



MARCH

<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 PIZZA DAY!</p> <p>Band Society Mtg - 7pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sr. Boys Curling Provincials in Lethbridge</p>	<p>6</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Jr. A Boys Zones</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Gr 4 Ski Trip to Norquay!</p> <p>Band Coco Brooks Fundraiser Ends</p> <p>School Council Mtg - 7pm</p>	<p>11 Gr's 5 - 7 Ski Trip to Nakiska!</p> <p>Playschool Mtg - 6:30pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pep Rally! 2pm in the gym</p> <p>Cremona Minor Ball AGM Library-6:30pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Sr. Boys & Girls Zones</p> <p>Ag Society Fundraiser & 3on3 Hockey Tourney</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>March Madness Begins!!</p> <p>JERSEY DAY!</p>	<p>17 BOOK FAIR!</p> <p>St. Paddy's Day Lunch fundraiser</p> <p>GREEN DAY!</p>	<p>18 BOOK FAIR!</p> <p>PJ DAY!</p> <p>Cookies & milk \$1.00 each</p>	<p>19 BOOK FAIR!</p> <p>Parent/Teacher Interviews</p> <p>Community Discovery Night 3:30-7pm - Gym</p> <p>LASS COLOURS DAY</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Quilt</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Cremona Skating Carnival & Crafting Wknd</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 SUBWAY DAY!</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Gr's 6&7 Band Trip to Edm!</p> <p>Elementary Assembly - 2pm Amphitheatre</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Middle School Dance</p>	<p>28</p>



From the Principal's Desk

The first month of the second semester seems to have whizzed by! Our high school students are well into their courses and the elementary and middle school are already getting their next round of report cards on March 16! We hope you carefully review your child's progress and achievement with them frequently.

Please come in to meet with your child's teacher(s) on March 19th. You can phone in to the school to book your interviews beginning March 9th. While our school division has moved away from paper report cards for high school, and soon middle school, we encourage parents/guardians to utilize PowerSchool, Google Classroom and the Cremona School website to access current grades, upcoming exams and assignments, class material and missing assignments.

Two of the biggest predictors in a child's success at school are parental involvement and attendance. When we are all on the same team, we can encourage our students to become accountable and involved in their education. No matter the age or grade of a student, both teachers and parents need to facilitate conversations about positive work habits and attendance that will lead to not only academic achievement, but valuable life skills as well. Reinforce the importance of regularly completing and submitting assignments on time. Students who establish this habit early on tend to score better on formal assessments as they are generally more prepared and aware of their strengths and weaknesses. Help your children to appreciate the value of punctuality and effort in the school environment. Assist your children in setting and monitoring academic goals.

At Cremona School, we want all our students to reach for the stars and graduate with a strong work ethic and commitment to excellence.

With March here, and continuously changing weather, please send your children dressed for all weather. Layers are a great choice. Having extra clothes at school for the younger as with the snow we are bound to have many puddles.

March is survey month. The school division puts out an annual survey to each school. Some of the questions come from our division and some come directly from us. We really appreciate your input and would ask you to please stop and fill out the survey at Parent/ Teacher interview night on March 19th. We would also invite you to come join us and have a look through the displays in the gym for Discovery Night as well as come into our library for our book fair.

Our second annual fundraiser will be starting. Please keep your eyes open for information coming out on the spring Centennial meat order.

Top of the morning!

Joanna Harvey



Students are achieving high levels of success in Chinook's Edge

A Message from the Superintendent

This month's newsletter theme of 'Assessment' provides a perfect opportunity to share our pride for the great accomplishments of our students and staff.

The work underway in schools across Chinook's Edge is continuing to create an upward trend in several measures. For instance, we are pleased with the high number of students who are achieving the acceptable standard on both Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams – which are 3.5% and 4.3% above provincial average respectively. We are also seeing increasing levels of excellence across our division and we know our focused priority on academic rigour is resulting in student achievement and success.

