

September

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5	6 Labour Day No School	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 School Photos Kindergarten, Grades 9-12 	15 School Photos Grades 5-8 	16 School Photos Grades 1-4 Jostens Grad Jewelry Order Day - 2pm *Cutoff to Order Subway noon	17	18 Jr A Girls & Boys volleyball tourney - Bears paw 
19	20	21	22	23 Subway Day!  Terry Fox Run! Meet the Teacher BBQ - 5:30!	24 No School Focused PD Day Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball Tourney - Holy Cross 	25 
26	27	28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day! 	1 Academic Awards Evening	2



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to a new school year at Cremona School. I hope that all of you had a pleasant summer and had some time for rest and relaxation. I am looking forward to a great school year ahead. I would like to extend a special welcome to those of you who are new to Cremona School and hope that you feel at home here.

We have four new staff members this year. We would like to welcome Cydney Winter who will be working in our grade 5/6 class in middle school, Julia LeFavre who will be working in our Kindergarten class in Elementary, Tim Baker who will be working in our grade 1/2 class in Elementary and Danielle Foley who will be working with our Middle and High school students. We would also like to welcome back Suzanne Kempster who will be working in our grade 6 class and Randa Edmond who will be working with our grade 1 class.

The beginning of every new school year is an exciting time. It is a time to renew acquaintances and catch up with old friends. It is a time for new beginnings. The staff of Cremona School are looking forward to making this year a successful, productive and happy year with challenging opportunities and engaging learning experiences that will allow students to achieve a high level of performance.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to our teachers and support staff who spent many hours decorating and organizing their classrooms before school opened and to our office staff who have done many behind the scenes organizational tasks. I also thank our custodial staff for all their hard work cleaning and preparing our school for the new school year.

Once again, I am looking forward to working with the educational team here in the school and outside the school as parents and community members are an integral part of our educational team. Our entire staff wishes everyone a very happy and successful school year and welcome you all to the new school year at Cremona School

Please feel free to stop by my office or contact me at any time via phone or email if I can be of assistance.

Joanna Harvey
Principal

Believing in every student

A Message from the Board of Trustees

After a summer of long-awaited visits and activities, we are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us. Although we still face challenges, we're able to look beyond and see the clearer pathway that is opening to us. We are all so very excited to welcome our students and staff back to school!

Our Central Office team, school administrators and many other staff have worked hard to take care of many details around safety protocols so that our students can enter into this school year full of enthusiasm. Safety is our top priority. Our schools are prepared and our staff are going out of their way to deliver a world of opportunity to our students. We look forward to engaging every student in meaningful learning, so they can achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. On behalf of the entire Board and Central Office Leadership Team, we wish everyone a tremendous year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

Holly Bilton, Chair
Board of Trustees



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Welcome to our NEW TEACHERS!



Hi! I'm **Tim Baker** and I am excited to be teaching grade 1/2 at Cremona School! I was born and raised in Newfoundland where I graduated with degrees in Education and Special Education. I have been a teacher in Newfoundland, British Columbia, and now in Alberta. I have been a Learning Resource Teacher and a classroom teacher over my 10 years working in schools. I live in Carstairs, with my wife and 4 kids. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you this year!



My name is **Cydney Winter** and I am the grade 5/6 teacher. I was born and raised in Olds, and I recently moved to Airdrie. I am a very outgoing person and enjoy meeting new people. I like to spend my free time swimming, biking, or skating. I am extremely excited to be joining the Cremona School Family and I look forward to connecting with the many students, parents, and staff.



Welcome to our NEW TEACHERS!



Hi! I am **Danielle Foley**. I started out 13 years ago as a Secondary Art teacher; having a Fine Arts degree as well as an Education degree. I taught Art among other things for the first 4 years of my career. I've also done my share of substitute teaching.

Looking to expand my teaching experience, I applied with CESD and found myself with a special education position at Horizon School in Olds. Over the next 8 years, I gained a wealth of specialized training and experience which is certain to be so helpful in my transition to Cremona School. This year I will have the pleasure of teaching Foods, Art, Language Arts, and some Literacy and Numeracy Intervention. I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and finding my groove at what I can already tell is a special place to be.



Hi! My name is **Julia Lefavre** and I am the new Kindergarten teacher in town. I am excited to be teaching at Cremona School and getting to know families here as I am new to the community.

I have taught in both Alberta and Ontario and have 10 years teaching experience.

When I am not at the school, I am with my 3 kids on some outdoor adventures like hiking, skiing or camping!





