KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



NO SCHOOL

There is no school on *Friday, November* 11th for Remembrance Day or *Monday, November* 14th. *Friday, November* 25th is a PD Day, with no school for students.

KAHS will host a
Remembrance Day Ceremony,
beginning at 10:30 am on
Thursday, November 10th.
Community members are
welcome to attend.

High School students need to register for myPass. This is how you will request high school transcripts and receive Diploma Exam results, so it is very important. There is a link to myPass on the KA website, main page or you can go to mypass.alberta.ca.

Register as soon as possible because once you register, AB Education will mail you a secure password via Canada Post to access your account.



Edsby

In early October, the KAHS office emailed invitations out to parents/guardians to join Edsby. Any parent who did not receive their invitation, should contact the KA Office to request another invite.

If you have more than one student in KAHS, and are having difficulty adding them to your account, please contact our office so we can re-issue the invitation for the missing student(s).

Edsby will be the method used to report GRADES and ATTENDANCE to parents. You can use the mobile Edsby app or log-in on a computer. The app is nice because you can set up notifications for attendance (*get a notice to your phone as soon as your student is marked absent or late etc*), or when new grades are entered as well as report student attendance to the school office. However if you log in via a computer, you can see more detailed information including notes that teachers have entered regarding attendance (*times student arrive to class if late, as well as any additional comments.*)

Parents will not receive phone messages or emails regarding student attendance. At this time Edsby reports only within the app/program and does not send separate emails or phone calls out to parents.

Students who have not returned the Demographic Verification forms to the office (these were sent home with students on Registration Day), **may experience delays** in getting this up and running, becasue we have not been able to verify contact information for these students. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

Edsby also has some help available at: <u>https://edsby.com/help/parents/</u>



Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place in person, in the KAHS Gymnasium on Thursday, November 3rd from 4–5pm and 6–8:30pm.

An appointment is not necessary and all parents/guardians are encouraged to come speak to their child's teachers.

Many students are already thinking about what they are going to do after high school. Colleges and Universities are already planning for future years and are holding open houses for current Grade 11 & 12 students.



Miss Meurs has posted a comprehensive list of post-secondary open houses, trades opportunities, scholarship information and much more on her webpage at https://www.kateandrewshighschool.com/career-and-academic-counselling2.

Kate Andrews has a brand new **Student of the Month Program**, and we are so happy to announce our September winners! There are 5 winners every month, and they can be nominated by teachers, students, parents, or community members. We are proud to celebrate our students excelling in Kate Andrews **P R I D E** – **P**assion, **R**esponsibility, Inclusivity, Determination, and Engaged and Enthusiastic.

These are qualities that we want to recognize that include both academic skills, but also strength of character.

The September recipients are:



PASSION - Tyler McNeil (Gr 10)

Nominated by: Kennedy Gurski and Tren Jolicoeur

Tyler shows great dedication to his studies and is always looking for ways to grow as an individual. He brings positive, humorous energy to every class and also encourages other students to be passionate and engaged with lessons, discussions and work. Tyler shows passion in almost everything he does, from volleyball to jazz band. Tyler is an incredible trumpet player and an amazing person in general. Not only is he passionate about the things he does, but he is also extremely determined. He's determined to get his work done, and he makes sure it is done well. Tyler is very well deserving of this award.

RESPONSIBILITY - Nick Klassen (Gr 12)

Nominated by: Kim Alexander

Nick attends classes regularly. works to complete his assignments, and comes prepared to every class, ready to learn. He shows up early to volleyball practice every time and is willing to help the coaches with anything that needs to be done. His dedication to his classes and his team has not gone unnoticed.

INCLUSIVITY- Lesley Roszell (Gr 11)

Nominated by: Kennedy Gurski

Lesley has taken a leadership role in Creative Writing. They have made all of the international students feel welcome by offering support in their studies, information about the school and just reaching out to have friendly conversations. Lesley is an active member of Book Club, did an amazing job in our Drama Production last year (taking the role on last minute after a casting change) and her positivity is contagious to those around her. No matter what she is involved in, Lesley wants all students to feel welcome at KA.