In Chinook's Edge, we measure student success in a number of other important ways, as well. For instance, upwards of 90% of our students continually assure us through survey data that they feel safe at school, which is a measure we highly value.



Eighty-four percent of our students are reading at grade level, which is an increase of 6% from three years ago. As well, 81.5% of our students complete high school which is above the provincial average of 79%. These are some of the other important indications that our focused work is impacting students at every grade level. Our four division-wide goals are leading to success for our students – and for everyone who works alongside them each day in our school communities.

**Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent**

Working towards solutions:

Chinook's Edge staff and families can rest assured that our division is determined to institute collaborative solutions to create cost efficiencies wherever possible. Please read more in the March issue of [Trustees at work for students](#).



Counsellor's Corner

March 2020

GRADE 9 PARENTS AND STUDENTS: Grade 10 courses depend on Grade 9 grades so continue to work hard this semester! THURSDAY APRIL 23th, 7:00 pm will be our “welcome to real High School meeting” and we strongly encourage all CURRENT grade 9 students and parents to attend.

GRADE 10 PARENTS AND STUDENTS: I will be spending a couple of classes with these students on myblueprint, the ALIS site, and sharing general post-secondary information towards the end of February. I am also taking the grade 10s to the Junior Achievement Conference on Wednesday April 1st.

GRADE 11 PARENTS AND STUDENTS: I will be meeting with the grade 11s as well in March and April. Research should be starting soon on the myblueprint or ALIS career sites. Some schools take grade 11 marks for early admission so keep up the grades!

GRADE 12 PARENTS AND STUDENTS: Most have applied, some have been accepted and many are still considering their options. A “year off” is a great idea as long as a “plan” is in place, be it work, travel, or volunteering. I reminded them that the application deadlines are in the Fall and that they are often missed making the “year off” into two!

GRADE 10 AND 11 STUDENTS AND PARENTS: On THURSDAY APRIL 30th we will be attending the Red Deer Career Expo! Over 90 exhibitors will be present to answer career questions and provide displays on schools and programs.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS ARE MARCH 19!



March 9 - phone the office to book your interview



If you need to see multiple teachers, **phone early!**



GRADE 9 INFO NIGHT
APRIL 23RD - 7PM
LIBRARY





This month, Leadership will be introducing **March Madness**. It will be a week filled with dress up days and exciting lunch activities. March Madness will take place from Monday the 16th to Thursday the 19th. The events and dress up days in high school will be tied into Battle of the Grades but the entire school is invited to participate in many of the activities.

- **Monday 16th: JERSEY DAY.** A dodgeball tournament will be held at lunch for high school
- **Tuesday 17th: GREEN DAY.** A kool-aid chug will be held at lunch for high school
- **Wednesday 18th: PJ DAY.** Milk and cookies are available for \$1 each from 12:00-12:40
- **Thursday 19th: CLASS COLOURS** (high school).

A pep rally supporting our curling and basketball teams will be held on March 12th. Get ready to watch a nail biting game between the senior boys and girls basketball teams who will verse off against the Cremona School teachers. Subway day this month is on Tuesday, March 24th. Proceeds will support various leadership activities such as the middle school dance coming up on Friday, March 27th.



WELCOME TO
CREMONA SCHOOL!

2020/2021 Kindergarten Parent Meeting & Child Orientation

This is for all children who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall and their parents!

When: Friday, April 3, 2020
10:00 am - noon

We will have a presentation in the Library for the parents while the children go with Mrs Adamson to the classroom. There will be a bus orientation following the meeting.



All children who will be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2020 are eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

You can register for Kindergarten by visiting our website www.cremonaschool.ca
You will need your child's birth certificate to register your child. If your child is taking the bus, you will also need your legal land description.

