

June
2022



CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

I often get asked if we are "winding things down" once June hits, but my experience is that things actually "wind up" until we step away from Grad Celebrations on June 25th, and all of a sudden everything comes to an abrupt stop. I haven't taken much time to reflect on the year that is quickly about to come to an end, but the common feeling from most colleagues I talk with is how fast the year has flown. Perhaps getting back to normal and having more school events occurring is part of the reason. To finish the school year I'll comment on our upcoming final exams and student preparation.

I feel like a broken record sometimes, but I can't stress enough that the academic culture we have at DHS has been a unified effort of staff, students, and parents. We have not had diplomas or PAT's for a couple of years, but prior to that we had a consistent trend of students meeting or exceeding the provincial results on diplomas and PAT's. I strongly believe this is an important trend to continue and our staff and students are working on doing just that. Although the weighting of these exams is less than we would traditionally have, the importance of preparation remains the same. Please do all you can to help keep the focus of your child on achieving the best results they can; it is never too late to develop the discipline and good habits of preparing for exams. Not too many of our students will carry on in their adult lives without more courses and life-long learning, so if you help develop consistent routines for preparation now, it will pay off in the future. Good, consistent practices become good, consistent habits.

On a personal note, I do want to thank the staff, students and parents of DHS for allowing me to be a part of their lives over the past 14 years. I was very much made to feel at home when I arrived at DHS and feel blessed to be able to finish my teaching career here. I know that the school and all those associated will carry on with great things in their future years.

Have a great summer and look to our webpage for information on returning in the fall!

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Superintendent's Message

Sharing a sense of pride as we reflect on an exceptional year

As the end of this school year approaches, the Board of Trustees and Central Office team would like to express our deep gratitude for all that has been achieved in schools across our division. Our Chinook's Edge school communities rallied through a tide of challenges that ebbed and flowed throughout this past school year. Everyone was determined to ensure meaningful learning took place each day, through hard work, resilience and goodwill.

Our schools are filled with educational leaders who ensure a safe and caring environment for all students. They are all committed to our divisional goals: Academic Excellence, Career Connections and Social Emotional Well-being, which we firmly believe are key to student success as they progress through the grades and throughout their lives. Chinook's Edge has generated clear strategies to support every student in their learning journey and to create an upward momentum that helps them realize their hopes and dreams.

Thank you to our students, our teachers and our entire Chinook's Edge team for your hard work throughout the year, and to parents and community partners who are engaged in learning alongside us. Chinook's Edge students are surrounded by people who truly care about them and about their success. Thank you for challenging, encouraging and believing in each one of them. Enjoy your summer!

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

We would love to hear your thoughts on this month's [parent survey](#): What comes to mind when you think of your child's school experience this past year? Remember to visit our [Assurance for Parents](#) page for regular updates!

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



GRAD 2022 News



Cap & Gown will be held on **Friday June 24th** at **7:00 pm**
in the DHS Gym

Grad 2022 Celebrations Saturday June 25th

3:00 pm Reverse Parade with Banners

4:30 - 6:45 pm Grad Banquet (invited guests only)

7:00 pm Grad Celebrations Program (Open to Public)
Didsbury Arena

There will be a final Grad Committee Planning Meeting on Monday June 13th at 7 pm in the DHS Library

Congratulations to all 2022 Grads and their Parents!

Band News



After a two year hiatus we are so excited to be able to invite you to the DHS Music Year End Concerts!!

Year End Jazz Finale

Tuesday, June 14th

7 PM

DHS Gymnasium

Concert Band Finale

Wednesday, June 15th

7 PM

DHS Gymnasium

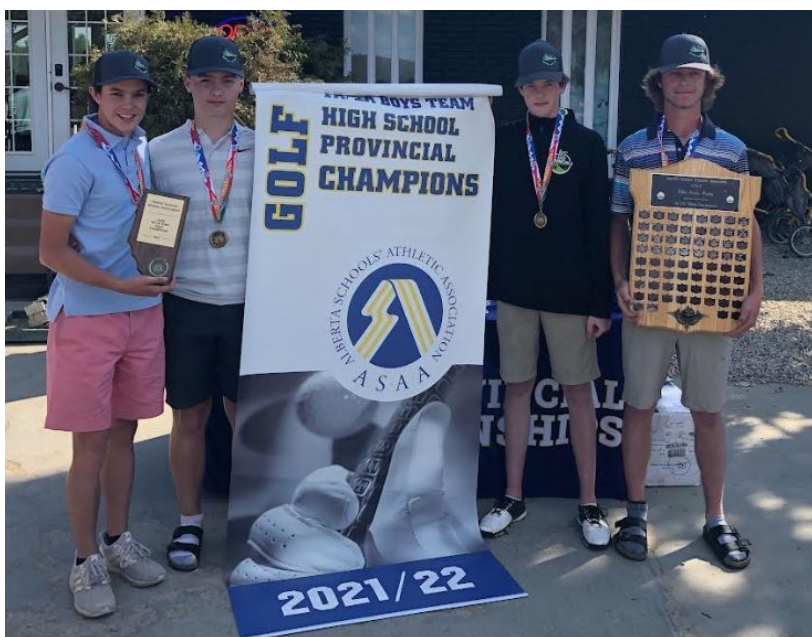
Both concerts promise to be an outstanding showcase of the tremendous musical talent we have here at DHS! The Wednesday night concert will also feature the WORLD PREMIER of a new composition written for the DHS Symphonic Winds by Winnipeg composer and educator Matt Neufeld. Matt will be in Didsbury to work with our groups and will be in attendance at the concert Wednesday night.

