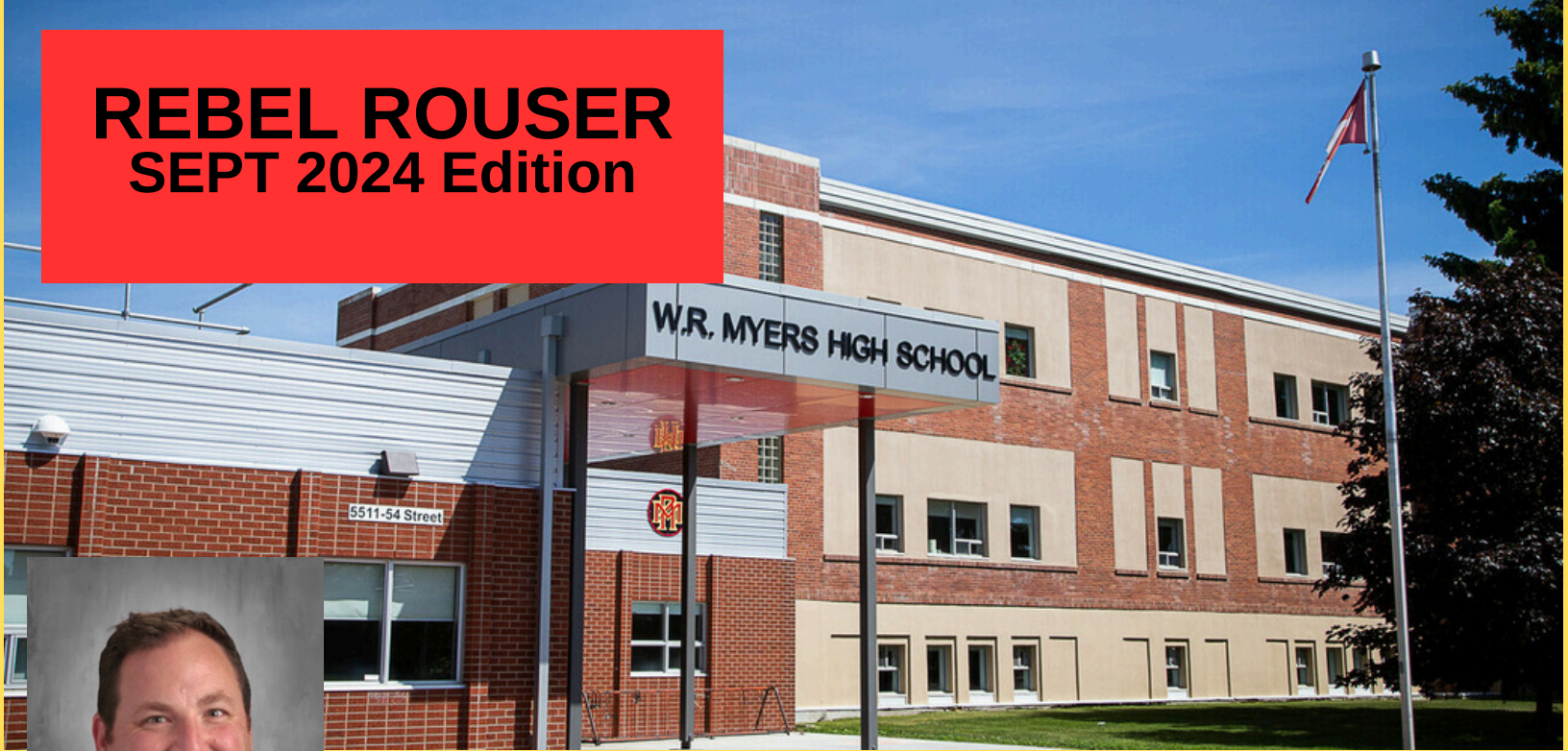


REBEL ROUSER

SEPT 2024 Edition



Principal's Report – Adam Hughes

We're off and running! The start of the school year has been both busy and exciting. Despite the lingering summer heat, our students have returned with great energy and enthusiasm. We're in full swing here at Myers, with classes, teams, and clubs all getting started this September.

It's going to be a busy month! Our football, volleyball, and golf teams are competing in tournaments and games across southern Alberta. New clubs, like the weightlifting club, are kicking off, and our Student Council is actively planning pep rallies, Terry Fox activities, and Fan Appreciation Nights.

I also want to highlight a couple of upcoming events for our school community.

