

November
2022



CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

The month of November is a month of remembrance for the sacrifices made by the men and women in uniform in past and current conflicts. Our Remembrance Day ceremonies will be in person for the first time in a couple of years and we welcome the opportunity to be together as we recognize an important and solemn event. Didsbury High School will be recognizing Remembrance Day at 11:00 AM on November 9 and the Fall Band Concert will be held later that evening.

November is also the time in which our grade 12 students have been putting some serious thought into life after high school. All the grade 12 students have been in contact with the academic counselor at this stage and many of them have made applications to post secondary institutions with several already being granted conditional acceptance to universities.

Mr. Dick and the Careers team will next be meeting with grade 11 students to help them map out their grade 12 year and their plans for life after high school. Grade 10 students will receive time to explore careers in CALM class and our grade 9 students will engage in similar activities in their High School Prep class in the second semester. Our ultimate goal is to eventually have program in place that starts students thinking and planning for life after high school the moment they set foot in our building in Grade 9.

Our Drama and Theater Tech students have been working hard on their production of "Biggity Bad & The Three Little Pigs" for three public showings the first weekend in December. A successful volleyball season will be winding up and basketball kicking into gear in the coming weeks.

Although the year seems to creep along, it is deceptive because as of this writing there are only 35 school days left until Christmas break.

Have a great November and a great fall break.

Scott MacDonald
Principal



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Division News

... for parents and guardians

November 2022



Achieving our goals together -

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

In our three-year [Education Plan](#), we have set specific targets and detailed strategies around our divisional goals to ensure each student in Chinook's Edge achieves success. Our Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections goals are impacting students at every grade level, and our division's achievements are a testament to the hard work and clear priorities of the entire Chinook's Edge team.

Staff in all schools, across all grades, help students achieve success by setting the bar high and then supporting students as they strive to reach it. We have a strong focus on sharing best practices around teacher strategies to bring the very best learning experiences to the students we serve. That is the focus and benefit of our five Professional Learning Days in Chinook's Edge (more on this below).

Staff in our schools are making genuine gestures to invite parents back to volunteer in your child's classroom or attend their assemblies, or take part in Parent Teacher Interviews. At the division level, the Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team are grateful for the feedback we are receiving through our Parents Matter Committee and Parent Council meetings.

We work hard to ensure our schools are positive and welcoming places for our students, families and staff, because we believe that strong foundation of caring is resulting in success for everyone in our school communities. Most importantly, it is creating levels of excellence among the students we serve, which will set them up for a lifetime of success.

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

Professional Learning Days



What are staff doing during the division's five non-instructional days for students?

"[Professional Learning Days](#) provide consistent opportunities for teachers and school staff to reflect on their own work and share high leverage strategies, all of which positively impacts the classroom and ultimately leads to greater success for students in school and in life. The most valuable resource we have is each other," said Superintendent Kurt Sacher. [Read more here](#).

Inclement Weather



The safety of students, staff and parents is our highest priority, which is why Chinook's Edge developed an Inclement Weather procedure.

This link to our [Inclement Weather website](#) outlines specific responses if weather causes a change to our regular daily processes. This means school buses may not run or school closures may be in effect for a single school, a community of schools or the entire school division if weather necessitates an Inclement Weather day.

Be safe, Be aware, Be ready to learn! Be familiar with this important information. Thank you.

Band News

FALL CONCERT

The first concert of the year for DHS Music will be taking place Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm in the DHS Gymnasium. This concert will feature the Grade 9 Concert Band and the Symphonic Winds, as well as the Grade 9, Odds and Evens Jazz Ensembles. Admission is by donation. The concert will also be live streamed for those family and friends who aren't able to attend; please check our website for the link.



A reminder that concert dress for all groups is black DHS Music shirt, black dress pants and black dress shoes. Leggings and yoga pants are not appropriate concert attire.

BAND SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the DHS Band Society will be Wednesday, November 16th at 7 pm in the DHS Band Room.

GREY CUP BOTTLE DRIVE


Our annual bottle drive will be taking place Monday, November 21st. Students and parents are asked to meet in the foyer of the school at 5:30 pm to receive routes.

SYMPHONIC WINDS TOUR

The next payment (\$500) for the Symphonic Winds tour to the Maritimes will be due Friday, December 2nd. Students and chaperones should have \$1400 in their tour accounts at this time.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Wassmer at DHS (403-335-3356, ext. 5959).