A reminder that deposits for our 2023 Spring Tour (\$400) are due as soon as possible. Cheques can be made payable to the DHS Band Society.

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

Thank you for supporting Music at DHS!

High School Golf Provincial Championship Winners



Congratulations to the DHS golf team who placed first in the province at 2022 ASAA golf provincials May 30 and 31 in Mayerthorpe. The team scored a consistent 237 and 237 on both days beating Rundle College by 6 strokes to win gold. The team overcame two difficult courses that provided many challenges along the way. Excellent work and perseverance to Luke Stroyan, Jarret Miller, Jack Holdstock and Zack Miller who represented DHS at the highest level in the ASAA athletic stage.



The time has come that we have dreaded, denied and refused to acknowledge but unfortunately we can not keep our heads in the sand any longer. (especially as, despite the tears, begging and letter tampering to head office they refuse to change their minds) It is with happiness for them but sadness for those left that we say goodbye to Mr. Dagg and Mr. Paton as they transition into their retirement (or next career of seasonal golfing). Their contributions to this school are innumerable and have left a mark that, for many, will never be forgotten or replaceable. Mr. Dagg has been a pillar for our school for the last 14 years, supporting and building a phenomenal student body, staff and culture while Mr. Paton has provided a rock solid foundation for our school and students in Physics, Math and life lessons for the last 26 years.

Mr. Dagg came to DHS in 2007 to take on the most important role, that of the cornerstone of DHS. He has kept everything balanced, operating and not only existing but thriving. Under his guidance, DHS has become a phenomenal school for students and staff alike. It doesn't matter what he had on the go or the stress he may have been under, his open door policy created a rapport that allowed them to seek help whenever needed. In fact, he seldom made it through the foyer without stopping to help a student that called out for help in Math or just wanted to talk. Not only did Mr. Dagg help our students through the most difficult maths but through the years also helped many parents, students and staff through "moments" - positive moments and some not so enjoyable moments - with integrity, compassion, and sincerity. We will miss ribbing Mr. Dagg on his very poor sports team choices, miss seeing him in the stands at sporting events and band concerts but mostly we will miss how much he cared about every student and the amazing culture that he created at DHS; we wish you all the best knowing that "how lucky [we are] to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard" (Winnie The Pooh).

Mr. Paton has been with DHS since at least 1996. He has been the foundation of our physics and math department and one of the best Dragons fans there is. Mr. Paton could be found before school, during lunches, during preps and after school helping students with any struggles they were having in Physics or Math, in fact he was pretty good at English too :0). "Move your feet", "jump", "shoot the ball" - from the stands could typically be attributed to Mr. Paton at the many many games he came to watch and cheer on students. Not to mention the life lessons imparted to students he sat with at games, after school, or coached in Badminton. Mr. Paton whole heartedly invested in DHS students and the loss of that kind of commitment and connection is going to be felt like a shock wave through DHS. As Mr. Paton leaves us for the next chapter in his life, we send him on with this "May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hallow of his hand" (Traditional Gaelic blessing). Mar sin leat Mr Paton.

We want to thank Mr. Dagg and Mr. Paton for their years of dedication, sacrifices, laughter and sarcasm, you will be missed but we will hold out hope that in the future we will see your smiling face and hear your encouraging words in the stands at DHS.

You will be missed!!

School Pictures 2022/2023 School Year



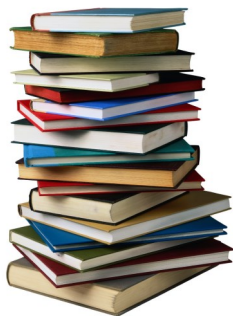
2022/2023 School Picture Day Wednesday September 7, 2022

CESD Summer



CESD Summer School Applications available at

cesd73.ca **Students/Parents » Programs » Summer School**



Important Library Due Dates

Chromebooks: Now. Please return all chromebooks as soon as possible.

Books: June 17.

Textbooks and calculators: Due as soon as students have written their final exams.

Please do not wait until September to return your textbooks. We need time to get them ready for next year.

If your student is unsure of what is currently signed out to them, please have them talk to Miss Budd in the library.

School Fees



With the end of the school year approaching, if you have any outstanding school fees we ask you please make arrangements for payment by June 13, 2022.

If you need financial assistance, the CESD School fee waiver form can be found at cesd73.ca.