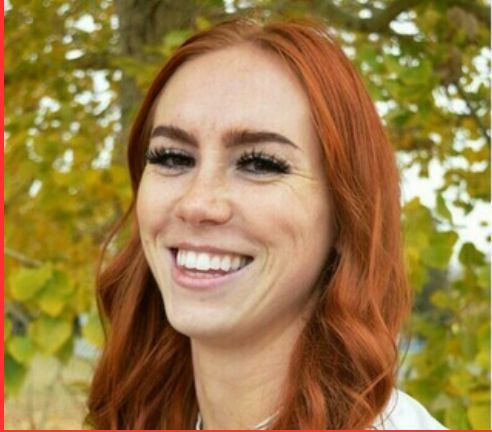
First, we have the Tri-School BBQ on September 17, where all parents and families are welcome. It starts at 5:30 PM in the bus loop, and we'll be serving free burgers, chips, pop, and cake!

Next, our first School Council meeting of the year will be on September 24, 2024, at 7:30 PM in the WR Myers Conference Room. Our current president, Jenelle O'Connor, will be stepping down, and I'd like to thank her for the countless hours she has dedicated to our community—she will truly be missed.

Thank you for everything you do to make Myers a wonderful place for our students.

Sincerely,
Adam Hughes

Meet the new staff ...



Hello, my name is Mrs. Furlanich, and I will be the new Language Arts teacher for the Horizon Christian Program. I currently reside in Lethbridge with my husband, Santiago, and our rambunctious cat, Katara.

I am a huge lover of books, and spend a good amount of my free time reading. I dream of one day having my own personal library. When I am able to put down my book, I can often be found working out at the gym or playing sports. I played many sports throughout my highschool years, and played rugby at a provincial and university level. More recently, I took up powerlifting and bodybuilding and have competed in both sports.

I love teaching, and find deep satisfaction in learning and growing alongside my colleagues and students. I am beyond excited to join the W.R. Myers team!

Hi, My name is Ms Sran. A little about me...

This will be my fifth year teaching with Horizon School Division. I've taught at the Horizon Mennonite Alternative Program, D.A. Ferguson, and as a substitute teacher. My background is in Mathematics and Art and you'll find I like to blend the two wherever possible in the classroom. When I'm not at school I enjoy spending time with my family and dog, playing board games, reading, and baking. I love gardening, animals, concerts and roadtrips. This year I'll be teaching grades 6 to 12 Math at the Horizon Christian Program and I cannot wait to meet the students!



Hello everyone! I am Mr. Friesen. I'm thrilled to join the team as a new teacher. I have a profound passion for history, especially early church history, western philosophy, and fitness. Outside the classroom, I love exploring through hiking and mountaineering, furthering my fitness through weightlifting and rock climbing, and observing the beauty of nature through bird watching. My heart for students is to see them equipped with the tools, frameworks, and attitudes to lead meaningful, thoughtful, and healthy lives for the sake of themselves, their families, and their broader communities. I'm excited to share my interests and enthusiasm with the students and look forward to being a part of this wonderful community!



Hello! My name is Josh Fuentes. I am excited to be starting my first year in Horizon School Division as a Wellness Coach supporting D. A. Ferguson, W. R. Myers and HCP. I graduated from the University of Lethbridge with a bachelor's degree in public health last year, and I am eager to use my knowledge to promote a healthy environment! When I'm not at work, I like to read books, ride my bike, and listen to music. I believe in the power of positivity and making people feel like they matter.

My name is Eric Neufeld, I'm a Constable with the Taber Police Service, and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new School Resource Officer!

Taber has been home to me since 2015, where I quickly discovered the kindness and hospitality of our great community. I began my journey with TPS by volunteering as an Auxiliary Constable in 2019, quickly finding policing to be a rewarding and challenging opportunity. For many years, The Taber Police Service, along with the Horizon School Division, have partnered together in the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. With this program, the goal to build relationships and partnerships in the schools has been tremendously successful.

Policing is a community effort, and in regards to the SRO program, every student, staff member and parent are stakeholders in this program, making it a valuable resource to the community. Being entrusted now with the role of School Resource Officer is truly a great honour, and I am excited to collaborate with the wonderful people of Horizon School Division. As I transition into this role, I look forward to building on what has been previously established, while learning and growing together with you all!





Hi! My name is Justina Schmitt. I am a Jesus-loving, cup-half-full kind of person. I Graduated from TMS, now known as HCP (Horizon Christian Program). This will be my fourth year as an EA, but my first at Myers, and I am so excited for this opportunity, although I will be working up in the HCP wing if you ever need me. During my previous years as an EA, I have enjoyed bonding with the students, watching them learn and grow, and being there for them in any situation. I have been so blessed in this job, and I cannot wait to see what working in high school will be like!

