and return them to the office immediately. If you need new forms, please come to the office to get new ones.

These forms are important and must be completed each year and submitted to the office.

Most Grade 9 students completed these forms when they registered for KAHS, however we are still missing a handful.

The **Information Verification Form** helps us to keep our contact information for student's families up to date, and allows us to be able to complete government forms, such as requests from Canada Revenue Agency, when they ask for confirmation of where a student lived and who they lived with. Without consistent, proper documentation, we are not able to complete such requests.

The **FOIPP** and **Information Technology Consents** are also important so that we know what permissions students have in regards to Media & Information release and computer/internet access on School computers. Computer Access will be revoked for students who have not submitted a completed Information Technology Form, and students who have not submitted the completed Consents for Information Disclosure will not be included in pictures.

Students will not be able to access Palliser technology without handing in the Information and Technology Consents form. They will not have access to Wifi at KAHS until it is submitted.



Multiple parents have indicated that they are having issues with School Messenger (that one or more of their children are not listed). We are working on correcting this issue. For many parents/guardians we are finding that "Refreshing the Contacts in the School Messenger App" will add missing students back in.

Please don't hesitate to call our office at 403-345-3383 to report attendance. Even though we use the School Messenger App in an effort to streamline the process, we still love to hear from parents.

TO REFRESH THE CONTACTS IN SCHOOL MESSENGER PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Click on the 4 little lines in the top left-hand corner.
2. Click on Contacts in the drop-down menu.
3. Click on the circular arrows in the top right-hand corner.

(There is a PDF with instructions and pictures available on our website as well.)

If this still does not work, please contact the school office at 403-345-3383 or email darby.bell@pallisersd.ab.ca or kristy.darby@pallisersd.ab.ca.

The KAHS Team has welcomed some new faces to the teaching staff this year, as well as some familiar faces to new roles within the school.

Over the month of September, **Kim Alexander** has been settling into her role as **Vice Principal** of Kate Andrews High School. Kim started teaching at Kate Andrews in the spring of 2001, and has primarily taught English and Drama classes. Kim earned her undergraduate Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degree from the U of L in 2000 and will graduate from the U of L's Masters of Educational Leadership program in 2022.

"I am deeply invested in Kate Andrews and our school community and am excited to take on this new role," notes Kim. "I have a strong passion for teaching and learning, and I look forward to growing the relationships I already have with both students and staff at KA. I am a firm believer in the power to engage students in their learning through innovative pedagogy. As we move forward, I'm excited to see what the future holds for our school and help continue fostering success for our students."

My name is Amy McDougall and I am so excited to be back at Kate Andrews after a decade away. I've been teaching with Palliser Regional Schools since 2010, and have taught at Sunnyside (grade 5/6), Kate Andrews (9-12 drama/English) and R I Baker Middle School (Grade 6 and 8 ELA/Social). After several part time years, I'm back to work full time and will be teaching English, Drama and Cosmetology.

I am married to a great guy, Craig, and we have three sweet kids: Lily (7), Mackoy (5) and Wells (3). We love to camp, travel, read, and enjoy the outdoors.

I'm looking forward to an awesome year at Kate Andrews!

My name is **Kennedy Gurski** and I am new to the KA community! I will be teaching English 20-1, CALM, Tourism and K&E Humanities. I am so excited to be a part of the school community! I grew up in the village of Duchess and graduated from the University of Lethbridge with a Bachelor of Arts degree. When I am not grading papers or planning lessons, I am exploring the mountains every chance I can! I also enjoy reading, indoor cycling and yoga. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year at Kate Andrews High School.

Hi KAHS! I'm Mrs. Lenhart and I will be teaching Science 9 and Science 10 this year. I'm originally from Lethbridge and received my B.Sc in Biology before returning to complete my B.Ed, specializing in secondary sciences. In my spare time you can find me riding horses, running, hiking, or just generally outdoors. I look forward to getting to know you all!"

My name is **Annalee Hamilton**, and I am so excited to be taking on the role of Learning Support Teacher at Kate Andrews! This year marks my third year teaching KAHS, and I have loved every minute of it. In the past couple years, I have taught primarily Social Studies, and I will still be teaching a couple of Social Studies courses this school year as well. I have thoroughly enjoyed my new role so far, and please don't ever hesitate to reach out!



Photo Retake Day is Monday, October 18th!

Congratulations to the girls golf team for winning bronze at golf zones in Taber on Tuesday, September 14th.

Congratulations to the Grade 9 girls volleyball team for winning bronze at their Cats Classic home tournament in September.



Good luck to the SV Volleyball teams at their home tournament this weekend (October 1st and 2nd). Half of all proceeds raised from this tournament will be donated to Breast Cancer Research.

Good luck to our Cross Country running team in Zones, in Medicine Hat next Wednesday! Congratulations to our Grade 9 runners who competed in Lethbridge at the LSAA run at Nicholas Sheran on September 22nd. Our runners all finished in the top third of competitors.