For further information, please contact the school @ (403) 637-3856

Bouquets & Celebrations



- ❖ Big thank you to Lori & Jeff Whitlow for their donation to our emergency lunch program!
- ❖ Thanks very much to Ryan's Honey for the donation of honey to the breakfast program. The kids will be getting delicious homemade granola and granola bars made with it. Also, thank you to the Cremona School Enhancement Society for their donation following the Comedy and Cocktails fundraiser.
- ❖ Thank you CSES for the donation to our HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE classroom & to help cover the cost of Provincials for our Sr. Boys curling team!
- ❖ Three cheers to Mrs Sheehan for organizing this year's Science Fair! Congrats to our record number of participants! Thank you also Ms. Sheppard & to all of our volunteer judges from the community!
- ❖ I want to thank our EA's. They are caring and patient and I appreciate the help they provide me in my classes.
- ❖ Thanks Mrs. Murphy for your work on the yearbook!!!! I love having my Yearbook each year.
- ❖ Thanks to everyone who participated in Hat Day! We raised \$400 toward NBIA Disorders Association & the effort to beat BPAN!



If you would like to recognize someone in this section of the newsletter, please email kmckinnon@cesd73.ca



CREMONA SCHOOL LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Fair



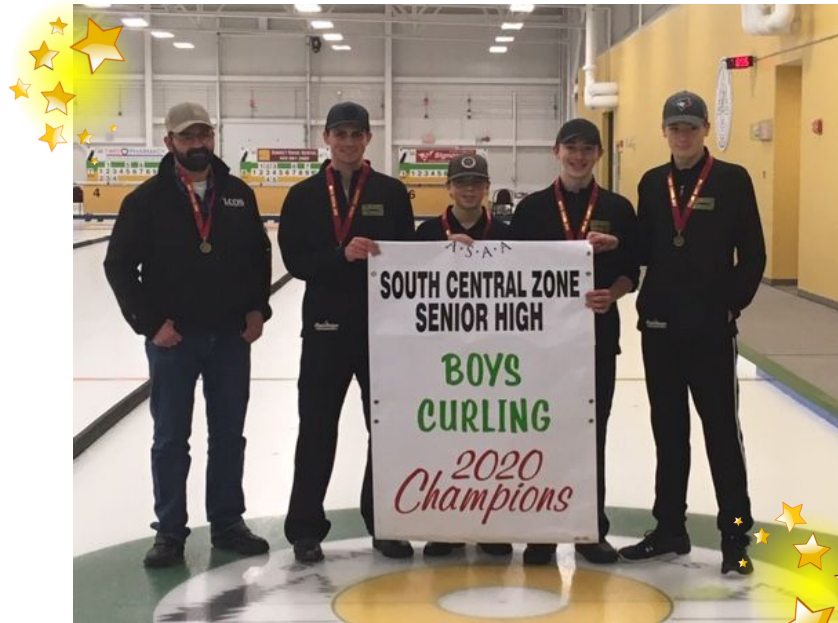
Starting Tuesday, March 17 – March 19

Times: Tues— 8:00- 3:30
Wed— 8:00- 3:30
Thur— 8:00- 8:00 P/T Conferences

Spend \$5.00 – Spin Prize Wheel!



The Library is once again hosting a Scholastic Book Fair! 60% of sales stay in our school!! Your support is key in helping us obtain new books, resources, author visits and writing workshops for our school



SR. BOYS CURLING ZONE CHAMPIONS!



Congrats Berkley, Brayden, Sam & Austyn! Thank you Coach Robert! Good Luck at Provincials in Lethbridge Mar 5-7! Go Cougars!

Band Society Update



The students have all received the information for the Coco Brooks fundraiser. This has also been emailed out so check your emails! Again, this is an optional fundraiser, however, this provides your student with the opportunity to earn money in their personal Band Society account to offset the cost of any future band trips they take. The students receive 100% of the profit from anything sold, so tell your students to get selling!

