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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

# Didsbury High School

## Principal's Message

A beautiful September at Didsbury High School has been relatively smooth and productive as students and staff have transitioned from summer vacation back to school. Besides myself we have several new staff with us this year. With the retirement of Mrs. Dorowicz, we have welcomed Courtney Roy to DHS as our new Inclusive Education coordinator and Career High teacher. Brittany Romaniuk has also come on board as a Humanities teacher, replacing Mr. Colautti who moved to a teaching position in Calgary. Family School Wellness sees a new face as Tane Skotheim joins the DHS team after several years in the same role at Olds High School. Mr. Paton's retirement has me not only taking on the role of Principal from Mr. Dagg but picking up some of Mr. Paton's Physics courses as well.

Our Academic/Careers Counselors have already been meeting with students to discuss required courses and/or post secondary/career opportunities. University registrations are beginning in October for grade 12 students. Mr. Dick will be meeting with all grade 12 students to discuss life after high school and to ensure students are aware of requirements for graduation. Mr. Dick and Mrs Doiron will meet with all grade 10 and 11 students to discuss career and post secondary opportunities. This year we also have a person from Careers NexGen once a month that will be available to meet with students on a sign up basis (to look forward to various opportunities available to students). Students are encouraged to make contact with Mr. Dick regarding post secondary by the end of their 11th grade year. As a school we are committed to ensuring Career and post secondary conversations happen beginning in grade 9 and throughout a student's high school years.

Our first School Council meeting is at 7:00 PM on October 4th and any parent in the school is welcome to participate in the school council and all are eligible to run for one of the executive positions. Please feel free to join us to have your say. October 20th will be our first set of Parent Teacher Interviews and parents will have the option to conduct interviews through Google Meet, phone or in person on an appointment basis.

October 21 is our second Collaborative Day of the year. Staff will be busy in the morning working through the IPP process as a group and then discussing and planning for our students experiencing difficulties and challenges in their schooling. The afternoon will see teachers disperse to join teams of teachers from other schools in building high quality Google Classrooms for nearly every course offered in the school division. By the end of the school year it is expected that all courses will be completed to a level that a teacher new to the subject would be able to use the created Google Classrooms as a strong basis from which to teach. Future years will see teachers collaboratively developing common assessments and developing teaching practices for their subjects and courses.

Here is hoping we get a little bit more Fall to play with this year.

Have a great October,

Scott MacDonald  
Principal



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## Our safe and caring schools

- A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

We truly appreciate having your children back in our schools enjoying a face to face environment. They give us tremendous energy and we do everything we can to return the favour by being as positive as possible with every interaction every day. We care deeply about our students and we work hard to ensure a safe and caring environment exists for everyone.

We have all made our way through some challenging times over the past few years. As we move forward we are committed to doing our part to develop your child's well-being to the highest level. To help us with this commitment, please communicate with your child's teacher so our staff know how we can best assist you as a parent.

If issues do arise that you aren't able to resolve, please contact your child's principal and know that you are most helpful when you join them in looking for solutions. There is almost always a solution right at our fingertips and our staff want to support you in every way they can.

Relationships matter at every level in our school division. We look forward to working closely with you as parents to ensure that all of our students feel safe and cared for in our schools.



To read the latest version of the Board eNews, please [click here](#).

### Social Emotional Wellbeing course



**On course** - Dr. Marcie Perdue, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, shared details of the division's locally developed [Social Emotional Wellbeing 15](#) (SEW) course with all school-based administrators as the year got underway. This is an Alberta Education approved, mandatory 50 hour three credit course for all Grade 10 students in Chinook's Edge - the first of its kind in Alberta! It continues a multi-layered approach to protecting and enhancing the mental health of students and staff throughout the division.

### Indigenous Learning in Chinook's Edge



**Indigenous Leads Day** - Schools in Chinook's Edge have a representative to support the division's Indigenous Education priority, and that group met to begin the year together (above). Staff continue to build knowledge to meaningfully embed Indigenous learning into their lessons, to gain a greater understanding of the history, culture and contributions of Indigenous Canadians.

