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Principal's Message

First of all, I would like to thank our coaches for their tremendous contribution to DHS athletics throughout the year. We've been fortunate to offer volleyball and basketball programs to interested students from grades 9 through 12. There is no way we could offer these extracurricular opportunities if parents, teachers, alumni, and community volunteers did not give up their time to run these programs. The coaches have been very dedicated and purposeful in their coaching and I know our students appreciated their efforts. Now that basketball is over, there are a number of students playing badminton after school and those interested in track & field will have a short, intense season coming up.

The next thing I would like to share with parents is that we are starting the planning for the 2022-2023 School Year! One of the most important steps is to ensure our students are well informed of the courses they choose. Not only do these choices affect their requirements to earn a high school diploma, but they also are very important for entering post secondary schools or the workforce. During the last week of April, students from grades 9 to 11 will receive information regarding course offerings, graduation requirements, academic streams, complementary courses, etc. We will make this information available to parents as well, as the discussion at home is very important. During the first week of May, students will be asked to make their course selection requests to ensure they have the proper core and complementary courses to best suit their interests and earn the credits required for a high school diploma. Students will enter their requests into PowerSchool during the second week of May so the school can tabulate the numbers and build a schedule that meets these requests. Our goal is to have a schedule built in early June so students have time to make necessary adjustments before they begin their summer holiday. We have found students and families have a peace-of-mind knowing what September will look like before they leave the school in June.

Have a great Easter Weekend and Spring Break!

Garth Dagg Principal



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Strong leadership at every level sets students and staff up for success

Our Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team are re-energizing our connection between school and home, after two years of disruption to our usual routine. We, along with each of our schools, are working to ensure parents feel you are valued leaders in our schools and in your child's learning.

Our parent community has been leading the learning from home when called upon and collaborating with staff in our schools, in a shared resolve to move learning forward. We know that a strong and caring connection between school and home has multiple benefits for student success. We hope our work together will engage students at a deeper level and motivate a momentum of renewed rigor.

It was our pleasure to connect with several parents from across our division at a special online Parents Matter gathering on March 17, and we're happy to share <u>this recap</u> of what we learned. We encourage you to check in with your principal and School Council to see how you might become more involved, we invite you to read our <u>Board eNews</u> each month, and we thank you for sharing the leadership qualities that continue to ensure Chinook's Edge is a division *where students come first*.

Chair Holly Bilton,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

We would love to hear your thoughts on this month's <u>parent survey</u>: Do you feel that you are involved in your child's education? How would you like to be further involved in your child's learning at the school?



Yearbook News



Badminton News



GRAD 2022



The minutes for the March 1st Graduation Planning meeting are available on the DHS website, didsburyhigh.ca, for anyone who missed it.

The next Planning meeting is April 5th at 7 pm in the DHS Library



Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to the DHS Grad 2022 Bottle DriveI It was very successfulI



The 2022 Grads will be selling Spring Flower Pots and Bedding Plants to raise funds for Grad. Starting March 29 to May 4! Plants will be delivered Friday May 20th

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE PRESENTS OWNY WOR WAR

Didsbury Elks Gowns for Grads Project provides graduates who need a fairy godmother this graduating season with **FREE** grad dresses, and suits! We have hundreds of dresses and suits to choose from!

DUE TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS THE PROGRAM IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. MAXIMUM NUMBER IS 5 PER GROUP.

LOCATED AT THE DIDSBURY ELKS HALL ON 20TH STREET.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW BY CONTACTING MARGO WARD 403-556-5201

Band News

CONGRATULATIONS to all DHS Bands and Jazz Ensembles for their outstanding performances in the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival! A special thank you to those who came to watch us perform as it was so great to be able to play in front of a live audience again!

The next meeting of the DHS Band Society will be Wednesday, April 13th at 7 PM in the DHS Music Room.