Important upcoming dates:

- Grade 8/9/10/11 and 12 Olds Kiwanis Festival March 16
- Grade 6/7 Band Trip to Edmonton – March 26 & 27 – look out for info to be distributed on this shortly.
- Grade 5 Band - Calgary Performing Arts Festival on April 24th
- Spring Concert – April 29th

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday March 4th, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Message from School Council



The role of School Council is to inform parents, school staff, students and community members so we can work together to enhance the student experience. School Council offers advisory input to school administration.

At the February School Council meeting we sat in on a live webinar on the topic of anxiety and depression. It's the epidemic of our time. A recent popular book - "Lost Connections" - delves into detailing the 'why's'. We are increasingly disconnected from meaningful work, other people (hello technology), meaningful values, childhood trauma, the natural world, etc. Drugs may help a very minor bit but only when we develop our connections will be more at ease.

Our March meeting will, as always, generally review administration's work and the various groups involved with the school. Our primary speaker will be Allan Tornoczi, the school trustee for Sundre area as well as the chair of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division. Allan was a previous teacher and principal at Sundre and has seen school from all sides of the classroom. How does he view the meddling of the provincial government in the school curriculum now? What are the tough issues ahead for our school and the division? What changes in students and teachers and curriculum has he seen over the decades?

The next School Council meeting is on March 10th at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Thank-you for wanting to take an active involvement in your child's education.

Contact Michael with any questions at 637-3973 or sunergy@velocitynetworks.ca

DISCOVERY

NIGHT IN

THE GYM

3:30PM
TO 7PM

March 19,
2020



Open to community
groups - to book
your table contact
the office

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CREMONA
MINOR **BALL**

2020
SEASON



AGM - MARCH 12, 2020

6:30 p.m. in the Library

BATTER UP

Everyone welcome to attend

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Are you new to the community? Do you have children interested in playing sports or maybe you are interested in volunteering for a local community group/organization?

If so, please join us on Thursday, March 19th from 3:30 - 7pm in the school gym for Community Discovery Night. This event is free and is being held in conjunction with Parent/Teacher interviews and the Scholastic Book Fair.

To book a table or for any questions, please call the school or email kmckinnon@cesd73.ca

School Attendance is CRITICAL!!

CESD has a goal that all students attend school 90% of the time.

Please consider the following:

- Missing 10% of school days very negatively affects academic achievement.
- Missing 1 day/week is approximately 22% of the CESD school year.
- Missing 1 day/week equals approximately 7.8 weeks of the school year.
- Missing 1 day/week each year from grades 8-12 adds up to a full year of school absences.

Also, Grades 9-12 typically have 80 minute classes daily in their core courses.

There is no way to replace the missed teaching and learning that happens on any school day. Parents can make a huge difference in this area by what they allow and encourage. (Visit attendanceworks.org for research and links on attendance.)





Cremona Senior Girls Basketball Team Fundraiser

Quilt & Craft Retreat

March 20-22

Where: Cremona School

When: 2p.m. Friday, March 20 - 3p.m. Sunday, March 22

What: A weekend of quilting/crafting fun!

Supper Friday; Muffins and coffee Saturday morning,

Lunch and Supper Saturday; Muffins and coffee Sunday morning, Lunch Sunday

Work table & chair, extension cords, door prizes

Cost: \$130 - Cheques made out to Cremona School

Come out and support our team in our preparation to host the 1A Provincial Tournament in March, 2021.

To register please contact Loree Sheehan at 403-637-3856
or by e-mail at lsheehan@cesd73.ca



Cremona School Band Society

2020 Coco Brooks Fundraiser

Cremona School Band students will be selling Coco Brooks Products to help raise funds for band trips and camps.

Order: February 24 to March 10, 2020

Delivery: March 24, 2020

Order forms and product lists available from band students, in the school office or online.

