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KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL

Message from Mr. Grimes:

I am reaching out to parents to support KAHS students with some issues we are having this year. Over the past five years the enrollment numbers at Kate Andrews have continued to grow. One challenge with this is that there is an increasing number of new drivers at our school. Furthermore, Kate Andrews is somewhat unique in my experience, as students park on public streets rather than on school grounds. This fall we have received numerous complaints from our neighboring citizens on the eastern edge of 21st Street. These complaints include issues of students parking in front of their driveways, speeding past homes in a 30 km/hour zone, and students blatantly throwing garbage out of their vehicle windows.

As a school we have attempted to educate our students (of almost adult age) to respect the privilege of driving and to understand the impacts they have at school and in the greater community. The school currently employs students to clean the grounds on a daily basis, and at times the neighboring yards, since garbage thrown out windows tends to blow there with the westerly wind.

I have met with the Town of Coaldale Bylaw Officers to find further support and solutions to curb increasingly disrespectful and dangerous behaviour, which includes increased monitoring throughout the day. When I receive information, I am proactively calling parents to let them know I have received complaints about their teen drivers or have witnessed potentially dangerous driving. In clearer cases of stunting, speeding and driving through the bus lane, I will exercise my right under the Education Act to suspend students, who do not show respect for the property and safety of others.

My ultimate goal here is to help our students be successful young adults and drivers. Each time they sit behind the wheel, they carry a high degree of responsibility. I ask parents to support me by having conversations with your children about these responsibilities.

In conjunction with the other issues I have discussed I am notifying parents that over the past two years, we have had ongoing issues within the washrooms. Predominantly, boys washrooms have had various forms of damage that can be costly to fix and impacts everyone in the school in a negative way. The school has increased its supervision of the washrooms, but that is a complicated duty. In fact we want to be mindful of a person's right to privacy when using the washroom. As a result of some recent issues, Palliser Facilities has opted to close washrooms on the second floor for a period of time. As is the case for our concerns around driving and littering, I ask parents to support us in conversations with their children about respectful usage.



The Kate Andrews Concert and Jazz Band Christmas Concert will take place on Tuesday December 7th at 7pm. In accordance with Palliser and AHS regulations that come into effect on December 1st, the audience will have to be at 1/3 of capacity for the bleachers. This means each student participating in the concert will be able to bring two (2) family members to the concert. Tickets will have to be presented upon entry to the gym at the concert. Once in the gym, family members are asked to sit together on the bleachers and are required to wear masks while on the bleachers or moving around the gym. We will also be accepting Food Bank Donations at the concert.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THREE WINNERS OF THE NUTRIEN AG ART CARD CONTEST. DRAWINGS BY RYAN BERGEN, SAMANTHA SMITH, AND VIVICA SPARROW WERE SELECTED, AND EACH STUDENT RECEIVED \$100 FOR THEIR ART. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CONTEST; THERE IS SO MUCH TALENT AT KA!



Ryan Bergen, Grade 12



Samantha Smith, Grade 9



Vivica Sparrow, Grade 12

Kate Andrews will be participating in an online school perception survey for students called the **OurSCHOOL Student Survey**. Please find the details of the survey implementation below.



- WHO:** Students in grades 9-12
- WHEN:** December 6
- WHERE:** At school, during class time
- WHY:**

To measure student engagement, increase student involvement & sense of belonging at school

About the **OurSCHOOL Student Survey**:

- Allows students to share their feedback **anonymously** on their experiences at school, school environment, and school improvement programs.
- Based on their feedback, students have the opportunity to be involved in action plans fostering increased student engagement
- Participation in the survey is **voluntary**, however, all students are encouraged to participate.
- The time required to complete the survey may vary, but it is designed to be completed in approximately 35-40 minutes.

Survey measures include such topics as behaviours and attitudes linked to student success, emotional and social well-being and physical health. For more information about the **OurSCHOOL Student Survey**, please visit The Learning Bar's website: www.thelearningbar.com.



