

November
2021



CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

If you have a chance to look at the upcoming calendar you'll see there are many upcoming events at DHS. Our Volleyball teams will be finishing their season and basketball will begin. We will be hosting our annual Remembrance Day Service and Fall Band Concert; once again, these will be done virtually. November is also the time for the formal report cards to be sent home, and our drama students will be putting the finishing touches on their comedy production "Under the Big Top" to be held in early December.

Experience tells us that the November blues seem to set in about this time of year, so advice to parents is to keep your kids on good routines to get a healthy balance of family time, school and study time, physical activity, nutrition and sleep. There is a fall break that will hopefully give students a good break from school or in some cases, a chance for those who have fallen behind in their work a chance to catch up.

Lastly, we had a good turn-out for our first School Council and would like to invite any other interested parents to attend our next meeting held on Tuesday November 23. We will prepare for a "Google Meet" once again but can quickly adapt to an in-person meeting if the opportunity arises.

Have a great November,

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Superintendent's Message

Working together to ensure our students achieve

In Chinook's Edge, we are deeply committed to ensuring that all of our students achieve success. We are very much aware of the disruptions your child may have faced over portions of the past three school years. As a result, we need to focus on the social emotional well-being for students and staff now more than ever. In light of this, we currently have hundreds of Educational Assistants, Teachers, Administrators and a variety of other staff receiving additional training and support through what we are calling our SEW (Social Emotional Well-being) Certification Series. We are also working on a SEW curriculum for our high school students.

In addition to these SEW efforts, our staff are working very hard to assess any learning gaps and to provide appropriate support for students as we move forward. Our staff are continuing to provide high quality learning environments to ensure that your child is successful in their learning. Our staff are also making great progress with processes like our Collaborative Response Model, where teams of staff come together to share their best thinking so they can help any student who might be struggling academically or in a social emotional area.

We are all working hard for our students so that we can face our new reality of a quickly changing world with the strength and hope that is needed for the future.

In closing, please join me in congratulating our newly elected and reconfirmed Board of Trustees. I truly believe they have become trustees because they share a deep passion to help and support your children. I have provided you with their latest Board eNews through this [link](#).

**Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools**

As Chinook's Edge continues to move toward a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) model, we'd like to suggest that the upcoming holiday season may be an opportunity to consider purchasing this learning tool to your child. Chromebooks will allow students the opportunity to engage with learning content, both inside school and at home. For more detailed information on BYOD in Chinook's Edge, please visit <https://www.cesd73.ca/parents/byod>.



Yearbook



Purchase your 2021/2022 DHS Yearbook with your School Fees!

All preordered books will be delivered in September 2021 with all of your memories. The yearbook staff is already hard at work taking photos and creating pages.

\$45 for your 2021/2022 Yearbook
An additional \$5 for your name embossed on the front



Inclement Weather Day

Key priorities when winter weather hits Chinook's Edge

Be Safe - see more details [at this link](#)

- No matter the season, be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and don't let them walk if the weather is not safe.
- Watch [this video](#) for pointers on dressing children safely before they head outdoors!
- Don't drive and/or don't let your children drive if the roads are not safe.
- Be familiar with the Chinook's Edge Inclement Weather approach to safety and know what the terms **Yellow Day** and **Red Day** mean:
 - * **Yellow** - Buses are not running in part or all of the division, but schools are open and learning is moving forward.
 - * **Red** - Red Days are rare, but Red Days mean schools are closed in part or all of the division.

Be Aware of how Inclement Weather Days will affect your family

- Central Office Leadership Team (COLT) makes a final decision before 6:00 a.m. on the Inclement Weather Day (decisions may be made the evening prior in rare, extreme weather cases). This notification will be sent through School Messenger to parents whose families will be impacted (ie. the Inclement Weather situation may only involve one community).
- An Inclement Weather admin procedure guides these decisions, particularly as it pertains to the prime morning time between 7-9 a.m. (when students and staff are driving or walking) It can be read [at this link](#).
- Notification will be posted immediately through the Bus Status App to any affected bus routes, and the Transportation Department will communicate directly with bus drivers and any impacted bus families regarding bus routes.
- Notification is emailed to all staff and is posted to the division website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Area media outlets are notified.

Be ready to learn

- Although it will look different at elementary schools than it does at high schools, learning will continue during Inclement Weather Days:
 - * Yellow Days - Students who aren't able to attend class will access Google Classroom for information to help them learn what is covered in class. Students will have opportunities to catch up when they return to school.
 - ♦ Attendance - It is important that parents of rural bus students notify the school if their child will be absent. Some parents may choose to drive their child when their bus isn't running, while some will choose to keep their child at home. Schools cannot make assumptions when safety is at stake.
 - ♦ All other students with safe transportation are expected to attend.
 - * Red Days - When schools are closed, students will access their learning through Google Classroom:
 - ♦ Day 1 teachers will communicate the day's learning plan with students, respecting the fact that many families may not be able to provide necessary technology or support for their children.
 - ♦ Day 2 and all subsequent Red Days will involve instruction delivered via Google Meet and/or Google Classroom.

Visit our [Inclement Weather website](#) for details and updates

Band News

Band News

The next meeting of the DHS Band Society will be Wednesday, November 3rd 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.

