



# Spring Update

## From the Principal's Desk

Hope. Hope is the one thing we are all looking for right now:

Hope that the school year will end successfully.

Hope that Easter will bring a renewed awareness of Jesus' love for us.

Hope that we can once again visit with family and friends.

Hope that our Grade 12's will once again meet together for grad.

Hope....it seemed elusive in January, but the longer days and the soon to "spring our clocks ahead" give a new jive to our walk. So let's welcome spring and continue to think positive!

## Throw Down the Gauntlet!

Canada's Most Informed School was a real success in November/December as we placed 2nd in all schools with a population of 100-499! Yes—across Canada! The school received a \$600 bursary plus several students received individual bursaries.

The SPRING Most Informed School is back! It will start on April 12 and continue through to May 21. So sign up again — EVERYONE—including parents—and answer the daily quiz. It only takes about 5 minutes or less a day! But Chatterhigh is actually more than a daily quiz. Students who participate in the competitions also learn about careers, post secondary colleges, and universities—they have the opportunity to explore different pathways to their future and consider areas that weren't even on their radar before this!

PLUS—there is more! Any school bursary money will be donated to Abi's refugee relocation fund! And as many as students as possible will be encouraged to help a fellow student move to Canada and pursue his dream of becoming a Canadian! (read more on the subsequent pages).

So let's get registered! Let's get ready to rumble! Let's score that TOP PLACE as Canada's Most Informed School.

Oh—and students still working on their credit for CTR2310 can still reach the target 30 000 points to add to their transcript!

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## SPRING BREAK 2021

**April 2—11**

### PD DAY

**March 22**

### Grade 12 GRAD

**June 25**

### Last day of classes

**June 25**

## GRAD 2021

We are forever hopeful – and have booked the hotel – so let's pray and hope that grad can return to Hope Christian.

Until further notice – grad will be June 25 at the Red Deer Radisson Hotel from 5 pm to 9 pm.

More information will be sent to potential grads over the next couple of weeks!

### Science Olympics 2021

The Science 10 students in Mrs. Dart's class will be participating in the virtual Science Olympics this year. Starting March 1, teams or individuals (if they choose) can elect to build the challenge project, test their prototype, record their trials and submit their video to compete and win prizes. The Science Olympics are sponsored by APEGA (Association for Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta).

This year the challenge is to build a contactless delivery mechanism that will deliver a package to a door while maintaining a safe distance and return the package if the delivery is unsuccessful. The budget is only \$50 and they cannot use a drone!!

So let's see how the students do!  
Contest ends May 10th

## High School Post Secondary Day

PLSD will be holding a Grade 11-12 Post Secondary Virtual Event on March 18 from 9:00 am to 11:40 am. This event will be held virtually and students will be excused from attending their online classes IF they attend this event.

Students can choose ONE presenter PER session

**9:00 – 9:35** – Red Deer College, SAIT, U of Alberta

**9:40 – 10:15** – U of Lethbridge, Olds College, RCMP

**10:25 – 11:00** – U of Calgary, Medicine Hat College, Lakeland College

**11:05 – 11:40** – Augustana, Mount Royal, Lethbridge College

Any Grade 11 or 12 students who wish to attend any of these time slots MUST pre-register with Mrs. Dart prior to March 18th. Zoom links will ONLY be sent to pre-registered students.

## Career Exploration—Grade 9/10

World of Choice is a program sponsored by Junior Achievement. This year the event will be virtual and held on March 15, 17, 23, 24.

The choice of careers will be as follows:

March 15: 1:00 – 2:15 – RCMP, Nurse, Security Trainer, Real estate, costume designer

March 17: 1:00 – 2:15 – Animal Health, Brewmaster, Marketing, Olds College, Tattoo shop owner

March 23: 10:00 – 11:15 – SAIT, Medical Robotics, IT, Medical Lab, MLA

March 24: 1:30 – 2:45 – Trades, Settlement Councilor, Entrepreneur – laser tag, Piercing Shop owner

All students will be asked to stay for the entire duration of the zoom session (no skipping out early – even if you only want to listen to 1 or 2 speakers).

If any student in Grade 9 or 10 is interested – please email Mrs. Dart (Margaret.dart@hopechristianschool.ca) for the log in information.

If any Grade 11/12's are still undecided as to their career future – send an email to Mrs. Dart – and she will see if she can get you into the sessions you want.

## Coming to Canada!

Students in Grade 11 and 12 have had the opportunity to have Abi Pervaiz in their class – all the way from Nepal! Abi has been taking courses for the past 4 years and is hoping to graduate IN CANADA – next year! It has been a long haul for him with limited education opportunities but he has persisted despite the 12 hour time difference! Yes, he has attended live classes at midnight his time! Dedication!!!!

The “group of five” sponsors who are assisting the Pervaiz family in coming to Canada finally have the go ahead to start the paperwork – and there is lots – including raising a minimum of \$27 000 for housing and food. But there are a lot more expenses including furniture, clothing (Abi is not scared of -40!), and other expenses. Both his Mom and Dad would be looking for jobs in Edmonton once they get settled.

So why refugees? (this is the Reader’s Digest version)

Mr. Pervaiz was born in Pakistan, moved to London, met his wife, moved back to Pakistan, opened a successful grocery store and built a big house. The Islamic Madrassa expected him to donate his house and he would be rewarded by Allah. (The Pervaiz family are Christians). He refused, police wouldn’t help, house threatened to be burned, their lives were in jeopardy, no help from neighbours. Left Pakistan for Thailand but couldn’t get a interview date for refugee status for 4 years but their Visa is only good for two. In 2015 they left for Korea – couldn’t afford an extension on that Visa so headed to Nepal in 2017. They have been in limbo in the refugee camp since then waiting to find a “forever home.”



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## Fundraisers for Abi

Chatterhigh and Canada’s Most Informed School will be starting on April 12! Students need to sign up and quiz daily – any money earned for the school will be donated to the Pervaiz family – and students with individual bursaries can also choose to donate their money

## VIRTUAL BOTTLE DRIVE

Everyone has bottles kicking around since the beginning of the lockdown – or even before then! Let’s get organized – take your bottles to the local bottle depot – and donate ALL money received to the Go Fund Me Account for Abi! This is just a small way in which we can all help to make someone’s dream come true!