

# KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL

## JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

### WELCOME BACK!

We'd like to welcome all of our students and their families back to KAHS after the holiday break and the weeks of online learning.

Based on the announcements from AHS and the Government of Alberta, **students will return to in person learning on Monday January 11th.** The staff at Kate Andrews is excited to have our students back in the building. Along with all of the protocols shared by Palliser in their communication to parents, we remind our students that all of the previous Kate Andrews protocols are still in place. Over the next few weeks we will be finishing semester 1 and 'Cohort' based schedules have been created for students in semester 2. **Teachers will be teaching in person and will not be educating students in an online format.** We will continue to support students that AHS sends home for self-isolation/ quarantine by using Google Classroom as the main source for class content.

### STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO USE THEIR GRADE-SPECIFIC DOORS

#### Please Return Borrowed Chrome Books on Monday, January 11th

If you *(or your child)* have a borrowed Chromebook, please bring it to school with you on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please keep it with you until you are called to the office to check it in. Please remember to bring the Chromebook and the charging cord.



## School Cash Online

**Semester 2 begins on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please note that all school fees from Semester 1 must be paid and textbooks from Semester 1 courses must be returned before students will be allowed to get text books for Semester 2 classes.

## **GRAD 2020**

**Class of  
2021**



We want to acknowledge that with semester 2 quickly approaching, many Grade 12 students will be thinking about Graduation. We are thinking about it too! We have been hesitant to make any plans as of yet, as we realize that things could change so quickly regarding public health orders, gathering restrictions, etc.

Currently, we feel that it is imperative to concentrate on academics.

With all of that said, we will be planning some sort of celebration for KAHS Grad 2021. What that will look like – we just don't know yet. In Semester 2 we will be opening up communication around this topic. Students and parents – please watch your email and the KA website for further details as they become

**Any students, especially Grade 12's who would like to discuss credits and post-secondary plans should see Miss Meurs as soon as possible. Please email her at [jo-anna.meurs@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:jo-anna.meurs@pallisersd.ab.ca) to set up an appointment.**

## **GRAD PHOTOS**

Grad Photos are scheduled to take place in the KA Drama Room from **February 22<sup>nd</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

These photos are booked directly through Lifetouch, and their booking system is usually put in place about one month prior to the portrait dates.

Further information on this will be posted on our website and sent to Grade 12's via their school email and to parents as soon as possible.

## 2019/2020 Academic Awards

Academic Awards for the 2019/2020 School Year were distributed to most students during the last 2 days before the AB Governments announced that we had to make the switch from in-person learning to on-line learning until after the holiday break. As we were unable to hand out all of the awards in person we will be distributing the remainder throughout the coming week. A list of Award Winners will be posted once the awards have been handed out.



## PALLISER BEYOND BORDERS: NEW PROGRAMS

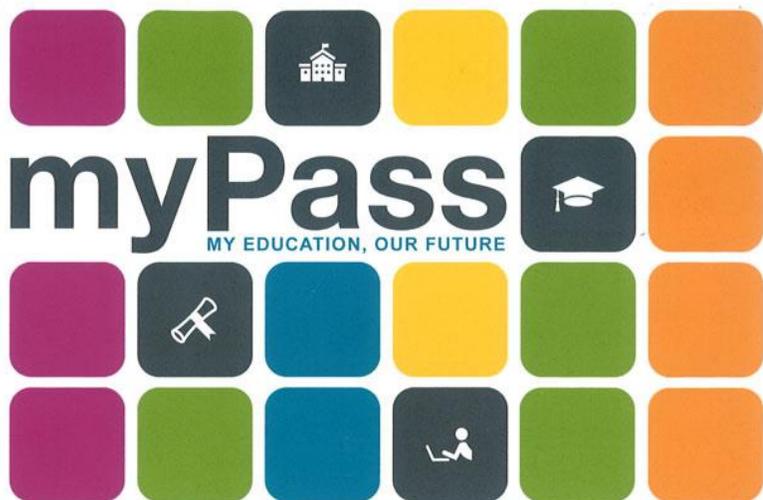
Palliser Beyond Borders is offering a new music program. This music course does not require an instrument and will be able to run from a Chromebook. Here is the quick pitch and the credit rundown:

**PBB Music** focuses on electronic music creation in a very accessible and enjoyable format. The end product is the creation of a short soundtrack to a video clip of the students choosing OR the deconstruction of a pop tune. We're going to use programs such as Soundtrap to help kids create musical soundtracks to short movie clips or video game clips (imagine Jaws or Call of Duty without music and then with students' creations behind it). This will accomplish musical literacy, creation and performance all in one package.

**Aviation dual credit course.** This course is a 10 credit, 30 level course that covers Private Pilot Ground School and Meteorology. It can be done synchronously (M, W, TH - 1:40-2:35) or asynchronously as the lessons will be recorded. We have room for 5 or so more students if you know of some that would like to take the course.

