

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Wm. E. Hay Stettler Secondary and Stettler Outreach Campus

We do not have an attendance line this year! Call the school to report absences.

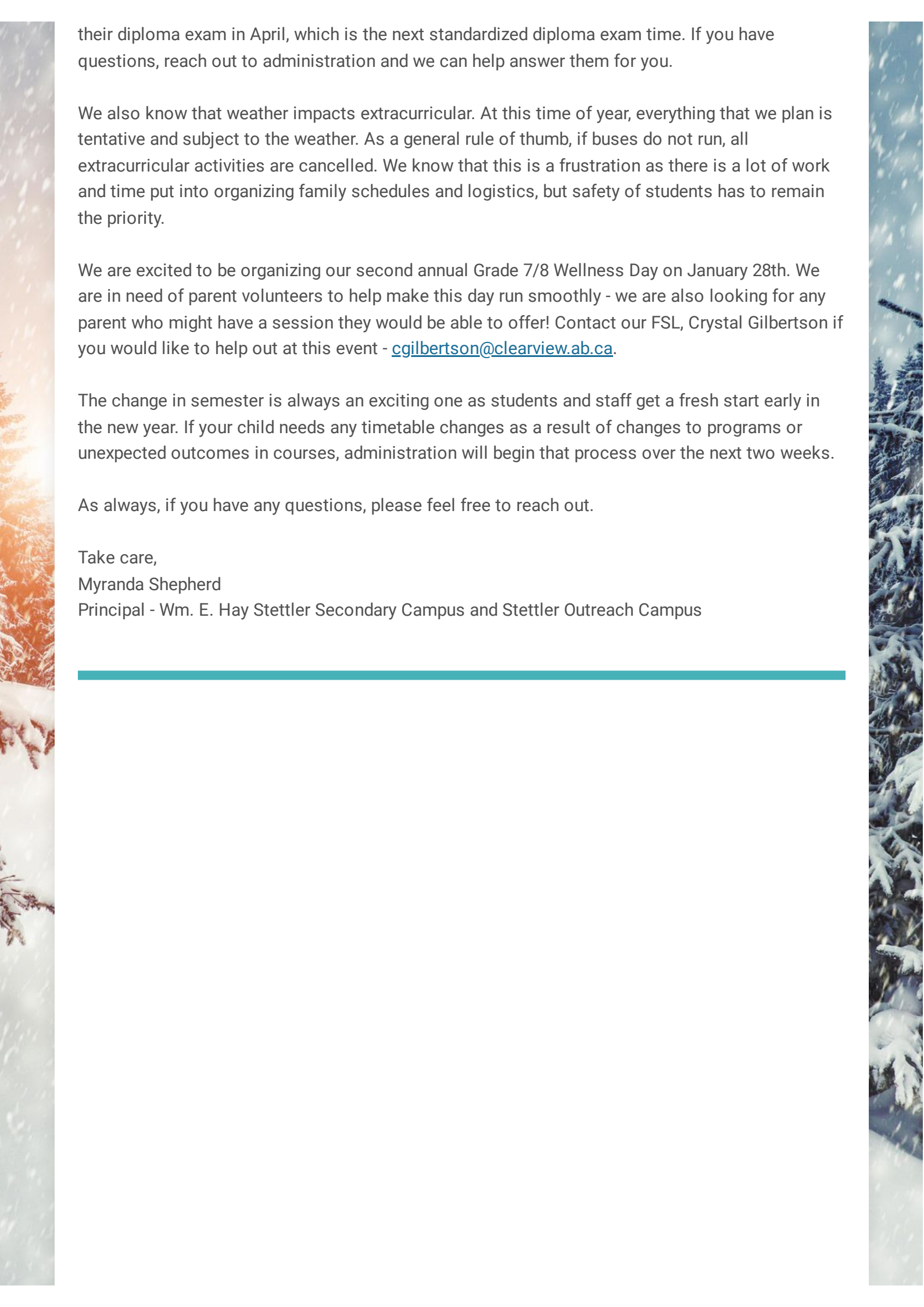
Principal Message

I hope that all of our families had an enjoyable holiday season. We know that families are busy with the everyday hustle, and so I hope that you were able to spend some quality time together with your kids!

January goes by quickly as our grade 9-12 Semester 1 classes come to an end in just a couple of weeks. I have included the Exam Schedule with last day of classes below for easy access.

