

# Tofield School Newsletter February 2022



Tofield School co-hosted the Quint 2020 basketball tournament.







Congratulations to Ben Jennings on completing 1000 hours in RAP as a Transportation Refrigeration Technician. Way to



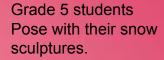


**Students** participated in spirit week by dressing in red and pink, wearing their favorite characters and wearing pajamas.













# **Administrative Message**

Semester 2 is in full swing and we want to acknowledge our students and staff for their hard work in Semester 1. Our grade 11 students had a packed 1st semester and we are sure that the second semester will feel much lighter! So many of our students are taking advantage of taking higher level courses whenever it makes sense and we applaud that commitment to learning! We look forward to an activity that 5W is planning for March that will have the whole school involved in celebrating the Winter Olympics! The grade 5 students advocated, collaborated with Leadership Students, pitched their idea, researched their plan, and wrote a proposal! We love when our students have the ability to respectfully advocate their needs and ideas to our staff. We hope everyone has a great second half of the school year.



No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. 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:

Tofield School Athletics Handbook

# Family School Liaison Workers (FSLWs)

Your Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) at Tofield School is Michael Cole. 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.

**Tofield School Vision Statement:** 

Titans stand on a foundation of collaboration, compassion, critical thinking, and connectedness. As we discover our purpose and passion, we develop diverse, equitable, and optimistic goals for today and tomorrow. TITANS make the world better.



# Titan Sports







# **Basketball**

- Thursday, January 27 Saturday, January 29/21 Senior High Quint School Basketball tournament went awesome. 5 schools were used with Tofield having the most games (14) from Thursday night to Saturday night.
- Schools that were used: Tofield, Hay Lakes,
   OLMP, New Norway and Bawlf.
- Our Senior Girls team won the B division.
   They only lost one game all weekend by 3 points.
- Junior High and Senior High Basketball leagues are still going. Lots of rescheduling due to Covid cases and the cancellation of buses due to the weather.
   But... we will get the season done.







# **Volunteers Coaches for Basketball this year are:**

<u>Junior High Girls Basketball</u> - Tanis Miller and Val Rickett

Junior High Boys Basketball - Denis Forstbauer

Senior High Girls Basketball - Jenn Sideroff

Senior High Boys Basketball - Nigel Kendall and Brad Regehr



## **Skills Alberta 2022 Competition and Programming Update**

Due to restrictions on travel for many school boards in Alberta, and to ensure that our secondary competitions are as inclusive as possible, they will once again be hosted virtually in-school.

The Regional and Provincial competitions will be combined into the free 2022 Secondary Skills Canada Alberta Virtual Competition, where one day competitions for each contest area will be held April 11 - 14, 2022. Registration will open on January 26, 2022.

Post-Secondary competitions will still be hosted in-person at the 2022 Post-Secondary Provincial Skills Canada Competition at the Edmonton EXPO Centre on May 4 & 5, 2022.

There will be a virtual Skills Canada Alberta Awards Ceremony for both events on May 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. For competitions that progress onto the 2022 Skills Canada National Competition, all secondary students will be competing virtually from May 16-28, 2022.

As there will be no school field trips or Skill City at the 2022 Provincial Skills Canada Competition, we will continue to provide other hands-on career exploration experiences for your students, including:

- Try-A-Trade® Takeout (order form to open March 7)
- A month-long Girls Exploring Trades and Technologies program in March, in celebration of International Women's Month (registration to open February 2)

#### **Important Dates:**

Fashion Technology Qualifying Skills Canada Competition registration opens: January 26, 2022

**Secondary Skills Canada Alberta Virtual Competition registration opens:** January 26, 2022

**Girls Exploring Trades and Technologies registration opens**: February 2, 2022

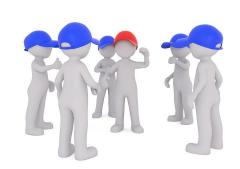
Try-A-Trade® Takeout orders open: March 7, 2022

Secondary Skills Canada Alberta Virtual Competition: April 11-14, 2022

Post-Secondary Provincial Competition: May 4 & 5, 2022

Skills Canada Alberta Virtual Awards Ceremony: May 6, 2022

Secondary Skills Canada Virtual National Competition: May 16-28, 2022 (reference skillscompetencescanada.com for up-to-date information)



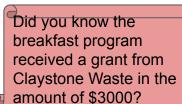
Post-Secondary Skills Canada National Competition: May 25-28, 2022



Did you know that 93% of students surveyed said they are proud of their cultural background.

