

Tofield School Newsletter

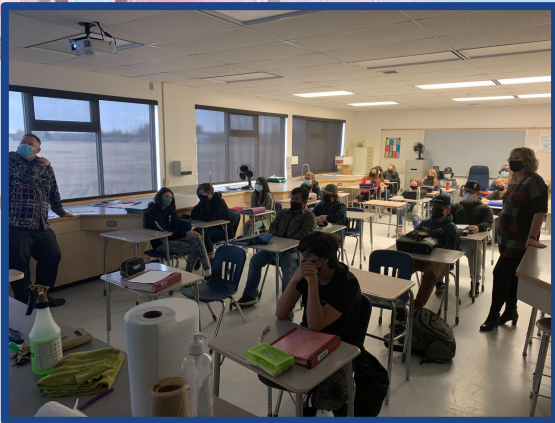
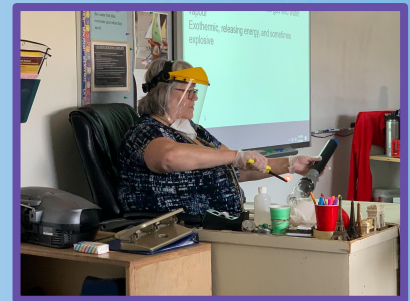
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Students learn some science



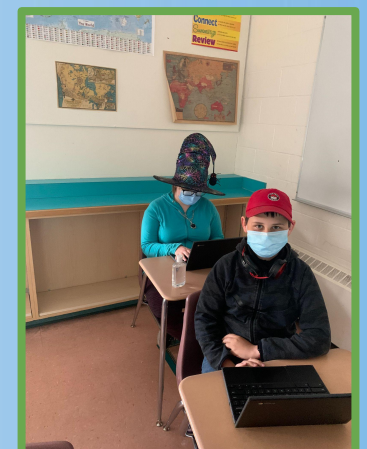
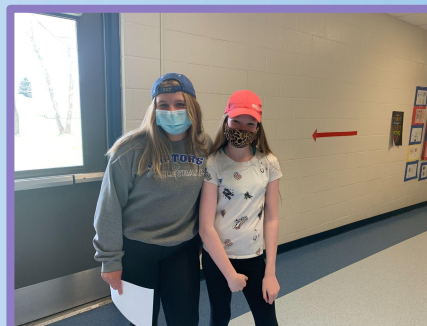
Grade 9 students listen to a Senior High orientation presentation.



Students and staff wear hats in support of Mental Health.



Students practice letter writing



Administrative Message

We always marvel at how quickly a school year goes by and this year is no exception! We know that there have been challenges and we have taken thoughtful measures to further support student learning for the 2021-2022 school year. Tofield Staff have shown incredible compassion, flexibility, creativity and patience in one of the most difficult years imaginable. The pandemic is like a trauma that does not have a 'known end' and we recognize that this creates uncertainty, anxiety and fear for the future. The one constant, that has been observed across this wonderful province, is the unwavering commitment of school staff to 'rise to the challenge'. We are so proud of our staff, students and families for continuing to work together to ensure that our students are supported. We are already into the planning stages for next school year and are so impressed to announce that our enrollment continues to climb, as we are nearing 500 students enrolled compared to the 350 enrollment numbers 3 years ago. This increase, I am confident, has everything to do with the amazing opportunities at our school and in the fantastic community of Tofield! Go Titans!



Janice Muench
Principal

Chad Kendall
Assistant Principal



Don't forget to follow us on instagram
@ tofield_school.

You can find a link to our Athletics handbook below:
[*DRAFT* TOFIELD NEW ATHLETICS HANDBOOK](#)

Family School Liaison Workers (FSLWs)

Your Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) at Tofield School is FSLWs can help find resources to other helping professionals and bridge the gaps between those professionals and the school, connect you with community resources, help advocate with the school, or support with social/emotional challenges. To see one of the FSLWs, you can fill out a referral form (posted outside Room 210).

