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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

Academic Success is one of the more important measuring sticks we use at DHS, and later this month we will be sharing our 2020-2021 Award Recipients with students and parents. We are currently putting a visual presentation together to acknowledge last year's top marks and student success and will post it on our website. Thank you to all of the parents that found a way to keep your child going during all of the disruptions we went through. As a school, we have a continuing tradition and culture that shows we are above the provincial average with the percentage of students who are earning their diploma as well as those that are meeting the acceptable and excellence level on government exams.

As for the upcoming month, we will be sending out a message regarding Interim Report Marks which will be released on October 18. We do not send out an official paper report card at this time, but we do ask that parents log-in to PowerSchool and check out your son or daughter's marks to date. Following the interim report, we have parent-teacher conferences booked for Thursday October 28th between 5:00 and 8:00 pm. For this interview session, we will ask you to book an appointment and the teacher will call you at that time. The focus of this first conference is to address students whose marks are below what parents expect they should be. The timing is early enough in the school year that

a parent-student-teacher plan can be put in place to improve the mark by the November formal report card. That being said, it is always great to meet parents who would just like to connect with the teacher and say hello, even if your child has 100%!

One more thing, we have a group in the school that will be starting with hot lunches on Wednesdays. If you are looking for a day to avoid sending lunch, Wednesday could be a win-win situation; you don't have to make lunch and our school clubs make a few dollars.

Have a great October!

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Superintendent's Message

Ready to learn in our safe and caring schools

In Chinook's Edge School Division, we take pride in building meaningful relationships and trust with our students. This is a critically important foundation for creating a safe and caring environment in our schools. I want you to know that our caring staff are as committed to developing your child's well-being as they are to ensuring they learn at the highest levels possible, even in difficult times.

Throughout the pandemic it has been a struggle for all of us at different times along the way. Safety is always on our minds as we work hard to consistently follow the guidelines from Alberta Health. We are very proud of our staff for all that they continue to do to support your child in finding success in spite of what is taking place all around us.

In the days ahead we want to not only be safe during the pandemic, but to also be prepared for the hazards of winter weather. We know from previous years that winter weather can fall upon us at any time. Please make yourself and your child aware of our inclement weather procedures so that no one is caught off guard by an interruption in busing service or a brief school closure. Please take a moment to visit our [Inclement Weather procedures](#) and ensure that your child is dressed for winter weather when they either ride one of our buses or walk to school on a cold day.

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

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools



School Fees

2021/2022 School Fee invoices will be emailed out to parents the week of October 4, 2021. If you do not receive your student's copy or you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the office at 403-335-3356.

**CESD encourages parents to pay school fees online.
didsburyhigh.ca/onlinepayments
Please check your account periodically because new fees are added for activities throughout the year.
Thank you!**



School Fees are Due by November 30, 2021

Band News

BAND NEWS - OCTOBER 2021

Music is once again filling the room at DHS! We are thankful that we are able to continue to rehearse within the current COVID 19 situation, and hopeful that we will be able to share our music in concert soon!

DHS BAND SOCIETY

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. Our Annual General Meeting for the 2021/2022 school year is Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00 P.M. Due to COVID 19 restrictions this meeting will be held through Zoom. If you would like to receive the link to access the meeting, please email Mr. Wassmer to receive the link.

FUNDRAISING

Your student may have brought home our first fundraiser of the year, the 2021/2022 AdMazing Ticket Pack. We have books available for the Red Deer, Edmonton, Calgary and Southern Alberta regions. The cost per book is \$25.00, but these can quickly pay for themselves many times over. All books and money must be turned in by Friday, October 15th.

We are also starting our annual Centennial Frozen Foods fundraiser! The quality of the product has made this an excellent fundraiser for our program. All Band students have been given order forms and information. All orders must be turned in by October 21st and will be tentatively delivered on November 17th. If you have any questions or can help on the day of delivery please contact Tessa Wilson at 403.559.9372.