Chinook's Edge School Division No 73

2021-2022 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar

AUGUST 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Aug 27/30 School Organizational Days
 Aug 31 Focused PD Day

FEBRUARY 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29						

Feb 11 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)
 Feb 21 Family Day
 Feb 21-25 Winter Break
 Feb 24-25 Teachers' Convention

SEPTEMBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Sept 1 Students First Day of School
 Sept 6 Labour Day
 Sept 24 Focused PD Day

MARCH 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Mar 4 Non Instructional Day
 Mar 25 Collaborative (am)
 Non Instructional (pm)

OCTOBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Oct 8 Non Instructional Day
 Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day
 Oct 22 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)

APRIL 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Apr 15 Good Friday
 Apr 18 Easter Monday
 Apr 18-22 Spring Break

NOVEMBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Nov 11 Remembrance Day
 Nov 11-12 Fall Break
 Nov 26 Collaborative Day (HS Common Collab)

MAY 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

May 6 Collaborative (am)
 Non Instructional (pm)
 May 20 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)
 May 23 Victoria Day

DECEMBER 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Dec 10 Collaborative (am)
 Non Instructional (pm)
 Dec 20-31 Christmas Break

JUNE 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Jun 3 Non Instructional Day
 Jun 28 Students Last Day
 Jun 29 School Organizational Day

JANUARY 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Jan 3 Students Return
 Jan 14 Collaborative (am)
 Non Instructional (pm)
 Jan 31 School Organizational Day

LEGEND						
	Card Planning Day					
	Focused P.D. Day					
	Holiday					
	Non-Instructional Day					
	Teachers' Convention					
	Significant Start and End Dates					
	Breaks					
	Collaborative Days: No school for students. One Focused PD Day will be designated on the TPGP					

Bell Times

Grades K-4

8:40-9:00 Reading Block

10:40 Recess begins

10:55 Recess ends

12:10 Lunch begins

12:50 Lunch ends

Grades 5-8

8:40-8:55 Reading Block

8:55-9:50 Block 1

9:50-10:55 Block 2

10:55-11:10 Recess

11:10-12:10 Block 3

12:10-12:50 Lunch

12:50-2:00 Block 4

2:00-3:05 Block 5

Grades 9-12

8:40-9:50 Block 1

9:50-11:00 Block 2

11:00-12:10 Block 3

12:10-12:50 Lunch

12:50-2:00 Block 4

2:00-3:05 Block 5

3:05 School ends

3:05 School ends

3:05 School ends

Purchasing Subway / Pizza / Milk & Ice Cream Cards

-Login to [Student Quickpay](#)

-Click on your child's name

-For Subway or Pizza Day, click on the month you would like to purchase lunch, make your selections, and add to cart

-For Milk & Ice Cream cards, click on the button and add to cart. Cards will then be delivered to homeroom teachers.

FYI: for Kinder - Gr 4 milk & ice cream is available every day at lunch and ice cream is available on Fridays! For Gr 5 and up, ice cream is available daily

FAMILY SCHOOL WELLNESS PROGRAM

My name is Robbin Alexander (students call me Mrs A). I am the Family School Wellness Worker in Cremona. This is my 14th year working in Cremona and for Chinook's Edge School Division. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Gerontology (the study of aging) and a Bachelor of Social Work degree from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and I also have my Master of Social Work degree with a clinical specialization from University of Calgary. Chinook's Edge School Division is the third school board I've worked for since finishing university. I used to work in both northern Manitoba, and southern Ontario.

The Family School Wellness Program is a confidential, voluntary, preventative service offered to children, youth and families. It is available to all children aged three to eighteen and their families. Family School Wellness is available from September to June and is free of charge.

Any Cremona School student or family requiring family related support or information can access the program. Students, parents, teachers, and school staff can make referrals. Referral forms can be found at the school's main office (or the Family School Wellness office).

My role as a Family School Wellness Worker is to:

- Provide support services to families and children facing social, emotional or family challenges
- Promote effective communication and parenting skills
- Offer short-term individual or family support
- Build skills with students
- Assist in finding information and resources such as counseling, after-hours crisis response workers, or legal advice
- Advocate within the school or community at large
- Promote preventative opportunities within the school and community
- Collaborate with community agencies

Possible reasons for referral are:

Anger Management	Anxiety	Bullying/Being Bullied	Depression
Domestic Violence	Family/Sibling Conflict	Grief and Loss	Mental Health
Parenting Challenges	Pregnancy/Sexuality	School Attendance	School Conflict
Self-Esteem	Self-Harm	Separation/Divorce	Substance Abuse

I can be contacted at the school (403) 637 3856 - or via **text only** at (403) 797 1565 on weekdays during school hours:)

Best wishes for a great school year!

Robbin Alexander, MSW, RSW



Counsellor's Corner

September 2021

Hello everyone, I'm glad to be back working with your teenagers about their career and post-secondary plans! I put together and will distribute to every Grade 12 student a package which will include their current credits, scholarships and how to apply for them, and some general information on student loans and how to apply to post-secondary. Please know that sometimes students need some parental "pushing" when it comes to applying for scholarships!

I normally have one lengthy meeting with every Grade 12 student before Christmas and encourage them to come back and see me ANY TIME they have more questions or concerns. Students considering going to a college are my first priority as diploma programs are very competitive and have early application deadlines. If parents wish to be a part of this discussion, just contact me and I will arrange a convenient time for all of us to meet. I will meet with the Grade 11s later in the second semester.