Hi! My name is Maggie Hudson,

I live in Barnwell with my husband, Kelly and our 3 kids; Jayla, Emery, and Trey.

**For the past 12 and a half years I have drove school bus. My bus families are the absolute best!
I started subbing as an Education Assistant last February and absolutely love it!
I am excited to be at Myers full time!**



Hi! My name is Viktoriia Liashenko. I am from Ukraine. I grew up, graduated from Pedagogical University there and worked as a teacher. But when the war started in Ukraine, my youngest children came to Canada with me. I love the Barnwell and Taber area very much - beautiful farms and endless fields. It reminds me of the south of Ukraine and my childhood there. I am very grateful to God for the opportunity to live and work here. I am very happy to work at W.R. Myers School with the students I used to work with at school in Barnwell. I think that working at school with children is the happiest profession.



Band



**The 1st Band Parent
Meeting of this school
year is Thursday, Sept
19th at 7pm in the Band
Room!**





Athletic Director

It's so great to see all our students and parents back at school. By the time you get this newsletter we will already be in the full swing of athletics. Our football will have played their first game and volleyball teams have completed tryouts.

We will also start organizing our Golf Team and our Cross Country Run Team. If you are a grade 10-12 student and interested in completing at Golf Zones you need to talk to Mrs. Cooney right away. The deadline to sign up for golf is September 10! Listen closely to announcements for cross country run practices and signing up for the team. Mrs. Planger and Mrs. Cram will be running our cross country run team this year.

I hope to see everyone out at our games!! Either playing, scorekeeping or cheering us on in the stands!!

Go Rebels Go!!

School Fees

They will be entered the week commencing Sept 9th now that schedule changes are done. They are due Sept. 30 and the instruction page is below Thanks!



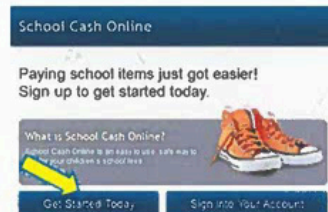
SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, Horizon School Division 67 would like to reduce the amount of cash & checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Follow these step-by-step instructions to begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

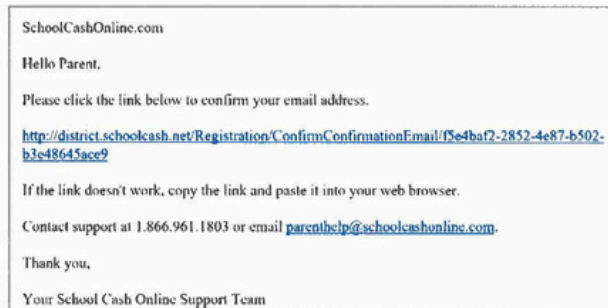
Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://horizon.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
**For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.*



Step 2: Confirmation Email

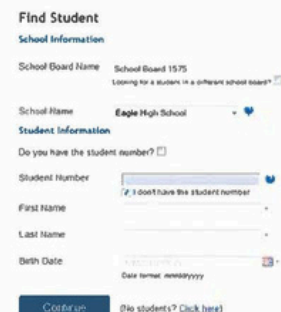
A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name.
- Enter the School Name.
- Enter Your Child's First Name, Last Name and Birth Date.
- Select *Continue*.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*.
- Your child has been added to your account.



Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Off Campus

There are 5 main components to Off-Campus

1. Work Experience
2. GREEN Certificate Program
3. Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)
4. Dual Credit Programming
5. CareersNextGen

Work Experience

- Earn up to 15 credits toward your high school diploma
- Helps to build your resume prior to high school graduation
- The experience of working can help guide your career choices
- Earn yourself a credit buffer
- Some students need to work - it is good to get credit for this
- Work Experience grades can sometimes be counted toward scholarships
- In order to enter into a paid Work Experience agreement, you will need to get yourself a job. We do not find you the jobs.
- Part time jobs, volunteer jobs, in-school teacher assistant work all count. We do not accept hours that are during your school timetable, and all hours worked must be between 7AM and 10PM. You are a student first.
- HCS3000 - Workplace Safety Systems - must be successfully completed before you may begin earning credit in Off Campus.
- You must fill out an Off Campus agreement form prior to earning credits.
- After a 75 hour - 3 credit minimum, you can earn one credit per 25 hours of work.
- Your employer will evaluate your performance, which factors into your marks.