Our frozen food orders will be arriving Wednesday, November 17th and ready for pick up between 3 and 6 PM. If you are not able to pick up your order at that time, or if you are able to help sort the orders on that day, please contact our fundraising coordinator Tessa Wilson at 403.559.9372.

The DHS Music Fall Concert will be taking place Wednesday, November 10th at 7 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. **Please note that this concert will not be recorded!**

Although we are all looking forward to the time when we can have a live, in person concert this is a unique opportunity for friends and family who don't live in Didsbury to be able to attend one of our events!

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

Grade 9 Band call time - 6:30 PM, performance time - 7:00 PM

Grade 9 Jazz Ensemble performance time - 7:20 PM

Evens Jazz Ensemble call time - 7:20 PM, performance time 7:40 PM

Odds Jazz Ensemble call time - 7:40 PM, performance time 8:00 PM

Symphonic Winds call time - 8:00 PM, performance time 8:20 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).



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 Report Cards will be handed out to students on **Friday November 19, 2021**

Phone Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on **Thursday November 25, 2021 4:30-7:30 pm**

Appointments will be required for these phone call interviews. Please call 403-335-3356 starting November 15, 2021, after the Fall Break.



Chem 20 Scuba Field Trip



CHEM 20 Scuba Field Trip

The Chemistry 20 Curriculum has a unit on gases which studies volume, temperature and pressure.

For a fun real life application of this knowledge, students had the opportunity to try scuba diving at the YMCA in south Calgary. All students made it to the bottom of the pool and experience breathing underwater! Everyone had a great time!



Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, "Take Our Kids to Work" day has been cancelled for 2021

TAKE OUR
KIDS TO
WORK 2021

DHS DRAMA PROUDLY PRESENTS...

UNDER THE BIG TOP



DECEMBER 2, 3, 4th

Evening Performances - 7pm: \$15.00

Saturday Matinee - 1 pm: \$10.00

Tickets available at Didsbury High School

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YOU LIKE FOOD.
WE LIKE FOOD.

LEADERSHIP LUNCH MENU
NOVEMBER 2021

NOVEMBER 3RD
FLAT BREAD PIZZA

NOVEMBER 10TH
CHILI & A BUN

NOVEMBER 17TH
TACO IN A BAG

NOVEMBER 24TH
MAC AND CHEESE

\$5.00



Graduation Celebrations planning has begun. A student committee and a parent committee have been established and will meet on a monthly basis. Virtual meetings will be commencing shortly, and any parents and students who are interested in helping with planning Graduation 2022 are asked to please participate in the meetings. Grad Meeting Agendas and Minutes will be posted on the didsburyhigh.ca website under the GRADUATION.

The next Grad 2022 Planning Meeting will be November 23 @ 7pm



RED

Red is the favourite and most popular colour of poinsettia. There are more and more varieties all the time, but we tend to pick two or three varieties that best suit our environment and customers' needs.

6" - \$14.00 Each (10-12" W / 14-16" H)

10" - \$30.00 Each (18-20" W / 20-22" H)

WHITE

White is an all time favourite as well. Like all varieties, lots of bracts (branched) to give lots of colour on top of the plant.

6" - \$14.00 Each (10-12" W / 14-16" H)

10" - \$30.00 Each (18-20" W / 20-22" H)

PINK

Pink is a little less traditional for the holiday season however these plants are stunning. They offer 2-3 shades of pink throughout their bracts and are completely covered in colour.

6" - \$14.00 Each (10-12" W / 14-16" H)

10" - \$30.00 Each (18-20" W / 20-22" H)

The DHS Class of 2022 Student and Parent Grad Committee will be selling poinsettias and tropical planter arrangements to help raise funds for our Celebrations Banquet.

Students have been given order forms and the fundraiser will run until November 8. You can also print off your own copy of the order form attached to this email. Students can pick up additional order forms from the student/teacher grad committee. **Plants will arrive on November 25 and we will contact you with pick-up times for delivering products to customers.**

ALL MONEY AND ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY

NOVEMBER 8

Cheques made payable to
Didsbury High School



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Looking Ahead

December Dates to Remember


Collaborative Day—No Classes	December 10
Christmas Band Concert	December 12
Christmas Break—No Classes	December 18 - January 2
Students return to classes	January 3



November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Band Society Mtg 7 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Service @ 11am Virtual Fall Band Concert @ 7pm	11 	12 Fall Break No Classes	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Report Cards Handed Out	20
21	22	23 Grad 2022 Planning Mtg 7pm School Council Mtg 7 pm	24	25 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30 Appts required	26 Collaborative Day—No Classes	27
28	29	30				

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 DHS Drama Presents "Under the Big Top"	3 DHS Drama Presents "Under the Big Top"	4 DHS Drama Presents "Under the Big Top"
5	6	7	8 Band Society Mtg 7pm	9	10 Collaborative Day—No Classes	11
12 Band Christmas Concert 2 pm	13	14	15	16	17 Christmas Activity for School @ 1 pm	18
19	20 Christmas Break No Classes	21 Christmas Break No Classes	22 Christmas Break No Classes	23 Christmas Break No Classes	24 Christmas Break No Classes	25 
26	27 Christmas Break No Classes	28 Christmas Break No Classes	29 Christmas Break No Classes	30 Christmas Break No Classes	31 Christmas Break No Classes	1 