

September
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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

For a moment I was going to check out "Welcome Back" messages from the past to see what I covered; but then thought, "Who am I kidding, this year's start-up is like no other!"

I think our staff, just like your families, have a range of emotions for returning. We are very relieved to have students come to the school; it is so much nicer to teach to live students rather than a computer screen. At the same time, we are somewhat anxious that we keep our students, ourselves, and our loved ones at home safe in this endeavor.

As you would expect, we will be implementing a number of measures to reduce the risk of covid spreading in the school. To make these measures work, we will need 100% buy-in from the students. We will have consistent and repeated messaging for the students when they return regarding the use of masks, sanitizing, and social distancing. We will expect masks but will also find times during the day when students are allowed to take them off.

I am sure the upcoming school year will continue to present us with many challenges and changes, but we are likely more prepared for change now than we were last year. Who would have thought when we left school on a Friday in March that our world would change over one weekend? Students and staff adapted to those changes very quickly without warning, so we are now more equipped than just 6 months ago.

Raise your hand if you are happy to have your child get out of the house and return to some routines!

Once again, Welcome Back!

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Message from the Board of Trustees

Believing in every student

We are so excited to welcome our students and staff back to school! Our Central Office team, school administrators and many other staff have worked hard to take care of many details around safety protocols, so that our students can enter into this school year full of enthusiasm. Our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students.

Schools in Chinook's Edge have been required to modify some routines, and safety is on our minds more than ever. Be assured your child will be well looked after. Our schools are prepared, our teachers and staff are keen, and our students can now embark on an exciting year with confidence. We are looking forward to engaging every student in meaningful learning so they can achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. On behalf of the entire Board and Central Office team, we wish everyone a fantastic year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

**Allan Tarnoczi, Chair
Board of Trustees**

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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.



Safely back to school in *Chinook's Edge*

What you are doing at home



Daily Screening

Before leaving home each day, students (with help from parents) and staff must review the [questionnaire](#) and may only enter schools if free of COVID-19 symptoms.



Stay at Home

If students or staff are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, they must stay home and follow the Alberta Health Services [guidelines](#). Please notify the school of a student absence.



Wear a Mask

[Mask use is mandatory](#) for all staff and for students in Grade 4-12 in common areas or where physical distancing is not possible. Masks are optional but encouraged for students in K-3. All students will receive 2 reusable masks.



Hand Washing

Everyone entering a school is required to [wash their hands](#) or use hand sanitizer immediately, and repeatedly throughout the day. Hand sanitizer is placed at all entrances and classrooms.



Lunch Break

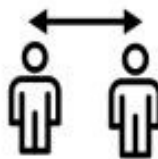
Students will most often eat lunch in classrooms, and will be asked to sanitize their hands before and after eating. Microwaves and vending machines will not be available for use.

What we are doing at school



September Staggered Entry

Students will be welcomed back on [alternating days](#) to assist with a seamless transition back to class. This allows staff to establish safety routines and build caring relationships of trust.



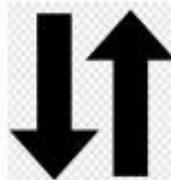
Physical Distancing

Desks are spaced at the largest distance possible and arranged to not face each other. Students seated at tables may be separated by a partition. Breaks may be staggered to allow for more distancing.



Enhanced Cleaning

A thorough cleaning of schools has been completed, with area rugs and soft furnishings removed. Custodial time is increased throughout the school division to conduct frequent cleaning.



Traffic Flow

All schools have been equipped with floor signage and posters for reminders to physically distance. Plexiglass shields have been installed in reception areas and PPE is provided and in use.



Limited Access

Parents are permitted in schools only for a specific purpose and with prior permission from the principal. Parents are not permitted to enter during drop off/pick up. Volunteers/guest presenters are not permitted at this time.



These measures are based on recommendations from Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services, to support optimal safety for everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities

Please [click this link](#) for the full Chinook's Edge School Division Re-Entry Plan or visit www.cesd73.ca



School Photos

Thursday September 3, 2020

(Students A-K)

Friday September 4, 2020

(Students L-Z)

2019/2020 Academic Awards

We are hoping to still have our Academic Awards in some fashion. We will keep you posted as to when the awards night will occur, and what it will look like!



A reminder to all Parents, the
Online Demographic Updates
have been emailed.

