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| <p>1</p>  | <p>2 Shoebox Donation deadline</p> <p>Food Drive Begins </p> | <p>3 Pizza Day! </p> <p>Band Society Mtg - 7pm</p> | <p>4 Elementary Christmas Concert 6:30pm</p>  | <p>5</p> | <p>6 Pajama Day! </p> <p>MS field trip - Peter Pan! MS report cards sent home</p> | <p>7</p> <p><i>Cremona Winterfest</i></p> |
| <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10 CANDY CANE SALES </p> <p>Holiday Gift Shop Sales</p> <p>Playschool Mtg - 5pm</p> <p>School Council Mtg - 7pm</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Holiday Gift Shop Sales</p> <p>Playschool Mtg - 5pm</p> <p>Band Christmas Concert 7pm</p> | <p>12 CANDY CANE SALES </p> <p>Holiday Gift Shop Sales</p> <p>Ugly Sweater Day! </p> | <p>13</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>  | <p>14</p> |
| <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17 Food Drive Ends</p>  | <p>18 SUBWAY DAY</p>  | <p>19 Candy Canes delivered</p>  | <p>20 CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY</p>  | <p>21</p>  |
| <p>22</p>  | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p>  | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Classes resume January 6, 2020!</p> | <p>28</p> |



From the Principal's Desk

The month of giving and celebration is upon us in our school and out in the community! We are so proud of our students and their families for supporting worthy causes locally and across the world. Our leadership class is collecting and delivering Christmas shoeboxes and even volunteering at the warehouse for Samaritan's Purse. Once again our little school was incredibly supportive of this endeavor. Closer to home, our annual food drive is underway in conjunction with leadership and Santa's Anonymous. This is a great group that ensures our donations help out local families. Join your children in the food drive challenge.

We certainly have a lot of talent to celebrate in our little school! Come on out for the kindergarten to grade 4 Christmas Concert on December 4th to celebrate the Jingle Bell Jukebox. The show starts at 6:30 pm with the dress rehearsal at 1:00 pm. For more holiday entertainment check out the Band Christmas Concert on December 11th starting at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all of the parents and community members that have volunteered at our school. With your help we are able to do so much more with our students, from extra reading to ski trips! With this in mind, we remind you that if you would like to volunteer at our school we do require a police record check that is no more than 3 years old. If you have not yet submitted one or you know that yours is older than 3 years, please take the time to get a new one, it is free at the Didsbury police station. It only takes a little time to fill out the forms. Your children love having you on their field trips!

Winter is here and is here to stay for a while. Please send your students with snow pants, mittens and hats so that they can enjoy their time outside. Also for those who travel on the bus, warm clothing is a must.

Technology reminder - please encourage your students to bring their computer device to school charged and ready to use daily. We are limited in the number of chromebooks we have for students who do not have or bring in a device to use.

This is the season to spend some extra time with family and friends. As the weather changes, so do our family activities. We hope that you are all able to enjoy the fresh air outdoors and the coziness of your home over the holidays. This is a time to recoup and renew our spirits and energy for the coming year. As you are spending time reminiscing with family and friends this holiday season, please keep an eye out for past grad class photos. If you come across one and are able to bring in the picture, we would love to update some of our older class photos. May you all have a fabulous December - rest up for the new year and spend some quality time with those you love.

Happy Holidays
Joanna Harvey

Compassionate and innovative global citizens

A Message from the Superintendent

I believe that positive energy is present in Chinook's Edge whenever people from our school communities gather together, but something extra special takes place throughout our division during the holiday season. We are seeing our students and staff answering the call to be good global citizens in many ways. They are investing their time and resources to help stock the shelves of their local food bank, performing carols at seniors' homes and collecting mittens to distribute.

Whether it's through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand gestures that impact an entire community, our students are modeling what great citizenship truly means. They are coming at us with shovels to take care of their neighbours' sidewalks, with shoeboxes to fill for those less fortunate, and with baked cookies to share at their holiday concerts. We applaud our students and staff for their many gestures of kindness, and we thank everyone who nurtures this generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's Edge!

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2020 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2020. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website at www.cesd73.ca for Kindergarten information, including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.

Moving forward with Budget 2019:

In Chinook's Edge we are grateful for the \$130 million budget that was allocated to us this school year. Unfortunately, we are still left with a shortfall, but through careful reflection and planning we are confident moving ahead. Please read more in the December issue of [Trustees at work for students](#).



Counsellor's Corner

Dec 2019

GRADE 11 and 12 PARENTS: It's so hard for a student to choose a post-secondary if he/she has never been on campus but if you missed the Open House, just take your teenager for a coffee on campus or I can help you to arrange a tour! They can also attend "student for a day" classes to get an idea of what programs have to offer.