PhysEd News

A photograph of a basketball hoop with a red rim and white net. A basketball is positioned below the hoop. The background is dark.

**Didsbury Dragons
Basketball Try-Outs**

Week of November 21-25, 2019

Watch for information posters for dates and times

Congratulations Mr. Wassmer!!



Congratulations to Mr. Wassmer for being awarded the Vondis Miller Legacy Award by the Alberta Band Association on the weekend. The award was created in memory of Vondis Miller, and is a long-service award recognizing an individual who has devoted many years to sharing the joys of music-making with young people.

Well deserved!!

Community News

Ladies Rattle Making Workshop

With Julie Steinhauer

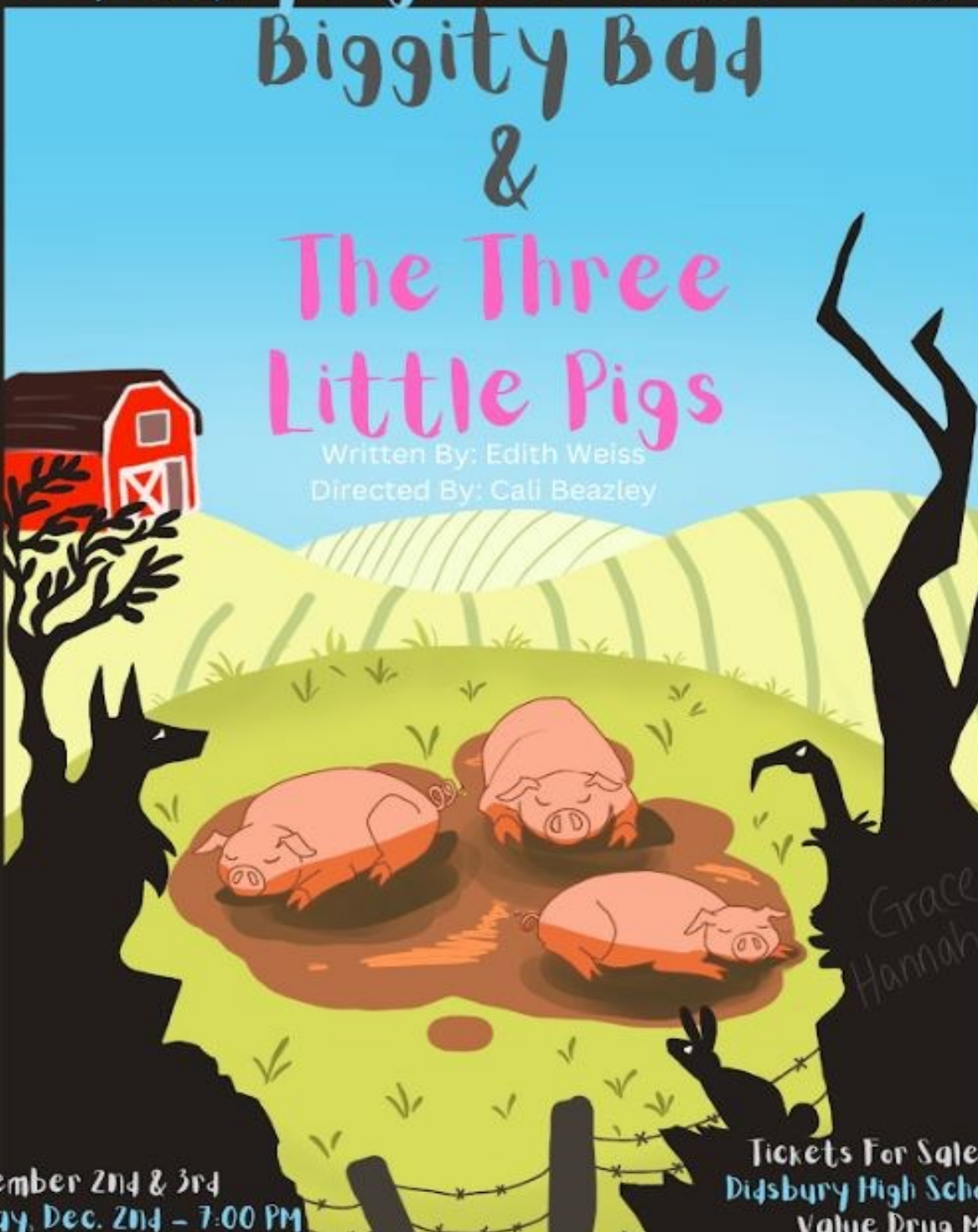
For Women and Teens
Sat. Nov. 19 2022
10 am - 4 pm

at the Olds Cadet Hall,
5205 52 St. Olds, AB

Lunch included
All materials supplied
No charge



email: mtnviewmoccasinhouse@gmail.com to register



Didsbury High School Presents:
Biggity Bad
&
The Three
Little Pigs
Written By: Edith Weiss
Directed By: Cali Beazley

