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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

Season's Greetings. As I write this, we have just started our "learn from home" method of education delivery. The range of confidence in teaching using technology probably varies as much as the confidence level of parents and students receiving lessons. I was very pleased with the approach taken this time compared to the spring session. Thank you to parents and students for logging in and sticking to your schedule as if you were attending school in a traditional way.

Most teachers plan to cover the same content they would if students were physically sitting at their desks at school, but there are some obvious adjustments for some courses. Teachers of "physical or hands-on" classes (such as Phys. Ed, Shop, Band, Foods, and Art) will connect with their classes during scheduled class time but will have to adjust what they normally do. As the Principal, I have confidence in these teachers and know they will do their best to keep some type of learning moving forward.

Overall, I am very relieved that we got to the end of November in a traditional setting. It did allow teachers and students a chance to form a relationship and set routines, making it easier to continue them for the next few weeks. I look at this as having 14 school days in December to manage online followed by a 2 week Christmas break. I strongly encourage all staff and students to completely get away from the books for this time to get recharged for the final January push. Unless there is a change in our situation, we will continue with online learning for the first week of January to allow everyone an extra week of "isolation" before coming back to school. I was happy that the measures we took to start the year did not allow for the transmission of Covid-19 within the school and we will continue to follow those when students return on January 11th.

One final note about Diploma Exams for our grade 12's. I will start by saying our grade 12 teachers are very proud and impressed with our Grade 12 students. As a class, they have been diligent and most of us would agree that their work ethic and resulting school marks are higher than recent years. We have been told that writing the diploma exam is optional. To be honest, most of us teachers are not happy about that because we truly believe our classes would end up above the provincial averages and would be positioned for acceptance into the post secondary school of their choice. That being said, we are telling students to check with their post secondary school to see their position on writing the diploma or sticking with their school based mark for acceptance. From our investigations, it seems most Universities and Colleges are going to accept the school based mark for entry, so the diploma mark will not be required. If this is the case, the majority of our students would stick with their school based mark and not register for the diploma exam.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Superintendent's Message

Courageous and compassionate global citizens

The global situation is certainly providing a new definition of what good citizenship truly means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. A high measure of good citizenship is certainly occurring across our school division. Our schools are filled with students and staff who are continuing to learn together, to take care of one another and to look beyond our current challenges with a sense of unity and resolve.

Our people in Chinook's Edge are feeling stretched, but they remain determined to continue providing what our students require from us. An example of this was displayed on a bulletin board in one of our elementary schools, where students completed the phrase, 'Children should feel ____ at school.' They said loved, excited, happy, safe, smart, proud, believed in. Thank you to everyone in our school communities who provide all of this, and more, to students each day, particularly at this time in our world.

From the entire Board of Trustees and the Central Office team, we wish everyone a safe and restful holiday season.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2021 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2021. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website at www.cesd73.ca for Kindergarten information, including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.

DHS Band

Sadly, the 2020 DHS Music Christmas Concert has been cancelled. All groups had a great program ready to present, but everyone's health and safety will always be top priority. Hopefully we will be able to share our music with you in the Spring!

Our Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser was a great success, with sales only slightly down from where they were last year. Orders will be arriving on Wednesday, December 9th to DHS. An email will be sent out detailing specific pick-up times and protocols that will be in place.

Thank-you for supporting Music at DHS!

Merry Christmas



Grad 2021

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Our program has started, but due to Covid-19 protocols, all showings will be by appointment only. All showings will take place at the Didsbury Elks Hall on 20 Street in Didsbury.
Maximum number in the group will be 5.
Book your appointment now by contacting