**If a student is 13 years old or younger, parental consent must be provided for ongoing support. If a student is 14 or older, those students can consent on their own for FSLW service.*

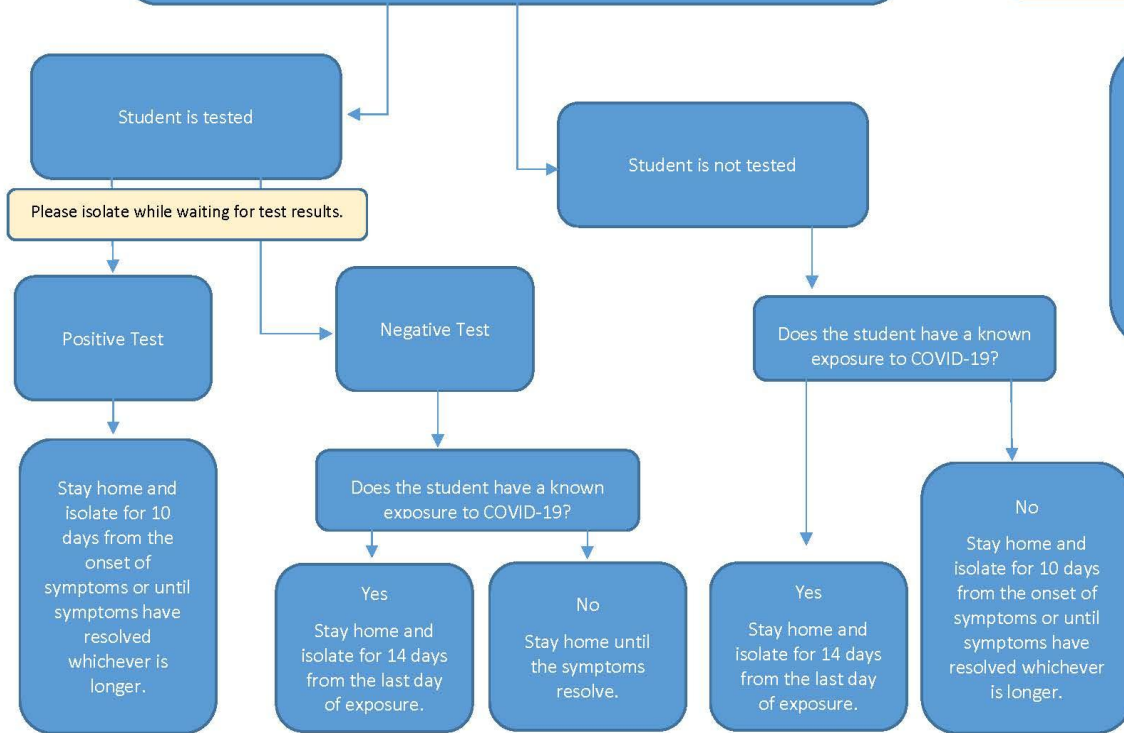
Responding to Student Illness

If your child is showing one or more **symptoms of COVID-19** (fever, cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough), shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening), runny nose, sore throat), do not send your child to school. If symptoms develop while at school, you will be asked to pick up your child. The child is legally required to **isolate**.

A COVID-19 test is recommended. Please complete the [ARS Self-Assessment on-line](#) or call 811 to arrange testing. Here are the next steps:

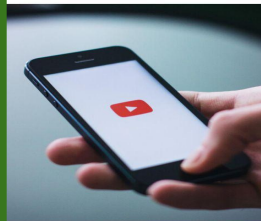
If your child has an underlying medical condition such as allergies or asthma that may cause COVID-like symptoms (such as a runny nose or cough) please complete the BRSD [Baseline Medical Information Form](#) and share it with your school. This will ensure your child is able to attend school, even when baseline symptoms are present, unless those symptoms change.

If your child is showing one or more of the **other symptoms** on the Daily Self-Assessment checklist (chills, stuffy nose, nausea / vomiting / diarrhea, loss of appetite, muscle / joint aches, headache, etc) do not send your child to school. Please keep the child at home and minimize the child's contact with others until symptoms resolve.



SAFFRON PRESENTS

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO TECHNOLOGY



Hi, we're here to help!

Confused about your kids' online world? You're not alone. It can be hard to understand what all the new games, apps and social media platforms are used for. That's where this guide comes in.

This guide will help to explain what popular apps and games are, what your kids use them for, each platform's different features, and what to look out for when it comes to safety.

We hope that this guide can help you to understand what your kids are up to online. Of course, with the pace of technology, this guide won't stay relevant forever.

We have included links to websites that are constantly updated, as well as sites that are overall technology guides for parents so that you are able to stay up to date!

Did you know...

The minimum age required to have an account on ANY of the apps or games we mention is thirteen!

Summer Off Campus Programs

If you are a high school student that is **presently** in Work Experience, RAP or Green Certificate and plan to take any of these courses over the summer please make sure to contact Mr. Roe by June 10th, 2021. You can text or phone him at 780-722-4058.