Parents, another way to help your teenager is to assist with the scholarship search. The ALIS website, studentawards.com or myblueprint.ca have many listed. Each school offers money, does your employer give scholarships? Your Gas Company? UFA?

GRADE 9 PARENTS: I so enjoy working with your teenagers once a week in our "career class." They have finished a working resume, researched careers, completed online personality and interest surveys, and general career development. We looked at "soft skills" for the work world (not being on a phone, dress code, being punctual) and have practiced interview skills. Our guest speaker this week will "Carly a recently graduated university student/varsity athlete." Bryce Quigley came in 2 weeks ago and spoke on the Mechanics Trade and Meaghan Bellamy talked about what life is like as an "Animal Health Technologist." Thanks also to Steve Roy who spoke on the Welding Trade.

Our Grade 9s had 100% attendance in the National "Take your kid to work" day! They travelled with a vet, framed, worked on trucks, fenced, attended meetings, helped trim a horse, the list goes on and on! This is a great opportunity to see how hard their parents work and find out a little more about different careers! Thanks to all who hosted our students!

On November 22nd, 44 of our volleyball players and supervisors watched the varsity men and women of the University of Alberta and Mount Royal battle it out after a lively dinner at MacDonald's! Thanks to Mr Lerbekmo and Mr Scott for supervising with me! R Dougherty





We started off the month of November with a movie day to celebrate the school's success in raising over \$2400 for the Terry Fox Foundation. During the first weekend of November, many students volunteered to help out at the annual Lion's Garage sale. We also hosted a Middle Dance on November 27th, where many students showed off their dance moves. To get into the Christmas spirit, Leadership will be hosting themed dress up days on Dec. 6th, 12th and 20th. Posters are hung around the school providing more details.

As usual, Cremona School will be conducting their annual food drive that will begin on December 2nd and end on December 18th. The classes with the most donations based on the point system in elementary, middle school and high school, will receive hot chocolate and cookies in the new year. The points breakdown will be available on the website and around the school. We will also be selling Secret Candy Canes at lunches on the 10th and 12th, for \$1 during the month of December which will be delivered on the 19th. This year's proceeds will be donated to Santa's Anonymous. We would like to extend a special thank you to all who donated a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. This year, Leadership students will travel into Calgary to the Samaritan's Purse warehouse to help ship the shoe boxes overseas to over 15 countries. We anticipate this to be a truly rewarding experience and we would highly recommend it to all who want to give a helping hand this season.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays everyone!

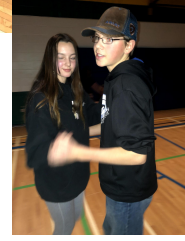
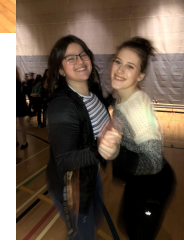
Food Drive

December 2 - 17th
Bring food items in for points!

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| 8 points | Flour (10kg), Sugar (4kg) |
| 7 points | Cereals (370gr) |
| 6 points | Rice |
| 5 points | Cake/cookie mixes, Canned fruits, Veggies, canned meats |
| 3 points | Other |
| 2 points | Pasta (500 - 900gr), Canned Soups Crackers |
| 1 point | Noodle packs |

Put food donations in the box in your HOMEROOM

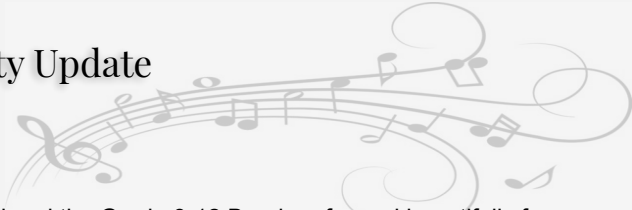
Winning classes (Elementary, Middle & High) will each get
Hot chocolate & cookies!



DECEMBER DRESS UP DAYS

- *Fri. Dec 6, 2019: PJ Day*
- *Thurs. Dec 12, 2019: Ugly Sweater Day*
- *Fri. Dec 20, 2019: Christmas Dress Up*

Band Society Update



The Grade 6/7 Band and the Grade 8-12 Band performed beautifully for Remembrance Day at both the school service and the service held at the Cremona Hall. Thank-you to all of the students who were able to attend the service on Remembrance Day and their parents for driving them! A big thank-you as well to Mrs. Harvey for filling in as conductor while Mr. Hutcheon enjoyed some much-deserved time with the new addition to his family. Congratulations Mr. Hutcheon and family!

We would like to invite everyone to attend our two Christmas performances in December that the students have been working extremely hard on. There will be a cash only 50/50 draw at each performance as a fund-raisers for the Band Society.