**Please note:** schools and offices will be closed on September 30th to observe the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

**2022/2023 School Fee invoices will be emailed out to parents the week of October 3, 2022. If you do not receive your student's copy or you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the office at 403-335-3356.**

**CESD encourages parents to pay school fees online.  
[didsburyhigh.ca/onlinepayments](https://didsburyhigh.ca/onlinepayments)  
Please check your account periodically because new fees are added for activities throughout the year.  
Thank you!**



**School Fees are Due by  
November 30, 2022**

## Band News

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### **DHS BAND SOCIETY**

The DHS Band Society is a group of dedicated parents who assist the Music Department in a variety of ways. All parents are members of this group by virtue of their child's participation in Music at DHS. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month. Our Annual General Meeting for the 2022/2023 school year will be Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 PM in the DHS Band Room.

### **FUNDRAISING**

Your student may have brought home our first fundraiser of the year, a variety of first aid and other useful kits. All orders must be turned in by Wednesday, October 5th.

We will also be starting our annual Centennial Frozen Foods fundraiser! The quality of this product has made it an excellent fundraiser for our program. All Band students will be given order forms and information. All orders must be turned in by October 24th and will be tentatively delivered on November 8th. If you have any questions or can help on the day of delivery please contact Tessa Wilson at 403.559.9372.

### **UNIFORMS**

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. The DHS Music shirt is available through the Music Program at a cost of \$40 per shirt. Cheques can be made payable to the DHS Band Society.

### **UPCOMING CONCERTS**

The DHS Music Department Fall Concert is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 PM in the DHS Gymnasium.

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## **MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRAVEL**

Travel to music festivals and special performance tours is a big part of music at DHS. I really believe that getting our students out to national and international festivals is a big reason why our program sounds as it does. In addition to getting feedback from some very well respected conductors and clinicians, these trips also give our students the opportunity to hear what other programs are doing and to learn by listening.

## **GRADE NINE CONCERT BAND TOUR**

The Grade Nine Concert Band will be traveling to the Moose Jaw Band and Choral Festival in Moose Jaw, SK.

The Moose Jaw Band and Choral Festival is an outstanding, non-competitive festival that has been in existence for over 60 years. They consistently bring in some of the finest adjudicators in North America to help school groups improve their skills. In addition, they also provide evening concerts for students. It is for these reasons that approximately 3000 students from across western Canada and the United States travel to attend this event!

The dates for the tour would be Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Cost for this trip would be approximately \$450.00, and would include transportation, accommodation, all festival fees and attractions and at least one meal per day.

At this time all students who wish to participate in this trip must submit a \$150.00 deposit in order to secure their spot. Cheques can be made payable to the DHS Band Society. If students wish to use money that is in their fundraising account, please indicate so in a note.

## **SYMPHONIC WINDS TOUR**

The DHS Symphonic Winds will be taking part in a one-week performance tour to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island!

This exciting educational and musical trip will take place during Spring Break 2023 (Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023). Cost for the tour would be approximately \$2800.00, and would include transportation, accommodation, all attractions and breakfast and supper daily. The only additional costs would be for lunches and any individual shopping students may wish to do.

While we are still working on the itinerary, highlights of this trip will include:

- Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
- Halifax Seaport Farmers Market
- Adjudicated performance and workshop at Acadia University
- Shared performances with numerous local groups
- Historic Halifax, including the Citadel Hill National Historic Site
- Peggy's Cove
- Northumberland Ferry to PEI
- Tour of Historic Charlottetown
- Dinner theatre, Ceilidh and other supper/evening activities



The DHS Band Society will be providing fundraising opportunities throughout the year in order to help as many students as possible take advantage of this outstanding travel opportunity.

All students who wish to participate in this trip should have submitted a \$400.00 deposit in order to secure their spot BUT IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP. Bring in your \$400 deposit as soon as possible to Mr. Wassmer. Cheques can be made payable to the DHS Band Society. If students wish to use money that is in their fundraising account, please indicate so in a note.

The following payment schedule will be used for the balance of the trip:

- October 28 - \$500
- December 2 - \$500
- January 27 - \$500
- March 3 - \$500
- March 31 – Balance owing

If you are interested in joining us as a chaperone, please contact me as soon as possible so that I can add your name to our tour list.