Please complete by September 3, 2020

As per the requirements from Alberta Education, all schools are asked to have Parents/Guardians verify their child(rens) records every year. These verifications are used at the school level to:

- ♦ Provide updated/accurate emergency, medical information and phone numbers for the school.
- ♦ Provide information to you for CRA (Canada Revenue Agency), should you ever have to provide school information for an audit.
- ♦ Provide Alberta Education an audit on Students enrollment.

GRAD 2021

General Meeting

We are hoping to have our Grad 2021 meeting as soon as possible!

We will keep you posted as soon as we know when!

GRAD 2021 Dates

Cap & Gown Ceremony

Friday June 25, 2021 7:00 pm

Celebrations Banquet

Saturday June 26, 2021

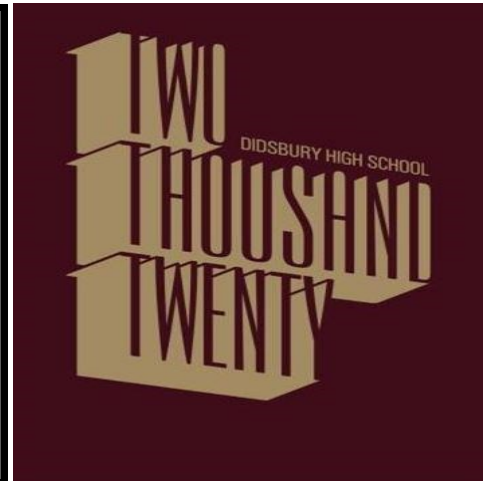
Yearbook News

2020/2021 DHS Yearbook

We are anticipating the 2019/2020 Edition of the DHS Yearbook delivered early in the fall!

Don't forget to order your 2020/2021 Yearbook!

Orders can be placed through the online school fees payment program.



Looking Ahead

October Dates to Remember

Collaborative Day—No School	October 9
Thanksgiving Day—No School	October 14
Interim Report Cards	October 22
Collaborative Day—No School	October 23





Chinook's Edge School Division No 73

2020-2021 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar

AUGUST 2020						
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Aug 27-28 School Organizational Days
Aug 31 Focused PD Day

FEBRUARY 2021						
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Feb 5 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)
Feb 15 Family Day
Feb 15-19 Winter Break
Feb 18-19 Teachers' Convention

SEPTEMBER 2020						
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Sept 1 Students First Day of School
Sept 7 Labour Day
Sept 11 Focused PD Day

MARCH 2021						
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Mar 5 Non Instructional Day
Mar 19 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)

OCTOBER 2020						
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Oct 9 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)
Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 23 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)

APRIL 2021						
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Apr 2 Good Friday
Apr 5 Easter Monday
Apr 19-23 Spring Break

NOVEMBER 2020						
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Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 12-13 Fall Break
Nov 27 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)

MAY 2021						
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May 7 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)
May 21 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)
May 24 Victoria Day

DECEMBER 2020						
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Dec 11 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)
Dec 21-31 Christmas Break

JUNE 2021						
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Jun 4 Non Instructional Day
Jun 29 Students Last Day
Jun 30 School Organizational Day

JANUARY 2021						
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Jan 1 Christmas Break
Jan 4 Students Return
Jan 29 School Organizational Day

LEGEND	
▲	School Planning Day
■	Focused P.D. Day
●	Holiday
★	Non-Instructional Day
■	Teachers' Convention
■	Significant Start and End Dates
■	Breaks
●	Collaborative Days - No school for students. One Focused PD Day will be designated as the TPGP


CESD appreciates feedback from all of our stakeholders in the creation of this calendar. Over 2000 CESD staff members, parents and students contributed to the most recent CESD Calendar Survey. The next opportunity for feedback will be in the 2022-2023 school year.

Approved: August 12, 2020

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31 Gr9 Orientations	1 First Day of School (A-K)	2 First Day of School (L-Z)	3 A-K Classes & Pictures	4 L-Z Classes & Pictures	5
6	7 Labor Day No Classes	8 A-K Classes	9 L-Z Classes	10 Classes for All	11 Focused PD Day No Classes	12
13	14 Classes for All	15	16	17	18	19
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October 2020

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18	19	20	21	22 Interim Report Cards	23 Collaborative Day No Classes	24
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