# **Did You Know?**

Did you know that 99% of high school students reported that graduating is important to them?



Did you know that Tofield students will be participating in Tofield Winter Olympics planned by the leadership class and 5W?

Did you know that despite COVID and inclement weather closures, 86% of students surveyed indicated that they have had average to excellent attendance this school year?

Did you know that HS+ Google Classroom has many announcements relating to careers and open houses? Check it out.

Did you know that Tofield School has 5 Exchange students? Did you know the Quint School basketball tourney was hosted by 5 schools and was live streamed with commentary from our own Ms. Korpan?

Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life...

Did you know that 94% of students surveyed feel they have positive relations with their peers?

**Tofield School** 

Did you know 88% of students surveyed feel that if they had a problem, they know where to go to get support?



# Career Counselling

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#### Did You Know? 80% of resumes are rejected in less than 11 seconds.

Hired! How to Get the Zippy Gig - S. Musgrove

#### International & ELL Learners

#### Bring Your "A" Game

#### Scholarships

The High School Plus site has resources for both International and ELL learners. In these resources you will also find the ESL Benchmark document.

The <u>CLB-OSA</u> site provides a free assessment of your language skills and a baseline before you pay for an official assessment.



Did you know that some post-secondary institutions offer bridging programs to support students with developing their English skills to enter programs?

The ALIS site offers International Students an array of resources highlighting advantages of studying in Alberta. Do you bring your "A" game to everything you do? Josh Davies of <u>workethic.org</u> tells us that the most important thing for hiring is work ethic.

Davies goes on to describe work ethic with the 7 A's:

- \* Attitude
- \* Attendance
- \* Appearance
- \* Ambition
- \* Acceptance
- \* Appreciation
- ★ Accountability

Davies also believes that we can always get better. If we focus on

improving these areas one little step at a time and if we approach everything



with the idea that we can be 1% better, we keep building our skills. And, because with 1% better, things are small and easy to do, we are much more likely to keep moving forward. The spring is a great time to start researching, collecting and curating scholarships.



MyBlueprint is **FULL** of scholarship and budgeting information.

The ScotiaBank scholarship is just one of many that offers over \$60,000!



Applications are due April 30, 2022. Follow this <u>link</u> for more information.

Be sure to check out the FUNDING tab in the <u>High School</u> <u>Plus</u> website to help plan your post-secondary finances.



Take the upcoming spring break to gather letters of reference & write scholarship essays.

# YOUTH INTERNSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM (YIIP) INFORMATION



#### **INTERNSHIPS**

CAREERS works with companies to create internships that enable youth on their path to rewarding careers resulting in vibrant communities where companies and youth succeed.

An internship is a short-term work experience integrated with learning, offered by companies and other organizations for youth (usually high school students, but not always) to get entry-level exposure to a particular industry. It is as much a learning experience which provides course credits as it is work. Ideally, interns spend their time on relevant projects, learning about the field, and developing both hard and soft skills. At times internships lead to full-time job offers.

#### Elements

- · Internships align with CAREERS Programming.
- Employers designate strong mentors to support youth learning about the industry, the career opportunities, technical skills, and soft skills.
- CAREERS can assist in finding applicants and support creating an internship plan.
- Internships can be part time or full time and anytime during the calendar year.
- High school students are supported by their school's off campus coordinator.
- For Skilled Trades positions, employers are encouraged to register the student as an apprentice with Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT). Apprenticeship learning plans will help guide mentorship and training.
- Internships must be completed within a 20-week period from the internship start date.
- · All internships shall be paid minimum wage or higher.
- Internships must be within Alberta.
- Internships must be in a safe work environment including COVID-19 protocols.

