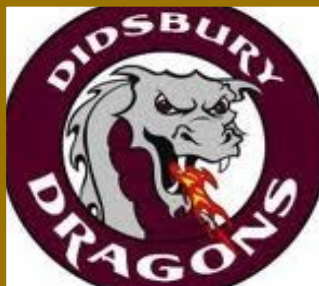


September  
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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

# Didsbury High School

## Principal's Message

Welcome to both returning and new students and their parents. Our teaching staff returned to school August 27 and we are set for students to arrive Wednesday, September 1st. I am really looking forward to starting the year under "normal" conditions. It will be great to see extracurricular clubs and teams meeting up, live band concerts, and our foyer and gymnasium being used at lunch. I am anxious to get our students back into some of our traditions, and academic success is the first one on my list. DHS will focus on strong academic programming in both core and complementary courses. We are proud of our previous provincial trends of student success on diploma exams combined with a very high rate of High School Completion.

We have set our goals for this to continue. For a small school I think we are able to offer a good selection of high school complementary courses to meet a wide range of interests.

One new addition for our school is the adoption of the Career High School. At one time, this was a stand alone school that offered independent Learning for students looking to do school work outside of a traditional school setting. As with all of Chinook's Edge School Division communities, this independent learning is now a program held within a traditional school.

Check out the calendar that accompanies this letter for the many upcoming activities and events. Grade 9 parents are invited to

attend an Orientation for Parents on Wednesday September 8th and we will be hosting our Awards night for last year's academic courses on Thursday September 23rd. We will also be hosting a Grad 2022 General Meeting at the end of September or early October. Once our Volleyball games are scheduled we will choose a night that the gym is free to host this Grad meeting.

Have a great year!

Garth Dagg  
Principal



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**1515-15 AVENUE**  
**DIDS'BURY, AB T0M 0W0**  
**P 403-335-3356 F 403-335-8036**

*Principal—Garth Dagg*  
*Vice Principal—Curtis Dick*  
[www.didsburyhigh.ca](http://www.didsburyhigh.ca)

# Message from the Board of Education

## Believing in every student

After a summer of long-awaited visits and activities, we are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us. Although we still face challenges, we're able to look beyond and see the clearer pathway that is opening to us. We are all so very 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. Safety is our top priority. Our schools are prepared and our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students. We look 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 Leadership Team, we wish everyone a tremendous year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

**Holly Bilton, Chair**  
**Board of Trustees**

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

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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.

## Welcome Back

# WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST

Friday  
September  
3rd



## School Photo Day



## School Photos

Wednesday September 8, 2021

Retakes will be in October 2021

## Band News

### Welcome to A Great Year of Music at DHS!

A bottle drive has been planned for Tuesday, September 7th. Students and parent drivers please meet in the foyer of DHS at 5:30 PM to sign in and pick up routes.



Your son or daughter may have brought home our first fundraiser of the year, the 2021/2022 ADmazing Ticket Pack. We have books available for the Red Deer and Calgary regions. The cost per book is \$25.00, but these can quickly pay for themselves many times over.





## **2021 VOLLEYBALL Team Tryouts**

**2021 Volleyball Tryouts will begin the first week of September 1-3.**

**Exact times of Girls and Boys tryouts will be posted.  
Watch for the dates!**



## **DHS CROSS COUNTRY**

**DHS is looking for students to participate in Cross Country. Practices will be held Wednesdays and Thursdays after school at 3:30.**

**Please contact  
Ms. Lerbekmo,  
[mlerbekmo@cesd73.ca](mailto:mlerbekmo@cesd73.ca)  
for more information.**

## **DHS GOLF**

**Any Grade 10-12 Students interested in Golf for 2021, please see Mr. Bates as soon as possible**



### GRAD 2022

#### General Meeting

Date to be announced  
End of September or Early October  
DHS Gymnasium  
Parents and Grads please attend

### GRAD 2022 Dates

*Cap & Gown Ceremony*  
Friday June 24, 2022 7:00 pm  
*Celebrations Banquet*  
Saturday June 25, 2022



JOSTEN'S GRAD 2022 RING DAY  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

## Yearbook News

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### 2020/2021 DHS Yearbook

We are anticipating the 2020/2021 Edition of the DHS Yearbook early in September!