I would also encourage students and parents to research when the post-secondaries are hosting an OPEN HOUSE. These are important to attend as they go over general information about the programs and admissions and waive application fees. I will do my best to connect with their choices of post-secondaries and arrange for presentations. I'm also hoping to take them to Mt Royal University and SAIT in the Fall if they are accepting groups on campus.

I am here to answer any questions and assist as much as possible with your teenager's career choice! Please feel free to call me with any questions - it's a "new world" after high school and it can be confusing.

I look forward to working with your teenagers this year!

Ruth Dougherty,

Academic Advisor/Teacher
rdougherty@cesd73.ca

YES PROGRAM!

My name is Raelene Digby and this is my third year working at Cremona School. Before my two years as an Educational Assistant in Cremona, I also worked in Rocky View School Division. I have worked as an EA in both elementary and middle school and have absolutely loved it! My passion is to see students succeed and realize their unique, individual value both inside and outside of the classroom.

This year, I am excited to be stepping into a new role as a Success Coach with the Youth Empowerment and Support program. The majority of my time will be spent delivering universal programming within classrooms on mental health promotion and prevention. I will also be running support groups and community building activities for kids throughout the school. I'm looking forward to being able to connect and build relationships with more students around the school!

In my spare time, you'll most often find me hunting with my husband or fishing in Ontario, where we have spent the past 4 summers working together at a fishing lodge.

My door is always open!



Band Society Update



You're invited! Are you a parent/guardian of a new or returning Band Student? The Cremona School Band Society would like to welcome both new and returning Band Parents to the Society! The Band Society meets once per month during the school year to support both the Band Program and Music Education at Cremona School. If you'd like to learn more about these programs or would like to get involved, the meetings provide a great opportunity to do just that.

Please join us at the first CSBS meeting of the new school year on **Wednesday, September 8, at 7:00 PM** in the Library.

Finally, the CSBS would like to invite all Band Parents to attend the Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday October 6 at 7:00 PM**. We are looking to fill a few positions! All Band Parents are society members and are eligible to volunteer for these positions. The meetings typically last less than an hour and are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. If you or someone you know would be willing to help out with any of these positions, please contact Mr. Hutcheon at ahutcheon@cesd73.ca. Thank you in advance for your help!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Message from School Council



Welcome back to Students, Staff and Parents of Cremona School!

We are excited to be back at it and as a School council we are happy to be hosting our Welcome Back BBQ.

I know that it will look a little different than it has in the past. Before Covid we all gathered together as a school community to enjoy a Welcome Back Breakfast on the first day of school. We are going to rearrange things a little this year and instead have an **Outdoor Welcome Back BBQ!**

This will take place on **September 23rd at 5:30pm**. We will be gathering in the school parking lot on the west side.

This will be a free family event and give you all an opportunity to meet teachers and staff.

This will also give parents an opportunity to learn about our Cremona School Council. Learn who the current council is and how you can get involved. We are always in need of more parents to add their voices as we seek to continue to enhance and support the work of creating the best school environment possible for the students of Cremona School.

Stay informed! Join us On September 23rd, 2021

Bouquets & Celebrations



- Thank you to Mr. Lerbekmo for organizing and supervising the August volleyball camp for players in Grades 6-12!
- Congrats and Best Wishes to Mrs. Ann Hides on her retirement from bus driving. We will miss seeing you behind the wheel, Ann!
- Congratulations to Mrs. Hoopfer on the birth of her baby boy, Jax! Mom and baby are doing great!
- Congratulations to Mrs. Day on the birth of her baby boy, Jasper!



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



CREMONA MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

LEGO CLUB

STARTS UP AGAIN SEPT 8TH, WEDNESDAYS
FROM 3 - 4PM AGES 5+

CRAFT CLUB

STARTS UP AGAIN SEPT 9TH, THURSDAYS
FROM 3:15 - 4:15PM AGES 10+
(REGISTRATION MAX 10)

RHYME TIME

STARTS UP AGAIN OCT 5TH

Graduation 2022 – Celebrate Life's Important Moments



Order Day – Thursday, September 16

(get your finger sized, ask questions, try on rings, place your order)

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Time – 2:00

Place – Outside the Office



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Family Trip -

September 25, 2021

Everyone Welcome

Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

Family of 2 - \$60.00, Family of 3 - \$90.00, Family of 4 - \$120.00

Individual \$40.00

Ticket includes Transportation, Admission to

Heritage park, 4 trips on the Downhill Karts at W.I.N Sport (C.O.P) and a DQ meal deal on the way home

Last chance to register is September 16th, 2021

To register please call (403)510-4521

PLEASE NOTE - To ride alone on the cart track, children MUST BE AT LEAST Years Old AND 110 Cm (43") tall



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Family and Community Support Services

been a rough year - If you facing some financial difficulty but would love to spend the day with family give me a call—we'll work it out!!! We'd love for you to join us!!!!



Cremona Minor Hockey Fundraiser

**Fall/Winter
Equipment &
Clothing
Consignment
Sale**



**9am-1pm Sunday Sept 19th
CREMONA ARENA**



Contact Heather Foot at

Cremonafundraising@gmail.com or 403-542-6310 for details on how to become a consignor.