The U of A is welcoming 20 lucky students with the opportunity to get away and experience our Top 5 university like never before! U of A Getaway is a whirlwind weekend of exciting events where students will stay in residence, explore state-of-the-art facilities, learn about our 200+ programs, discover hidden gems on campus, and experience all the U of A has to offer!

Attendees will join us in Alberta's capital city, Edmonton, where they'll discover our breathtaking North Campus, nestled atop the lush North Saskatchewan river valley and just steps away from the bustling Whyte Avenue district. Their adventure will include transportation reimbursement (up to a maximum based on location), accommodations, meals, and a jam-packed schedule of events!

Who: Open to Grade 11 students throughout Canada

When: May 27 - 29, 2022

Where: University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

20 Grade 11 students will be selected for this unique experience. Students can learn more and apply at uab.ca/getaway. The application deadline is **January 28, 2022**.



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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.

FINAL EXAMS AT KAHS

The last day of classes for Semester 1 will be Friday, January 14th. There are no regular classes being held from January 17 – 28. Final Exams and Diploma Exams will take place in the gym, during this time. Students are not required or expected to be at school during the exam break unless they have an exam or they have made prior arrangements with a teacher for study help.

Some classes, especially for option classes and Grade 9 courses will take place on the last day of class.

A complete Exam Schedule will be created and posted to our website and distributed to students before the Christmas break.

2020/2021 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Academic Awards from the 2021 – 2022 school year will be distributed to students in Grade specific ceremonies in the KA Gym on Thursday, December 9th. There will be ceremonies held for current Grade 10, 11, and 12 students. Each ceremony will take approximately 20 minutes and will be livestreamed via YouTube on Kate Andrews High School TV. Current AHS and Palliser School Division policies regarding Covid-19 restrict access to students and school staff only.

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



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PARENT & STUDENT PORTAL

KA GEAR

KAHS currently has KA Gear for sale. These are not pre-order - they are available to purchase in the office. There are limited numbers of each size from XS - XXL, available on a first come-first served basis. Cash will be accepted in the office, or if you would like to use SchoolCashOnline, please contact us at 403-345-3383 so we can attach the specific item to your student.



Crew Neck Sweatshirt

Available in **Black** only
Cotton/Polyester Blend
\$30 each



Short-sleeved Tshirt

Available in **Black** or **Grey**
100% Cotton
\$15 each

Long-sleeved Shirt

Available in **Black** or **Grey**
Polyester/Shiny Material
\$20 each

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**NATIONAL YOUTH
 AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**



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YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

WINTER 2021

OVERVIEW

Participants of the National Youth Ambassador program will learn about homelessness in Canada and Raising the Roof's mission to provide long term solutions to homelessness. Selected students will be trained as RTR Youth Ambassadors at our one day, National Youth Leadership Conference and will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, collaborate with inspirational students from across Canada and learn how to be strong advocates in their school, communities, and beyond. Selected Ambassadors will receive support from a talented group of activists, artists, and community leaders to learn how to implement their fundraising project within their local community.

HOW IT WORKS

Brainstorm fundraising project proposal	Submit application	Participants are notified of acceptance	Attend the National Youth Ambassador Conference	Implement your project in your local community	Join RTR's Ambassador Alumni community
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AT THE CONFERENCE

RTR's National Youth Conference will help Youth Ambassadors develop a number of skills including:

- How to plan & execute a fundraising campaign
- Marketing & Social Media
- Event Planning
- Project management & organizational skills
- Collaboration with other ambassadors
- Social Issue Advocacy

WHY APPLY TO BE A YOUTH AMBASSADOR?

- Contribute to an important cause
- Become more engaged in their community
- Gain experience and knowledge on social issues regarding homeless and at risk youth
- Build skillsets in leadership, collaboration and event planning
- Collaborate with inspirational students from across Canada
- Become a member of RTR's National Youth Ambassador Alumni committee
- Earn volunteer hours and a receive a Letter of Reference from Raising the Roof Canada.

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WHAT IS RAISING THE ROOF?

