

Woo Hoo! Its starting...

Our Online School is expanding...

Our choices are increasing – our student base is increasing – our teacher numbers are increasing – our exposure is increasing... Yes, Hope Christian School is expanding and touching more lives with our unique course selection, solid Christian content and superb teachers! And this year is going to be bigger and better. We have joined forces with several other schools so their students can experience our Christian influence through curriculum and teaching that you get to experience. We will continue to tailor our courses to suit your schedules and your commitments to make learning influential and experiential.

To the parents – thank you for your continued support of our online school and its goals to improve your students' learning experiences. To the students – thank you for supporting our teachers, grasping technology and supporting our growth in your lives and learning experiences! Remember if you have any areas of concern or areas you would like to provide input make sure you let us know!



Off Campus Courses

Technically all our courses are off campus – but in the eyes of Alberta Education the off campus courses include Work Experience, Green Certificate and Registered Apprenticeship Courses. On Sept 1 this year all students will have to take a mandatory Workplace Safety Course – HSC3000 before engaging in any “work experience.” This is a 1 credit course to increase the student’s awareness of safe and unsafe work environments and their role in reporting unsafe conditions. There are also TWO additional safety courses they can take which are HSC3010 and AGR3000. If they take all THREE they are eligible for a special certificate which would look AWESOME on your resume!! (Hint, hint)! So if you have any intentions of taking any off campus courses – enroll in HSC3000 TODAY!

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TECHNOLOGY

Learning to Love it!

Learning to use the computer and all of its programs can be a daunting task – just when you think you know it all – a new version is available. OR – you think you really do know all about the program – but really you only scratch the surface! We have a variety of courses available for students to take to increase their knowledge of Office 2007/2010 – and you WILL LEARN THINGS you never knew! Did you know you can customize your ribbon bar – wait – what is a ribbon bar???? Did you know that Powerpoint is often confused with a similar program called Powersentence – which everyone knows how to use (kidding!). Mrs. Dart has taken the mundane computerized voice of the old courses and revamped them to make them applicable. We would like all students to take these courses so they know how to use footers, headers, styles, sound files and so much more! The courses available are: INF1030 (Word), INF1050 (Spreadsheet), INF1060 (Database), INF1070 (Powerpoint), INF2020 (Keyboarding) and COM1275 (Digital Manipulation). These courses are guaranteed to increase your computer knowledge (available to parents as well!)



Mission Trip to Bay Area Rescue Mission in San Francisco July 2011

Technology Requirements

We would like to recommend that all students in Grades 10-12 have access to a TI 83-or 84 calculator for Math and Science; a writing tablet (like Bamboo) for writing on the whiteboard and a headset with microphone. Optional equipment includes a scanner for sending in lessons and a webcam (if you really want to see your teacher). DigiPro tablets are available to Math students if you do not have one. Please advise your teacher if your Internet is a “mobile stick” or “satellite”

GRADES

Monitoring Progress

A couple of teachers last year tried and used a program called Engrade to record student marks. Most teachers are going to use it this year to record student marks so that progress reports are immediate and a calendar of assignments is eminent. Parents can also have access to their student’s marks as well. Please make sure that every teacher has your “parental” email and you will be sent an invitation to set up your account and have access to view grades! No surprises come report card time!

Website: www.engage.com

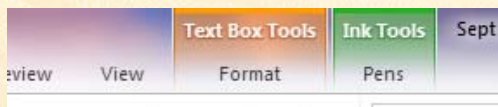
Blackboard

Illuminate is now called Blackboard

The program which your teachers will be using to communicate with you is now called Blackboard. Each teacher has their own classroom so you must be sure you are logging into the correct classroom – at least 5 minutes BEFORE class to set up your audio and video. You will be receiving a link to download a video about using Blackboard in the next week.

Using Your DigiPro

Some of you will be renting a DigiPro tablet for your math work this year. It is very important that it gets installed properly. There should be an install disk in the package – if not – contact Mrs. Dart. Although it works without the disk – you will NOT be able to use it with Microsoft Office and write on your tests! You should see the INK TOOLS tab in Word!



If you have the opportunity to get your own BAMBOO or INTUOS tablet – do it! They are worth their weight in gold!



ONLINE LEARNING

Making it a success!

Here are some tips to make online learning a success:

- ✓ Set designated study times – and stick to them!
- ✓ Have a designated study area – not the kitchen table or bedroom – it is too easy to be disturbed or do other things!
- ✓ Only have applicable programs open – yeah, it's easy to check your facebook status – but don't – reward yourself with a 5 minute FB break only after you have accomplished your set goal!
- ✓ Stick to the deadlines set up by your teacher – online learning is supposed to be flexible but don't let it be so flexible that you end up doing all your work during the summer! ☹
- ✓ Use technology whenever possible! Email, digipro tablets, PDF programs, Word – these will all help you learn more efficiently – but you have to learn to love them! Ask your teacher for help!

Become the person you are looking for is looking for.....



COURSES!

As your “online” school of choice - remember that we are here for YOU! We will help you anyway possible to get the programs you want or need to secure your Alberta High School Diploma! So what’s new? We now have FIVE Childcare courses – 2 Photography courses – 1 Wildlife course – Spanish – French –German - sewing – foods – design studies – study skills - credits for CPR/First Aid and Hunter Safety – Life of Christ on Facebook - PLUS the opportunity to design your own special project. Yes – special projects – are you participating in a mission trip through your church? If you are let’s work together to write up a special project and get you credits! What else? A new Calm course! Work Experience! RAP! And Green Certificate! Need anything else? Talk to Mr.

It is easier to make a point than it is to make a difference!

