



# THREE HILLS SCHOOL

A LEARNING COMMUNITY PROVIDING  
THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY STUDENT



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Dear Parents of THS students:

Did you know the great things we have happening at Three Hills School? I hope you have liked us on Facebook, and seen our regular information box in The Capital – ***What's New @ Three Hills School?*** In addition, we have a great website – [www.threehillsschool.ca](http://www.threehillsschool.ca) – filled with information, photos, and a calendar function that provides details of activities. There is more than one way to stay in the loop if you aren't in the building on a regular basis.

We are very proud of the range of **learning opportunities** we are able to offer our students. Each year we survey the secondary students so that we can align our complementary courses as closely as possible to their interests. A very popular ***new course this year for senior high students was World Religions***, with a field trip to Calgary focusing on Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. No doubt you know that we have a *7 year band program*; however, you may not realize that we also offer *art, drama, industrial education, home economics, film studies, leadership, outdoor education, forensic science, photography, psychology and even more courses to our junior and senior students*. Just last year, our new courses included Spanish at the junior high level, Cosmetology at senior high, CyberFitness, and Robotics at both junior and senior high levels.

We take very seriously the quality of our learning environment, so safety, care for each other, respect for our peers and the school environment are part of our ongoing program here at THS. Recent improvements to our facility include 8 new combination water fountains / bottle fillers, and a new cosmetology teaching lab. We are currently in the process of installing an audio-visual network to stream news, announcements, student work, the Olympics, etc. into our common spaces. You may have noticed the five large screen TV monitors throughout the school that will carry that information.

Mrs. Wilson uses her role to coordinate presentations each year underlining the ethical citizenship values we expect to develop in our school community. She would love to hear topics that may concern you, and strategize how to help at both the individual and group levels. We actively help student's gain knowledge about themselves and their futures through our career centre. In addition to Work Experience, RAP, and Green Certificate opportunities, Mr. Vaughan, our school counselor, works to organize annual events that help students begin to plan the specifics of post-secondary and career pathways.

Our extracurricular opportunities are excellent, and cover leadership as well as both athletic and artistic opportunities. Elementary students begin with JRAC and the talent show, as well as the Christmas Concert. Secondary students can participate in teams, drama and the band. Did you know that our band members have done exchanges to Ontario in the past years, and are eager to head off to Montreal this April? Did you realize our girls volleyball team won the right to compete at the provincial championships this fall? Have you heard that there are 50+ THS students excitedly planning to be off to London, Paris, and Barcelona next spring?

I will wrap up by mentioning briefly our philosophy regarding these ideas. We believe that students need a safe, welcoming place to learn. We know that they learn in multiple ways, so we look to offer learning experiences inside and outside of classes. We strive to provide balanced growth in a responsible setting – we want them to develop mentally, physically, socially, and relationally. Thank you for partnering with us in that process, and for the feedback you provide.

One of ***your feedback opportunities*** is through the ***annual parent survey*** Alberta Education conducts for each school every year. Parents of grades 4, 7 and 10 students will receive a survey mailed to their homes directly from Alberta Education in January. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online through the school.

All surveys are anonymous and no reports will be issued if the number of respondents is fewer than six to further protect the privacy of respondents. Respondents are expected to answer the questions based upon the experiences they have had at their school.

We strongly encourage your participation as the results help us identify our school and jurisdiction's strengths and weaknesses. Survey results will be reported publicly by jurisdictions as part of the Annual Education Results Reports. You can see last year's survey information in the 2013–16 School Plan Summary on our website – [www.threehillsschool.ca](http://www.threehillsschool.ca).

Thank you for your time and participation in our school's improvement process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lloyd Boody', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lloyd Boody, Principal