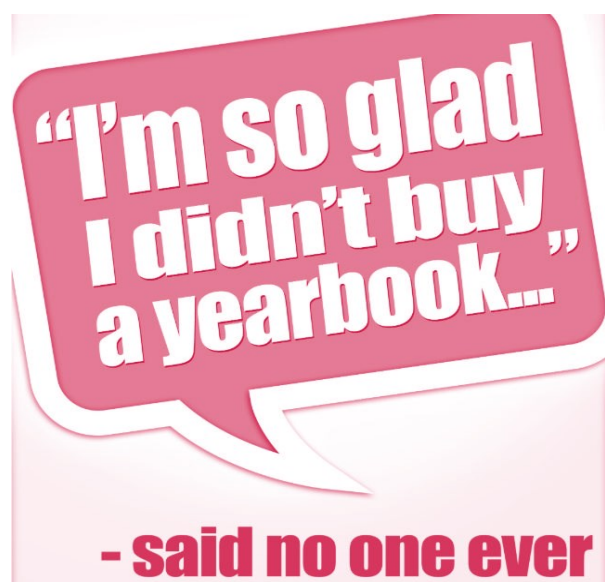
Reminder



Thank you to all who have forwarded their payments or used our online payment system. If you did not receive your school invoice or require to make payment arrangements, please contact the office at 403-335-3356. We accept cash, credit cards, debit cards or post-dated cheques. The online payment window can be accessed through our website [didsburyhigh.ca/ Online Payments](https://didsburyhigh.ca/Online-Payments).

Important: Please note, in order for Grade 12 students to participate in Grad 2021 Celebrations and Cap & Gown ceremonies, all school fees must be paid in full. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Yearbook



Make sure that you purchase your personalized 2020/2021 Yearbook! All orders can be placed through the online school fee payment program.

Looking Ahead

January Dates to Remember

Students back to Online Classes	January 4
Students back to In-Person Classes	January 11
Diploma Exams	January 11 & 12
Last Day of Classes	January 19
Diploma & Final Exams	January 20, 21 & 22
Second Week of Final Exams	January 25, 26 & 27
Organizational Day—No Classes	January 29
First Day of Semester 2	February 1



The Staff of Didsbury High School wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!




January 2021 Exam Schedule

DHS EXAM SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2021		
DATE	EXAM	TIME
Monday, January 11	English 30-1 Part A	9:00 AM
	English 30-2 Part A	9:00 AM
Tuesday, January 12	Social 30-1 Part A	9:00 AM
	Social 30-2 Part A	9:00 AM
Wednesday, January 20	Math 30-1	9:00 AM
	Math 30-2	9:00 AM
	Math 30-3	9:00 AM
Thursday, January 21	English 30-1 Part B	9:00 AM
	English 30-2 Part B	9:00 AM
	English 9 (9-2)	9:00 AM
Friday, January 22	Social 30-1 Part B	9:00 AM
	Social 30-2 Part B	9:00 AM
	Math 9 (9-2)	9:00 AM
	English 10-1	12:30 PM
	Math 10-3	12:30 PM
	Social 10-1	12:30 PM
	Social 20-1	12:30 PM
	Biology 20	12:30 PM
Monday, January 25	Science 9 (9-1 & 9-3)	9:00 AM
	Social 10-2	12:30 PM
	Math 10C	12:30 PM
	English 20-1 (Bessey)	12:30 PM
	Social 20-2	12:30 PM
	Chemistry 20	12:30 PM
Tuesday, January 26	Social 9 (9-1 & 9-3)	9:00 AM
	Science 10	12:30 PM
	English 20-1 (Colautti)	12:30 PM
	Physics 20	12:30 PM
Wednesday, January 27	Physics 30	9:00 AM

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30 Students Online Learning from Home	1 Students Online Learning from Home	2 Students Online Learning from Home	3 Students Online Learning from Home	4 Students Online Learning from Home	5
6	7 Students Online Learning from Home	8 Students Online Learning from Home	9 Students Online Learning from Home Virtual Band Mtg 7pm	10 Students Online Learning from Home	11 Non-Instructional Day—No Classes	12
13	14 Students Online Learning from Home	15 Students Online Learning from Home	16 Students Online Learning from Home	17 Students Online Learning from Home	18 Students Online Learning from Home	19
20	21 Christmas Break	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break		26
27	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break		2

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Students Continue Online Learning from Home	5 Students Continue Online Learning from Home	6 Students Continue Online Learning from Home	7 Students Continue Online Learning from Home	8 Students Continue Online Learning from Home	9
10	11 Students Return to School Diploma Exams	12 Diploma Exams	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Last day of classes	20 Tutorial Day Diploma & Final Exams	21 Diploma & Final Exams	22 Diploma & Final Exams	23
24 31	25 Final Exams	26 Final Exams	27 Diploma Exam	28	29 Organizational Day—No Classes	30