Many students are already thinking about what they are going to do after high school. Colleges and Universities are already planning for future years and are holding open houses for current Grade 11 & 12 students.



Applications open for many post-secondary schools on October 1st.

Students seeking help with their applications are encouraged to make an appointment with Miss Meurs for assistance.

ELAA

Educational Liaison Association of Alberta



Over 1,800 certificates, degrees, diplomas, and trades are available in Alberta.

Let us help you discover the right match for you.

elaa-launch.6connex.us/event/VirtualELAA/student/register

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VIRTUAL EVENTS

The ELAA Executive is happy to share their virtual Event schedule for Fall 2021:

- Oct. 5, 5-7pm
- Oct. 14, 11-1pm
- Oct. 20, 5-7pm
- Oct. 28, 5-7pm

Students are encouraged to register in advance here:

<https://elaa-launch.6connex.us/event/VirtualELAA/student/register>

There is no need to register for each date: one registration will provide access to all event dates/times.

To join the event, please login here during event hours:

<https://elaa-launch.6connex.us/event/VirtualELAA/student/login>

Career Transitions

Virtual Post-Secondary Fair

Date: *Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Time: *6:00-7:30pm*

Location: *Virtual on Teams*

Registration: Registration required. Registration is available [here](#).

Fall 2021 Open House Schedule

This list encompasses the main colleges and universities in Alberta. Please research your options for out of province and private post secondary institutions.

Due to COVID-19, some schools will not be hosting Fall Open Houses, while others are offering them in a virtual format.

Many schools will waive your application if you apply at the open house!

This list encompasses the main colleges and universities in Alberta. Please research your options for out of province and private post secondary institutions.

List of Post secondary Institutions in Canada

[University of Calgary](#) - Saturday, October 2 (Virtual) | 10am - 2pm (Calgary)

[Olds College](#) - Saturday, October 16 (Virtual) | TBD (Olds)

[University of Alberta](#) - Saturday, October 16 (Virtual) | 9am-4pm (Edmonton)

[King's University](#) - Saturday, October 16 (In-Person) | 10am - 2pm (Edmonton)

[Bow Valley College](#) - Saturday, October 16 (Virtual) | 10am - 2pm (Calgary)

[SAIT](#) - Saturday, October 23 (In-Person) | 10am - 3pm (Calgary)

[SAIT](#) - Wednesday, October 27 (Virtual) | 9am - 12pm & 5pm-8pm (Calgary)

[Lakeland College](#) - Friday & Saturday, October 22 and 23 (In-Person) | TBD (Vermillion)

[University of Lethbridge](#) - Sunday, October 24 | TBD (Lethbridge)

[Mount Royal University](#) - Saturday, October 30 (In-Person & Virtual) | TBD (Calgary)

[NAIT](#) - Saturday, October 30, 2021 (Virtual) | 9am - 4pm (Edmonton)

[Medicine Hat College](#) - Wednesday, November 3 (In-Person) | TBD (Medicine Hat)

[Red Deer Polytechnic](#) - Saturday, November 6 | 11am - 2pm (Red Deer)

[Grant MacEwan University](#) - Saturday, November 6 (Virtual) | 10am - 3pm

[Lethbridge College](#) - Thursday, October 28 (TBD) | TBD (Lethbridge)



We'd like to remind students that drive, they need to follow all traffic laws. The area around the school is a school zone, and small children live in the neighbourhood. It is ALWAYS illegal to park, blocking someone's driveway. Please pay attention to where you park.

Please do not drive through or park in the Bus Lane. Ever. This is not a thoroughfare, and buses may be arriving or leaving at any time to load or unload students.

The KA office has received calls and messages from neighbours of the school, regarding the amount of litter left outside by students. We would like to remind students to please be respectful of our neighbours by being courteous enough to use the trash bins that are provided.

Parents, please discuss these issues with your sons and daughters and encourage them to be respectful and courteous of others. Thank-you to those students who are already being responsible and courteous to others.



KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL
THE PALLISER SCHOOL DIVISION
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

LEGEND:	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	EXAM BREAK	
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NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Division-Wide PD Days	Collective Agreement Teacher Directed Days	Prof. Development (ATA)
Opening Ceremony August 30, 2021 September 24, 2021 (Summit Day) March 18, 2022 September 30: Truth & Reconciliation Day, added to this calendar after it was approved, so it will still be counted as Day 4 in our Schedule Rotation.	August 27, 2021 and June 28, 2022 Site PD Days August 25, 26 and 31, 2021 January 28, 2022 May 20, 2022 June 10, 2022	Teachers' Convention - February 24 and 25, 2022 School PD Days October 29, 2021 November 26, 2021 February 11, 2022 March 25, 2022

