

December  
2021



CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

# Didsbury High School

## Principal's Message

Season's Greetings. We have made it through a busy November, and hopefully students, parents and staff can make it to the Christmas holiday with the energy and spirit to enjoy time with family and friends. Before jumping into December, congratulations to our volleyball teams that finished up their season in November. **Congrats to the Senior Girls and coaches that represented us so well at zones!**

I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous work done by our Librarian Chelsea Budd and her Yearbook staff. We just received notification from our yearbook producer Jostens that our yearbook received the only Gold Medal Award for the province and was one of only 5 awarded in all of Canada! Chelsea and her yearbook staff worked quietly behind the scenes and created a unique theme to capture a school year with the many unique events that occurred. What makes this more special for us is that Chelsea is an alumni of DHS - it is great to have her return and create a warm and welcoming environment in our library.

December at DHS is packed with some amazing events! Our Drama class will kick off December with their amazing DHS rendition of ***Under the Big Top***, basketball teams have started up, and The Symphonic Winds and Jazz bands are already preparing for the annual Christmas Band Concert coming up on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please join our Christmas concert by logging on through our webpage, [didsburyhigh.ca](http://didsburyhigh.ca), at 2:00 pm on the 12th.

I hope you all have a chance to rest and enjoy the Christmas break. The reality of coming to the end of a semester greets us as soon as we get back in January. As you can see in the attached calendar, the first diploma exam begins January 11!

Have a Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!

Garth Dagg  
Principal



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# Superintendent's Message

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## Compassionate and innovative global citizens

Chinook's Edge students, staff and families continue to show incredibly strong and courageous examples of good citizenship. Our schools are filled with people who are achieving success despite competing priorities, who are reaching out with acts of kindness, and who are investing their time and resources to make this holiday season a special one for their neighbours.

In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. Our division is filled with compassionate and innovative global citizens, just as it is outlined in our vision statement. We take good care of one another in Chinook's Edge, as we look beyond our current global challenges with a sense of unity and resolve.

Our Board of Trustees and Central Office team are incredibly grateful for the hard work and perseverance that is ever-present in our schools. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Kurt Sacher  
Superintendent of Schools



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

### Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2022 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2022. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website for [registration information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.

## Band News

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The next meeting of the DHS Band Society will be Wednesday, December 8th at 7 PM via Zoom. If you would like to receive the link to attend the meeting please email Mr. Wassmer at [kwassmer@cesd73.ca](mailto:kwassmer@cesd73.ca).

The DHS Music Christmas Concert will be taking place Sunday, December 12th at 2 PM. Due to the current provincial COVID restrictions this concert will be presented online; a link will be emailed to all parents prior to the concert and will also be accessible through the DHS website, [didsburyhigh.ca](http://didsburyhigh.ca). Please note that this concert will not be recorded!

Although we are all looking forward to the time when we can welcome a live audience back to our concerts, this is a unique opportunity for friends and family who don't live in Didsbury to attend one of our events!

Here are the call times/performance times for each group:

Grade 9 Band call time - 1:30 PM, performance time - 2:00 PM  
Grade 9 Jazz Ensemble performance time - 2:30 PM  
Evans Jazz Ensemble call time - 2:30 PM, performance time 3:00 PM  
Odds Jazz Ensemble call time - 3:00 PM, performance time 3:30 PM  
Symphonic Winds call time - 3:30 PM, performance time 4:00 PM



A reminder that 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.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Wassmer at DHS (403.335.3356, ext. 5959).

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DHS DRAMA PROUDLY PRESENTS...

# UNDER THE BIG TOP



**DECEMBER 3rd & 4th**

Evening Performances - 7pm: \$15.00

Saturday Matinee - 1 pm: \$10.00

Tickets available at Didsbury High School

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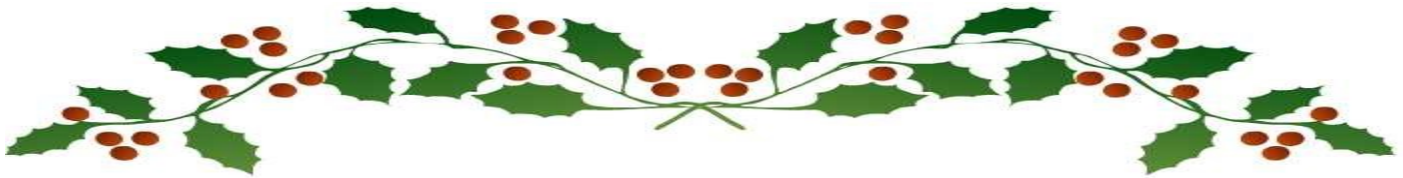


The minutes for the November 23th Graduation Planning meeting are available on the DHS website, [didsburyhigh.ca](http://didsburyhigh.ca), for anyone who missed it.

The next Planning meeting is on December 14 at 7:00 pm! The Agenda is also on the website.

