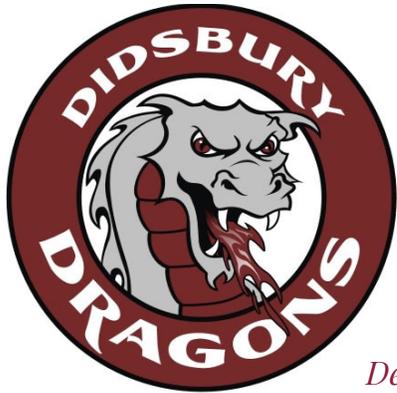


NOVEMBER 2024



# DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL LETTER

*Dear DHS Community,*

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*As we step into November, we want to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day. This month, we honor the sacrifices made by countless individuals who have served our country in times of conflict. Our own Mr. Bates is currently serving overseas on a NATO mission as of this writing. At DHS, we are committed to fostering a culture of respect and remembrance, and our annual public ceremony is on November 7th at around 10 AM. This will be a solemn occasion where we will pay tribute to those who have fought for our freedoms and reflect on the impact of war. Students will participate in various activities leading up to the ceremony and learn about the history of Remembrance Day. I encourage families to discuss the significance of this day and share in the appreciation of our veterans.*

*As we look forward to the upcoming fall break, I want to remind everyone of our exciting events on November 7th. After our morning ceremony, we will also be celebrating the talents of our students at the band concerts that evening at 7 PM. This event promises to be a fantastic showcase of music and creativity, and we hope to see many of you there to support our young musicians. Mr. Brodie has been working hard with them and we are proud to see them coming together so well. I am also pleased to welcome Jessica Sherlock to Didsbury High School as our new educational assistant. Jessica brings a passion for supporting students in their learning. We are excited to have her on our team and look forward to the positive impact she will make in our school community.*

*Lastly, please remember that Daylight Saving Time ends on November 3rd, and we will have to transition back to Standard Time. As we adjust to longer nights, let's make sure to find moments of warmth and connection within our community as we head into the colder months.*

*Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we can make this a memorable and impactful November for our students.*

*Warm regards,  
The DHS Admin Team*





*2024/2025 Yearbooks  
are available for  
purchase online*



*With the 2024/2025 school year underway, our grad class has started fundraising for their celebrations. Below is an amazing fundraiser they will be running all year.*

*Welcome to our Save On Foods Grocery Gift Card fundraiser! This is a fantastic way for families to raise funds for graduation while taking care of their grocery needs. Here's how it works:*

- 1. Purchase Gift Cards: Buy Save On Foods gift cards through our fundraiser. You can choose from various denominations to suit your shopping habits; \$25, \$50, \$100.*
- 2. Shop as Usual: Use these gift cards at any Save On Foods location for your regular grocery shopping.*
- 3. Support Our Cause: A percentage of every gift card purchase goes directly to the respective graduation year, helping us fund the ceremonies.*

*It's a win-win! You get your groceries, and we get the support we need to make a memorable graduation. Join us in making a difference, one grocery trip at a time!*

*Please fill out the form to put your order in for the grocery cards. This fundraiser is for all students and the funds will go to the general graduation fund for the respective year. For example, Grade 10 funds will go to the graduation 2027 fund. The fundraising profit is 10% on the cards. Many families like to commit a portion of their grocery budget to buy the cards because it is money you are already spending so why not support your grad!*

*Feel free to reach out to Melynda Crampton or Pam Israelson if you have any questions or need more information. Happy shopping!*

*Once money is received, cards are activated and given to the customer.*

*Payment is by cash or e-transfer to [dhsgrocerycards@gmail.com](mailto:dhsgrocerycards@gmail.com)*

# Band News

**As we enter the third month of school, here are a few things to remember! Our first concert will be held on Thursday, November 7th at 7pm in the DHS Gymnasium. Call time for students is 6:30pm. Remember to wear your uniforms!**

**The Purdy's Chocolatier fundraiser will end on November 13th, and the Centennial Meat Order fundraiser will begin on November 18th. Take advantage of these fundraisers!!**

**The DHS Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 15th at 2pm in the DHS Gymnasium.**



# Athletic News



*Our volleyball season is wrapping up and we are starting to get ready for the upcoming basketball season.*

*We are in search of a basketball coach for the JV Girls, season starting mid-November. If you are interesting in helping out please contact Mr. Gibbs at [egibbs@cesd73.ca](mailto:egibbs@cesd73.ca).*



*Whether it's a matter of forgetfulness or lack of access, having proper footwear is an ongoing barrier to participation for many in PE. The DHS Athletics department is requesting donations of used gym shoes with non-marking soles. All sizes are welcome*

# Upcoming Student opportunities

1. Trip to Agri-Trade - still open for students to sign up. Red Deer is hosting a thinkAG Career Fair/Agri-Trade Equipment Expo. This unique opportunity invites students to participate in a one-of-a-kind career experience where they will learn how their unique interests align with the agriculture industry through participation in interactive, thought-provoking explorations and meet real ag professionals active in the field. Mrs. Roy is looking to take anyone interested on Nov. 13th at Westerner Park. Please send her an email if this is something you would like to take part in!

