

DECEMBER, 2022

KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL

Every student in Grades 10-12 should sign up for a myPass account.

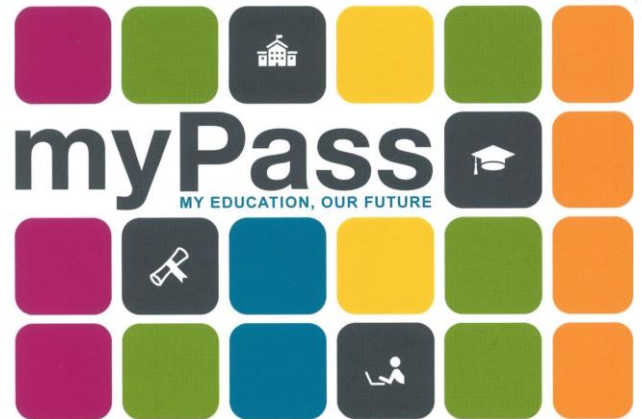
This is how you can view Diploma Exam results, credits earned and order transcripts.

Transcripts do not come from schools.
Transcripts come from Alberta Education.

To sign up, a student must provide the school office or Miss Meurs with a personal email address (*other than their school email address*). Once this is entered in the myPass system, you may sign up for an account. Alternatively, you may choose to receive a secure passcode from Alberta Education via regular mail. If you require assistance, please see Miss Meurs or the office.



There is No School for
students on Friday,
December 2nd as this is a
Palliser-wide PD Day.



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myPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for high school students to:

- ✓ View and print diploma exam results statements
- ✓ Order transcripts
- ✓ And more

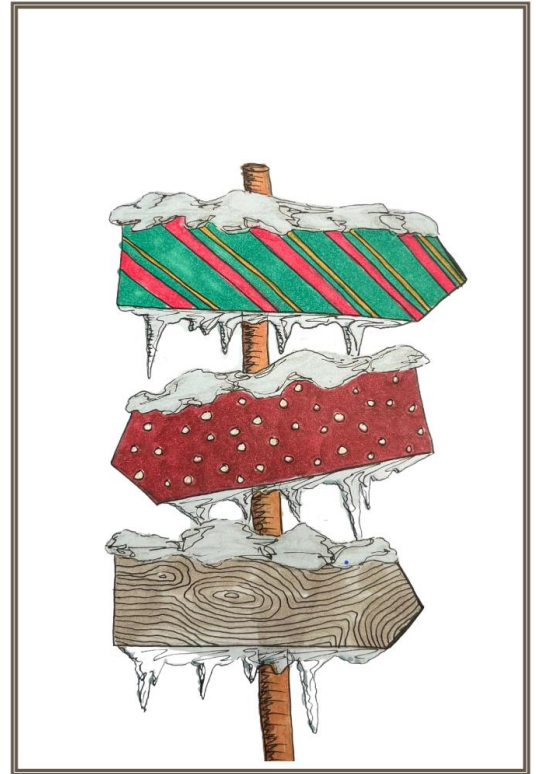
Visit myPass.alberta.ca to request access.

Alberta

School Fees for Semester 1 are now due. Statements were mailed home for those with outstanding fees. Fees can be paid via SchoolCash Online or in person by cash or cheque.

Students who have outstanding fees from Semester 1 will not receive books for Semester 2 until these fees are paid or arrangements have been made.

If you have questions about fees or a statement you received, please contact the office at 403-345-3383 or email darby.bell@pallisersd.ab.ca or kristy.darby@pallisersd.ab.ca.



The Kate Andrews Christmas Concert will take place on **Tuesday December 13th at 7pm** in the gym. Please join us for an evening of interesting music for both the Jazz and Concert Bands. We will also be accepting Food Bank Donations at the concert.

KAHS

2022/2023 YEARBOOK

\$47.00
via SchoolCashOnline

Yearbooks will be available to students in June, with an insert available in the Fall to include Grad 2023!

Final Purchase Deadline: February 1, 2023

Lethbridge College Exploration Day is on December 21st. For those that have signed up with Mr. Griffith, Please keep an eye on your email and announcements for details.