Looking Ahead September Dates to Remember

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| School Opens | August 26 |
| First Day of Classes | September 1 |
| School Photo Day | September 7 |
| PD Day—No Classes | September 24 |
| National Day for Truth and Reconciliation | September 30 |



DHS EXAM SCHEDULE - MAY/JUNE 2022

| DATE | EXAM | START TIME |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Monday, May 16 | English 9 PAT Part A | 8:30 AM |
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| Monday, June 13 | English 30-1 Part A | 9:00 AM |
| | English 30-2 Part A | 9:00 AM |
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| Tuesday, June 14 | Social 30-1 Part A | 9:00 AM |
| | Social 30-2 Part A | 9:00 AM |
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| Monday, June 20 | English 30-1 Part B | 9:00 AM |
| | English 30-2 Part B | 9:00 AM |
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| Wednesday, June 22 | Social 30-1 Part B | 9:00 AM |
| | Social 30-2 Part B | 9:00 AM |
| | English 9 PAT Part B | 9:00 AM |
| | Math 10-3 | 12:30 PM |
| | Social 10-1 | 12:30 PM |
| | English 20-1 | 12:30 PM |
| | Math 20-2 | 12:30 PM |
| | Math 20-3 | 12:30 PM |
| | Social 20-1 | 12:30 PM |
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| Thursday, June 23 | Biology 30 | 9:00 AM |
| | Social 9 PAT | 9:00 AM |
| | Social 10-2 | 12:30 PM |
| | Science 10 | 12:30 PM |
| | Math 10C | 12:30 PM |
| | Math 20-1 | 12:30 PM |
| | Biology 20 | 12:30 PM |
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| Friday, June 24 | Chemistry 30 | 9:00 AM |
| | Math 9 PAT | 9:00 AM |
| | English 20-2 | 12:30 PM |
| | Physics 20 | 12:30 PM |
| | Chemistry 20 | 12:30 PM |
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| Monday, June 27 | Science 9 PAT | 9:00 AM |



Chinook's Edge School Division

2022-2023 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar

| AUGUST 2022 | | | | | | |
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Aug 29 School Organizational Day
 Aug 30 Focused PD Day
 Aug 31 School Organizational Day

| FEBRUARY 2023 | | | | | | |
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Feb 10 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)
 Feb 20 Family Day
 Feb 20-24 Winter Break
 Feb 23-24 Teachers' Convention

| SEPTEMBER 2022 | | | | | | |
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Sept 1 Students' First Day of School
 Sept 5 Labour Day
 Sept 23 Focused PD Day
 Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

| MARCH 2023 | | | | | | |
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Mar 10 Collaborative Day
 Mar 24 Non Instructional Day

| OCTOBER 2022 | | | | | | |
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Oct 10 Thanksgiving Day
 Oct 21 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)

| APRIL 2023 | | | | | | |
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Apr 7 Good Friday
 Apr 10 Easter Monday
 Apr 11-14 Spring Break

| NOVEMBER 2022 | | | | | | |
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Nov 11 Remembrance Day
 Nov 10-11 Fall Break
 Nov 25 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)

| MAY 2023 | | | | | | |
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May 5 Collaborative Day
 May 19 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)
 May 22 Victoria Day
 May 29 Non Instructional Day

| DECEMBER 2022 | | | | | | |
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Dec 9 Non Instructional Day
 Dec 26-31 Christmas Break

| JUNE 2023 | | | | | | |
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Jun 27 Students Last Day (noon dismissal)
 Jun 28 School Organizational Day

| JANUARY 2023 | | | | | | |
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Jan 2-6 Christmas Break
 Jan 9 Students Return
 Jan 30 School Organizational Day

| LEGEND | | | |
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| | School Planning Day | | Teachers' Convention |
| | Focused PD Day | | Significant Start and End Dates |
| | Holiday | | Breaks |
| | Non Instructional Day | | Collaborative Days - No school for students. One Focused PD Day will be designated as the TPGP. |

CESD appreciates feedback from all of our stakeholders in the creation of this calendar. Over 2000 CESD staff members, parents and students contributed to the most recent CESD Calendar Survey. The next opportunity for feedback will be in the 2022-2023 school year.

April 28, 2022

June 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Non-Instructional Day—No Classes | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Athletic Awards Assembly & School Lunch | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Diploma Exam Grad Planning Mtg 7 pm | 14 Diploma Exam Jazz Year End Concert 7 pm | 15 Band Year End Concert 7pm | 16 | 17 Library Books Returned | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Diploma Exam | 21 Last Day of Classes | 22 Final Exams | 23 Final Exams | 24 Final Exams Grad 2022 Cap & Gown | 25 Grad 2022 Celebrations |
| 26 | 27 Final Exams | 28 CESD Last day of School | 29 School Organizational Day | 30 | | |

September 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 26 School Opens | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 First Day of School | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Labour Day No Classes | 6 | 7 School Picture Day | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 PD Day No Classes | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - No Classes | |