While exams can seem stressful for students, the best way to reduce that stress is to appropriately prepare and that is an important skill that we can all help students learn and develop. Encourage your child to allocate some time each evening over the next few weeks to review content in their courses. They can use Teacher Advisor to work with classroom teachers to get extra help or clarify any questions they may have. I have included some helpful study hints for teens below in this newsletter.

With typical Alberta winter weather upon us, we know that it brings many questions regarding scheduling/cancellation/buses etc. Diploma Exams are standardized government exams administered to all students in Alberta taking that course and are written on the same date, at the same time, with the same experience (eg. rooms set up the same, access to the same resources, same directions provided). For students writing diploma exams, it is important to note that exemptions for diploma exams are not granted by the school, but rather, go through Alberta Education for approval. This process can take days before a decision is made. As a school, we do not have control over the decisions made. If students are registered on Clearview Buses and buses do not run, we will apply for an exemption for the diploma exam for those bus students, but the final decision is made by Alberta Education. Safety and security of students is a priority, and as always, it is a parent's decision whether or not to send your child, but please note that the risk is that if an exemption is not granted by Alberta Education, your child would have to wait to write



their diploma exam in April, which is the next standardized diploma exam time. If you have questions, reach out to administration and we can help answer them for you.

We also know that weather impacts extracurricular. At this time of year, everything that we plan is tentative and subject to the weather. As a general rule of thumb, if buses do not run, all extracurricular activities are cancelled. We know that this is a frustration as there is a lot of work and time put into organizing family schedules and logistics, but safety of students has to remain the priority.

We are excited to be organizing our second annual Grade 7/8 Wellness Day on January 28th. We are in need of parent volunteers to help make this day run smoothly - we are also looking for any parent who might have a session they would be able to offer! Contact our FSL, Crystal Gilbertson if you would like to help out at this event - cgilbertson@clearview.ab.ca.

The change in semester is always an exciting one as students and staff get a fresh start early in the new year. If your child needs any timetable changes as a result of changes to programs or unexpected outcomes in courses, administration will begin that process over the next two weeks.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Take care,

Myranda Shepherd

Principal - Wm. E. Hay Stettler Secondary Campus and Stettler Outreach Campus

JANUARY 2025 EXAM SCHEDULE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	No School - Christmas Break	No School - Christmas Break	No School - Christmas Break	No School - Christmas Break	No School - Christmas Break	
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		English 30-1/30-2 Part A Diploma Exam (BiFlex)	Social 30-1/30-2 Part A Diploma Exam (BiFlex)	Last Day of Classes - Grade 12	Math 30-1/30-2 Diploma Exam (BiFlex)	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	English 30-1/30-2 Part B Diploma Exam (BiFlex)	Social 30-1/30-2 Part B Diploma Exam (BiFlex)	Biology 30 Diploma Exam (BiFlex)	Chemistry 30 Diploma Exam (BiFlex)	Physics 30 Diploma Exam (BiFlex)	
		Last Day of Classes - Grades 9-11	Grade 10-11 ELA Exams	Gr. 10-11 Social Exams	Grade 10-11 Math Exams	
				Gr. 9 PAT - Science (Room 202/204)	Gr. 9 PAT - Social Studies (Room 202/204)	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Grade 10-11 Science Exams	Gr. 7/8 Wellness Day Exam Make Up Day	No School - PD Day	First Day Semester 2		

ALL EXAMS START AT 9am

**Wm. E. Hay Stettler Secondary and Stettler Outreach
Important Dates 2024-2025**



Semester 1

August 27th - Professional Learning (Wm. E. Hay Day)
August 28th - Professional Learning (Clearview Day)
August 29th - Professional Learning (Wm. E. Hay/Clearview Day)
August 30th - Professional Learning (Wm. E. Hay)
September 2nd - No School
September 3rd - Grade 9-12 Orientation Day
September 4th - Grade 7-8 Orientation Day
September 5th - First day for all students
September 16-26th - 3T Testing Window
September 16th - First School Council Meeting - 7:00pm
September 19th - Open House 4:00pm
September 19th - Picture Day - Grade 7-9
September 20th - Picture Day - Grade 10-12
September 26th - Orange Shirt Day
September 27th - Professional Learning Day
September 30th - National Truth & Reconciliation Day (NO SCHOOL)
October 11th - Professional Learning Day
October 14th - No School - Thanksgiving Long Weekend
October 16th - Jr. High Fall Awards
October 18th - High School Fall Awards
October 31st - High School SLCs Completed - Grade 9, 12 and new students
November 1st - K-9 PD Day (no K-9 students)
November 1st - Career Fair for 10-12
November 6th - Report Card Marks Due
November 7th - Report Cards Go Home
November 7th - Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 8th - NO SCHOOL
November 11th - Remembrance Day (NO SCHOOL)
November 14th - Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00pm - 6:00pm
November 22 - Professional Learning Day
November 29th - Drop Deadline for Courses Sem 1 Gr. 11 and 12
November 29th - Student Learning Conferences Completed Grade 7 and 8