If you are a high school student that is planning to **start** Work Experience, RAP or Green Certificate over the summer please make sure to contact Mr. Roe by June 10th, 2021. The forms will need to be completed and sent in by June 21st, 2021.




Leadership Class



Senior high leadership class helps to maintain the school garden as part of their class project.

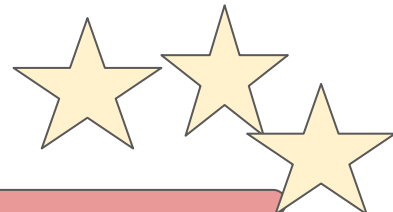
The Leadership class also worked on an offline challenge for students to do while online learning.

Did You Know?



Did you Know North Star students completed 103 courses ?

Grad will be held June 18th.



Did you know North Star has 9 graduates this school year ?

Did you know grade nine students participated in a High School Orientation and met with a BRSD career counselor?

Did you know that the Leadership class organized a fun "offline activity challenge" for students?

Did you know the Leadership class planned a welcome back theme week?

Did you know the longest anyone has held their breath is 24 minutes and 37 seconds? Mr Forstbauer can hold his for 5 minutes and 32 seconds ? That's almost one quarter of the way there ! Can you do the math?

Did you know there are only 25 more school days this year?

Did you know North Star had 28 students this year? They earned 328 credits this school year. Way to go!



Tofield School





Tofield School Graduation 2021



Simon Brandt



Carson Brown

TOFIELD SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021



Tatiana Cal



Laura Chute



Breanna Codd



Mark Cunnings



Adrian Doubleday



Ashton Doubleday



Cody Forbes



Kyra Fraser



Charles Gray



J'dynn Gray



Aria Heaman



Gavin Heinrichs



Conor Henriksen



Rebecca Hill



Brett Holmes



Jayden Hymanyk



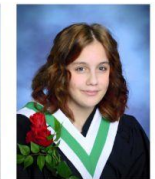
Sydney Jones



Kayla Lowe



Hailey McLaughlin



Isabella Nagy



Jane Reeves



Kyle Schmidt



Morgan Shewchuk



Olivia Sjursen



Zoe Solomon



Niclas Stoll



Mercedes Tremblay



Landon Van Engelen



Brenten Vienneau

No Photo Available: Marcus Alder, Sarah Benford.

Congratulations to this year's graduating class.
Graduation will take place Friday, June 18, 2021.
This year's grad will be live streamed to watch

From the Office

ATTENDANCE


Please email
tofield-aa@brsd.ab.ca
to inform us if your child is
absent from school.

- **Sign out** – Please remember that every student is expected to sign in & out of the school, if you arrive late, leave early, or are in and out during the day. The sign out sheet is a safety measure to ensure that all students are accounted for in the event of a problem.
- **New Physical Address** – Please inform the office of your new address ASAP, either by email (cperry@brsd.ab.ca), note or phone call.
- **New Email Address** – Please inform the office of your new email address ASAP, either by email (cperry@brsd.ab.ca), note, or phone call.



SCHOOL FEES

ALL FEES ARE DUE



Please make payment online by visiting the Tofield School website and clicking on the “Online Payments and Ordering” icon (located at the bottom of the page) and following the links.

We want to support you in making online payments so please feel free to contact Janet Carlson at jcarlson@brsd.ab.ca if you have any questions.

Please ensure you have updated Tofield School with your MOST up to date contact information! In these unprecedented times, it is of the utmost importance that we can contact you in an efficient manner with important information. We thank you for your continued support.



Frequently Asked Questions regarding transportation for students requiring busing

Does your child ride a bus to school? Does your child require busing for the 2021-2022 school year?

Q: My child rode a bus from a rural property to/from school in the 2020/21 school year. Do I need to reapply?

Students who were actively riding a rural bus to/from school in June 2021 do not need to reapply for busing.

If your child was NOT riding the bus in June 2021, you will need to reapply for busing. Please apply online through our website at www.brsd.ab.ca.

Q: My child's school will be changing due to going to high school or moving. Do I need to re-apply for busing if they were already on a bus?

YES, anytime you change schools, you must reapply for busing.



Q: I met a bus on route so my child could attend a school of choice. Do I need to reapply?

YES, Cross Boundary busing needs to be reapplied for each new school year. You must contact Transportation through email at transportation@brsd.ab.ca to apply. Cross boundary busing cannot be guaranteed. Transportation will notify families as soon as route capacities have been determined (mid to late August).