Raising the Roof provides national leadership on long-term solutions to homelessness through partnership and collaboration with diverse stakeholders, investment in local communities, and public education. We work towards a day when all Canadians have access to a safe and stable home, with the support to achieve their potential.

As part of your application you will propose a fundraising/awareness raising project that brings the Raising the Roof Toque Campaign into your community, as well as raise awareness about homelessness and the need for affordable housing. Please read the paragraphs below to learn more about the campaign and Raising the Roof's Reside program.

THE TOQUE CAMPAIGN

Each year, the national Toque Campaign sees hundreds of volunteers and supporters sell toques across the country with proceeds going towards homelessness prevention and affordable housing initiatives.

Since 1997, the annual Toque Campaign has supported nearly 200 community agencies across Canada, raising more than \$8 million to date in support of long-term solutions to homelessness.

One toque can make a difference.

RESIDE

Reside is an innovative program that transforms vacant buildings into homes for people who are homeless or may become homeless. We partner with social enterprises who use the renovations to train people with barriers to employment and local housing providers who provide wraparound supports to the tenants.

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THE DIFFERENCE A TOQUE MAKES

The Toque Campaign isn't just about purchasing a toque, it's about raising awareness and funds for Partner Agencies across Canada that will benefit their community initiatives, as well as Raising the Roof's RESIDE program which renovates vacant or under-utilized spaces into energy efficient affordable housing through partnerships with social enterprise contractors and local housing providers. Here are some examples of how the Toque Campaign has helped with homelessness prevention and support across Canada.

- Proceeds from the Toque Campaign supports low income families overcome social and economic barriers to avoid eviction and remain in stable housing.
- Proceeds from the Toque Campaign provides healthy meals for residents in supportive housing across Canada.
- Proceeds from the Toque Campaign supports emergency shelters who provide much needed support to people experiencing homelessness.
- Proceeds from the Toque Campaign help women exit situations of sexual exploitation with 70% of program participants permanently ending their situations and the risk of homelessness.

**APPLY
 NOW**

If you have any questions please contact:
 Christy Scott - Special Events Coordinator
csscott@raisingtheroof.org

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NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES

Join the experts in a free 3-day live webinar series

JANUARY 24
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Trevor Wallace, Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development - "Creating a Nutrient Management Plan"
Christina Seidel, Recycling Council of Alberta - "On-Farm Composting"

JANUARY 31
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Edith Olson, Lethbridge College - "Soil Salinity"
Steven Tannas, Tannas Conservation Services Ltd. - "Nutrient Loads in Feedlot and Storm Ponds, and use of Floating Islands"

FEBRUARY 7
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Trevor Wallace, Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development - "Regulations of Spreading and Storing Manure"
Rob Lavoie - "Use of Biochar on Feedlots"

** Q & A sessions included after every presentation*

Register now: <https://www.lethcounty.ca/p/nutrient-management>



December

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Christmas Tree Decorating Contest	2	3	4
5	6	7 CHRISTMAS CONCERT	8 Teacher Ugly Christmas Sweater Decorating Contest	9 2020/2021 Academic Awards Ceremony	10 CAT'S CLASSIC (Grade 9) Basketball Tournament	11
12	13 Formal Day	14 Anything but a Back-Pack Day	15 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day Gingerbread House Competition	16 Show your PRIDE Day! Blue, Black & White 	17 Pajama Day & Hot Chocolate!	18 Christmas Festival SV Basketball Tournament
STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT WEEK						
19	20 No School: Christmas Break	21 No School: Christmas Break	22 No School: Christmas Break	23 No School: Christmas Break	24 No School: Christmas Break	25
26	27 No School: Christmas Break	28 No School: Christmas Break	29 No School: Christmas Break	30 No School: Christmas Break	31 No School: Christmas Break	

COMING UP IN JANUARY:

- January 3rd – First day of classes
- January 14th – Last Day of Semester 1 Classes
- January 14th – PowerSchool Portal Turned Off
- January 17th – 27th: Semester 1 Final Exams
- January 28th – Power School Portal Turned On
- January 31st – First Day of Semester 2