December 21 - January 5 - NO SCHOOL
January 6th - First Day back after Christmas break
January 28th - Grade 7 and 8 Wellness Day
January 29th - Professional Learning Day
January 29th - Report Cards Emailed Home

Semester 2

January 30th - First Day of Semester 2
February 13th & 14th - Teacher's Convention
February 17th - No School
March 21st - Grade 12 Portfolio marks due
March 21st - SLCs Completed for Grade 10, 11 and new students
March 21st - Professional Learning Day
March 22- March 30th - Spring Break
April 9th - Marks Due
April 10th - Report Cards Emailed Home
April 16th - 4:00pm-6:00pm Parent Teacher Interviews
April 18th - 21st - Easter Break
April 22nd - Professional Learning Day
May 1st - Drop Deadline for Courses Sem 2 Gr. 11 and 12
May 1st - Last Day to Register in a Blended Learning Course
May 16th - Professional Learning Day (Clearview Wellness Day)
May 19th - NO SCHOOL
May 20-30 - 3T Testing Window
May 30th - Grad Eligibility Deadline
June 1st - Grade 11 Portfolio Marks Due
June 4th - Fine Arts Gala
June 11th - Colour Night
June 23rd - Report Cards Marks Due
June 25th - Last Day of Classes
June 26th - Professional Learning Day (Transition meetings)

2025 Annual Education Results Report

We are excited to share our Annual Education Results Report!

<https://wmehay.clearview.ab.ca/>

What is this?

The Annual Education Results Report highlights our data from the Accountability Pillar Survey. The Accountability Pillar Survey is an accountability measure for all schools across the province of Alberta and helps the provincial government to monitor school success.

Who completes the survey?

Each year the provincial government sends surveys home to our grade 7 and 10 parents and in school, we are asked to have grade 7 and 10 students and all staff complete the survey. These results are then released to schools so that they can use the data to inform decisions and practice each year. Parents of grade 7 and 10 students should expect a package in the mail starting at the end of January and beginning of February.

Have comments that we can include?

Send them to mshpherd@clearview.ab.ca or denyedy@clearview.ab.ca

Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Information for parents and guardians

About the survey

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above and their parents will be surveyed.

Participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, such as welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments; student learning engagement; and parental involvement. The survey does not ask for names and cannot be used to identify individual participants.



Why is the survey needed?

Alberta's Assurance Framework requires school authorities across the province to report their performance according to a number of different measures that provide key information about how the education system is doing. A provincial survey allows all school authorities to be measured on the same things at the same time.

Participation in the survey is voluntary:

- All participants may opt out of taking the survey at any time with no repercussions and/or skip any questions they do not wish to answer.
- All responses are anonymous. The survey does not collect personally identifiable information and Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, school and authority.
- Only grouped data where there are more than six responses are reported.
- All data collected will be managed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey or your child's participation, please contact your child's school directly.



How will I take the survey?

- Parents or guardians are issued a single-use Random Access Code mailed through Canada Post to complete the survey online.
- The code must be used to access the survey and helps Alberta Education group your response as being from a parent/guardian. It is **not** used to identify individuals.
- Monitor your Canada Post mailbox starting late-January 2024 for the survey invitation package from Alberta Education.
- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested through your school principal once the survey opens.