Please also note that we have an **expanded off campus team** to help students with Work Experience, Green Certificate and RAP. We are happy to support students in this capacity and will facilitate that learning for them. If you know of experiential or off campus offerings that you would like to try to increase student engagement or motivation, please reach out to either myself or your off campus coordinator.

If you are interested in these programs please contact Miss Meurs as soon as possible as they will start right away in Semester 2.



## Diploma Exam Marks

We recommend that all students register for myPass. This is also how you will request high school transcripts, so it is very **IMPORTANT!** (Transcripts are not obtained from your high school – they are obtained from Alberta Education.) There is a link to myPass on the KA website or you can go to [mypass.alberta.ca](https://mypass.alberta.ca).

Normally, myPass gives you access to your Diploma exam marks weeks before the KA office receives them. It also gives you access to many other important AB Education functions that are not available through high schools. Register as soon as possible because once you register AB Education will mail you a secure password via Canada Post to access your account.



 This is a screenshot of the myPass website. At the top left is the myPass logo with the tagline "MY EDUCATION, OUR FUTURE". Below the logo, the text reads: "myPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for high school students to:". Underneath, there is a list of three bullet points: "View and print diploma exam results statements", "Order transcripts", and "And more". At the bottom of the screenshot, it says "Visit [mypass.alberta.ca](https://mypass.alberta.ca) to request access." and the Alberta logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

The University of Lethbridge is starting to recruit students for the 2021 high school iGEM team. This is a great opportunity for students to experience real-world problem solving using advanced biotechnology and genetic engineering. We're looking for students who are driven and interested in science, business, coding, and art. No background in science is required! All students will be trained in the wet lab and get to participate in multiple business pitch competitions. This year the iGEM Giant Jamboree will take place in Paris, France! More information on the iGEM competition can be found here: [https://igem.org/Main\\_Page](https://igem.org/Main_Page)



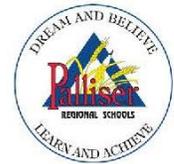
Past Lethbridge high school team projects:

[2020](#)

[2019](#)

[2018](#)

Students who wish to apply for the team, have until January 17, 2021 to complete the application form: <https://forms.gle/2CqHy2EzP6j2EkbMA>



# Stay at Home Guide

## When do I keep my child home?

The visual guide below is for students who attend Kindergarten to Grade 12 to simplify the requirements for public health measures and to understand how 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	Other Symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever (above 38 °C or 100.4°F)</li> <li>• Cough (continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma)</li> <li>• Shortness of breath (continuous, out of breath, unable to breath deeply, not related to other know causes or conditions such as asthma)</li> <li>• Loss of smell or taste (not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chills</li> <li>• Sore throat/Painful swallowing</li> <li>• Runny nose/congestion</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Muscle or joint aches</li> <li>• Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion</li> <li>• Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite</li> <li>• Conjunctivitis (pink eye)</li> </ul>
<p><i>This is my child. Now what?</i></p> <p>If your child has one of the 'core' COVID-19 symptoms above, they must do the following before returning to school:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Receive a negative COVID-19 test result and no longer be presenting any symptoms, or</li> <li>2) Stay home for a minimum 10 days (or longer if they still have symptoms)</li> </ol>	<p><i>This is my child. Now what?</i></p> <p>If your child has at least ONE 'other' symptom, keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours. If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they can return to school when they feel well enough to go. If your child does not improve or worsens after 24 hours, the COVID-19 self-assessment test is recommended.</p> <p>If your child has TWO OR MORE symptom 'other' symptoms, keep your child home. The COVID-19 self-assessment test is recommended. Your child can return to school once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.</p>
<p><i>How do I get my child tested?</i></p> <p>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 are faster than the required 10 day isolation period.</p> <p><i>No official document is required for 'proof' of a negative test result. In a family with more than one child, only the sick child is required to isolate and be tested.</i></p>	<p><b>What does it mean to stay home and self-isolate?</b>  <a href="http://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx">www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Take the COVID-19 self-assessment test and book an appointment</b>  <a href="https://myhealth.alberta.ca/journey/covid-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx">https://myhealth.alberta.ca/journey/covid-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx</a></p>

Information for the creation of this document was taken from: COVID-19 in School (K-12) Settings, Symptoms and Testing. Retrieved on October 30, 2020 from: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-testing-in-alberta.aspx>

Learn more by visiting our website: [www.pallisersd.ab.ca](http://www.pallisersd.ab.ca)

CAREER TRANSITIONS

CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION

# DATA SCIENTIST

JANUARY 27, 2021  
5:00pm – 6:30pm



*Do you enjoy working with computers or programming? If so, join our data science career talk! Data science involves working with large amounts of information ("data"), such as the number of players on a Fortnite server, to solve problems. Cybera data scientist Laura Gutierrez-Funderburk will tell you more about this career and what it takes to land a data science job.*



**Register now**

Once registered, you will receive an email with the link, plus additional information regarding the event.