Don't forget to order your 2021/2022 Yearbook early.

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

The Same, But Different  
Didsbury High School

**20**  
**TWENTY ONE**

**Terry Fox Run**  
**@ DHS**  
**Thursday**  
**September 29th**  
**1 pm**

**Didsbury High School** will be participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run for cancer research. We are proud to continue the legacy of one of our country's greatest heroes. We hope you will join us and support this wonderful cause by donating to our Terry Fox School Run fundraising page at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/DidsburyHigh> Thank you! The future of cancer research has never looked brighter!

#terryfoxliveshere #theterryfoxfoundation #terryfoxschoolruns



**ITINERARY:**  
 Milan, Italy; Cinque Terre,  
 Monaco; French Riviera...



Barcelona, Spain, Madrid, Spain  
 Excursions:  
 Saint-Paul de Vence, Barcelona  
 Flamenco Evening



*Europe's Mediterranean Coast 2022, April 2022*

**Didsbury Travel Club**

(Community Travel Through EF Educational Tours)

**Information Meeting:**  
**September 9, 7:30 PM**  
**Didsbury High School Library**

Who should attend:

- All travellers who have already signed up for this trip
- Any potential traveller who is wanting more information before signing up

If you have questions about the trip before the meeting, please contact:  
 Mark Leggett ([mleggett@gmail.com](mailto:mleggett@gmail.com)), 403-586-0409

More information about the trip can be  
 found at:  
<http://eftours.ca/2328440RV>

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 Club  
 Explore & Learn



A reminder to all Parents, the  
**Online Demographic Updates** have been sent to your emails.  
 Please complete by September 17, 2021

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:

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



#### **October Dates to Remember**

Non-Instructional Day—No School	October 8
Thanksgiving Day—No School	October 11
Band AGM Meeting	October 13
Interim Report Cards	October 14
Parent Teacher Interviews	October 20
Collaborative Day—No School	October 22







# Chinook's Edge School Division No 73

## 2021-2022 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar

AUGUST 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Aug 27/30 School Organizational Days  
Aug 31 Focused PD Day

FEBRUARY 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Feb 11 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)  
Feb 21 Family Day  
Feb 21-25 Winter Break  
Feb 24-25 Teachers' Convention

SEPTEMBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Sept 1 Students First Day of School  
Sept 6 Labour Day  
Sept 24 Focused PD Day

MARCH 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Mar 4 Non Instructional Day  
Mar 25 Collaborative (am)  
Non Instructional (pm)

OCTOBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Oct 8 Non Instructional Day  
Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day  
Oct 22 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)

APRIL 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Apr 15 Good Friday  
Apr 18 Easter Monday  
Apr 18-22 Spring Break

NOVEMBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Nov 11 Remembrance Day  
Nov 11-12 Fall Break  
Nov 26 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)

MAY 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

May 6 Collaborative (am)  
Non Instructional (pm)  
May 20 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)  
May 23 Victoria Day

DECEMBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Dec 10 Collaborative (am)  
Non Instructional (pm)  
Dec 20-31 Christmas Break

JUNE 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Jun 3 Non Instructional Day  
Jun 28 Students Last Day  
Jun 29 School Organizational Day

JANUARY 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Jan 3 Students Return  
Jan 14 Collaborative (am)  
Non Instructional (pm)  
Jan 31 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: April 8, 2020

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 First Day of School	2	3 Welcome Back Breakfast	4
5	6 Labor Day No Classes	7	8 School Picture Day Gr 9 Parent Orientation Mtg 7pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Josten's Grad 2022 Ring Day	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 2020/2021 Student Awards Night 7 pm	24 Focused PD Day No Classes	25
26	27	28	29 Terry Fox Run 1pm	30 Orange Shirt Day		

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 School Council Mtg 7 pm	6	7	8 Non-Instructional Day - No Classes	9
10	11 	12	13 Band AGM Mtg 7 pm	14 Interim Report Cards	15	16
17	18	19	20 Parent/Teacher Interviews 5:00-8:00 Appointment Required	21	22 Collaborative Day - No Classes	23
24  31	25	26	27	28	29	30