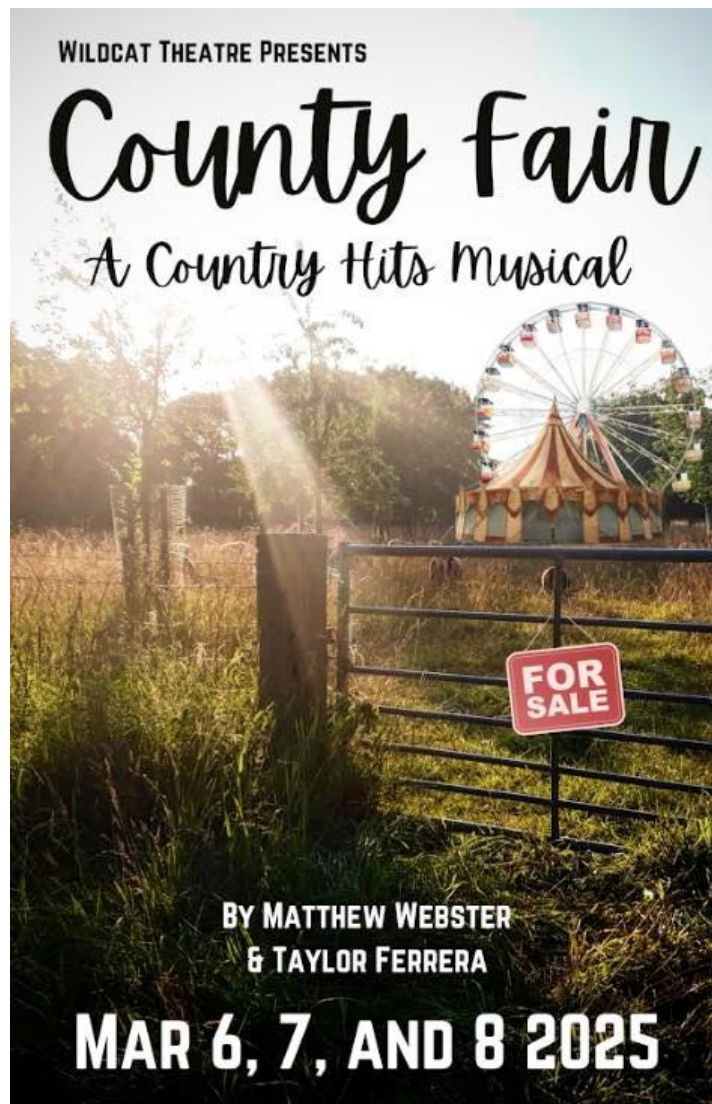


How will students take the survey?

- Students complete the survey at school.
- Before the survey begins, your child's teacher or school staff will explain to the students that the survey is not a test – there are no right or wrong answers. They will also explain that there are no repercussions for opting out of participating and that they may skip questions they do not wish to answer.
- Responses are submitted anonymously. Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, grade, school and school authority only.

Details about the assurance measures and how to obtain results are available online at www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact your school principal.



Updates from the Stettler Outreach Campus

We hope you feel refreshed and ready to study for all your exams coming up shortly. Diploma exams and finals are right around the corner. Hand in those assignments and finish up your courses you are working on!

Art - Ceramic Christmas bulbs were decorated and our doors decorated.

Foods - Skor cake with Maddie and Sasha and Butter Chicken with Tori, Phillip and Jei.

HYC - We had our wind up party for this semester with drinks and excellent food for all! We also watched a christmas movie to wrap up this session on a great note! Thank you to the Heartland Youth Center for their continued generosity!

We hosted our annual Christmas Dinner Banquet and the staff cooked a delicious meal that students and staff enjoyed together.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your teacher.

Amanda Hawkins - English/Social ahawkins@clearview.ab.ca

Darren Fleischhacker - Math/ Sciences dfleischhacker@clearview.ab.ca



*Fine Arts
Exhibition*

Fashion Show
Art and ceramics display
Food provided by Mr. Huo's Culinary Arts program
Welding and woodwork display
Band performance
Digital Photography
Theatre Arts presentation

Date: Thursday, January 16
Time: 7 pm
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Free admission for all

Location: Wm. E Hay Performing Arts Centre

School Council

Our School Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 21st at 7pm** in Room 116 or you can join us virtually at: meet.google.com/jfz-igry-gyw

School Council is a great way to stay up to date and ask questions about what is happening in our schools and to be able to ask questions and hear about all of the amazing things that happen in

our school.

Interested in connecting with your School Council Parent Reps? Reach out!

Chairperson:

wehchairperson@clearview.ab.ca

Senior High Chair:

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Junior High:

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Stettler Outreach Campus

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Previous Meeting Minutes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q4avGNE4lBkCqB_gQTHjRG2clyCDnF0she3gVjf8hQ/edit?usp=sharing



School Council... IS for busy parents!



School council is the most efficient way for busy parents to learn about Wm. E. Hay

- *Each meeting hear from the Principal, Clearview Trustees, a Teacher Representative, Student Union President and the School Council Chairs*
- *Learn about upcoming activities and the WHY behind the school's approach*
- *Have a say in what happens at Wm. E. Hay*
- *An excellent forum to bring your ideas, questions, or concerns*

Volunteering & fundraising not required!

www.wmehay.clearview.ab.ca

New faces are always welcome!