Our Year End Jazz Concert will be taking place Tuesday, June 14th at 7 PM in the DHS Gym. Our Year End Finale for all Concert Bands will happen Wednesday, June 15th at 7 PM, also in the DHS Gym. In addition to recognizing all of our graduating students, Wednesday night's concert will also feature the world premier of a piece written by Winnipeg composer Matt Neufeld for the DHS Symphonic Winds!

After a 2 year hiatus, we are also starting to plan for next year's spring performance tour! According to our tour schedule, next year should be one of our more extensive trips, and I am looking at an 8 day performance and festival tour that would take us to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island during Spring Break 2023. Although planning is still in the preliminary stages I would like to start to collect deposits from students in order to ensure that we would have an ensemble to perform. The cost of this trip would be around \$2200-2400 and would include everything except lunches. A deposit of \$400 will hold your student's place in this trip; a payment schedule will then be set up so that as many students as possible are able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Please note that no money will be paid out of your student's account until we receive approval from CESD.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at DHS (403.335.3356, ext. 5959).



Community News



Kids & Drugs: A Parent's Guide to Prevention

A two part event for parents looking to learn more about how to have conversations with their children about substance use

Education (6 - 7 pm)

Presentations by Turning Point and AHS - Addiction & Mental Health on how to have conversation with your school aged child (K-12) around substance use.

email

OldsSubstanceUse@gmail.com to register (please include the number of attendees)

space is limited

Date: April 28, 2022

Location: Olds High School (follow signs)

Resource Fair (7 - 8 pm)

Join some community agencies to learn about resources available to further educate yourself and your child on substance use, harm reduction and accessing support if your child is already using substances

resource fair is open to the community - no registration required



Scholarship News



Didsbury High School Scholarship Fund Society

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Each applicant must submit a personal letter of application, plus two sealed letters of recommendation (Note: relatives, DHS staff, and classmates are excluded from providing a reference letter).

To redeem your Scholarship funds, proof of full-time enrollment at a Post-Secondary Institution must be submitted to the DHS office by September 2024.

ELIGIBILITY

Students applying must have a minimum average of 65% in the following courses:

Grade 11

English 20

Top 3 - 20 Level Cores

Grade 12

- English 30
- Top 2 30 Level Cores

Options

2 - 5 credit option courses

(or use 4 -3 credit options)

Note: Work Experience and Special Projects

cannot be used.

Application Deadline

May 18, 2022 Drop off in office or email keriksson@cesd73.ca

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Leadership News



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Monday - Sock and Sandals -Hula Hoop/Limbo Competition Tuesday - Tacky Tourist Day -Save Peta Rabbit Challenge Wednesday - Hawaiian Shirt Day -Beach Volleyball

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Thursday - Tie Dye Shirt Day -Summer Kahoot/Fishin Hole

Join in the Fun!!

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Leadership News



Looking Ahead May Dates to Remember

Collaborative Day–No Classes	May 6
Focused PD Day–No Classes	May 20
Victoria Day-No Classes	May 23



April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Tie Dye @ Lunch Grad 2022 Planning Mtg 7pm DHS Library	6 Tie Dye @ Lunch	7 Tie Dye @ Lunch	8 Tie Dye @ Lunch	9
10	11 Beach Week	12 Beach Week	13 Beach Week Band Mtg 7pm 🌋	14 Beach Week Report Cards	15 Good Friday - No Classes	16 Spring Break
17 Slappy	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 Spring Break
24 Spring Break	25	26 School Council Mtg 7pm DHS Library	27	28 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30 Format TBD	29	30

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 PE 20 Field Trip	6 Collaborative Day No Classes	7
8	9 English 9 PAT Part A	10	11 Band Mtg 7pm DHS Band Room	12 2022/2023 Course Selection Deadline	13 PE 30 Field Trip	14
15	16	17	18 DHS Scholarship Applications Due Date	19	20 Focused PD Day No Classes	21
22	23 Victoria Day No Classes	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				