DETERMINATION - Zyrylle Bagalay (Gr 12)

Nominated by: Kennedy Gurski

I nominated Zy because of their determination in their studies. They have shown perseverance by setting goals and working hard to achieve these goals. Zy is always willing to set aside time to focus on what needs to be done. Zy is always positive, even when things are difficult.

ENGAGED AND ENTHUSIASTIC - Lukas Segouin (Gr 9)

Nominated by: Clayton Ressler

Lukas is an engaged student who can always be counted upon to try his best in his work and contribute to class discussions in a thoughtful and positive way. Lukas is the kind of student who is always listening and working hard and is dedicated to do his best in every aspect of his learning. He gives 110% is everything he does.

Visit our website to make a nomination!

https://www.kateandrewshighschool.com/student-of-the-month



FINE ARTS NIGHT SAVE THE DATE!

KAHS Fine Arts Night is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, November 22^{nd.}

Further details will be released soon!

ELA 30-1 Tutorial

Tutorials are an opportunity to receive support with writing, reading comprehension and understanding texts that are studied in Class.

Time: 3:40pm- 4:30pm

Place: Room: 104

Teacher: Miss Gurski

November Dates: 1st, 10th, 17th, 24th, 28th



CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION JEWELRY ORDER DAY

> Date: November 22 Time: 11:30-12:30 Location: Outside of Lunch Room

For more info, visit www.jostens.com/jewelry Catalogs will be available from the KA office soon.





Samples of student poems from Miss Gurski's Creative Writing Class

COMMUNITY:

COMMUNITY OPENS IT'S ARMS TO YOU, IT SHINES WITH A SMILE ANEW, IT PROMISES ALL THE FUN THAT YOU MIGHT WANT, AND YOUR HEART FILLS UP WITH HOPES SO STRONG.

COMMUNITY ASKS ALL THE QUESTIONS IT HAS, AND YOU SEARCH FOR ANSWERS WIDE AND VAST, FEARING TO BE JUDGED, YOU KEEP YOUR MOUTH QUIET AS YOU ASK, IS THIS ALL I HAVE?

COMMUNITY CAN BE SCARY SOMETIMES, AS IT LOOKS ONTO YOU WITH JUDGING EYES, BUT YOU FEAR NOT AS YOU KNOW, IT THINKS AND FEARS JUST LIKE YOU ALL THE TIME.

COMMUNITY OFFERS YOU COMFORT, IT DOES THIS THROUGH FOOD, IT DOES THROUGH RITUALS SO NEW, IT DOES THIS THROUGH TALKING TO YOU.

COMMUNITY ALL OVER THE WORLD IS DIFFERENT, IT MAY BE VERY DISTANT, DISTANT FROM WHAT YOU KNOW, BUT EVEN THOUGH IT STILL GROWS, GROWS ON YOUR HEART AS YOU LET IT DO, THE MAGIC OF COMMUNITY IS MAKING SOMETHING NEW.

BY CHRISTIAN-GABRIEL GORNY



GOODBYE ELISA VALENZUELA

THERE ARE NO REASONS TO SAY GOODBYE SO SOON LET'S NOT WASTE OUR TIME STAY WITH ME UNTIL THE SUN GOES UP

LAYING OFF LATELY EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED TODAY, I GREET MY PRESENT AND TASTE THIS SWEET GOODBYE

THE HARVEST



BY HENRY KLASSEN

THE SUN GLOWS IN THE MORNING LIGHT AS THE FARMER'S LIGHTS TURN ON TO START THE HARVEST THE AIR IS HOT FROM THE SUN THE COMBINE HARVESTERS ARE STARTING UP THE ROOSTER CROWS THE COWS GET UP THE FIELDS ARE AS DRY AS CLOTHES FROM THE DRYER. THE FARMERS RADIO IS PLAYING THE ONLY STATION IN THE SMALL TOWN (WHICH IS ONLY COUNTRY SONGS) WHEN THE KIDS WAKE UP ALL THE FARM TRUCKS ARE FILLED WITH GRAIN

THE NICE WARM MORNING HOT AND SO DUSTY YOU SHOULD PROBABLY STAY INSIDE WHEN IT IS TIME FOR LUNCH THE KIDS TAKE THE LUNCH TO EVERYONE IN THE FIELD THEN THEY HEAD OFF TO SCHOOL BY THE TIME THE DAY ENDS THE FIELD IS READY. UNTITLED BY JAIME LOPEZ LIFE IS LIKE A DESERT BRINGS US DOWN AND MAKES US THINK IF IT'S REALLY WORTH IT MANY WILL TELL US NO THAT LIFE ONLY BRINGS PAIN AND SUFFERING

