

March
2022



CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

March is a good month to plough through lots of school material after having a week break in February. There are two days for teacher collaboration, but other than that we have a long spell of uninterrupted school weeks that lie ahead of us. Although it is a good time to get through content, I do find it is a long haul for students. First of all, a word about the Collaboration Days. These are days the school board has inserted in the calendar to give a chance for teachers to collaborate in subject specific learning or on common school focus areas. For example, a subject specific group could include the Chemistry teachers in the division meeting in one location and the shop teachers would meet in another to share best practices. The common school or community meetings may be used to focus on a topic that is not specific to a subject area. In March our school focus area will be looking at student's Social Emotional Wellness.

As for the two Friday's that students don't need to attend school, it is a good idea to use this time as a catch up day. If some of that day can be set aside to complete work on projects, essays, summarizing notes from a unit, etc. it can make the rest of the month less stressful. Doing that work on a Friday gives the student a nice two day weekend without homework to worry about.

As for specific March activities, we have one very busy week with students taking part in the Kiwanis Music Festival, CSLC Horizons Leadership Conference, as well as a grade 9 & 10 Nakiska Ski trip. For the first time in a while, we will have a full school assembly with a motivational guest speaker. It will be good to have everyone together to hear a common message, have some laughs, and receive a positive message. And finally, believe it or not, March is time for us to start planning for next year. We will start with our projected budgets and plan for our course offerings for the 2022-2023 school year!

Have a great March!

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Message from the Superintendent

Supporting students towards success

This month's newsletter theme of 'Assessment' provides a perfect opportunity to share our pride in the accomplishments and resilience of our students and staff.

Chinook's Edge takes great pride in telling the story of our student success, even at this time when the pandemic has disrupted traditional assessment measures. This year we have been focused on determining what each of our students need from us to be successful in the next steps of their learning journey. Our teachers and school staff are working tirelessly to address the impact of three consecutive years of learning disruptions. We are funneling our energy to ensure students have reached the essential outcomes and achieved the skills that are critical for their success at the next course level. Our teachers are experts in identifying, intervening and providing the supports a student may need.

The signs of success this year are not necessarily coming from test results and provincial assessments. They are seen in the caring relationships we have maintained with students, in the determination we share to respond to student needs, and in the fact that we have kept kids in school for the majority of the pandemic. We will get back to traditional measures of student success, with the strength of our caring culture and quality learning in Chinook's Edge, and we will get there quickly.

For now, parents of Grades 5-12 students can see their child's progress 24/7 through the PowerSchool app and all parents are encouraged to connect with your child's teacher to fully understand how they are doing.

As we work together toward student success and achievement, we would love to hear from you! In this month's [parent survey](#), we invite you to share a brief story about how a teacher, administrator or other school staff made a difference for your child.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

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



PE 9 & PE 10 Ski Trip News

DHS PE 9 & PE 10 Ski Trip to
Nakiska

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Bus leaves 7:00 am Sharp



MARCH IS... International CUISINE MONTH!

DHS Leadership Lunch



March 2nd
Ukranian
Perogies and Kielbasa

March 9th
Mexican
Chicken Nachos
or Tortilla Soup

March 16th
Filipino
Adobo Chicken
and Coconut Rice



March 23rd
Italian
Lasagna and
Garlic Bread

March 30th
Canadian
Poutine

YUM! YUM!
Glmme Some!
\$5.00 includes a pop.

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Food
is
Good
♥ MOOD ♥

PI(E) DAY



Monday, MARCH 14, 2022

In honour of Pi day the leadership team will be hosting a pie eating contest at lunch on the 14th!! Sign up to participate on March 10 -11th (spots are limited).

Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant π (pi). Pi Day is observed on March 14 (3/14 in the month/day format) since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of π .

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DON'T FORGET!

Yearbook orders are due by May 6, 2022.

Order online at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/>
or talk to Miss Budd/Mrs. Neilsen for details.



GRAD 2022



The minutes for the February 8th Graduation Planning meeting are available on the DHS website, didsburyhigh.ca, GRADUATION.