KAHS SKI TRIP!



The KAHS Ski Trip is in the preliminary stages of planning but will be set in stone shortly!

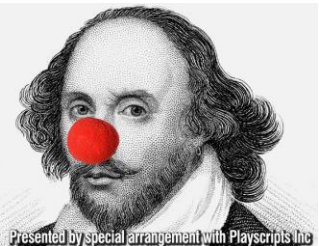
The planned date is January 17. If you have signed up, be sure to check your email daily and listen to the announcements!

A Note from the Drama Department:

I Hate Shakespeare, a full length production, has been cast and rehearsals have begun.

Over 20 students are involved in this production, and it is set to go up at the end of March. This play will be directed by Amy McDougall and Colleen Davies, and includes students from grades 9-12.

**I Hate
Shakespeare**



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' page.

FINAL EXAMS AT KAHS

The last day of classes for Semester 1 will be Tuesday, January 17th. There are no regular classes being held from January 18th – 30th. 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.

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



2021/2022 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Academic Awards from the 2021 – 2022 school year will be distributed to students in a school-wide assembly in the KA Gym on Thursday, December 23rd. Further information will be provided on our website as the assembly approaches.

KA Library Learning Commons

The KA Library Learning Commons is hosting a traveling art exhibit from Dec 15, 2022 - Jan 18, 2023.

Niitsitapi Pi'kssii (Blackfoot Fancy Beings) is an exhibition featuring artworks that depict animals, or fancy beings, significant to Blackfoot culture by two contemporary Blackfoot artists, Ryan Jason Allen Willert and Kalum Teke Dan. Blackfoot teachings about these animals are a large part of the exhibition, which would not have been possible if not for the generous support of Elder Camille (Pablo) Russell.

To develop an understanding of balance and harmony in nature and the cycles of renewal that affect seasons of life, it is essential to observe the natural world and its animal cohabitants. This fact is well known in Blackfoot culture. According to Blackfoot author Betty Bastien, the knowledge of the Siksikaitstapi (or, the Blackfoot Nation) is organized according to thousands of years of observation and participatory relationship with the natural world.¹ This knowledge highlights a reciprocal relationship with the land and the creatures that occupy it; four-legged fur-bearing beings, birds, fish, and humans alike share a kinship with the land, the sky, and all the environments we inhabit. It is with this in mind that this exhibition features a small selection of animals, each with its own significance, story, and teachings.



Three Feathers
Kalum Teke Dan
2011
Acrylic painting
76.2 x 50.8 cm
Image courtesy of the artist

Through a number of consultations with the artists and Camille (Pablo) Russell, this exhibition and its educational content have been developed to include accounts from Blackfoot knowledge as well as basic information about each of the animals, including physical descriptions, habitats, diets, and more. Niitsitapi Pi'kssii (Blackfoot Fancy Beings) emphasizes how Blackfoot language, storytelling, and knowledge-sharing has intrinsic value when it comes to understanding the natural world.

Bastien explains in her book *Blackfoot Ways of Knowing: The Worldview of the Siksikaitstapi* that what is understood as “research, knowledge, and truth” in Blackfoot culture is profoundly different from Eurocentric thought. It goes beyond trying to come up with rational explanations as an attempt to reduce the mysteries of nature to a finite set of rules and laws that grant order to the cosmos. Instead, Bastien says, “Niitsitapi epistemologies [the branches of philosophy concerned with knowledge] are founded upon generating and creating knowledge premised on the goal of existing in harmony with the natural world.”² When viewing the exhibition, audiences are invited to reflect on this approach to understanding nature, and to consider the value of building more harmonious relationships with our animal kin.

This exhibit is made possible through the ongoing support of The Alberta Foundation for the Arts, The Alberta Society of Artists and the Alberta Government.