If you have any questions or concerns about our Music Program please feel free to call (403.335.3356, ext, 5959) or email (kwassmer@cesd73.ca).



DHS Leadership Presents the 4th Annual:

# TURKEY Shoot

Sign up to compete during WELCOME BACK WEEK!

**Win a Turkey and Other Fun Prizes**

Join in the Fun October 5th-7th

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# LEADERSHIP LUNCH IS BACK!

**October 12th**

**Coconut Chicken** \$5

Roasted Chicken in a Coconut sauce  
served over a bed of Jasmin Rice and  
Naan Bread



**October 19th**

**Taco Salad** \$5

Beef Taco Salad served with Salsa,  
Sour Cream and Nacho Chips



**October 26th**

**Lasagna** \$5

Baked Lasagna and Garlic Bread



All meals will be served with a drink

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# Report Cards & Parent Teacher Conferences for Semester 1

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## Report Cards for Semester 1:

**Interim Report Cards** (Online PowerSchool Only) October 14, 2022

**Parent/Teacher Interviews** October 20, 2022 4:00 pm—7:00 pm  
Appointment Required (call 403-335-3356 to book an appointment)  
Format TBD

**Report Cards (Paper Copy)** November 18, 2022

**Parent/Teacher Interviews** November 24, 2022 4:00 pm—7:00 pm  
Appointment Required (call 403-335-3356 to book an appointment)  
Format TBD

**Final Report Card (Paper Copy)** January 31, 2023

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Picture Retake Day will be  
Thursday October 6 @ 8:30 am



## Yearbook

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### 2022/2023 DHS Yearbook

Don't forget to order your  
Yearbook!

Orders can be placed through the online  
school fees payment  
program, or see Ms. Budd if you have any  
questions.

# A GIRLSWAY

## ***A Program for pre-teen girls aged 12-15 in Didsbury***

***What: This program will provide pre-teen girls tools on how to stay safe in situations involving friends and relationships. We will also have discussions and participate in activities to build positive self-esteem and confidence as well as explore the importance of making good choices online. This will be a fun safe place to interact with others of the same age!***

***WHERE: 2008 20 St, Didsbury.***

***WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM OCTOBER 19 TILL  
NOVEMBER 16TH***

***FROM 4:00PM-5:30PM***

***TO REGISTER CONTACT STEPHANIE AT***

***403-556-2466***

***Stephbgcolds@gmail.com***







Grad 2023 General Parent Meeting  
Tuesday October 11, 2022  
7 pm in the DHS Gym

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At the beginning of September, Chinook's Edge School Division sent out an email to parents /guardians for the Online Demographic updates through Power School Parent Portal/School Engage. The updates are now due, please ensure you have current information in the form. Thank you to all those who have completed the updates.

If you have not received an email or need any help with completing these forms, please don't hesitate to contact the DHS office 403-335-3356.



**Grade 9**  
**"Take Our Kids to**  
**Work Day"**  
**Wednesday**  
**November 2, 2022**

**TAKE OUR**  
**KIDS TO**  
**WORK 2022**





### Looking Ahead

#### November Dates to Remember

Grade 9 - Take Your Kid to Work Day	November 2
Remembrance Day Service 11:00 am	November 9
Fall Band Concert 7:00 pm	November 9
Fall Break—No Classes	November 10–13
Report Cards	November 18
Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00–8:00 pm	November 24
Collaborative Day—No Classes	November 25

# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 School Council Mtg 7 pm	5	6 Picture Retake Day in AM	7	8
9	10 	11 Grad 2023 Parent General Mtg 7pm	12 Band AGM Mtg 7pm @ DHS	13	14 Interim Report Cards	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Collaborative Day - No Classes	22
23	24	25	26	27 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4pm-7pm Appointments required	28	29
30	31 Leadership Halloween Activities 					

# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Gr 9 "Take Our Kid to Work" Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Remembrance Day Ceremony 11 am DHS Fall Concert 7pm	10 Fall Break No Classes	11 Fall Break No Classes	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Report Cards	19
20	21	22 School Council Mtg 7 pm	23	24 Parent/Teacher Interviews 5-8pm	25 Collaborative Day—No Classes	26
27	28	29	30			