<p>School year begins: August 25, 2021 First day for students: September 1, 2021 Semester 2 begins: January 31, 2022 Last day for students: June 24, 2022</p>	<p>XX No Staff/Students Prof. Dev. Days (Palliser Directed) Site Based Prof. Dev. Days (Palliser-wide) Summer Break Collective Agreement Teacher Directed Days Teachers' Convention - ATA PD School PD Days</p>
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		Diploma Exams (D)	Jan.	June
		English LA 30-1 & 30-2A	11	13
		English LA 30-1 & 30-2B	21	20
		Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2	12	14
		Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2	24	22
Achievement Tests (A)				
Gr. 9				
English Language Arts Part A		Jan 11; May 9	20	17
English Language Arts Part B		May 11	27	27
Mathematics			26	24
Science			25	23
Social Studies			28	28



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SCHOOL FEES: 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

The Grade 9 fee of \$104.25 and the Grades 10 – 12 Fee of \$40.75 are due before students receive their text books.

Fees for the 2021/22 School Year are now posted on SchoolCash Online.

Palliser Regional Schools uses SchoolCashOnline for School Fees, Athletic Fees, and other program fees throughout the school year. Cash or cheques are accepted in the office if you are not able to use SchoolCashOnline, however we strongly encourage online payments. The link for SchoolCashOnline can be found at kateandrewshighschool.com.

BASIC SCHOOL FEES		
Grade 9	\$99.25	Includes Palliser Technology Fee (\$35.00) plus fees for all Option classes & Phys. Ed.
Grade 10-12	\$35.75	Palliser Technology Fee (\$35.00)
All Students	\$5.00	Student Activity Fee
All Students	\$20.00	Experiential Learning Week (ELW) Fee (Will be charged in Semester 2, only if ELW occurs.)
PER COURSE FEES (Applies to Grade 10-12 ONLY): (these fees pay for specific costs incurred for the class for supplies, field trips, etc.)		
Grades 10 – 12	\$21.00	Cosmetology
Grades 10 – 12	\$21.00	C.A.L.M. 20
Grades 10 – 12	\$31.50	Art
Grades 10 - 12	\$46.00	Construction/Fabrication
Grades 10 - 12	\$31.50	Mechanics
Grades 10 - 12	\$31.50	Fashion Studies
Grades 10 – 12	\$46.00	Food Studies
Grades 10 – 12	\$21.00	Paleontology
Grades 10 – 12	\$51.25	Physical Education
Grades 10 – 12	\$31.50	MUSIC - BAND
Grades 10 – 12	\$21.00	MUSIC - CHOIR
Grades 10 – 12	\$21.00	MUSIC - GUITAR
Grades 9 – 12	\$104.5	Instrument Rental
OPTIONAL FEES		
Grade 9 – 12	\$42.00	Yearbook

All BASIC School Fees are due before school begins. Students who have outstanding fees from previous years or who have not paid the Basic School Fees (\$97 for Grade 9 or \$35 for Grade 10-12) WILL NOT receive text books until these fees are paid.
 Most Grade 9 students are registered in both Foods & Construction/Fabrication. The fee of \$31 will be removed/refunded for any student who is not taking these courses.

Any families who are experiencing financial difficulties and as such are not able to pay basic school fees before classes begin, are encouraged to speak with Mr. Grimes to discuss payment plans or other options. (daniel.grimes@pallisersd.ab.ca or 403-345-3383)




The Per Course fees (which apply only to Grades 10-12) for the first semester will be invoiced on September 15th, 2021 and then on February 28th, 2022 for the second semester. Students who drop courses after September 30th, 2021 and February 26th, 2022, respectively, will forfeit their fee.

The Per Course Fees pay for costs associated with specific supplies or services used in that particular class. (i.e. – groceries for Foods, wood or metal for Construction/Fabrication, Music for Band, Choir, Guitar, thread/machine maintenance and limited supplies for Fashion Studies or Field Trip & Equipment costs for Phys. Ed.)

Unpaid school fees will be carried over to the next school year. Grade 12 students with outstanding school fees are not permitted to participate in Grad.

OCTOBER

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Breast Cancer Invitational Volleyball Tournament 	2 Breast Cancer Invitational Volleyball Tournament 
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 	11 Thanksgiving Monday 	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 PICTURES RETAKE DAY	19	20	21	22 Powerschool Portal is CLOSED	23
24	25	26	27	28 HALLOWEEN SPIRIT DAY! 	29 NO SCHOOL: PD Day 	30



Coming up in November:

- KAHS Annual Food Drive – Dates and Details TBA
- November 1 – Powerschool Portal LIVE again
- Parent/Teacher Interviews (More information regarding format to follow)
- November 10 – Remembrance Day Ceremony
- November 11 – No School
- November 18 – School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- November 23 – Fine Arts Night
- November 26 – No School: PD Day