

October 2020



VHS is now on Facebook! Join our Facebook group to stay up to date on upcoming events!

Academic Awards


Our annual Academic Awards will be awarded to students with a class wide presentation. All of our graduates from 2020 receiving awards will be contacted and presented their awards accordingly.

This is a very important event for students, especially those who are receiving scholarships.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH




Grade 7 - Torynn Plumb

 This month's student of the month for grade 7 is Torynn Plumb. Torynn always comes to class with a big smile on her face ready to learn. She is always willing to participate in class and gives her best effort every single day. Great job Torynn!




Grade 8 - Maria Wiebe

 Maria has been cooperative, helpful and cheerful throughout the month of September when conditions were not necessarily easy. Maria has shown an impressive dedication to her desire to learn and contribute to the school community. We all look forward to her continued success and her continued smile throughout the year.



Grade 9 - Katelynn Klassen

 Katelynn is a great student, friend and classmate. She always puts forth her best effort whether it is in the classroom or at the ice rink playing hockey. Keep it up

Katelynn!

****Student of the month winners can pick up their prizes at the office!****

WALL of FAME

The Wall of Fame was designed to inspire the students at VHS; to help them realize that they can excel and be anything they want. The Wall of Fame gives us a chance to honor some of these people. Each year one or two nominees are chosen. The only criteria for nomination is that they must have graduated from VHS. Nomination forms are available at Vauxhall High School and on our school website: vhs.horizon.ab.ca The deadline to submit nominations is October 30. If you have any questions, please call the school at 403-654-2145 or e-mail Lindsay.stober@horizon.ab.ca

GREEN CERTIFICATE

High School Students interested in **Green Certificate** – in which you can earn 16 credits – need to talk to Mr. Ojala for more information or to sign up.

LIBRARY

Come on in and check out the new titles. Don't forget to bring back your overdue books or if you are not finished come and renew them.



YEARBOOK

The 2020-2021 yearbook is for sale now. Cost is \$30. Don't miss out on any school memories.

REMINDER - School picture day is Thursday, Oct. 15th.

School Re-takes are scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th.



Hot Lunch

New Hot Lunch Cards

Hot Lunch is served every Wednesday. If students are wanting to purchase hot lunch, please make sure you are signed up at the office. Hot lunch punch cards can be purchased at the office for \$5.00 or \$20.00 / student or transferred to vauxhallbaseball@gmail.com. Students must purchase a hot lunch card before getting their hot lunch.

October 7— Taco in a Bag

October 14—Ham & Cheese Croissant w/ Veggies

October 21—Cheeseburger & Fries

October 28—Chicken Noodle Soup & Grilled Cheese

STUDENT COUNCIL

Even though this year looks a little different, the student council has still had a very busy September! We started the school year with spirit week in which the students showed off their best decades look, tacky tourist, jersey and school colors. This month we have also raised money for cancer research and participated in the Terry Fox Run. We also recognized the thousands of children that endured residential schools with Orange Shirt Day.

When do I keep my child home?



It's confusing. When should I keep my child home?

The new public health measures from COVID-19 mean students and staff who are showing any signs of illness, must stay home. To simplify the "Should I keep my child home?" and "How long does my child need to stay home?" process, we've created a visual guide to help you understand how our schools are making decisions around managing student illness.

My child is sick. How long do they need to stay home for?

Core COVID-19 symptoms

- Fever (above 38 °C or 100.4 °F)
- Cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening)
- Runny nose
- Sore throat

Other Symptoms

- Chills
- Painful swallowing
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or joint aches
- Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

This is my child. Now what?

If your child has one of the "core" COVID-19 symptoms above, they must do the following before returning to school.

1. Receive a negative COVID-19 test result and no longer be presenting any symptoms, or
2. Stay home for a minimum of 10 days (or longer if they still have symptoms)

This is my child. Now what?

If your child has one of the "other" illness symptoms above, they must do the following:

1. A COVID-19 test is recommended, but not required. The sick person must stay home and minimize contact with others until feeling better and symptoms subside.
2. Utilize the daily screening tool to determine whether they can attend school.

How do I get a COVID-19 test?

If your child has one or more of the COVID-19 symptoms above we strongly encourage booking them a COVID-19 test. This will speed up the return to school process, as the turn-around time for testing is faster than the required 10 day isolation period.

No official document is required for "proof" of a negative test result.

Information for the creation of this document was taken from: COVID-19 in schools (K-12) settings. Retrieved on Sept 4, 2020 from: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-testing-in-alberta.aspx>

Learn more by visiting our website: www.horizon.ab.ca

What does it mean to stay home and self-isolate
<https://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx>

Take the COVID-19 self-assessment test and book an appointment

<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/journey/covid-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>

Daily Screening Questionnaire

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/edc-covid-19-screening-questionnaire-english.pdf>

GRAD 2021

Grad is May 14, 2021!

Grad fees (\$162.00) and all other fees on account are due a week prior to grad!

Don't forget to bring in your donations or the High School Fundraiser as some of the proceeds go towards Grad!

REMINDER!!

Just a reminder to parents who drive their child(ren) to school to please stay out of the bus loop. You may use the east side street or the south parking lot to drop off or pick up your child(ren)). You may also use the north side parking lot, but you **MUST enter and exit** to the east. Safety is our first concern!

BUS SAFETY



26th Annual High School Fundraiser

For the past 25 years our High School Fundraiser has helped support our students. Our Fundraiser enables us to better meet the needs of our students by enhancing and supporting our programs. Some examples of things we have been able to purchase in the past are: a pressure cooker, baking dishes for Home Ec, routers and monitors for our Computer classes, a metal bender and vices for the shop, microwaves and stands for the student common area, uniforms and equipment for our Gym classes and sports teams. This year we are changing our event. We are moving our fundraiser to an online auction using Facebook as our platform. We are asking all students to bring in **at least one donation**. All donations will be posted on our Facebook page on November 16th. The items can be bid on until November 30th.

Welcome Mr. Jones!

"I was born in raised in Calgary, Alberta and graduated from William Aberhart High School (go Aberhart Orange!) in 2010. In 2012 I moved to Lethbridge and started to pursue post-secondary education at the University of Lethbridge. Throughout my education, I worked for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada at the Lethbridge Research Center, learning about components of winter-wheat breeding program, disease vector lab, and an apiculture (bee science) lab. This experience provided me an insight into the applications of scientific concepts introduced throughout my course material in high school and in university. In April 2020, I graduated from the University of Lethbridge with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Education.

I am very excited to have the opportunity to start my teaching career here in Vauxhall surrounded by great students and supportive staff members. I look forward to meeting the remaining members of the community!

Regards,
Travis

Welcome Jaime Porteous!




I grew up in B.C. and am originally from Salmon Arm. I moved to beautiful Alberta three years ago to further my studies in addiction counselling. My love for art and creating a comforting environment that is fun and safe is why I became a counsellor. Over the years, I have understood the importance of helping individuals learn to connect to their emotional and physical self. I genuinely believe it's essential to develop ones emotional mind to develop the necessary life skills we need, in the hopes of becoming our authentic self.

I look forward to working with the students, staff, and families at Vauxhall High School.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Progress Reports	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12  Happy Thanksgiving No School	13	14	15  PICTURE DAY!	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 School Based PD Day No School	24
25	26	27 School Council Meeting 7:00pm	28	29	30	31  Happy Halloween

ENTER TO WIN! Newsletter clip-off

Now that you have read this month's newsletter, complete and clip out this coupon and return it to the VHS office by Friday, October 2nd. You will have a chance to win a FREE HOT LUNCH!

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____ (Entries MUST be signed by a parent or guardian)