



THE DRAGON'S DEN NOVEMBER 2011

Principal—Mr. Garth Dagg
Vice Principal—Mr. Curtis Dick



Principal's Message

Students will be bringing home their first report cards on November 17th. Mid November will represent about ½ of the semester completed, and in most of the courses, ½ of the course content has been covered. One common question we get from parents of students who may be failing is if they can recover by the end of the semester. Our core classes such as English, Social, Math and Science will all have a final exam with a weighting of 30% - 50%, so considering there is half the course plus a final exam left, there is lots of opportunity for students to improve their marks. Our staff met to discuss students with failing grades after interim reports went out, and to no surprise, the most common reason seemed to be poor attendance and/or incomplete homework and assignments. If you would like to meet a teacher and talk about your son or daughter, there are parent- teacher interviews scheduled for November 23rd. Please call the school to book an interview time.

Check out our November calendar for some significant upcoming events. On the musical side of things, the 2nd annual Jazz Festival is taking place November 7-9th, and our amazing Bands will be hosting their own fall concert on November 17th. As for other November events, our 2nd School Council Meeting is November 14th. It was great to have 6 parents at our first meeting, and I'm hoping we can surpass that for our 2nd. Remember, this is not a fundraising committee; it is simply a chance to hear what is going on in the school and to act as an advisory council on some school issues and practices.

As a final note, thank you to all of the student athletes and coaches for representing our school so well this fall. Golf and Cross Country Running have finished up, and volleyball is getting into the last few weeks. We are fortunate to have some dedicated staff and community coaches that are willing to volunteer their time so students have a chance to compete at a higher level and be part of a team. As we gear up for Basketball, we may still need some coaches to help with our programs, so if you know of anyone, please give me a call!

School Website www.didsburyhigh.ca

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HOODIES &
SWEATS
FOR SALE
black or
grey**

**HOODIE
\$65
SWEATS
\$45
OR
\$100 FOR
BOTH**

LIBRARY NEWS

Approximately 75
New Fiction and
Non-Fiction Books
Have Arrived!
Come In and Check
Them Out!!

Helping our students achieve success

A message from the Superintendent

Results from provincial achievement tests and diploma exams show Chinook's Edge is serving our students well in meeting standards set by the Government of Alberta. Provincial achievement tests, which are administered each year to students in grade three, six and nine, indicate Chinook's Edge is seeing an increase in several measures and we firmly believe the supports we have implemented are working. We still face challenges in results for certain subject areas at the diploma exam level, and we have specific supports in place to address those.

We are continually striving for improvement in our key outcomes. Good instructional strategies, a new education planning process, exam analyses, a focus on Quality Learning Environments and Instructional Leadership, and increased instructional collaboration – these are just some of the initiatives we have established as we continue working toward achieving higher levels of excellence. Because everyone at Chinook's Edge wants ALL students to achieve, we are very pleased to see our participation rates are above provincial average. Chinook's Edge is a division of hardworking students, skillful staff, devoted parents and supportive communities.

Our schools have detailed information regarding their specific results, and we invite you to take a look at what is happening in your school. Overall, the information shows high levels of satisfaction among students, parents and staff with the quality of education in our division. Thank you for the work you do in providing such a solid education to Chinook's Edge students.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools

Mission:

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

Vision:

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

November Events

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| November 2 | Take Your Kids To Work Day Grad Planning Meeting 7pm Parents & Students |
| November 7,8,9 | The 2nd Annual Olds Rotary JAZZFEST (See page 6 of newsletter for more details) Nov 7—CESD Student Jazz Night with Special Guest —Red Deer College Big Band— 7pm Admission by Donation Nov 8—Hot Club Edmonton 7pm Nov 9—Calgary Jazz Orchestra 7pm |
| November 8-9 | Jazz Workshops Zion Church |
| November 11 | Remembrance Day—No Classes |
| November 14 | School Council Meeting 7pm |
| November 16 | Band Society Meeting 7pm Family School Wellness Team Presents “TRUST” 6:30-9:00pm |
| November 17 | Report Cards Sent Home DH Band Fall Concert 7pm |
| November 18-19 | JV Girls Volleyball Zone Championships |
| November 23 | Parent/Teacher Conferences, Call for Appointment |
| November 25 | Non-Instructional Day—No Classes |

Counsellor's Corner

DUAL CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND OLDS COLLEGE

As high school students at Didsbury High School your son/daughter has the opportunity to enrol in dual credit courses. Students will enrol in college courses and receive both college and high school credits. What a great opportunity for our students!

I am attaching a copy of the courses offered so please review and pass on the information to any other interested families. I have more detailed information for each course if you are interested.

If you would like to enrol in a course see Mr. Klein for an application form, deadline December 7 but you need to apply early to guarantee your spot.

Dual Accreditation
Menu of Courses-**Second Semester 2011-2012**

Semester Two -Open to CESD **Grades 11 and 12 students** who are able to transport themselves to the college (if necessary).