Virtual Career Exploration Sessions open for registration (posters attached):

- Tuesday, December 13, 4:30pm - Entomologist - Register [HERE](#) (poster coming soon!)
- Wednesday, December 14, 4:30pm - Architect - Register [HERE](#) (poster coming soon!)
- Additional sessions and registration links for sessions in 2023 can be found on our website: careersteps.ca/exploration-sessions
- 40 recordings from past sessions are also available [here](#)

Recordings with more information for students moving onto Post-Secondary is also available:

- [Transition to Post-Secondary](#) - this recording helps students better understand the differences between high school and post-secondary, including tips and tricks on how to make the transition successfully.
- [Student Finance, Scholarships and Student Aid](#) - this recording provides information on various ways to fund post-secondary education. Scholarships, grants, loans and more are discussed.





ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

WHO: KATE ANDREWS ALUMNI

WHEN: JANUARY 6/7TH

FORMAT: 5 ON 5 FULL COURT

REGISTRATION: \$50 EARLY BIRD, \$70
AFTER DEC 10.

<https://forms.gle/nbHYQxVCj4u1cDtE7>

Click here
to register!



Contact Mr. Wiens at
Kendell.Wiens@pallisersd.ab.ca if you
have further questions

We would like to share a few **EDSBY** tid-bits of information that we have learned that may be helpful to parents.

Edsby invitations have been issued to all parents that we have an email address in our system for. If you did not receive one, please contact our office so we can resend the invitation and/or investigate why you did not get it.

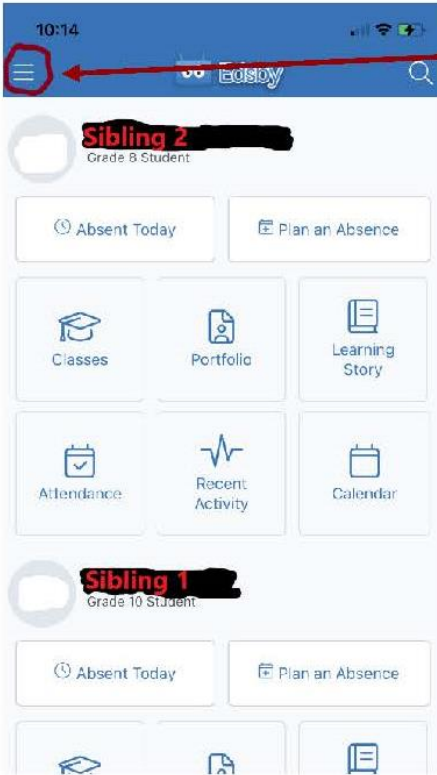
Entering Absences in Edsby:

When entering an absence through Edsby, you have 2 options. If you select “**Absent Today**” your options are to choose the absent reason, and enter a comment (*optional*). The absent times will be automatically set to “*Beginning of Day*” to “*End of Day*.”

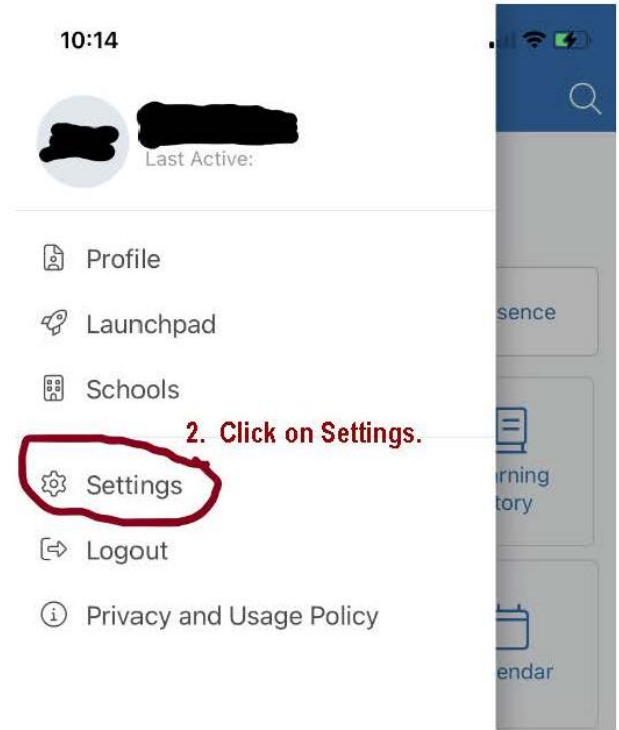
If you select “**Plan an Absence**” you get also get the option to select a date (*or range of days*) as well as specific times, or periods. You may select the current date – it does not need to be a date in the future. You may select a time from the drop-down list or type in a specific time.