The next Planning meeting is Tuesday March 1st in the DHS Library at 7 pm.



**The Grad Class of 2022 will be doing a Bottle Drive
Saturday March 26 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Sign up on the Grad Board by March 21, 2022.
We will meet at Didsbury High School at 10:45 on the 26th.



The 2022 Grads will be selling Spring Flower Pots and Bedding Plants to raise funds for Grad. Starting in March 28th to May 5!
Plants will be delivered May 20th

Didsbury High School Scholarship Fund Society



Application Deadline:

**No later than
May 18, 2022**



**Applications will be
available in April.
Please listen to the
announcements and
watch the grad board
for more details.**

**Please submit your applications to the office or email to
keriksson@cesd73.ca**

Spring is our busy season in DHS Music!

Congratulations to Brandon Holliday, Georgia Holliday, Evan Jacobs-Davis and Renata King who will be representing DHS in the Alberta Band Association Junior Honour Band in Red Deer from March 4th to 6th.

Payge Laverdiere has been selected to be a member of the Alberta Band Association Provincial Wind Symphony, also taking place March 4th to 6th. Congratulations Payge!

The next meeting of the DHS Band Society will be taking place March 9th at 7 PM.

All DHS concert and jazz ensembles will be performing in the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival on March 21st and 22nd, 2022.

Here are our performance times:

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| ◆ Grade 9 Jazz Ensemble | Monday, March 21st at 9:15 AM |
| ◆ "Odds" Jazz Ensemble | Monday, March 21st at 12:00 PM |
| ◆ "Evens" Jazz Ensemble | Monday, March 21st at 1:30 PM |
| ◆ Grade 9 Concert Band | Tuesday, March 22nd at 9:15 AM |
| ◆ Symphonic Winds | Tuesday, March 22nd at 1:30 PM |



All performances take place in the TransCanada Theatre in Olds and are open to the public. If you are able to help us with the transport of instruments please contact me!

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at kwassmer@cesd73.ca, or 403.335.3356, ext. 5959.

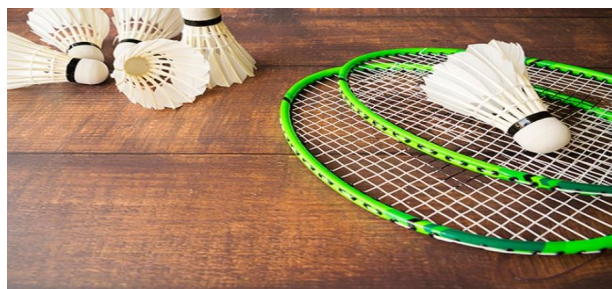
Badminton News

2022 DHS Badminton Season

Starts in March!

Everyone Welcome

**Listen for details for Morning
Announcements about start
dates and times**




Looking Ahead

April Dates to Remember

Report Cards	April 14
Good Friday—No Classes	April 15
Spring Break—No Classes	April 18 - 22
Parent/Teachers Interviews	April 28



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Grad 2022 Planning Mtg 7pm	2	3 Horizons CSLC Leadership Conference	4 Non-Instructional Day—No Classes	5
6	7	8 School Council Virtual Mtg 7pm	9 Band Mtg 7pm	10 PE 9/10 Nakiska Ski Trip	11	12
13	14 “Pi Day” Interim Report Card	15	16	17 Gold Rush Game 	18	19
20	21 Olds Kiwanis Music Fesitval Sr Band	22 Olds Kiwanis Music Fesitval Sr Band	23	24 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30 Appts Required	25 Professional Development Day—No Classes Sr Honour Band	26 Grad 2022 Bottle Drive 11:00-3:00 pm
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Report Cards	15 Good Friday No Classes	16
17 Easter Sunday	18 Spring Break No Classes	19 Spring Break No Classes	20 Spring Break No Classes	21 Spring Break No Classes	22 Spring Break No Classes	23
24	25	26 School Council Mtg 7pm	27	28 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30 Appts Required	29	30