GREEN Certificate

- The Green Certificate Program allows grades 10-12 students to earn up to 16 high school credits.
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| • Beekeeper | Cow/Calf | Dairy | Equine |
| Feedlot | Field Crop | Greenhouse | Irrigated Crop |
| Poultry | Sheep | Swine | |
- (You, the student) Find a farm, ranch or greenhouse that can provide hands-on training (this program is learning by doing). This training may occur on a home farm, etc.
 - Complete the required 1 credit safety course, AG 3000

Off Campus (cont.)

- Receive the training manual, work, learn and have your skills signed off by your trainer.
- You must complete at least one test in a year. Tests are all oral and are given at set times throughout the year.

Visit <https://www.alberta.ca/green-certificate-program> for more details.

Registered Apprenticeship Program - RAP

- Get a head start on a trade
- Earn up to 40 Credits (whoa, really!)
- Build your skill set and your resume
- Get hands on experience, and decide if a career in that trade is right for you

Process - students that apply are screened. The RAP program is not going to fit everyone, and it can be quite difficult working and keeping up with your high school courses.

Employers will meet with you and decide if you would be a good fit with their company. **Direct Supervisor** must have journeyman qualification.

You must maintain your apprentice (blue) book and tradesecrets website account to stay in good standing. Students are also required to register for a MyAlberta digital ID.

Visit www.tradesecrets.alberta.ca for a detailed description of all 50 trades in Alberta.

Dual Credit Programming

Dual Credit is an optional and competitive program that allows students to take a course at a college (usually Lethbridge Polytechnic for Horizon students). The main benefits are:

- Earn high school and college credit AT THE SAME TIME
- Have access to college instructors and facilities
- Cost of the course is covered by Horizon School Division (even books!)

Website: <https://lethbridgecollege.ca/programs-and-courses/dual-credit>

Grad



This year's W. R. Myers Ceremony will consist of a Cap and Gown Graduation ceremony on May 23, 2025 followed by a Grade 12 Banquet on Saturday, May 24th.

We are currently forming our organizing committees. If you are interested in joining the Parent Grad Committee, please email Nicole Cooney at nicole.cooney@horizon.ab.ca to express your interest.

TMS (Now HCP) UPDATE



We are excited to start the school year with a new name and logo for the HCP program! We are now called the Horizon Christian Program, and our new logo was designed by one of our Grade 9 students, Hilda Loewen.

Even though we have a new name, we are still focused on giving students free education with a faith-based and culturally sensitive approach. This week is also Mennonite Heritage Week, and we are excited to welcome many of our moms to join us for a baking activity. During this event, we will talk about ways to help students learn more about their own cultural history.

In the HCP program, we continue to give students many chances to grow. HCP students can enjoy great programs like Shop, Textiles, Cosmetology, and Media at WR Myers. They can also take part in special career programs organized by our off-campus team. This includes dual credit programs, where students can take college courses while still in high school, and trades exploration programs. We hope more students will try these exciting opportunities!

We have set up a WhatsApp group for families in our program to make communication easier. If you want to join, please contact Sean Dupuis or Lana Hansen. Lastly, we can't wait to see many of our families at the tri-school BBQ on the evening of September 17th. We hope to see you there!

W.R. MYERS SCHOOL APPAREL STORE



<https://wrmyerstaber.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Learning Commons – Library

Learning Commons (Library) News

Welcome back! If you still have textbooks or books from last year (or even years before), please return them as soon as possible. Overdue notices will be going out in the next few weeks.

Book club is back this year! Listen to the announcements and watch for posters later this month for more information.



Parent Council Meeting



Our 1st Meeting of the 24-25 school year is Tuesday, September 24th at 7:30pm in the Conference room.

Everyone is welcome.



Text communication



The Trusted Platform
for School Community Engagement

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number:

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: **978338**

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".



*if your number is Canada-based.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send "Y" or
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(For Canada-based numbers).

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

Tri-School

BBQ



Sept 17
2024

W.R. Myers

Bus Loop

Live
music
drink &
food

W.R. Myers

Calendar

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day - No school	3	4	5	6 ODD	7
8	9 School Picture Day	10	11	12	13 EVEN	14
15	16	17 Tri-School Barbecue 5:30 pm	18	19	20 ODD Terry Fox Run	21
22	23	24 School Council Meeting 7:30 pm	25	26	27 EVEN Orange Shirt Day	28
29	30 Truth & Reconciliation Day - No school					

REPORT AN ABSENCE

If your child is going to miss any school or needs to leave early please notify the office staff using one of the three options:

Phone 403-223-2292

Text 587-370-3812

Email wrm.attendance@horizon.ab.ca