The image displays the Edsby mobile application interface. The main dashboard on the left features a grid of icons for 'Absent Today' (circled in red) and 'Plan an Absence' (circled in green). A red arrow points from the 'Absent Today' button to a 'Planned Absence' form on the right. A green arrow points from the 'Plan an Absence' button to a 'Planned Absence' form with a time selection dropdown on the bottom. The dropdown lists times from 12:00:15:30:45 to 11:00:15:30:45, with 'End of Day' and school periods listed below. At the bottom right is a decorative wreath with the word 'MERRY'.

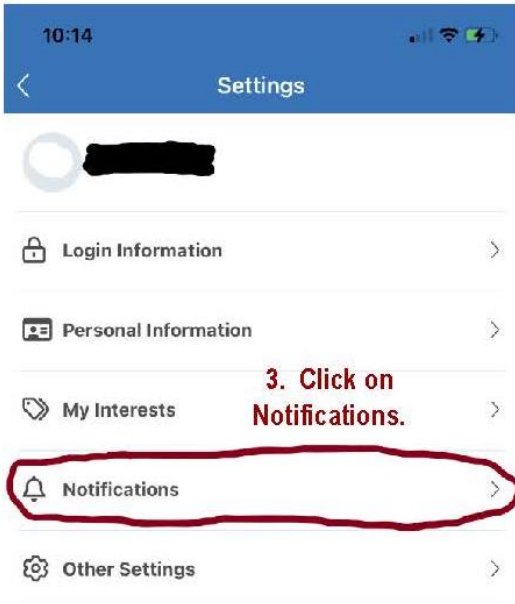
We have come across an issue in Edsby, where notifications are set up differently for students with siblings. If you have more than one student in Palliser schools this may be affecting you. Here is how to change the notification settings in Edsby, if you are not getting notifications (attendance, grades, etc.) for all of your students. In this example, Sibling 1 is the older sibling and they were added to Edsby first.:



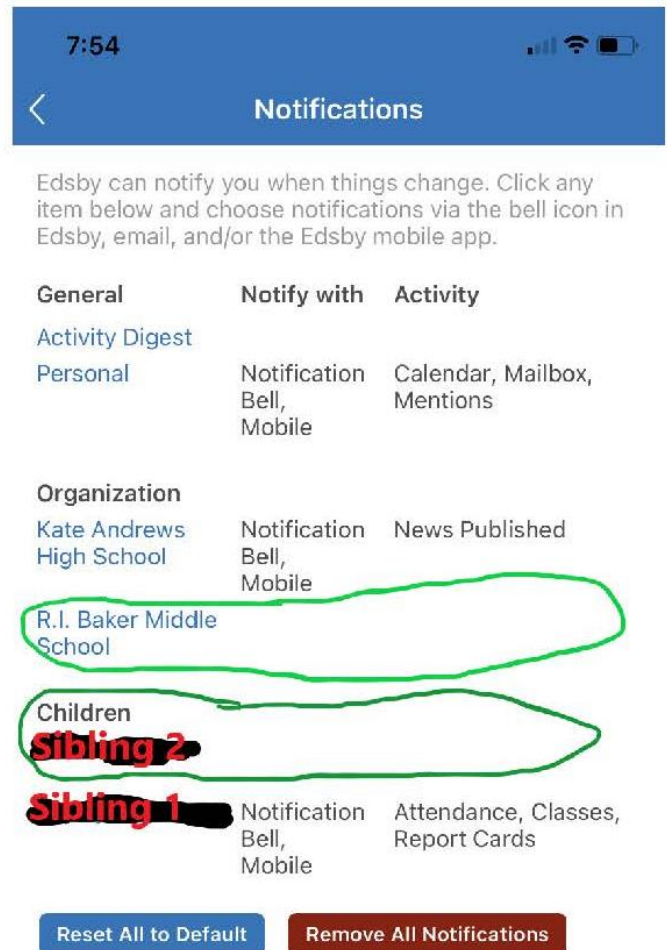
1. From the main screen, open the menu on the top left of the screen.



