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# Didsbury High School

CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION

## Principal's Message

I hope each of you had a restful holiday and the year 2022 will be a prosperous one. As we return from holidays on January 10th, reality sinks in quickly as semester 1 comes to an end, and with it, final exams approach. As a parent, everything you can do to help your son or daughter focus on the process of preparing for exams will help. We are fortunate to have a trend of academic success in our school, largely due to the combination of teachers and students taking the time to prepare. In our core classes, the final exams have been reduced to 10% of the student's final assessment. This was mandated from Central Office so all schools in the division have equal weighting. Students who are looking to do their best should begin planning for their finals immediately. If you can direct your child to cut back on other activities, reduce the hours spent on their part time jobs, and get them to give the PS4 a break in exchange for some concentrated time on the books, there will be a positive reward. Proper preparation for exams should include a number of hours spent over an extended period of time as opposed to cramming the night before. The validity of final exams to assess knowledge may be debated, but I believe that the concept of focused work and preparation is a quality that is still valued by employers in all walks of life. I expect each of our students will be challenged at some point in their life to show up to work and be "tested"; as with many things in life, if they learn the skills of preparation when they are young, they will be able to transfer them to a variety of situations. You can check out our exam schedule on the DHS website.

Happy New Year!

Garth Dagg  
Principal



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**DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL**  
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# Superintendent's Message

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## Supporting the health and wellness of our students and staff

In Chinook's Edge, we know that creating a positive social-emotional culture in our schools will significantly impact the well-being and achievement of both students and staff. We care deeply about this priority and the entire division is engaged in creating SEW supportive classrooms. Social Emotional Well-being (SEW) has been a key divisional goal for us for several years.



Under the direction of Dr. Marcie Perdue, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, Chinook's Edge has developed a series of training sessions for school leaders, teachers and support staff. The focus of these sessions is to promote universal social emotional strategies, such as focusing on the classroom environment and using visuals to support classroom routines. The training also focuses on the importance of developing emotional vocabulary and self-awareness. The strategies are being shared through training to all division staff who work directly with students: teachers, educational assistants and school administrators. A highlight of the training sessions was recognizing key characteristics which capture the most impactful social emotional classroom environment.

This determined focus, to bring social emotional well-being supports to life in every school, will help students and staff reach their full potential. When everyone in our school communities are met each morning knowing they are welcome, safe, cared for and respected, they are more open to learning, leading and succeeding.

We would like to hear from you about this priority through a brief survey on our website:

[Let's Talk Social Emotional Well-being.](#)

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Central Office Leadership Team, we wish each of our Chinook's Edge families a happy and healthy new year! Here is the latest [Board eNews](#), and please visit our website for more Trustee Updates.

**Kurt Sacher,**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

## Ready, Set, Go! Welcome to Online Kindergarten Registration!

Chinook's Edge will be accepting Online Kindergarten Registrations on January 10, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit our website at [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca) for Kindergarten information!

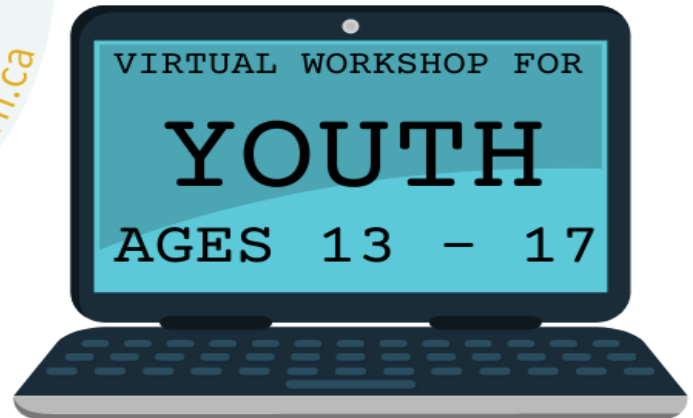


# TOOLS FOR YOUTH COPING WITH STRESS

Online via Zoom



Register at [www.mvfrn.ca](http://www.mvfrn.ca) or email [info@mvfrn.ca](mailto:info@mvfrn.ca)



Tuesday, January 11  
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Join Provisional Psychologist, Melissa Kroker, to explore stress management and coping strategies for youth.



ONLINE VIA ZOOM

## PARENTING THRU SEPARATION AND DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

JAN 31, 2022 | 7 - 8 PM  
FEB 23, 2022 | 7 - 8 PM  
MAR 30, 2022 | 7 - 8 PM

Join us monthly for this online support group offering connection, education, skill-building, and sharing to parents preparing to or going thru a divorce/ relationship ending. Let's talk about hard things, build support, share resources and learn valuable skills to navigate thru this life transition. Registration is required, zoom access is also required. Accommodations can be made for those unable to access zoom.