Q: My child lives in the City of Camrose and rides a bus. Do I need to reapply for a new bus pass?

YES, ALL City of Camrose students (BRSD & EICS) must reapply for busing each school year. BRSD students can apply online through the BRSD website.

Eligible students (those living 2.4 KM or more away from their designated school) will be served first.

Ineligible students (those living closer than 2.4 KM) will be served next on a first come, first served basis, depending on seat availability. An ineligible fee will apply.

Any student who requires a second bus pass will also need to pay the ineligible busing fee, regardless of eligibility.

Bus passes will be delivered to your child's school and you will receive an email verifying ridership and busing details.

*****NEW this year*****

Online applications will open on June 1st, 2021 and must be received no later than August 13th

Applications received after August 15th may not be processed until after September 1st

GAMING IN GENERAL: WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR

- **Be aware of emotions** – cyberbullying and harassment are a growing problem online. Pay attention to how they seem when they are on and offline (e.g. withdrawn, angry, sad, etc.)
- **Stay informed** – search the internet for popular new games, and any issues that have been reported with those games. And stay up to date on the kinds of games **your** kids are playing so you know what to look out for!
- **Play with them** – this may not be something you want to do, but getting involved in their gameplay ensures you approve of what they play and you can get a glimpse into what gaming is like for them
- **Stranger danger** – the main problem with games is communication with strangers in the game. Cautioning against talking to strangers, encouraging only playing with friends and muting others and themselves will all help to keep them safe.
- **Open communication** – and as with all things, we stress open communication! Do your best to make sure your kids feel comfortable coming to you if they run into any inappropriate behaviour.



Top 10 Most Popular Video Games of 2019

- 1) Minecraft
- 2) Fortnite
- 3) Grand Theft Auto V
- 4) Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six Siege
- 5) Super Smash Bros: Ultimate
- 6) Red Dead Redemption II
- 7) Overwatch
- 8) Rocket League
- 9) Roblox
- 10) League of Legends (LoL)

How many of these games did you know about? It's important to be aware of new and popular games. Use the internet to your advantage; Google it! Adding in the terms 'parent's guide' + Fortnite, for example, will bring up a lot of useful websites for you to check out.

Source: <https://www.ranker.com/list/most-popular-video-games-today/ranker-games>

Feeling overwhelmed? Don't worry.

Sometimes we can end up terrifying parents with all this information, because it can be shocking to learn all the things that can go wrong on the internet.

One of the goals of this guide was to help relieve fears by teaching you more about apps and games, and letting you know about safety features you can enable.

Most of the time, the internet is used in a safe, fun way by children and teens. By enabling safety features, learning more about apps and games, and providing you with some tools you can use to monitor your children, we hope you start to feel more comfortable about their online world!



Online Resources

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-fortnite>

<https://blog.discordapp.com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c>

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-snapchat>

<https://leahnieman.com/parents-guide-to-yubo/>

<https://tinyurl.com/ParentsGuidetoInstagram>

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube>

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube-kids>

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-musically>

MediaSmarts.ca

HighTechDad.com

KidsHealth.org

TheCyberSafetyLady.com.au

YiIP: Youth Internship Incentive Program - For Employers

The Youth Internship Incentive Program is designed to increase the number of employers supporting work integrated learning internships in trades and technologies. By providing a financial incentive for employers, this program will expand an employer's ability to achieve their goals as well as to enhance opportunities for youth that align with Alberta's skilled worker needs. The key targets are supporting employers who are new to offering CAREERS internships, supporting existing employers to expand their ability to provide more internships, and supporting employers across the province.

RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program)

\$1,000 Incentive For Employers

Employers must commit to a **minimum of 125 hours** of on-the-job training, mentorship, and experience to expand high school student internships during the school year beginning September 1st and completing all hours by May 30th. Internship hours can be part-time or full-time.

\$1,800 Incentive For Employers

Employers must commit to a **minimum of 240 hours** of on-the-job training, mentorship, and experience. Internship hours can be part-time or full-time.

\$3,600 Incentive For Employers

Employers must commit to a **minimum of 480 hours** of on-the-job training, mentorship, and experience. Internship hours can be part-time or full-time.

- * All hours must be completed within **16 weeks** of the internship start date.
- * At the end of the required hours, extending the internship or offering employment will be at the employer's discretion.
- * Employers can apply for funding incentives for up to three (3) **new** student positions within October 1st to September 30th of the following year.
- * YiIP payments will be provided to employers at the conclusion of the minimum required hours.
- * Funding can be utilized to offset expenses incurred in providing a work integrated learning experience including: Student Wages, Safety Training Requirements, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) directly related to the student's position, and Mentorship Support.