2. Click on Settings.

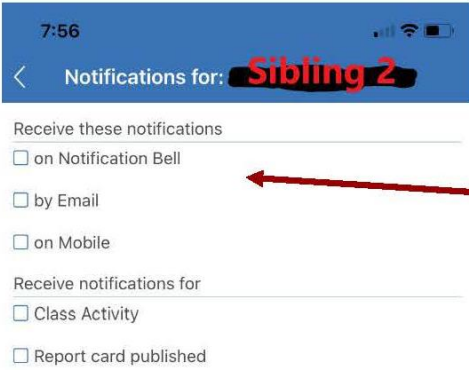


3. Click on Notifications.



4. In the Notifications window, you can see which notifications are set up for each school, as well as each student.

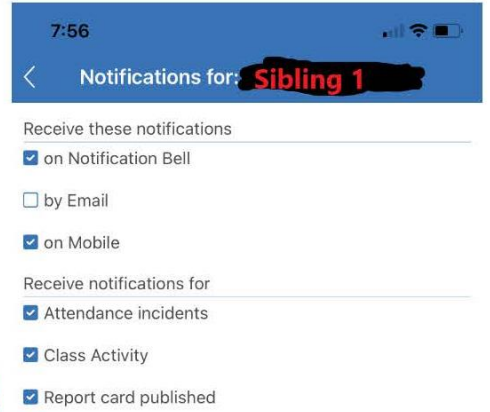
If you click "Reset All to Default" it will turn ALL notifications **ON** (in each individual student, and each school.)



We have found that the second sibling(s) to be added, is *defaulting* to having no notifications selected, as shown here.

If you click "Apply changes to all my children" and then click **Save**, it will duplicate the settings of that student for each of your children

Alternatively, you can select each specific notification for every student. Make sure to click **Save**.



If you require assistance, please contact our office. We appreciate your patience as we learn these new programs ourselves.



ELA 30-1 Tutorial Dates:

Dec 7

Dec 15

Dec 19

Dec 20



Creative Writing Class

CHILDREN'S BOOK EDITION

**Students Created Their Own
Digital Children's Book**

Kat likes boxes.