Preparing for Exams - 10 Helpful Steps for Students

1. Pick a place and time

Everyone has their own idea about the best place and time to study. Whether it's your bedroom at night or the library after school, find a study space and a regular study time that works for you and stick with it.

- **Set up your study space** – Your study space should be quiet, comfortable and distraction-free. It should make you feel happy and inspired. Decorate it with your favourite pictures or objects. If you want to listen to music or burn incense, pick a space that lets you do that.
- **Find your best time** – Some people work better in the morning. Others work better at night. Work out which time suits you and plan to study then. Don't study much later than your usual bedtime – pushing yourself late at night can make you too tired to study properly.

2. Study every day

If you study a little bit every day you'll be continually reviewing things in your mind. This helps you understand things. It also helps you avoid the stress of last-minute cramming.

Early in the year an hour or two a night might be enough to stay on top of things. Later in the year you might need to study more each day.

If you're finding it hard to find time to study, cut back on some (but not all!) of your other activities. Prioritizing study might mean spending less time online, or it might mean cutting back on shifts at work, or giving weekend sport a miss for a while.

3. Plan your time

It helps to have some plans in motion so you can make the most of your study time.

- **Set alarms** – Set alarms to remind you about your study plans. A regular reminder keeps you honest and your plans on track.
- **Use a wall planner** – Stick a calendar or wall planner up so you can see it whenever you're studying. Mark it up with important dates, like exams and assignment due dates. Use it to block out your regular study timetable too.
- **Make to-do lists** – Lists break tasks down into manageable chunks. At the start of the week, make a list of the things that you need to have done by the end of the week. Make a to-do list at the start of each study session too, so that you're clear about what you need to be doing with your time.
- **Set time limits** – Before you start your study session, have a look at your to-do list and give yourself a set time to spend on each task. If you don't get something done in the set time, consider whether it's the best use of your time to keep going with it, or to start working on something else.

4. Discover your learning style

Most of us have a preferred way of learning. Get to know the learning style you're most comfortable with and study in the ways you learn best.

Note that these styles are just a way to think about different studying techniques – they're not hard and fast rules that say you should only study in one way. Try each of these out and see which ways you prefer.

- **Auditory learners** prefer to learn by listening. Try reading your notes aloud and discussing them with other people. You might like to record key points and play them back.
- **Visual learners** prefer to learn by seeing. Try using colours in your notes and draw diagrams to help represent key points. You could try to remember some ideas as images.
- **Tactile/kinesthetic learners** prefer to learn by doing. Try using techniques like role-playing or building models to revise key points.

5. Review and revise

At least once a week you should go back over the things you've studied in class. Thinking things over can help you to understand the concepts and help you remember when you need them the most.

- **Quiz** – Get a friend or family member to quiz you on key concepts. Offer to help your friends with their work too. Quizzes are great ways to get confident about what you know and find out what you still need to learn.
- **Make your own study materials** – Think up some practice exam questions or create your own flash cards to help you study. This way you learn it all twice: once when you make the study materials and once when you use them to revise.

6. Take breaks

It's important to take breaks while you're studying, especially if you're feeling tired or frustrated. Working too long on a task can actually decrease your performance.

When you take a break, make sure you get away from your desk or study space. A bit of physical – even just a walk around the block – can sometimes help you to look at a problem in a different way and could even help you to solve it.

7. Ask for help

If you're stuck on something, or something just doesn't seem to make sense, you can always ask for help. Talk to your teachers or lecturers about the things you don't understand. Talk to your friends and fellow students too.

8. Stay motivated

When you're studying it helps to keep in mind your reasons for doing all this hard work, like a course or career you're working towards. It can help to have something in your study space to remind you of your goals.

9. App it up

There are heaps of apps out there for helping students with all aspects of study. Have a chat with your friends and teachers to see which apps they recommend.

10. Look after yourself

You'll study better if you take care of yourself. Make sure you eat well and get enough sleep and physical exercise. Don't reward yourself with too many sugary or fatty snacks or push yourself to study late into the night. It's also a good idea to make sure you drink lots of water when you're studying.

- Adapted from Youth Central

Grad Preparation Starts Semester Two!

Grad Committee lunch meetings and Grand March practice will start in Semester 2 so all grade 12 students are encouraged to keep an eye on the Grade 12 Google Classroom.

Save the Date: Grad 2025 is June 21st, 2025.



Myranda Shepherd

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