2. All grade 12s should be booking a time to chat with Mrs. Roy or Mrs. Wassmer about their post high school plans. Appointment slots can be booked through the link posted on the Grad 2025 Google Classroom. All grade 12 students should accept their invitation to this classroom and check it regularly for information about Grad, and also use it to find resources for post high school planning including scholarship information, application processes and other handbooks they may find helpful.

3. It is open house season! Please consider taking your Gr.10-12 student to a campus for a 'boots on the ground' experience. An open house is a great way to see a college/university campus, explore programs, tour residence and chat with experts about courses and career pathways. Applications are also often free on an Open House day. Some coming up in November include:

MacEwan University (Edmonton) Nov. 2nd

Burman University (Lacombe) Nov. 23rd

Medicine Hat College Nov. 6th (Brooks Campus) and Nov. 13th (Medicine Hat Campus)

Prairie College (Three Hills) Nov. 15-16

Lethbridge Polytechnic Nov. 6th

4. Green certificate update - Students registered in the Green Certificate Program have been invited to a Google Classroom. Here they will find links to register for testing, induction meetings, etc. There is also information about the program, all test dates and a list of possible specializations. If you are not registered for the program and are interested in learning more, please check out this link for more information <https://www.oldscollege.ca/programs/high-school-learning/green-certificate.html> and then talk to Mrs. Roy if you would like to register!



**LETHBRIDGE  
POLYTECHNIC**



**NOVEMBER 13-15, 2024**

# Leadership News

Didsbury High School Drama  
Presents:

## CHARLOTTE'S WEB

ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK BY:  
E.B. WHITE  
Directed By: Cali Beazley

SOME  
PIG



When: December 6th & 7th  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH 7:00 PM  
Saturday, December 7th 1:00 pm Matinee  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 7:00 PM  
Where: Didsbury High School

Tickets: Evening Performances \$15.00  
SATURDAY MATINEE \$10.00  
Children Under 5 Free  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL  
AND DIDSBURY VALUE DRUG MART

WEDNESDAY Leadership

# Lunch Menu



Nov 6th - Tater Shepard's Pie

Nov 13th - Subway

Nov 20th - Chicken Ceaser  
Salad Wrap

Nov 27th - Dairy Queen (\$10)

\$7

**YUM YUM GIMMIE SOME!!**

Leadership Lunch

# University Spotlight

## Post Secondary Spotlight

So, you want to be a...



**OLDS COLLEGE**  
OF AGRICULTURE & TECHNOLOGY

## Heavy Duty Equipment Technician

Occupation in HIGH Demand!

Certificate → Diploma → Apprenticeship → Journeyman

Certificate graduates who meet the academic requirements are eligible to write the First Period or Second Period Apprenticeship exam in either the Agricultural or Heavy Equipment programs. Should you attend the second year and receive your diploma in Agricultural or Heavy Equipment you then have the option of writing Apprenticeship exams for Full-Technical Accreditation towards your specific trade. Students must have a GPA of 2.3 or higher to be eligible to write their technical exams. Diploma graduates who meet the academic requirements, specializing in either Agricultural or Heavy equipment, are eligible to write Apprenticeship exams for full technical accreditation towards their specific trade.

Attain Alberta Journeyman Status pending the completion of the remaining on-the-job training hours specified by Alberta Industry Trade Board. Olds College of Agriculture & Technology also offers the [Agricultural Equipment Technician Apprenticeship](#) and [Heavy Equipment Technician Apprenticeship](#) program for prospective students who are currently employed and wish to pursue journeyman status.

### Admission Requirements

- Applicants for the **certificate** must have:
- 50% or better in English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2
  - 50% or better in Math 20-1 or Math 20-2

## Post Secondary Spotlight So, you want to be a... Railway Conductor



This 12 week course includes on-campus classes, labs, and field trips to nearby industrial sites.

As a student, you will:

- learn the critical roles of a train conductor, including the safe and efficient movement of rail cars
- learn how to assemble trains in the correct order, ensuring the cargo is organized according to its destination and the operational requirements of the railway
- gain the skills to safely change the path of a railcar from one track to another, a process essential for organizing and directing rail traffic
- learn how to apply your skills in a real-world setting with our private mini rail yard, featuring actual tracks and rail cars
- master the Canadian Railway Operating Rules (CROR) and related safety systems to ensure compliance and secure operations
- learn about the mechanical aspects of rail cars, including air brake systems and communication systems

#### Admission requirements

All applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency and meet the following requirements or equivalents.

At least 50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2 or 20-3 and

At least 50% in a Grade 12 English.

<https://www.sait.ca/programs-and-courses/certificates/railway-conductor>



# Important Dates

## 2024 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Picture Retakes	5	6	7 Remembrance Day: 10:15 Band concert @ 7pm	8 <b>Fall Break</b>	9
10 <b>Fall Break</b>	11	12	13	14 Grade 9 Immunization Presentation	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 No School PD Day	30

## 2024 December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 DHS Play: Charlotte's Web	7
8	9	10	11 Grade 9 Immunizations	12	13 No School	14
15 Christmas Band concert @ 2pm	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <b>Christmas Break</b>	24	25	26	27 <b>Christmas Break</b>	28
29	30 <b>Christmas Break</b>	31				