HOWEVER IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT DESERT

THERE WILL BE AN OASIS OF PEACE

THAT WILL BRING YOU HAPPINESS AND LOVE

IT IS A CHALLENGE TO FIND THAT OASIS

BUT FACE IT

THE LIFE IS A GAME

LIFE IS A MYSTERY

FIND OUT

AUTUMN BY: LAURA SOFIA CASTANO

AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR LEAVES ARE TURNING YELLOW, HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED WITHOUT SEEING YOU AND WATCHING YOU CLOSE TO ME. THE TREES CHANGED BUT YOU ARE STILL THE SAME. I MISS YOU BUT NOT AS THE SAME AS THE TREES MISS THEIR LEAVES IN AUTUMN THEY KNOW THEY KNOW THE WILL COME BACK, I MISS YOU IN A WAY THAT YOU'LL NEVER COME BACK TO MY ARMS, NO MATTER HOW MANY SEASONS PASS OR HOW MANY TREES CHANGE THEIR COLOR.





KA READS & LEARNING COMMONS NEWS

Why go to the "boring" learning commons?

Boring?! What?! Ms. Wittebolle is crushed that you'd think that way! The KA Library Learning Commons provides a safe, welcoming space for students and staff to work, hang out, read, do a puzzle, use a chromebook, write an exam or collaborate together. There are also games if you are interested in challenging a friend. It's also where Ms. Wittebolle "lives" and she's not boring...most of the time anyway.

Do you love to read? Try out the KA Book Club!

Mrs. Hurley and Ms. Wittebolle host a book club on Wednesday at lunch in the learning commons. We are always looking for new members. If you love to read and talk about books, come and join us on Wednesdays.

Where can I find Information about...

Check out the KAHS Library Learning Commons website https://sites.google.com/pallisersd.ab.ca/kahslibrarylearningcommons/home!

Why go to the website? What's the point? Here's the point:

- Information about Destiny (library program)
 - How to find a book
 - See what you have signed out, renew a book or place a hold
 - Download the app
- Information about SORA
 - Audio and ebooks for free through Alberta Public Schools K-12 shared collection
- Indigenous Focus materials, including resources on Truth and Reconciliation
- Book Recommendations and genre organized reads under KA Reads
- Research links to
 - Exambank
 - Quest A+ practice diplomas
 - Canadian Encyclopedia
 - Lethbridge Public Library
 - Coaldale Public Library
 - Purdue Online Writing Lab help formatting your citations correctly
- Book Club
- Need Help?
 - Mrs. Greenaway's information
 - Links to other help lines, websites, etc.



Remembrance Day is coming. Check out this graphic novel about WWII & Canada.

KA ATHLETICS:

Volleyball is wrapping up for our grade 9's and JV teams concluding their season on November 4th and 5th.

Basketball begins in the month of November! KA will host home tournaments on December 9th & 10th (Gr. 9 Cat's Classic), and December 15th, 16th & 17th (SV Christmas Festival).

KA Athletics will be participating in a fundraiser that includes a digital card in order to raise money for all athletic programs in our school.



Kate Andrews Athletics - Provincial Sponsorship Pledge Program

Dear Prospective Sponsor,

Kate Andrews High School Athletics is proud to present the Provincial Sponsorship Pledge Program. Having earned a trip to the 2021 2A Boys Volleyball Provincials, we have realized that our previous funding model is not adequate in supplementing team provincial trips. Giving a lot of thought to possible solutions, we have decided to introduce the PSPP.

Why join:

To provide our youth the opportunity to compete at the highest level and represent our community on a provincial stage, without the added stress of last minute fundraising.

Why is it necessary:

Zones to provincials is a quick turnaround. We generally need to leave for provincials three days after earning a spot. Provincial expenses are sometimes north of \$10 000 by the time you include accommodations, bussing, tournament fees, and some meals. There simply isn't enough time to make this turnaround possible on our own.