Questions? Email [office@careersteps.ca](mailto:office@careersteps.ca)

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# PARTS TECHNICIAN

JANUARY 19, 2021  
4:00pm – 5:30pm



Take a virtual tour with your host from **Southland International** and explore **Parts Technician** as a career path. Discover various aspects of parts procurement and the importance of this role in the overall operation. See how parts are received and the computer systems involved. Delve into customer service and promotion and ask questions of the host. Finally, explore the unique business of "Old International Truck Parts" which will include a quick tour of the "Kirkham Collection" – a renowned Old International Trucks Museum. You don't want to miss this!




**Register now**

<http://bit.ly/2XaGqxE>

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# PRIMARY CARE NURSE

FEBRUARY 4, 2021  
4:00pm



Nursing is an incredibly diverse occupation. While approximately 60% of nurses work in hospital settings, an increasing number of nurses work outside of this realm. Join Registered Nurses Robyn, Kim and Kim from the Chinook Primary Care Network as they discuss the realm of Primary Care nursing. While acute care works to treat disease, primary care uses a team-based approach in the treatment of disease with an additional focus on wellness and the prevention of disease.



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# WELDER

JANUARY 21, 2021  
3:30pm – 5:00pm



Take a virtual tour with your hosts from **Southland Trailers** and discover why **Welding** is such a great career path. Not only will you get a chance to look at some key tasks and skills needed for welding, but AB Apprenticeship will also be on hand to answer your questions.




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**SCHOOL FEES: 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

*The Grade 9 fee of \$102.00 and the Grades 10 – 12 Fee of \$40.00 are due before students receive their lockers, books and opening day packages on their \*\*Registration Day. \*\*Information regarding Registration Days will be shared as soon as specific plans are known. Watch the KA Website and your email for updates.*

**Fees for the 2020/21 School Year will be posted to SchoolCashOnline by August 14, 2020.**

Palliser Regional Schools uses SchoolCashOnline for School Fees, Athletic Fees, and other program fees throughout the school year. Cash or cheques are accepted in the office if you are not able to use SchoolCashOnline, however we strongly encourage online payments. *The link for SchoolCashOnline can be found on the KA Webpage.*

BASIC SCHOOL FEES		
Grade 9	\$102.00	Palliser Technology Fee (\$35.00) Food Studies (\$31.00) Industrial Arts/Shop (\$31.00) Student Council Activity Fee (\$5.00)
Grade 10-12	\$40.00	Palliser Technology Fee (\$35.00) Student Council Activity Fee (\$5.00)
All Students	\$20.00	Experiential Learning Week (ELW) Fee <i>(Will be charged in Semester 2, only if ELW occurs.)</i>
PER COURSE FEES (Applies to Grade 10-12 ONLY): <i>(these fees pay for specific costs incurred for the class for supplies, field trips, etc.)</i>		
Grades 10 – 12	\$20.50	Cosmetology
Grades 10 – 12	\$20.50	C.A.L.M. 20
Grades 10 – 12	\$31.00	Art
Grades 10- 12	\$31.00	Construction/Fabrication
Grades 10- 12	\$31.00	Electronics
Grades 10- 12	\$31.00	Mechanics
Grades 10 – 12	\$31.00	Fashion Studies
Grades 10 – 12	\$31.00	Food Studies
Grades 10 – 12	\$41.00	Physical Education
Grades 10 – 12	\$31.00	MUSIC - BAND
Grades 10 – 12	\$20.50	MUSIC - CHOIR
Grades 10 – 12	\$20.50	MUSIC - GUITAR
Grades 9 – 12	\$100.00	Instrument Rental
Grades 9 – 12	\$550.00	Hockey Academy
OPTIONAL FEES		
Grade 9 – 12	\$41.00	Yearbook

**All BASIC School Fees are due before school begins. Students who have outstanding fees from previous years or who have not paid the Basic School Fees (\$102 for Grade 9 or \$40 for Grade 10-12) WILL NOT receive text books until these fees are paid.**  
*Most Grade 9 students are registered in both Foods & Industrial Arts. The fee will be removed for any student who is not taking these courses.*

**We want students to have books! Any families who are experiencing financial difficulties and as such are not able to pay basic school fees before classes begin, are encouraged to speak with Mr. Grimes to discuss payment plans or other options.**

The **Per Course fees** (which apply only to Grades 10-12) for the first semester will be invoiced on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and then on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the second semester.

The Per Course Fees pay for costs associated with specific supplies or services used in that particular class. (i.e. – groceries for Foods, wood or metal for Construction/Fabrication, Music for Band, Choir, Guitar, thread/machine maintenance and limited supplies for Fashion Studies or Field Trip costs for Phys. Ed.)

*Students in Grades 10-12 who drop courses after September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 respectively will forfeit their fee.*

**Athletic fees are separate from school fees and can be found in the athletics handbook. Athletic fees are due at the BEGINNING of each sport season.**



# 2021

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
3	4 First Day of Classes (On-line Learning)	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 In Person Class at KAHS Resume	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 School Council Meeting @ 7pm	29 PD Day  	30
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**Coming up in February:**

First Day of Semester 2 Classes: Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

No School: February 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