All orders **MUST BE** submitted online

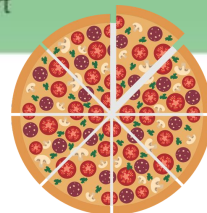
<https://fundraising.cocobrooks.com/invite/verify?code=issei-smash>

For more information:

Dalene Scott: scottrd06@gmail.com

Karen Olson: olsonk@cciwireless.ca

Thank you for your support



PUBLIC SKATING SCHEDULE

Friday, March 6th

Public Skating 1:15 - 2:15
Sticks n Pucks 2:15 - 3:15

Sunday, March 1st, 8th & 15th

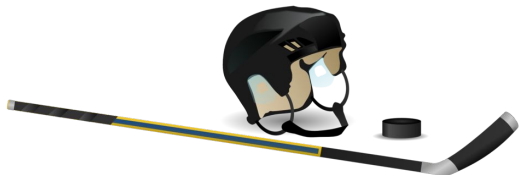
Public Skating 12:15 - 1:15



*Helmets are mandatory


*Children under 14yrs old must be accompanied by an adult

*Full arena schedule is available on the [Cremona Minor Hockey](http://www.cremonaminorhockey.com) website & ice rentals available by emailing cremonaice@gmail.com or by phone (403) 554-3170



3 Game Guarantee
\$100 / team
Max. 6 players
Age groups
8 and under
12 and under
16 and under
Over 17
Deadline to register
March 6
To register please contact
Jen Gunderson
(403)512-4657

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AG SOCIETY'S
3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING HOCKEY
GAME
SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

CALGARY
FLAMES ALUMNI,
COWBOY ALUMNI
AND THE
CREMONA
HOCKEY COACHES
COME TOGETHER
FOR 1 NIGHT
OF ROCK'EM
SOCK'EM
HOCKEY!

RAFFLE ROOM,
CHUCK A PUCK, 50/50,
BEER GARDENS,
SILENT AUCTION,
3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT

★ **PUCK**
★ **DROP 7PM**
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CREMONA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SITE

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Phone: 403-337-4277
Fax: 403-637-3830
email: coordinator@cremonaces.com
Website: www.cremonaces.com

March 2020

GROWING TOGETHER, LEARNING FOREVER
"A Campus Alberta Central Learning Site"

COMPOSTING

How to recycle your domestic and yard organics into soil enhancing compost. Ray & Brenda from Water Valley Forest Nursery will discuss what can be used and how to manage composting. They will also discuss how to use the final product.

DATES: Wednesday, March 25th
TIME: 7:00-8:30pm
COST: \$10
Deadline to register: March 18th
To register go to
www.cremonaces.eventbrite.ca



VITALITY: AGING WELL

Aging is an inevitable part of life, and if we're lucky, something we get to experience. The foods we choose can have a tremendous impact on our vitality, providing our bodies with the nutrients necessary for a keen mind, healthy joints, and a happy heart. Join Luka Symons, local C.H.N.C. Holistic Nutrition Practitioner to garner what foods will best support your hard working mind and body. We will touch on how important it is to look after your digestion and gut, going over easy recipes that will best support your immune function too. We will talk about those foods that will best fuel your brain and which foods to avoid in order to retain acuity. Key to this all, we will be focusing on those best foods that will keep inflammation at bay. Let's jump in to the kitchen to best nourish our immune systems in order to protect against chronic diseases often associated with aging. And let's make it a delicious venture!

DATE: Saturday, April 4th
TIME: 10am-1:30pm
COST: This class is FREE for seniors 55+, Maximum 15 people
Deadline to register: March 28th
To register go to www.cremonaces.eventbrite.ca



SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BUSINESS

Presented by Kim Free of Small Town Girl Promotions. The sessions are intermediate/advanced level that cover the use of both Facebook and Instagram to optimize your exposure to potential clients. Hosted by the Cremona/Water Valley & District Chamber of Commerce. The course is free to all local business reps but priority goes to Chamber members if it fills up.