- The Elementary Christmas Concert is on December 4, 2019 at 6:30. Please have your children there for 6:00.
- The Grade 5, 6/7 and 8-12 bands will be performing their practiced pieces on December 11th at 7:00. Please have your students there at 6:30.

Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bouquets & Celebrations

- ★ A huge THANK YOU to Mr. Youngs who spends countless hours coaching and coordinating our awesome Athletics Program!
- ★ Thanks so much to Mary Juneau for the food donations to our breakfast program!!
- ★ Huge thank you to Madame Dougherty for planning the volleyball trip to Mount Royal University.
- ★ Congrats to Alex & Carlee Hutcheon on the birth of their adorable baby boy, Jay Douglas!



You Are Invited To CONNECT



Sometimes wonder and worry about your child's behaviour?
Sometimes feel like you just don't know what to do?
Ever worry about your relationship with your child?

Come out and learn about CONNECT
An Attachment-Based Perspective on Parenting Children and Teens

When: Tuesday evenings from January 14th 2020 – Tuesday February 25th 2020 (no class on Feb 18th)

Time: 5pm – 7pm

Where: Cremona School - Library

Goals: To think about behaviour from a different perspective
To develop awareness of relationship issues and patterns
To learn new skills and consider new options in parenting

Dinner & Childcare Provided

If you are interested in registering, please do so with:
Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Harvey, or the office staff @ Cremona School 403 637 3856
It will not run without having the required minimum number of participants



CREMONA SCHOOL
ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY

A big thanks to everyone who bought tickets to support the Cremona School Enhancement Society's **TRIP A MONTH DRAW!** First draw will be **December 1** and the last May 1, 2020. Your support is appreciated!

Also a **BIG THANKS** to the **Cremona Lion's Club** for their generous donation that will help us fund requests at Cremona School.

Last but not least **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

February 7, 2020

We will host Comedian **Jebb Fink** at the Big Red Barn!

Thanks to the Cremona & District Chamber of Commerce and Chew Chew Dentistry for their support of this event!

Cremona School Presents



When: Wednesday, December 11th &
Thursday, December 12th

Where: School Library

****Children:** Remember to bring your shopping list and money.
Free gift bags will be provided.

****Parents:** We need volunteers! If you are available to help, please
contact Coreen at lemafamily.mc@gmail.com

The Holiday Gift Shop

IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL!

We are inviting you and your child to participate in the upcoming Holiday Gift Shop program at our school! This valuable program makes it possible for children to experience the excitement of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends.

The Holiday Gift Shop program will be set up at school and supervised by our parent volunteers, who will help the children pick out gifts in a familiar, comfortable atmosphere.

We believe this program will create wonderful memories for the children, while teaching them to budget their money, make decisions and appreciate the value of different items. At the same time, they will have the fun of surprising a loved one with a "secret" gift they bought all by themselves.

There are also ways in which you can get involved. A "Gift Planner Envelope" is provided for you to help them decide who they should buy gifts for and how much they should spend. You can even suggest ways that your child can earn extra shopping money. We welcome you to be a part of this great experience!

P.S.- Parents and Grandparents, if you are able, we welcome you to sign up to be a volunteer in this worthwhile program!



theholidaygiftshop.ca



PUBLIC SKATING SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec 7th

FREE FAMILY SKATE!! 1pm-2pm
Complimentary coffee & hot chocolate

Friday, Dec 13th

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



Sunday, Dec 1, 8, 15 & 22

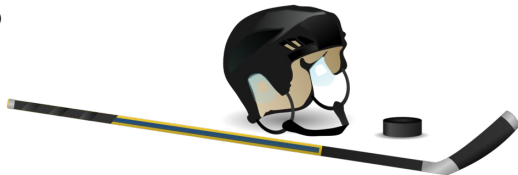
Public Skating 11:15 - 12:15



*Helmets are mandatory

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

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



2019 Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous

Confidential Telephone No. 403-816-0644!

Santa's Anonymous is a program in our community for families in need of gifts during the Christmas season. The areas covered by this program include: Cremona and the rural districts of Water Valley, Fallen Timber, Big Prairie, Elkton, Dog Pound, Madden and West of Carstairs.

Our mission "is to prepare gifts for children from infancy to 18 years of age (that reside in your home)"!

This program starts November 12, 2019 and operates until our cut-off date of December 9, 2019 (we require this early cut-off date in order for the preparation and distribution of these gifts). Please call the **CONFIDENTIAL telephone number of **403-816-0644** to make a **SELF- REFERRAL**.**

We place donation tubs around our community for "new items", donation tins for cash donations (plus we have a bank account at the Mountain View Credit Union for donations)!