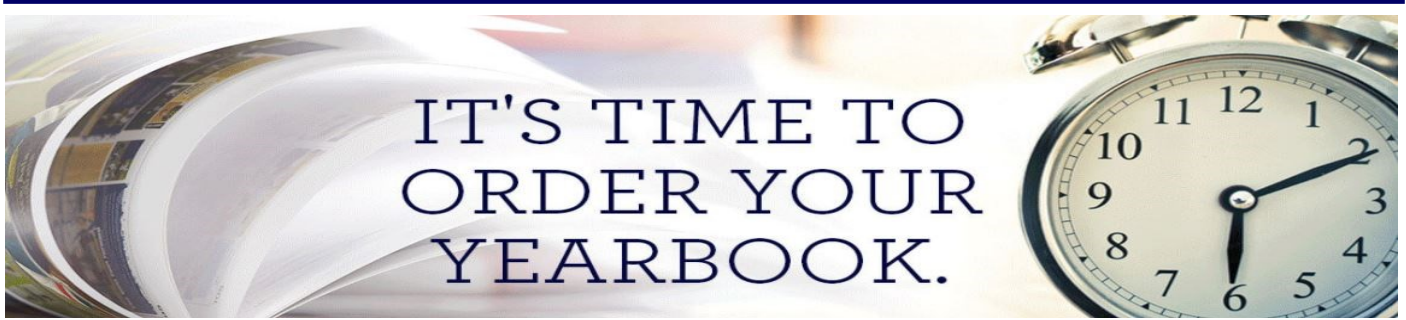
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REGISTER AT [WW.MVFRN.CA](http://WW.MVFRN.CA) OR EMAIL [INFO@MVFRN.CA](mailto:INFO@MVFRN.CA)



## Yearbook

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### 2021/2022 DHS Yearbook

Make sure that you purchase your personalized 2022 Yearbook.  
All orders can be placed through the online  
school fees payment program.

## GRAD 2022

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The minutes for the December 14th Graduation Planning meeting are available on the DHS website, [didsburyhigh.ca](http://didsburyhigh.ca), for anyone who missed it.

**IMPORTANT:** Grad 2022 Photos with Northern Lights Photography will take place the week of Winter Break February 21-25, 2022.

Ms. Lerbekmo will start booking sitting times in January.

The next Planning meeting is on Tuesday,  
February 8th at 7:00 pm

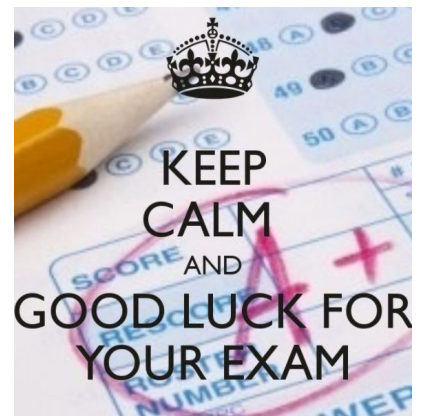
## Semester 1 Final Exams

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Diploma Exams have been cancelled by Alberta Education.  
Grade 12 Exams will be in class finals to be announced by  
teachers. PATs and other final exams will continue.

The schedule is attached to this newsletter and is also  
available at [didsburyhigh.ca](http://didsburyhigh.ca), click the Exam Schedule link.

The last day of classes for all students is  
Friday January 21



## DHS Band News

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### BAND SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the DHS Band Society will be Wednesday January 12th at 7 PM via Zoom.



## Leadership News

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Thank You to all DHS Students and Staff for participating in the  
2021 Leadership Food Hamper Drive!  
We successfully filled **8** food hampers for  
families in the Didsbury Area!

## Library Reminder

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Reminder to all students that all library books are to be  
returned by ***January 21, 2022***

Textbooks are to be returned after each exam.



### Looking Ahead February Dates to Remember

Semester 2 Begins	February 3
Collaborative Day - No Classes	February 11
Winter Break—No Classes	February 21–25
Family Day	February 21
Teacher's Convention	February 24 & 25



# DHS EXAM SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2022

DATE	EXAM	TIME
<b>To Be Determined</b> (Week of January 17-21)	English 9-1 PAT - Part A	8:35 AM
<b>Monday, January 24</b>	Social 9 PAT (9-2 & 9-3)	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
<b>Tuesday, January 25</b>	English 9-1 PAT Part B	9:00 AM
	English 10-1 (Colautti)	12:30 PM
	English 10-2	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
<b>Wednesday, January 26</b>	Science 9 PAT (9-2 & 9-3)	9:00 AM
	Science 10	12:30 PM
	English 20-1	12:30 PM
	Physics 20	12:30 PM
<b>Thursday, January 27</b>	Math 9-1 PAT	9:00 AM

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Extended Christmas Break	4 Extended Christmas Break	5 Extended Christmas Break	6 Extended Christmas Break	7 Extended Christmas Break	8
9	10 Classes Resume	11	12 Band Mtg 7 pm	13	14 Collaborative Day - No Classes	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Last Day of Classes	22
23	24 PAT & Final Exams	25 PAT & Final Exams	26 PAT & Final Exams	27 PAT & Final Exams	28	29
30	31 Organization Day No Classes					

# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 First Day of Semester 2	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Band Mtg 7 pm	10	11 Collaborative Day - No Classes	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Family Day No Classes	22 Winter Break No Classes	23 Winter Break No Classes	24 Winter Break No Classes	25 Winter Break No Classes	26
27	28					