Go to Careers: The Next Generation - www.careersnextgen.ca/yiip/ for more information and to apply. You can also contact Clayton Roe, BRSD Off-campus Coordinator at 780-722-4058 if you have any questions.

Welcome to our New FSLW

Welcome

Michael Cole will be your FSLW. I think that Michael will be a good fit for your school as he is a very skilled team player! Michael will work 3 days at Tofield and his other school will be Ryley. We look forward to welcoming to our staff.

North Star



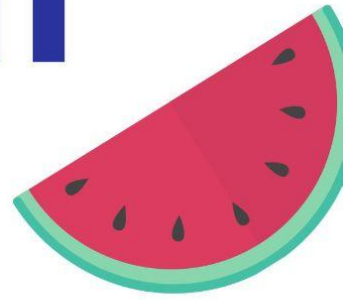
North Star students wear their hoodies celebrating their upcoming graduation.

(Photo taken May 5th 2021 - North Star Grads) Back Row L to R: Nic Stoll, Ashton Doubleday, Carson Brown, Bella Nagy, Front Row: L to R: Mercedes Tremblay, Adrian Doubleday, Charlie Gray, Kyle Schmidt. Missing, Kayla Lowe, Cody Forbes and Brett Holmes

Action for Healthy Communities Presents



Summer in Camrose



Online Information Session for
Newcomer Families

TUESDAY, JUNE 15
11:00 AM

or

THURSDAY, JUNE 17
7:00 PM

- ★ Sign Up: Free programs for students (fun and educational)
- ★ Get Ideas: local activities for families
- ★ Learn about: local support services



Meeting Link

Email leah.stuparyk@a4hc.ca or
call 780-226-6723 to register

<https://zoom.us/j/92297412775>

Action for Healthy Communities Presents
Summer in Camrose - Information Sessions

Tagalog

Online sesyon ng impormasyon para sa mga bagong pamilya sa Camrose

- Sign up: libreng programa para sa mga estudyante (masaya at pang edukasyon!)
- Mga ideaya: mga lokal na aktibidad para sa mga pamilya
- Alamin ang: mga lokal na serbisyo at suporta

Chinese

Camrose夏令营-新移民家庭在线咨询会

- 注册: 免费的学生课程 (有趣且具有教育意义!)
- 内容: 当地特色的家庭活动
- 了解: 相关社区服务

Hindi

गर्मियों में कैमरोज़: नवागंतुक परिवारों के लिए ऑनलाइन सूचना सत्र

- छात्रों के लिए मुफ्त कार्यक्रम (मजेदार और शैक्षिक!) में साइन अप करें
- परिवारों के लिए स्थानीय गतिविधियों के बारे में विचार प्राप्त करें
- स्थानीय सहायता सेवाओं के बारे में जानें

Urdu

**کیمروز میں موسم گرما - نئے آنے والے خاندانوں کے لئے آن لائن معلومات کا سیشن
جانے!!!**

طلباء کے لئے مفت تعلیمی اور تفریحی پروگرام
مقامی سطح پر خاندانوں کے لیے دستیاب سرگرمیاں
مقامی سطح پر دستیاب سہو لیاات کے بارے میں جاننے کے لئے
سائن اپ کریں مزید جاننے کے لئے

Spanish

Verano en Camrose - Sesiones en linea para familias nuevas en nuestra comunidad

- Registro: Progrmas gratuitos para estudiantes (divertidos y educativos!)
- Ideas: actividades en nuestra comunidad para familias
- Informate: Apoyo de servicios locales

Tigrinya

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to register

June 15 @ 11:00 am
or
June 17 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting Link:
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CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION SESSION

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON HOW TO BECOME A
CANADIAN CITIZEN?



**Join Action for Healthy Communities
and the Central Alberta Community
Legal Clinic for a FREE information
session!**

- What are the requirements to become a Canadian citizen?
- What are the differences between adult and child applications?
- What documents do I need to apply?
- Which application forms do I need?

THURSDAY
JUNE
10
7:00 PM
ONLINE

PRESENTER
ADRIANA WILDBORE

IMMIGRATION ADVOCATE, CENTRAL ALBERTA COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC

Contact Leah Stuparyk to register!



leah.stuparyk@a4hc.ca



780-226-6723



June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Early Dismissal	4 No school for students	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Grad	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Last day for Students	30 Last day for Teachers			