Non-Technology Games and Activities

How Many Can You Check Off in 12 Weeks?



| Games/Activities They Can Do Independently | Games/Activities They Can Do While Waiting in Line, Riding in the Car, Sitting in |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Books <input type="checkbox"/> Books <input type="checkbox"/> Books (Yes, books are THAT important! Use REAL books, NOT digital) <input type="checkbox"/> Puzzles <input type="checkbox"/> Coloring <input type="checkbox"/> Sorting – sort out the toys in the toy box, sort the laundry, sort the silverware, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Play-doh <input type="checkbox"/> Make a craft like stringing cereal on a string, or make a collage out of pictures from old magazines glued onto paper, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Set up blocks for a domino reaction <input type="checkbox"/> Build with blocks/legos – “How tall can you build this until it falls?” <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor bowling – set up items that will easily fall over, roll a ball and see how many they can knock over, set them back up and do it again | <input type="checkbox"/> Read/look at books or talk about the pictures in a magazine <input type="checkbox"/> I Spy <input type="checkbox"/> I’m Going on a Picnic – “I’m going on a picnic and I am going to take (something that starts with “A”. The next person says “I’m going on a picnic and they say the previous item(s) and then something that starts with the next letter of the alphabet <input type="checkbox"/> Plan what to have for dinner or plan out a shopping list <input type="checkbox"/> Name your top 3 favorite ____, top 3 least favorite, top 3 ____, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> How many ____ can you think of (animals, foods, fruits, girl’s names, boy’s names, cartoon characters, colors, clothing, weather, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Rock, Paper Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Name that tune <input type="checkbox"/> “Once upon a time” –each person adding a part to the story <input type="checkbox"/> “Who Am I” – give clues until they guess who it is <input type="checkbox"/> “Pretend to Pack” – if we were going to __ what would we need to bring <input type="checkbox"/> If you had \$1 (\$20, 100, a million dollars) what would you buy? <input type="checkbox"/> Can you name a Disney character, food or animal that starts with each letter of the alphabet <input type="checkbox"/> Alphabet Hunt – while driving see if you can find something that starts with “A”, then “B”, and so on. What letter do you get to before you reach your destination? <input type="checkbox"/> Guess Which Hand the (____) is in <input type="checkbox"/> Learn and practice simple sign language |
| Games/Activities that encourage social interaction | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tic Tac Toe <input type="checkbox"/> Pretend play (pretend to be a ____) make or put on costumes <input type="checkbox"/> Build a fort with someone <input type="checkbox"/> Charades <input type="checkbox"/> Freeze tag <input type="checkbox"/> Hide and Go Seek <input type="checkbox"/> Simon Says <input type="checkbox"/> Jump Rope Rhymes <input type="checkbox"/> Duck, Duck, Goose <input type="checkbox"/> Red light, green light <input type="checkbox"/> Red Rover, Red Rover <input type="checkbox"/> Grow a garden <input type="checkbox"/> Play catch <input type="checkbox"/> Tag <input type="checkbox"/> Keep the balloon up <input type="checkbox"/> Hangman <input type="checkbox"/> Dots and boxes <input type="checkbox"/> Pretend to go on a picnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Creating obstacle courses together <input type="checkbox"/> Taking turns blowing and popping bubbles <input type="checkbox"/> Go on a treasure hunt around the neighborhood. What “treasures” can you find? These treasures can be anything from a paperclip on the ground to seeing a shriveled up worm. Get them to notice the world around them! <input type="checkbox"/> Scavenger Hunt – go on a hunt to find a few specific items <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk chalk <input type="checkbox"/> Manners Race – Keep tally marks for every time they use good manners. Work towards a reward for the winner. <input type="checkbox"/> Freeze dance – play music and dance. Pause it, everyone freezes <input type="checkbox"/> Play a memory game (turn cards over, take turns finding matches) <input type="checkbox"/> Board games and card games such as... Apples to Apples, Scattergories, Pirate Pop Up, Uno, War, Go Fish, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Accepted: Kids LOVE a challenge. “Who can clean their room the fastest, I bet you can’t sit quietly for __ minutes, I bet you can’t build a tower of 5 cans without it falling, etc.” <input type="checkbox"/> Let them help – cook dinner, set the table, find items in the store, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Clap games (Miss Mary Mack, Down Down Baby, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner time conversation (talk about your day, ask them 3 things about their day, talk about what is coming up, etc.) |

Angie Neal, M.S. CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist



CHRISTMAS MANICURES



This year Cosmo class would like to invite you to join us for some fancy hand bling!

No appointment necessary, just stop by between 2-3pm to the Cosmo room

- Monday, Dec 9 & 16
- Wednesday, Dec 11 & 18

\$2.00 per person