Application deadline is **December 7, 2011.**

| College Course | High School Credit | Delivery Method/Location | Time | Min/ Max Enrolment |
|--|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Online Fashion Marketing Courses FAS 6111-Fashion Research and Career Analysis FAS 6201-Introduction to Image Consulting MKG 6151-Fashion Promotions | 2 credits (FAS 2040 & FAS project course) 2 credits (FAS 1010 & FAS project course) 2 credits (MAM 2090 & MAM project course) NOTE: For each of these courses, students must have taken at least one other CTS course to allow us to meet the parameters of the project courses. If they do not have another CTS course, they will only receive one CTS credit. | Online and asynchronous. Students will not need to transport themselves to the college. Students should have at least one free block in their school day to be able to successfully complete one of these courses. Adding a college course onto a full timetable will be too much for most high school students. | January 3-April 20, 2012 | Open |
| ELM 1010 (Fundamentals of Landscape Construction) -Students will need to provide their own PPE (steel toed boots and a respirator~\$125.00 total) | 3 credits, from the following possibilities: CON 1010, 1070, 1120, 1910, 2010, 2120 | On site, at Olds College with an OC Instructor. | Jan 3 to April 12, 2012 Monday and Tuesday, 2:00-5:00 | Two seats available. |
| Pre-Employment Welding | WDA 3400 series-there are 13 possible one credit courses in this CTS series. Students will also receive apprenticeship math instruction and may require some additional tutor-support from the high school. | Olds College-on site | 1:00-5:00 daily, February 1-June 28, 2012. | 10/15 |
| APT 1240-Apparel Design | Two, from FAS 1000, 2000, 3000 | Olds College-on site | Jan 3-April 13, 2012 Section A-1:00-3:00 MWF Section B-3:00-5:00 MWF | 1 seat available in each section |
| APT 1160-History of Clothing | FAS 2040 and FAS project Students must have taken at least one other CTS course to allow us to meet the parameters of the project courses. If they do not have another CTS course, they will only receive one CTS credit. | Olds College-on site | Jan 3-April 13, 2012 9:00-9:50 MWF | 2 seats |
| Seven week WORKSHOP (not for college credit) | FAS 1060 Creating Accessories 1 FAS 2060 Creating Accessories 2 Students must have pre-req from high school-FAS 1030 Sewing Fundamentals | Olds College-on site | February 28 to April 12, 2012 T/R 1:00-4:00 | 5 seats |

November Events

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Christmas Shoebox Challenge will begin mid November.
Period 4 classes are challenged to collect as many shoeboxes as possible.
The winning class will receive a Pizza Lunch!!
Watch for more details.....



DHS is looking for basketball coaches for :

JV Girls and Boys
and
SR Girls and Boys

Call Ian Bates @ 335-3356 if you are interested



GRAD 2012—PLANNING MEETING

Students and Parents who would like to have input for Grad Celebrations are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, November 2nd



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| President | Tegan Daubney |
| Vice President | Derek Alcorn |
| Secretary | Emily Leggette |
| Treasurers | April LeNeveu & Maddie Kimmel |

*Students are encouraged to become involved & have their voices heard by attending Student Council Meetings which are held once a month at noon.
Listen for announcements!*

THE 2ND ANNUAL OLDS ROTARY

JAZZ FEST



TransCanada Theatre | Olds, Alberta

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

CESD Student Jazz Night WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

Red Deer College Big Band

* ADMISSION BY DONATION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Hot Club Edmonton

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Calgary Jazz Orchestra

ALL SHOWS

7:00pm

AVAILABLE AT:

TICKETS

Students \$15

Adults \$25

- DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL
- OLDS HIGH SCHOOL
- DIDSBURY PHARMASAVE
- SHOPPERS DRUG MART
- MACY'S RESTAURANT, DIDSBURY

Creative **Studio**

New to Didsbury! Creative Studio is pleased to be offering Art and Drama classes for children and teens!

Fall Classes begin September 13th, 2011 and run through to May 31, 2012

ARTISTIC ADVENTURERS

Tuesday or Thursday 4 - 5 PM

Let your mind take you on an adventure to discover art! This class will work on basic art skills through a variety of hands-on projects and crafts. (Ages 6-10)

ARTIST'S STUDIO

Tuesday or Thursday 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Learn, Practice, Create!! This is a project based class in which students will be taught the skills and techniques necessary to create various works of art in a variety of mediums. (Ages 10 +)

ACTOR'S STUDIO

Tuesday or Thursday 5:15 - 6:15 PM

This is a production based class. Take part in learning theatre techniques and developing acting skills. Students will be given the opportunity to perform in our Christmas and Spring productions! (Ages 6 +)

PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER (403)518-4954

or email calicreativestudio@gmail.com

The Family School Wellness team will be presenting the movie "TRUST" on Wednesday, November 16th in the Community Education room at DHS from 6:30 - 9:00.

The presentation will discuss issues around on-line predators, why teenagers chat with strangers and on-line safety tips for parents.

This presentation will look at the do's and don'ts of being on-line from a parents perspective.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW DHS WEBSITE @

www.didsburyhigh.ca

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November 2011

| Sun | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 Take Your Kids To Work Day Grad Planning Meeting 7pm Parents&Students | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 JAZZ WORKSHOP <i>The 2nd Annual Olds Rotary JazzFest TransCanada Theatre, Olds See Page 6 of Newsletter for more details</i> | 9 | 10 | 11 Remembrance Day No Classes | 12 |
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| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences Call for Appt. | 24 | 25 Non-Instructional Day No Classes | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

Merry Christmas

December 2011

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Christmas Band Concert 2pm | | | | | | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | | | | Christmas Break Begins | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

SR BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CLC Fitness Centre

Something for the whole family!

Fitness Classes, Clinics, Personal Training,
and **MORE!**

Membership Rates:

Chinook's Edge Staff: \$250 / year

Chinook's Edge Student: \$100 / school
year *runs 09/1/11- 08/31/12*

Fitness Classes for all ages and fitness levels: TRX, Spin, yoga, WOW, etc

For more information call 403-507-7782