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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

I dared to take a look at last November's newsletter before writing this one and was sadly reminded of all the things we were able to do way back before the word Covid entered our vocabulary. A year ago, our volleyball teams were competing and the Girls team was destined to do great things. We were planning for a Remembrance Day service that some parents attended, the Fall Concert was coming up, the grade 9's were getting ready for Take Our Kid to Work Day, and we had completed actual face-to-face parent interviews. To look at the positive side, we are still coming to school, volleyball teams are able to get together and practice in the gym, as I sit in the office I can hear our band play music, and we had some pretty good phone conversations for parent interviews.

I expect that in time, our community will be dealing with Covid and we are doing our best to be prepared. There have been a couple of schools in our division that have had an individual test positive, and thankfully the case was isolated and did not lead to further cases. Our admin team was able to hear from those schools for lessons learned.

I would like to take this time to thank parents for their support. Things are not the same, but we are making the best of the situation we have. Student attendance has been great, and those that are missing have been doing a terrific job at getting their work and keeping up.

Have a great November,

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Superintendent's Message

Ensuring Our Students Achieve

Chinook's Edge is committed to ensuring student success, which has long been reflected in our division's provincial achievement measures. This is a time of year when our Board receives information on Diploma Exam and Provincial Achievement Test results from last spring. As a result of the spring's disruption and the cancellation of provincial testing, the 2020 data is not available to exemplify the achievements of our students. Fortunately for Chinook's Edge, we have other longstanding methods for informing success, which show the achievement of our students.



Our expectations are high for the quality learning we expect for every child in our division, and that will never change. The data we are gathering in literacy, math and other measures is clarifying a deeper understanding of student achievement, as well as where we want to move forward as a division. We have built common assessments to ensure we have an accurate measure of the progress of teaching and learning in all of our schools. As always, Chinook's Edge will file an Annual Education Results Report with Alberta Education next month, and each school will provide a detailed Education Plan to our Board of Trustees. Moving forward, to remain responsive, transparent and robust as a school division, Chinook's Edge is moving to the Provincial Assurance Model of Assessment. For an introduction of this model, please [click here](#).

Our divisional goals remain consistent: Literacy, Academic Excellence, Career Connections, and Social Emotional Learning. We have many measures pointing to continued success in each of these and they are prompting us confidently and resolutely onward. We know our efforts help lead our students toward greater success, in learning and in life.

As always, we are pleased to provide the latest Board eNews through this [link](#).

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

Yearbook



Purchase your 2020/2021 DHS Yearbook with your School Fees!

All preordered books will be delivered in September 2021 with all of your memories. The yearbook staff is already hard at work taking photos and creating pages.

\$45 for your 2020/2021 Yearbook

An additional \$5 for your name embossed on the front

Band News

The DHS Band Society is a group of dedicated parents who assist the Music Department in a variety of ways. All parents are members of this group by virtue of their child's participation in Music at DHS. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month by Zoom (until we are able to meet again in person). Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 P.M. If you would like to be sent the Zoom link so that you may attend please email me (kwassmer@cesd73.ca).

Your son or daughter may have brought home our first fundraiser of the year, Purdy's Chocolates. This is a fundraiser that we have done for many years and have a solid customer base for. All orders must be turned in by Friday, November 20th, with delivery expected on Friday, December 11th. Please note that we never encourage door to door sales, and even more so during this time. Keep your sales within your cohort/bubble, and keep them safe!

We are hoping to present the DHS Music Department Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 13th. This year this event will be live streamed from the DHS Gymnasium; more information will be available as plans are finalized.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me:

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Wellness News



Didsbury High School will be having a
Wellness Week in November!

During the week of November 23rd-27th all staff and students will be taking part in daily sessions on Mental Health and Wellness which will include video talks, guest online speakers and more.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 Report Cards will be handed out to students on ***Friday November 20, 2020***

Phone Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on
Thursday November 26, 2020 4:30-7:30 pm

Appointments will be required for these phone call interviews. Please call 403-335-3356 starting Nov 16, 2020, after the Fall Break.





Graduation Celebrations planning has begun. A student committee and a parent committee have been established and will meet on a monthly basis. Virtual meetings will be commencing shortly, and any parents and students who are interested in helping with planning Graduation 2021 are asked to please participate in the meetings. Date and time to be determined shortly, watch for an email announcing the date. Grad Meeting Agendas and Minutes will be posted on the didsburyhigh.ca website under the GRADUATION.



Didsbury High School Class of 2021

Orders Due: Tuesday, November 10
Plant Pick-up: Tuesday, December 1



6.5" Premium Poinsettias

A holiday favourite brighten up any room this winter with a vibrant poinsettia. Available in red, white, and pink, the 6.5" poinsettias are perfect for your home, hotel, restaurants and banks over the holidays.

Tropical Indoor Planter

Add a festive look to your table with a mixed tropical planter. There are four different, live plant varieties included with holiday decor in a rectangular tin. Planter container designs do vary and cannot be requested.

Holiday Wreath

The popular wreath is getting an upgrade! A large, plaid bow is featured in the middle of fresh noble, cedar and juniper. Frosted pinecones and red berries complete the new look - ready to welcome guests at your door!



Size of Poinsettias in a 6.5" pot

Approx. 14 - 16" tall and 13 - 16" wide

Hanging Greenery Bough

Celebrate with a merry bough of greenery! A fun, vintage, burlap bag holds premium greens, red fox berry branches and an array of novelty decorations. This hangs outside on your front door or leans on the patio.

Outdoor Greenery Arrangement

Welcome guests to your home in style with a deluxe greenery arrangement. This large outdoor planter stands over 2 feet tall with beautiful, premium holiday greens, red fox berry branches and decorations.

* All items may not be exactly as shown. We have a variety of plant/greenery mixes, containers, and holiday features. *

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The DHS Class of 2021 Student and Parent Grad Committee will be selling wreaths, poinsettias and holiday arrangements to help raise funds for our Celebrations Banquet.

Many of you may be familiar with this fundraiser as it has been operating in the community for over 20 years by the Westglen Band Program. Due to Field trips being on hold because of COVID-19, Westglen will not be doing any fundraising. As a result, the 2021 Grad Committee was offered the fundraising opportunity for this year.

Students have been given order forms and the fundraiser will run from October 28 to November 10. Students can pick up additional order forms from the student/teacher grad committee. **Plants will arrive on December 1 and we will contact you with pick-up times for delivering products to customers.**

ALL MONEY AND ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 10.

(Cheques made payable to Didsbury High School)

Customers also have the option to purchase online with a credit card!
Share the link with your family and friends.

didsburygrad2021.growingsmilesfundraising.com


Looking Ahead

December Dates to Remember


Collaborative Day—No Classes	December 11
Virtual Christmas Band Concert	December 13
Christmas Break—No Classes	December 19 - January 3
Students return to classes	January 4



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 	12 Fall Break No Classes	13 Fall Break No Classes	14
15	16	17	18 Band Mtg 7 pm	19	20 Report Cards Handed Out	21
22	23 Wellness Week	24 Wellness Week	25 Wellness Week	26 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30 Appts required	27 Collaborative Day—No Classes	28
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