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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

What a February! I've been in the school division for 30 years and this is the first time we've had four "Red Days" in a row. It sounds like the division will be visiting their policies and procedures for this situation in the future. For our part, we did our best to keep some work going in the core courses using google classroom and google meet. I realize not everyone has the ability to use the internet and computers during the day, so students that could not take part in learning during that time will be able to catch up once they return.

March is a good month to plough through lots of school material after having a break in February. Although it is a good time to get through content, I do find it is a long haul for students. It does look like we have a series of a 5 day school week followed by a 4 day school week, so I hope the routines allow students and teachers to get into a good rhythm. As for the two Fridays in March that students don't need to attend school, it is a good idea to use this time as a catch up day. If some of that day can be set aside to complete work on projects, essays, summarizing notes from a unit, etc. it can make the rest of the month less stressful. Doing that work on a Friday gives the student a nice two day weekend without homework to worry about.

We still don't have lots on our calendar for public events but are looking forward to the time when we can. We will send out an email on March 18th as a reminder to check out PowerSchool to see how your son or daughter are doing after 6 weeks of school in semester 2. We will follow up with phone-call Parent-Teacher interviews on March 25th.

Have a great March!

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Message from the Superintendent

Students are achieving high levels of success

In Chinook's Edge, we are continually looking at different assessment tools which convey the great accomplishments of our students and staff. Although some traditional measures of student achievement have been disrupted because of COVID-19, we can continue to look at a number of other indicators when determining student success. A series of success measures are embedded in our division goals:

Academic Excellence: we are able to refer to data from grade 3 student learning achievement tests, grade 6 & 9 Provincial Achievement Tests, grade 12 Diploma Exams, along with PowerTeacherPro Gradebook, student attendance and reading support level data, among other measures.

Career Connections: our schools continue to refine their comprehensive plan of career exploration, planning and guidance for students in grades 9-12 and embed this work within school cultures.

Social Emotional Well-being: school staff are utilizing our social emotional framework and our collaborative response model, along with a new vision for supporting students in the early years, to ensure the needs of all students are being met.

Among all the checks and balances in place, we believe success can also be measured in the resilience that our students have shown as they have made the shift to learning online as needed. We understand that not all families have access to adequate internet in the home, and we know parents are trying their best to support their child when they are required by COVID-19 restrictions to learn online from home periodically. Here is [a link](#) to some tips we have developed to help improve home internet access, so that your child can get the most out of their learning. Also, we encourage you to reach out to your home internet provider. Many providers have been very helpful in working with families to improve access, and they have also been assisting our technology department as they continue working towards solutions together.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

For Trustee updates and to read the latest Board eNews, please visit our [website](#).

Are you interested in running for Chinook's Edge Public School Trustee in the October election? Please read more at [this link](#).



Scholarship News

Didsbury High School
Scholarship Fund Society



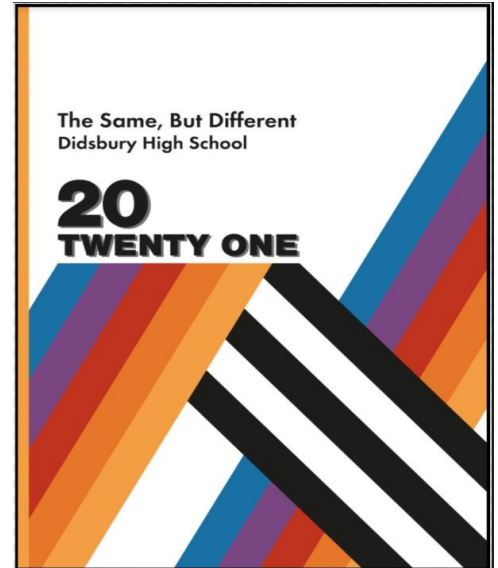
Applications will be available in **April**.
Please listen to the announcements and
watch the grad board for more details.

2020/2021 DHS Yearbook

It is not too late to purchase your
2021 Yearbook!

Grads don't miss your opportunity to
capture your final year at DHS!!

All orders can be placed through the online
school fees payment program,
or see Mrs. Nielsen to place your order.



Band News

Congratulations to Amy Black, Mikayla Henderson, Payge Laverdiere, Chase Rauhala and Kaleb Rauhala who have all been accepted into the Alberta Band Association Virtual Wind Symphony! Over the next few weeks they will be involved in masterclasses with members of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and recording the world premier of an original work by Alberta composer Allan Gilliland.

DHS Music is just starting our final fundraising campaign of the year - Mom's Pantry. All students should have order forms and catalogues. Orders must be turned in by Wednesday, March 24th.

Although we're all disappointed that our Spring Tours are postponed again this year, an opportunity now exists for students to pad their fundraising accounts so that they are able to take part in Music Department travel when it is allowed again. I am hopeful that the festivals that we have taken part in for many years will be back up and running by next Spring!

The next meeting of the DHS Band Society will be Wednesday, March 10th via Zoom. If you would like to receive the meeting link please email me at kwassmer@cesd73.ca.

If at any time you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at DHS (403.335.3356, ext. 5959).

GRAD 2021



The minutes for the February 22th Graduation Planning meeting will be available on the DHS website, didsburyhigh.ca, GRADUATION.

The next Planning meeting is Monday March 23rd
via Zoom at 7 pm



St Patrick's Day “Gold Rush”

Join the DHS Leadership Team on
Wednesday March 17th for the
“Gold Rush” game starting at lunch
in the foyer!




Looking Ahead

April Dates to Remember


Good Friday—No Classes	April 2
Easter Monday—No Classes	April 5
Report Cards	April 16
Spring Break—No Classes	April 19 - 23
Parent/Teachers Interviews	April 29



March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Grade 9 Immunizations	4	5 Non-Instructional Day—No Classes	6
7	8	9	10 Virtual Band Mtg 7pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St Patrick's  "Gold Rush" Game	18 Interim Report Cards	19 Collaborative Day—No Classes	20
21	22	23	24	25 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30 Appts Required	26	27
28	29	30	31 Wild West Wednesday			

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