#### **Employers**

- Employers apply to participate in the program. CAREERS is solely responsible for program acceptance.
- Employers must be incorporated by or registered as a legal operating organization in Alberta.
- Eligible employers include businesses, non-profit organizations, municipalities, and Indigenous community organizations operating within Alberta. See Eligibility fact sheet for more information.

#### FAQ

#### What happens if I have to terminate the student?

If the student internship is terminated or the student leaves the internship prior to minimum time commitment, the employer must notify CAREERS immediately. It is CAREERS sole discretion to determine funding eligibility should the internship end prior to the minimum committed hours.

#### What would disqualify my application?

Employer will not be approved if...

- The employer is a federal, provincial or government agency.
- The employer submits an incomplete application.

The position is not eligible if...

- The position does not align with CAREERS' programs.
- The position has already started (positions can only start after the application has been approved).
   Note: Youth must apply for CAREERS Internship Programming to be eligible.
- The position is already subsidized through another program.

THIS PROGRAM WAS MADE POSSIBLE WITH FUNDING FROM THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PARTNERS.



# YOUTH INTERNSHIP **INCENTIVE PROGRAM** (YIIP) INFORMATION



The Youth Internship Incentive Program is designed to increase the number of employers supporting work-integrated learning internships in trades, technologies, and in-demand occupations. 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. 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 are the key targets.

#### **FUNDING OPTIONS**

## \$1,000

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

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

## \$3,600

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

All hours must be completed within 20 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.

#### INTERNSHIP INCENTIVES ARE **AVAILABLE FOR CAREERS PROGRAMS**

High School Internships in:

- Skilled Trades
- Information & Communications Technology
- Agriculture
- Healthcare
- Power Engineering and Non-Destructive
- Indigenous Youth Internship Pathways

Post High School Internships for youth age 20 or under:

- Pilot Programs focused on in-demand occupations, varies across Alberta
- Skilled Trades for former high school apprentices
- CO-OP Apprenticeship Program, maximum start age 25, exclusive to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

# APPLY NOW careersnextgen.ca/yiip

Applications are evaluated on first-come, first-served basis.

- · Employers can apply for three (3) funding incentives per location 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, mentorship support, personal protective equipment (PPE) directly related to the student's position.

# Family Mental Wellness Series For families with teenagers

You can register for any individual session or choose to attend them all-

For more information, please call: Kim or Daneille at 780-672-0141 Tofield/Beaver FCSS at 780-662-7066 Viking/Beaver FCSS at 780-336-4024





# epression

What is depression? Join us for an overview of depression, what parents can do to support youth who experience depression and resources available

Let's talk about Eating disorders. Come for an overview of eating disorders, how to support youth who experience eating disorders and the resources available.

We all can benefit from self care but what does that really mean. Can we practice this as a family? Come explore self care from the benefits to the options for yourself and your family

Stress - we all have it. But what can we do about it? Join us for an overview of stress, coping strategies and resources available









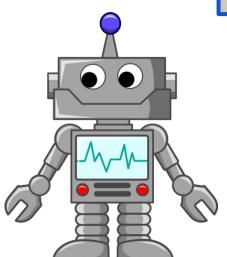




## **STEM** courses are growing in popularity at Tofield School.

During third-quarter CTF, complementary courses like robotics are popular at Tofield School to grade 7 students. Right, Cace Hart shows his project, which is Santa and his sleigh, which was designed and programmed by the grade 7 students. Santa's sleigh is a completely functioning robot with the Christmas favourite Jingle Bells music. Career and Technology Foundations provides students in grades 5 to 9 to explore their interests within various occupational areas and technologies. Through CTF, students may plan, design, create and implement solutions for relevant real-life problems. Right, Avah Cunnings and Eve Busenius show their skills in robots with a tribute to dogs.