## Leadership News

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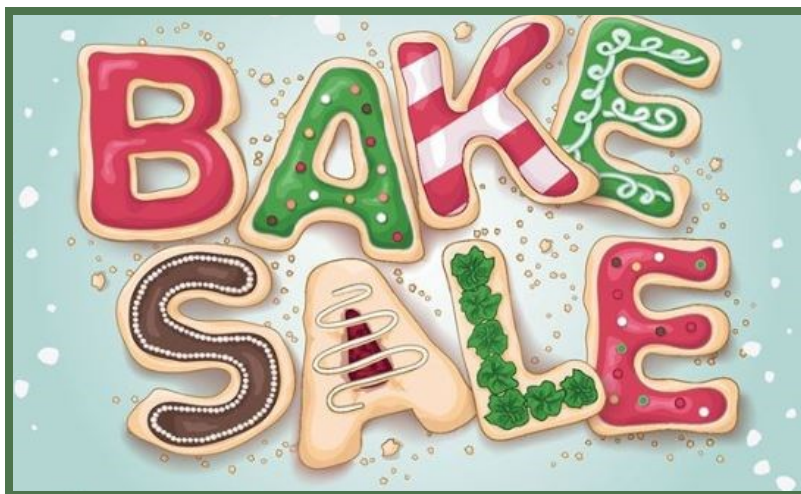


### Christmas Door Decorating Contest

Sign Up - December 1 - 3

Door Decorating - December 6 - 9

Judging - December 13



*The Leadership Team  
will be having a  
Christmas Bakery  
December 15*



# CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

## THEME DAYS

Mon Dec 13 - Red & Green day

Tues Dec 14 - X-mas character day

Wed Dec 15 - Ugly sweater day

Thur Dec 16 - X-mas hat day

Fri Dec 17 - PJ Day



## EVENT DATES

Dec 6-9 - Door Decorating

Mon Dec 13 - Gingerbread house competition

Tues Dec 14 - Elf scavenger hunt, Selling candy grams

Wed Dec 15 - Hot drinks & cookies, Selling candy grams

Thur Dec 16 - Delivering candy grams

Fri Dec 17 - Christmas Cafe





## Reminder

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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/](https://didsburyhigh.ca/) Online Payments.

**Important: Please note, in order for Grade 12 students to participate in Grad 2022 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

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Congratulations to Miss Budd and the Yearbook Team who have received the Gold Award in the National Yearbook Program of Excellence - one of only five schools in all of Canada!

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### Looking Ahead

#### January Dates to Remember

Students back to Classes	January 3
Diploma & PAT Exams	January 11, 12 & 13
Second Week of Final Exams	January 20 & 21
Last Week of Final Exams	January 24 - 28
Organizational Day—No Classes	January 31
First Day of Semester 1	February 1

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





## January 2022 Exam Schedule

DHS EXAM SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2022		
DATE	EXAM	TIME
Tuesday, January 11	English 30-1 Part A	9:00 AM
	English 30-2 Part A	9:00 AM
Wednesday, January 12	Social 30-1 Part A	9:00 AM
	Social 30-2 Part A	9:00 AM
Thursday, January 13	English 9 PAT - Part A	8:35 AM
Thursday, January 20	Math 30-1	9:00 AM
	Math 30-2	9:00 AM
Friday, January 21	English 30-1 Part B	9:00 AM
	English 30-2 Part B	9:00 AM
Monday, January 24	Social 30-1 Part B	9:00 AM
	Social 30-2 Part B	9:00 AM
	Social 9 PAT	9:00 AM
	English 10-1 (Bessey)	12:30 PM
	Math 10C	12:30 PM
	Biology 20	12:30 PM
	Social 20-1	12:30 PM
	Science 24	12:30 PM
Tuesday, January 25	English 9-1 PAT Part B	9:00 AM
	English 10-1 & 10-2 (Colautti)	12:30 PM
	Social 10-1	12:30 PM
	Math 20-1	12:30 PM
	Social 20-2	12:30 PM
	Chemistry 20	12:30 PM
Wednesday, January 26	Science 9 PAT (9-2 & 9-3)	9:00 AM
	Science 10	12:30 PM
	Science 14	12:30 PM
	English 20-1	12:30 PM
	Physics 20	12:30 PM
Thursday, January 27	Physics 30	9:00 AM
	Math 9-1	9:00 AM



# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 DHS Drama Presents "Under the Big Top" 7pm	4 DHS Drama Presents "Under the Big Top" 1pm&7pm
5	6	7	8	9	10 Collaborative Day—No Classes	11
12 Virtual Band Christmas Concert 2 pm	13 Red & Green Day	14 X-Mas Character Day Grad 2022 Planning Mtg 7 pm	15 Ugly Sweater Day	16 Christmas Day	17 Pajama Day - Christmas Cafe	18
19	20 Christmas Break	21 Christmas Break	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Students Return	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 English Part A Diploma Exam	12 Social Part A Diploma Exam	13 English 9 PAT Part A	14 Collaboration Day—No Classes	15
16	17	18 Last day of classes Student Council Mtg 7pm	19 Tutorial Day	20 Math 30 Diploma Exam	21 English 30 Part B Diploma Exam	22
23	24 Diploma, PAT, & Final Exams	25 PAT Exams & Final Exams	26 PAT Exam & Final Exams	27 Diploma Exam & PAT Exam	28	29
30	31 Organizational Day—No Classes	1 Semester 2 Begins				