DATES: Wednesdays, March 11th & 18th
TIME: 3:00-5:00pm
COST: FREE to local business reps.
Deadline to register: March 9th
To register phone 337-4277 or email coordinator@cremonaces.com



GENEALOGY BASICS

Are you interested in researching your family history? Have you been researching but aren't sure if you are doing it right? Learn basic genealogy skills so you can do your family history like a seasoned researcher! Learn how to organize information, set goals, find records, evaluate your findings, and decide which records to find next. All participants should prepare come with ancestor they want to find more information about. Presented by Tara Shymanski a professional researcher and lecturer. She has a Bachelor of Arts in History, and is a graduate of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies - Canadian Records.

DATE: Saturday, March 7th
TIME: 1:30-3pm
COST: \$40
Deadline to register: February 29th
To register go to
www.cremonaces.eventbrite.ca



WORK AND LIVE IN BALANCE

A workshop designed to provide the tools required to effectively manage the struggles we face in our day to day lives with reduced stress and a strong sense of purpose in our personal and professional endeavours. This is an opportunity to participate in a comprehensive, science-based program that equips parents and educators with fundamental tools to help them navigate their own internal world before taking on the challenge of passing these skills on to students and children. Presented by Amanda Sheehan, AtentaMente Facilitator/Trainer.

DATES: Tuesdays, March 17th-April 21st
TIME: 6-8pm
COST: \$60
Deadline to register: March 10th
To register go to
www.cremonaces.eventbrite.ca



PLAYING WITH ALCOHOL INKS

Come and explore the various techniques that are possible using alcohol inks. Working on non-porous surfaces such as ceramic tiles and photo paper, you'll be able to create a number of items, from bookmarks and card backgrounds, to decorated white ware, to fridge magnets, to art works. All supplies will be provided, just bring your enthusiasm and come prepared for some artistic fun! No experience necessary.

DATES: Wednesday, April 1st
TIME: 1:00-4:00pm
COST: FREE for seniors 55+ Maximum 8 people
Deadline to register: March 25th
To register go to www.cremonaces.eventbrite.ca



HOURS/Location

Monday 9am-12pm 12:30pm-3pm
Tuesday 12pm-6pm
Wednesday 10am-1pm 1:30pm-5pm
Thursday 1pm-4pm 4:30pm-7pm
Friday 10am-1pm 1:30pm-5pm



CREMONA

Municipal Library

205 - 1st Street East, Cremona
403-637-3100

cremonalibrary@prf.ab.ca
[Parkland Library Search](#)

NEWS - March 2020

Card Making Class

March 24th, 2020 6:30-8:30pm at the Cremona Library

Join Julia Van Arnem and learn to make 3 different greeting cards. All proceeds benefit the Cremona Library! \$30, all supplies included. Stop in or call the Library to register by March 17, 2020.



THERE ARE SPACES AVAILABLE IN THE THURSDAY

AFTERNOON CRAFT CLUB!

FOR AGES 10 AND UP, EVERY THURSDAY FROM 3-4PM.

CALL THE LIBRARY TO REGISTER.

THANK YOU
To Oliver McKinnon for the donation of Lego to the Library!!

BOOK SALE!

THE CREMONA LIBRARY HAS A LARGE SELECTION OF BOOKS AND DVDS FOR SALE. BOOKS ARE \$0.25 EACH AND DVDS ARE ONLY \$1!

Protecting Your Home & Family From Radon

Presentation and Q&A with John Horning (CARST. C-NRPP)



Join us as we hear from John Horning, a Member of the Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists, who will be sharing his knowledge and expertise on Radon and the dangers and risks it presents.

Presentation will cover:

- What is radon/why is it important to test for Radon?
- Why is Alberta a high risk area?
- How do you test for Radon?
- How do you mitigate high radon?
- What to watch for/insist on/before arranging mitigation and on follow-up

Cremona Library
March 19th at 7pm