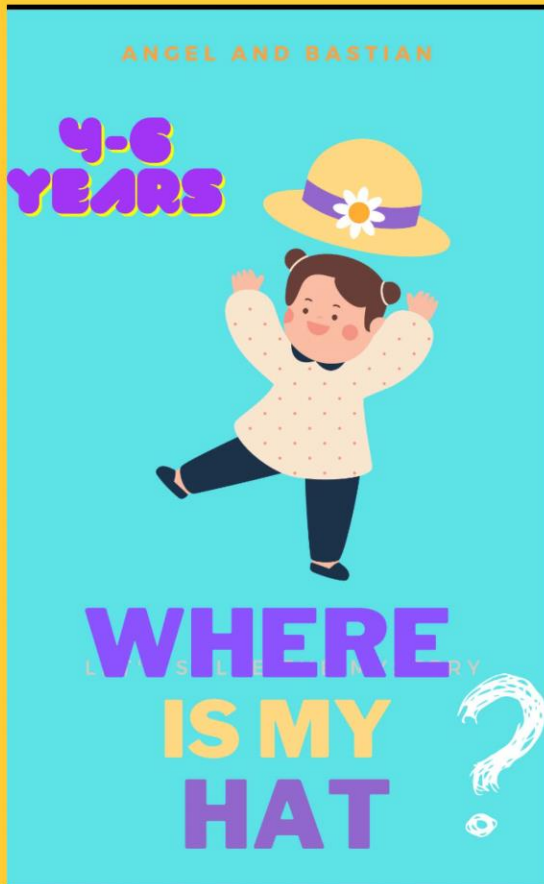
And most importantly

Music

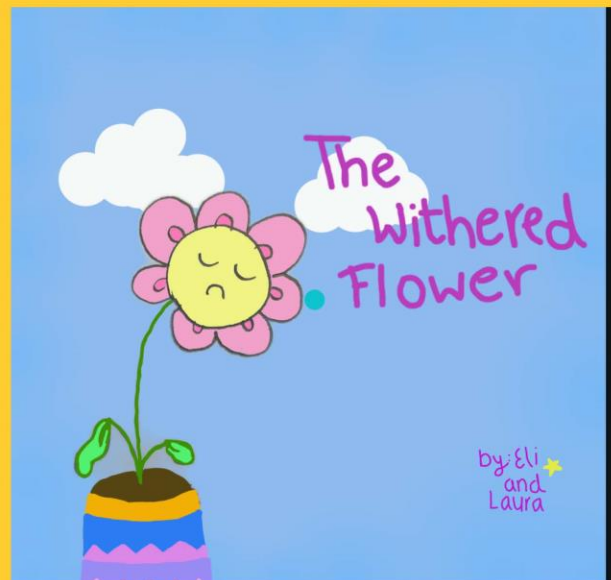
Lesley Roszell Creative Writing 25-5 (Gr. 11)

*Digitally drawn by Lesley

Hi, this is Kat.



By Bastian Moran
Rodriguez (Gr. 12) and
Angel Abril Amaya
(Gr.11)



By Laura Castano
(Gr.10) & Eli
Valenzuela (Gr.11)



**By Jamie Lopez
(Gr.10)**



**By Henry Klassen
(Gr.12) & Christian
Gorny (Gr.11)**



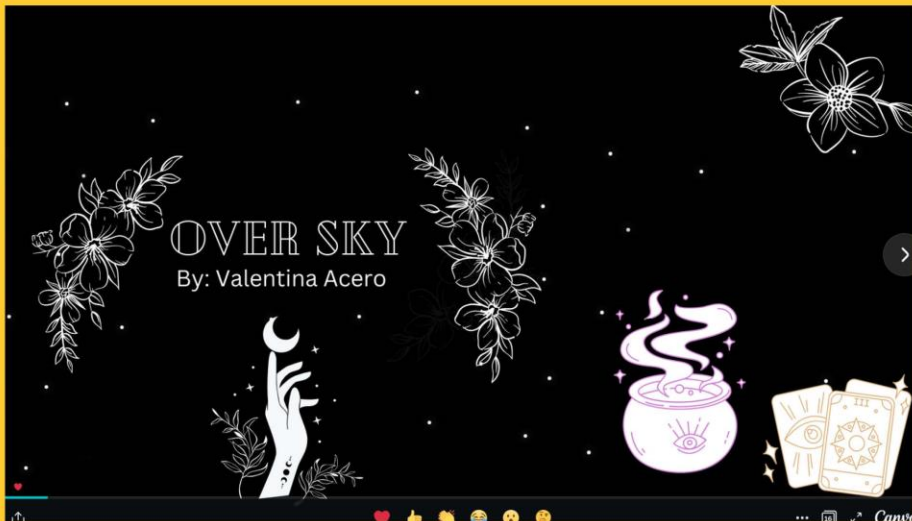
**By Laura Gongora
(Gr.10)**



**By : Vera Bravo
Hernandez (Gr.11) & Pablo
Delgado Valdes (Gr.10)**



**By Gonzalo Cubillo (Gr.10)
& Nicolas Vanegas (Gr.10)**



By Valentina Acero (Gr.10)



KAHS STUDENT COUNCIL IS HOSTING A

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

Sign Up in Groups of 2-4

Deadline to Sign Up is December 14th

DEC. 21 • LUNCH •
ART ROOM

Materials Provided
Sign Up Outside Room 103

KAHS STUDENT COUNCIL
DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Dec. 14 - Gingerbread House
Decorating Sign Up Deadline
and Pep Rally

Dec. 16 - Teacher Ugly Christmas
Sweater Decorating (TAP)