UNIFORMS

Concert dress for all groups is black DHS Music dress shirt, black dress pants, black socks and black dress shoes. Leggings and yoga pants are not appropriate concert attire. The DHS Music shirt is available through the Music Program at a cost of \$40 per shirt. Cheques can be made payable to the DHS Band Society.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

The DHS Music Department Fall Concert is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 PM in the DHS Gymnasium. Please note that all events scheduled for this year will be subject to the AHS guidelines and/or restrictions in place at that time.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRAVEL

Travel to music festivals and special performance tours is a big part of music at DHS. I really believe that getting our students out to national and international festivals is a big reason why our program sounds as it does. In addition to getting feedback from some very well respected conductors and clinicians, these trips also give our students the opportunity to hear what other programs are doing and learn by listening.

At this time CESD is only approving field trips within the province of Alberta. I am hoping that this restriction is lifted so that we are able to resume our regular tour schedule in the Spring. If this is the case, the Grade 9 Concert Band will be travelling to the Moose Jaw Band and Choral Festival and the Symphonic Winds and Odds and Evens Jazz Ensembles will be going to the Con Brio Whistler Festival in Whistler, BC. If we are only allowed to travel within Alberta I am exploring alternate festival arrangements that we could participate in closer to home.

If you have any questions or concerns about our Music Program please feel free to call (403.335.3356, ext, 5959) or email (kwassmer@cesd73.ca).



A cartoon turkey with a large red wattle and a yellow beak is pointing upwards with its right hand and making a peace sign with its left hand. To its right is a large orange basketball. In the upper right corner, a yellow starburst contains the text "Win a Turkey!". The background is a blue sky with white clouds.

Win a Turkey!

**The DHS
Turkey Shoot
is Back!**

OCTOBER 5, 6 & 7th

SIGN UP IN THE FOYER ON OCTOBER 4th !

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Report Cards & Parent Teacher Conferences for Semester 1

Report Cards for Semester 1:

Interim Report Cards (Online PowerSchool Only) October 18, 2021

Parent/Teacher Interviews October 28, 2021 5:00 pm—8:00 pm
Appointment Required (call 403-335-3356 to book an appointment)
Format TBD

Report Cards (Paper Copy) November 19, 2021

Parent/Teacher Interviews November 25, 2021 5:00 pm—8:00 pm
Appointment Required (call 403-335-3356 to book an appointment)
Format TBD

Final Report Card (Paper Copy) February 1, 2021

Picture Retake Day will be
Thursday October 7 @ 10:30 am



Yearbook



2021/2022 DHS Yearbook

Don't forget to order your
Yearbook!

Orders can be placed through the online
school fees payment
program, or see Ms. Budd if you have any
questions.



Grad 2022 Celebrations Planning Meeting

Monday October 4, 2021 7:00 pm

Via Google Meet an email will be sent with the link

If you are interested in helping organize the Grad 2022 Celebrations Banquet, please consider joining us for the planning meeting.

At the beginning of September, Chinook's Edge School Division sent out an email to parents /guardians for the Online Demographic updates through Power School Parent Portal/School Engage. The updates are now due, please ensure you have current information in the form. Thank you to all those who have completed the updates.

If you have not received an email or need any help with completing these forms, please don't hesitate to contact the DHS office 403-335-3356.



Grade 9 "Take Our Kids to Work Day" Wednesday November 3, 2021






Looking Ahead

November Dates to Remember

Grade 9 - Take Your Kid to Work Day	November 3
Remembrance Day Service 11:00 am	November 10
Fall Band Concert 7:00 pm	November 10
Fall Break—No Classes	November 11–14
Report Cards	November 19
Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00–8:00 pm	November 25
Collaborative Day—No Classes	November 26

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Grad 2022 Executive Mtg 7 pm (Virtual)	5 School Council Mtg 7 pm (Virtual)	6	7 Picture Retake Day in AM	8 Non-Instructional Day No Classes	9
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17	18 Interim Report Cards	19	20	21	22 Collaborative Day - No Classes	23
24  31	25	26	27	28 Parent/Teacher Interviews 5pm-8pm Appointments required call 403-335-335	29	30

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Gr 9 "Take Our Kid to Work" Day	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony 11 am DHS Fall Concert 7pm	11 Remembrance Day No Classes	12 Fall Break No Classes	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Report Cards	20
21	22	23 School Council Mtg 7 pm	24	25 Parent/Teacher Interviews 5-8pm	26 Collaborative Day—No Classes	27
28	29	30				