February 22, 2022, is (National Math League Challenge Day) (Grade 6, 7 and 8) (Grade 5's will compete in late spring.)

Math contests give students an educationally enriching opportunity to participate in an academically-oriented activity and to gain recognition for mathematical achievement. Our main goal is educational: we promote enjoyment and study of mathematics by organizing contests for grades 4-12. The Math League contests help to enrich mathematics programs. Each contest covers topics appropriate to the contest grade level. Our well-written questions cover a variety of difficulty ranges and involve topics of interest to above-average students. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate:

Aiden Zacharias	5K	
Elizabeth Payne	5K	
Kennedy Boucher	5N	
Jamie Renneberg	5N	
Keely Lutz	5N	
Ella Appleby	5N	
Tayden Soosay	6C	
Camryn Ferguson	6C	
Momo(Mohidin) Dada	6C	
Brooke Jeffrey	6C	
Everett Zilkie	6C	
Eli Hall	6C	
Emily Renneberg	6W	
Bennett Armstrong	6W	
Bentley Carson	6N	
Gavin Lutz	6N	
Bona Min	6N	
Kiera Fisher	7D	
Catie Behiels	7D	
Alex Stewart	7D	

Logan Kropp	7D	
Marshall Craig	7D	
Kayden Stienwand	7D	
Mason Jeffrey	78	
Erin Strilchuk	78	
Marcus Hryniw	78	
Cace Hart	78	
Ryan Bekker	78	
Evan Woode	78	
Khanna, Raghav	8D	
Smith, Kennedy	8D	
Jerden Adajar	8D	
Gallinger, Karys	8T	
Hillyer, Emma	8T	
Jonathan, Arndt	8T	
Swedberg, Erika	8T	
Gabriel Hall	8K	
Charli L'Heureux	8K	
Joel Boese	8K	
Corbin Lutz	8K	

# **Grad 2022**



This year's Grad Executive is:

Program Committee student co-chairs: Katalin Hemperger and Bane Janzen

Last Wills Committee student chair: Marshal Korpak Slideshow Committee student chair: Lace Fleck Cronkhite

Finance Committee student chair: Ben Woodruff Fundraising Committee student chair: Julia Jackson

Decorating Committee student co-chairs: Kaelyn Sideroff and Ericka Rickett

Marshal is also the head student chair for the Grad Executive.

The next family Grad meeting will be on Thursday, March 10 at 7 PM in Tofield School Learning Commons. All grads and their parents/guardians are invited to attend.

# Tofield School's High School Graduation will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022.

If you have any questions re: Grad, please contact Ms. Korpan either by phone (780-662-3133)or by email (<a href="mailto:mkorpan@brsd.ab.ca">mkorpan@brsd.ab.ca</a>).

### **Little Caesars Pizza Kits**

The Grad Class is selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits as a grad fundraiser. You can order from them simply by following the steps below. **March 6th is the last day to order.** The order will be here the week of March 21st.



Go to PizzaKit.ca

Click on *Products*, then *Shop* 

Select Ship My Order to the Group

Enter the **Fundraiser ID# 404980**, set up your account, and place your order! Paper order forms are also available. The grad class thanks you for your support!

#### From the Office

# ATTENDANCE

Please email

tofield-aa@brsd.ab.ca

to inform us if your child is

absent from school.

- <u>Sign out</u> 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.
- <u>New Physical Address</u> Please inform the office of your new address ASAP, either by email (<u>cperry@brsd.ab.ca</u>), 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**

#### SCHOOL FEES FOR QUARTER 1 AND QUARTER 2 ARE OVERDUE

Basketball fees are due







Please make payment by visiting the Tofield School website and clicking on the "Online Payments and Ordering" icon (located at the bottom of the page) and follow the links. Yearbook fees are optional and are not included in your fees total. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janet Carlson at <a href="mailto:icarlson@brsd.ab.ca">icarlson@brsd.ab.ca</a>.

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.

# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Early Dismissal	4 Tofield Winter Olympics	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	Spring Break Begins	29	30	31		