



Thirsk Connects

January 22nd, 2019

This is our weekly communication providing you with reminders, links and the most current information regarding our school, activities and events. Please **also visit the Virtual Learning Commons at <http://vlc.rths.ca>**

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Graduation Portraits: Booking portal is now open.

PLEASE note the following changes:

January 31st: Semester 2 commences – ½ day for Regular Program & Full day for The Learning Program

Feb 1st: Non-Instruction Day, School Closed

Graduation Portraits:

To book your appointment please visit Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch at: lifetouch.ca/southernalberta Portraits are taken at Robert Thirsk High School and sittings commence on February 19. Students are welcome to bring multiple outfits and props but we cannot accommodate live props such as dogs, cats, lizards, etc. If you would like your photo taken with your pet please call the Calgary Studio at 403-255-5440 ext 4 to book an appointment.

School Council:

At the RTHS School Council meeting on February 12, 2019 at 6:00-7:00pm in Upper Learning Commons there will be a presentation by Patricia Pardo – Director of MRU Accessibility Services. Accessibility Services help to provide students with academic accommodations, tailored to meet each student's needs.

- Different services are offered
- Which documentation is needed
- Student responsibilities
- When you should start contacting post-secondary schools to set up services.

If you are interested in learning more about Accessibility Services at MRU, please feel free to attend the meeting.

Attendance:

If your student is going to be absent or late please phone the school absence line at 403-817-3400 ext. 1 and leave their name, grade and reason for absence. (Please spell your students name.)

Attendance information is communicated to our first contacts via email. For attendance discrepancies, we ask that you contact the teacher concerned.

Volunteers:

We welcome volunteers into Robert Thirsk. All volunteers are required to complete an Annual CBE Volunteer Registration Form and have a clearance from the Calgary Police Service. The Calgary Police clearance is valid for 5 years and can be transferred from a CBE school. All forms are available on-line or from the main office.

PowerSchool:

MyCBE / PowerSchool provides parents, students and staff seamless access to information and transactions using a modern and effective technology platform.

Our new student information system now includes, viewing academic information (schedule, grade and attendance), viewing learning activities using Brightspace by D2L, registering for transportation and noon supervision, paying fees, requesting waivers and booking school conferences.

Martinizing by Stephen Cleaners Fundraiser

Martinizing by Stephen Cleaners works directly with Robert Thirsk High school to help achieve fundraising goals. The program is very simple. Martinizing by Stephen Cleaners donates 10% of the total from each dry-cleaning order back to Robert Thirsk when parents and teachers mention the program. The donation is applied to all orders including in-store drop off and FREE pick up and delivery service. Martinizing by Stephen Cleaners is conveniently located in Crowfoot between the TD Bank and the AMA or you can check them out on-line at www.martinizing.ca, on Facebook @martinizingyc or on Instagram @martinizingbystephencleaners.