How it works:

You pledge to provide a donation to help subsidize a provincial trip this year. Upon one of our teams making provincials, we will contact you to confirm your support and provide directions for making the donation. If none of our teams make provincials, you need not make a donation.

What is our goal:

Our goal is to have \$10 000 pledged through the program each September. This will ensure that two provincial trips are well subsidized each year should we have the need.

For more information on how to join the Provincial Sponsorship Pledge Program, or should you have any questions or concerns regarding potential sponsorships, please contact our Athletic Director via the following email: Clayton.Ressler@pallisersd.ab.ca

We thank you for taking the time to consider sponsoring our Student Athletes at Kate Andrews High School.

Best regards,

Kate Andrews High School Athletics Program

Good luck to our Senior Varsity teams as they continue their quest for zones and provincials.

We would like to acknowledge Kasko Cattle Co. (\$1000), the Duerksen family (\$1000), an anonymous Alumni donor (\$500) and an anonymous community donor (\$300) as our first pledges to our PSPP.

Thank-you for your support!

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WHY?

The best way for students to pique their interest in the skilled trades is to try them. In the words of a local employer who is very committed to hiring apprenticeship students, "Just get them (the students) through the door." We are doing this in the evening so we can involve parents and guardians so they can be an essential part of this learning process.

WHAT?

A unique opportunity for students interested in careers in the trades to get some first-hand experience in real-world settings with local employers. Students and their parents will spend an evening at various sites learning from skilled tradespeople in a hands-on environment. Students will receive a brief orientation and tour of the site and proceed to learn some new skills related to specific trades in a small group setting.

WHEN?

Tuesday, Nov. 15 and Wednesday, Nov. 16choose either one of these dates. Time: 6:30-9 p.m.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Brian Kim ar 778.679.7721 or brian.kim@pallisersd.ab.ca

IMPORTANT POINTS

1. The students will be covered for WCB by Alberta Education.

2. You determine how many students you can accommodate and the length of the evening.

3. We will create a sign-up platform and will inform you by October 31 how many students have signed up for your business.

4. The event will be open to grades 10-12 students.

5. We would like to have participating businesses from throughout Southern Alberta as we are involving the area school divisions.

6. If you are receiving this through the LCA or BILD newsletters and you would like to be involved, please contact Andrew Krul

STUDENT SIGN UP HERE:

Visit our website to sign up, starting Oct. 1, 2022. Visit the link below or scan the QR code to the right: www.lethsd.ab.ca/programs/off-campus-education/try-a-trade



Kate Andrews High School Newsletter



Check out the **KA** Athletics Calendar at: **KateAndrewsH** ighSchool.com/ athletics and follow **(a)**kaathletics on Instagram for an up to date schedule of all things Athletics going on at KA!

CAREER



Once registered, you will receive an email with the

link, plus additional information regarding the event.

Questions? Email office@careersteps.ca

IRONWORKER DECEMBER 1, 2022 4:30 pm Does being a part of new building construction excite you? Are you strong, agile, and able to work at heights? Do you like being outdoors and working on a team? Then

Ironworker may be the trade for you. Ironworkers assemble the structural framework in accordance with engineered drawings and install the primary and secondary steel for new buildings. Construction to learn more on this essential trade.

CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION



Register now for this FREE virtual session!

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

Questions? Email office@careersteps.ca

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Kate Andrews High School Newsletter

November 2022





Kate Andrews H.S. Library

Come support our efforts to bring football back to Kate Andrews!

November

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Boys VB Sr. Night	2 Girls VB Sr. Night	3 Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-5 & 6-8:30pm) Hot Dogs 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5 & drink	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony Pizza 1 slice for \$3 2 slices for \$5	11 NO SCHOOL	12
13	14 No School for Staff or Students	15	16	17 Taco in a Bag & a Drink/\$5	18	19
20	21	22 Fine Arts Night (Details TBA) Grad 2023 Jewelry Order Day @ Lunch	23	24 Pizza 1 slice for \$3 2 slices for \$5	25 PD Day	26
27	28	29	30			

Coming up in December:

December 2 (Friday): No School/PD Day December 13: Christmas Concert @ 7pm December 23: Last Day of Classes for 2022! (December 26-January 6: Christmas Break)