December 2nd & 3rd
Friday, Dec. 2nd - 7:00 PM
Saturday, Dec. 3rd - 1:00 PM
Saturday, Dec. 3rd - 7:00 PM
At DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

Tickets For Sale At:
Didsbury High School &
Value Drug Mart
Matinee - \$10.00
Evening - \$15.00
Children under 5yrs Free

Grace Hannah



We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at www.cesd73.ca under Careers/ Casual

Support Staff, by email at transportation@cesd73.ca or by calling our office at 403-227-7072

Chinook's Edge is one of the largest school divisions in the province, serving over 11,000 students in 43 Central Alberta schools between Calgary and Red Deer. Our schools are located in 13 small communities that sprawl east and west from the Highway 2 corridor, conveniently providing Chinook's Edge staff and families with the best of both worlds

Kids & Drugs: A Parent's Guide to Prevention

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

Education Session (6 - 7 pm)

Presentation by 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

For those families who participate in a survey following the
presentation, you will be entered into a draw for a prize valued at
\$200

Date: November 3, 2022

Location: Online using Zoom



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 Midterm Marks will be available on PowerSchool on **Friday November 18, 2022**

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on **Thursday November 24, 2022 4:00-7:00 pm**

Appointments will be required for these interviews. Please call 403-335-3356 starting November 14, 2022, after the Fall Break.



Yearbook




Purchase your 2022/2023 DHS Yearbook with your School Fees!

All preordered books will be delivered in September 2023 with all of your memories. The yearbook staff is already hard at work taking photos and creating pages.


\$45 for your 2022/2023 Yearbook An additional \$5 for your name embossed on the front

Leadership News


NOV. 2ND BEEF DONAIRS




NOV. 16TH CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD



NOV. 23RD POUTINE




Leadership Lunch

**November's
MENU**

*Yum! Yum!
Get Me Some!*

**\$5 INCLUDES A
DRINK**



Graduation Celebrations planning has begun. A student committee and a parent committee have been established and will meet on a monthly basis. Any parents and students who are interested in helping with planning Graduation 2023 are asked to please participate in the meetings. Grad Meeting Agendas and Minutes will be posted on the didsburyhigh.ca website under the GRADUATION.

The next Grad 2023 Planning Meeting will be November 23, 2022 at 7:30 pm in the DHS Library



The DHS Class of 2023 Student and Parent Grad Committee will be selling poinsettias, wreaths and planters to help raise funds for our Celebrations Banquet.

Students have been given order forms and the fundraiser will run until November 23. You can also print off your own copy of the order form attached to this email. Students can pick up additional order forms from the student/teacher grad committee. **Plants will arrive on December 9 and we will contact you with the pick-up time.**

ALL MONEY AND ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO DHS BY NOVEMBER 23

Cheques made payable to Didsbury High School




Looking Ahead

December Dates to Remember


Collaborative Day—No Classes	December 9
Christmas Band Concert	December 18
Christmas Break—No Classes	December 24 - January 8
Students return to classes	January 9



November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Remembrance Day Service @ 11am Fall Band Concert @ 7pm	10 Fall Break No Classes	11 	12
13	14	15	16 Band Society Mtg 7 pm	17	18 Midterm Report Cards	19
20	21	22 School Parent Council Mtg 7pm DHS Library	23 Grad 2023 Parent Planning Meeting 7:30 pm	24 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00 Appts required	25 Collaborative Day—No Classes	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 DHS Drama Presents "Biggity Bad and the 3 Little Pigs"	3 DHS Drama Presents "Biggity Bad and the 3 Little Pigs"
4	5	6	7	8	9 Non-Instructional Day—No Classes	10
11	12	13	14 Band Society Mtg 7pm	15	16	17
18 Band Christmas Concert 2 pm	19	20	21	22	23 Christmas Café @ 1 pm	24
25 	26 Christmas Break No Classes	27 Christmas Break No Classes	28 Christmas Break No Classes	29 Christmas Break No Classes	30 Christmas Break No Classes	31