Dec. 19-23: Spirit Week

Dec. 19 - Formal Day

Dec. 20 - Pride Day

Dec. 21 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
& Gingerbread House Competition

Dec. 22 - Red & Green Day

Dec. 23 - Pajama Day
& Free Hot Chocolate





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*Office of the Minister
MLA, Red Deer-North*

November 24, 2022

Letter to Parents – Ensuring access to education for all students

Dear Alberta parents and guardians:

We know we have asked a lot of you in the past couple of years. Since March 2020 parents and families have been told with little to no notice that students would be required to move to learning at-home or online. We have heard first-hand from students, parents, and teachers that learning disruptions over the course of the past couple of years have impacted the mental health and wellbeing of students, significantly impacted learning development, and has placed financial burdens and additional stress on working parents and families.

In recent months, parents have approached our office with uncertainty and questions, concerned that their child's education may once again be impacted by transitions to at-home learning. School authorities have sought clarity related to their ability to bring in health measures that may limit access to education, given there are currently no health orders to support these decisions. Today I have announced new regulation, effective November 24, 2022, that will protect student's access to in-person learning. This includes:

- Ensuring access to in-person learning for grades 1 to 12 students despite any instances of operational issues caused by rates of student and/or teacher absenteeism.
- Affirming that a student cannot be denied in-person education by their school authority due to their personal decision to wear or not wear a mask. This applies to all students.

We know that all Alberta families are facing increased costs due to rising inflation affecting mortgages, fuel costs, electricity, heating and food. These changes will ensure parents can continue to work to support their families without the added burden of finding and paying for childcare during the school day.

This will also ensure that all students have access to specialized supports provided in a school environment. We know that isolation in recent years has increased youth mental health issues and that these students need access to supports provided at school.

Our teachers have worked hard to ensure students who may have fallen behind grade level due to the instability in learning environments have the additional supports they need in the classroom. By protecting in-person learning students will be provided with stability.

As has always been the case, the *Public Health Act* provides the overarching direction on all public health matters, and it would continue to prevail over the *Education Act* and associated regulations in a future public health emergency.

We hope that with this new regulatory change comes more predictable and stable circumstances, an increase in the mental wellbeing of our students, and the preservation of in-person quality learning opportunities for students.

Sincerely,

Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education

December

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				 <p>1 PIZZA @ LUNCH \$3 FOR 1 SLICE \$5 FOR 2 SLICES</p>	<p>2 NO SCHOOL: PD Day</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	 <p>8 HOT DOG \$3 for 1 \$5 for 2 (includes a drink)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Cat's Classic Basketball Tournament Grade 9 Boys and Girls Hosted by KAHS and St. Joseph School</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Christmas Concert @ 7 pm Entomologist Virtual Exploration Session</p>	<p>14 Gingerbread Decorating Contest Sign-up Deadline Architect Virtual Exploration Session</p>	 <p>15 PIZZA @ LUNCH \$3 FOR 1 SLICE \$5 FOR 2 SLICES</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 SV Christmas Festival Basketball Tournament @ KAHS</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Formal Day!</p>	<p>20 Pride Day!</p>	<p>21 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day! Gingerbread Decorating Contest Lethbridge College Exploration Day</p>	 <p>22 TACO IN A BAG \$5 INCLUDING A DRINK</p>	<p>23 Pajama Day! 2021/2022 School Year Academic Awards Assembly</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>SPIRIT WEEK</p>						
 <p>25</p>	<p>26 No School: Christmas Break</p>	<p>27 No School: Christmas Break</p>	<p>28 No School: Christmas Break</p>	<p>29 No School: Christmas Break</p>	<p>30 No School: Christmas Break</p>	 <p>31</p>

Coming up in January:

- January 6 & 7 – KA Alumni Basketball Tournament
- January 9 – First Day back after Christmas Break
- January 17 – Last Day of Semester 1 Classes & KA Ski Trip (*tentative*)
- January 18–27 (No Classes: Exam Break – see Exam Schedule)
- January 31 – 1st Day of Semester 2 Classes