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**Cremona School News**  
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# From the Principal's Desk



A New Year has begun. We hope that you all had a wonderful, rejuvenating break and are looking forward to new adventures in 2022!

As part of the new year we look forward to the return of our swimming lessons at the Didsbury pool. We will be including our K-5 this year for lessons. Please be sure to check your emails for any field trip forms that are coming to you. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in our world, we are not able to offer some extracurricular trips, however we will continue to add in trips and courses where possible.

We do remind you that a mid year update form will be coming out to your powerschool, school engage. We continue to transition into more digitally-based communications; such as the PowerSchool app, our online field trip form and our mid year demographic update form. These processes have streamlined procedures and have reduced a significant amount of paper usage.

As we continue to utilize new technology, keep the following tips in mind:

- Please remember to check the medical form each time you fill out a field trip form as it is imperative that this information is current and up-to-date.
- Online payments - you can check your student's account at any time. You can pay for field trips & extracurriculars, as well as pre-pay for Pizza Days, Subway, milk & ice-cream cards and yearbooks.
- Online demographics updates - this is our mandatory annual verification that all of the information we have on file for your child is correct. The government requires this information so that our funding matches our student population. Please if you have not already completed this in School Engage, do so ASAP.

For high school our first semester is coming to a close. We have three weeks before exam week which happens the last week of January. As we are gearing up for this home stretch to final exams at the end of the month, we ask parents to assist their children with balancing work, school, friends and extracurricular activities so that they have the best chance of successfully finishing their courses.

Please take note that our monthly meetings such as: School Council, CSES or our Band Society will continue to meet online. Our school council meetings are the second Tuesday of the month with our first one of 2022 being January 11 at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see everyone face to face before the school year is finished, but for now, all meetings will remain in the virtual realm. See you online.

We do hope that you all find some time to get outside and enjoy what our winter has to offer with some skating, skiing, building snowmen, sledding and any other excuse to get outside and enjoy some fresh air. We wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Joanna Harvey

## **Supporting the health and wellness of our students and staff**

### **A message from the Superintendent**

In Chinook's Edge, we know that creating a positive social-emotional culture in our schools will significantly impact the well-being and achievement of both students and staff. We care deeply about this priority and the entire division is engaged in creating SEW supportive classrooms. Social Emotional Well-being (SEW) has been a key divisional goal for us for several years.

Under the direction of Dr. Marcie Perdue, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, Chinook's Edge has developed a series of training sessions for school leaders, teachers and support staff. The focus of these sessions is to promote universal social emotional strategies, such as focusing on the classroom environment and using visuals to support classroom routines. The training also focuses on the importance of developing emotional vocabulary and self-awareness. The strategies are being shared through training to all division staff who work directly with students: teachers, educational assistants and school administrators. A highlight of the training sessions was recognizing key characteristics which capture the most impactful social emotional classroom environment.

This determined focus, to bring social emotional well-being supports to life in every school, will help students and staff reach their full potential. When everyone in our school communities are met each morning knowing they are welcome, safe, cared for and respected, they are more open to learning, leading and succeeding.

We would like to hear from you about this priority through a brief survey on our website:

[Let's Talk Social Emotional Well-being.](#)

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Central Office Leadership Team, we wish each of our Chinook's Edge families a happy and healthy new year! Here is the latest [Board eNews](#), and please visit our website for more Trustee Updates.

**Kurt Sacher,**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

### **Welcome to Kindergarten!**

Beginning on January 10, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2022 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2022. Please visit our website for [registration information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.



## Winter Break Extended For Students until January 10, 2022

December 31, 2021

Hello everyone,

As you may be aware, the Alberta government has announced a [provincewide extension of the winter break](#) for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students until January 10th. This means there will be no student learning throughout next week and this includes access to online learning.

We know this announcement may create childcare challenges for some families, and we thank you for accommodating this government priority to reduce the spread of the rapidly spreading Omicron variant and to allow school jurisdictions time to prepare for their newest reality.

In light of the changing pandemic, this coming week, our staff will be working to ensure they are fully prepared to support face-to-face learning, and if necessary, temporary online learning in some or all of our schools beginning on January 10th. Please note that all in-person co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, including athletics, are paused until January 10, 2022.

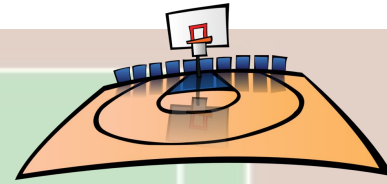
When students return to school on January 10th, we are anticipating that the Government of Alberta will provide high-grade medical masks and rapid tests kits for each student and staff member that will be available for distribution. Details on the current state of Covid-19 in Alberta are available on the [provincial government website](#).

As always, we appreciate your support as we navigate the latest phase of the pandemic. We do wish you a safe, healthy, and happy New Year, and we will provide updated messaging to you later next week as it becomes available.

Yours truly,  
Kurt Sacher



## *From the Sports Desk.....*



Basketball is fully underway and we'd like to start off by thanking all of the coaches and teacher liaison's who have volunteered their time to help out this basketball season. A schedule of games and practice times is up on the school website under the athletics tab and we will do what we can to keep this up to date. Best of luck in 2022 and we hope that everyone comes back well rested after the holiday break.

On a side note, please make sure all athletes return any jerseys that they have from volleyball or previous sports seasons.

Go Cougars!!

# The YES Press

## What's New!

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT!

Elementary and Middle School kids got to hang out around the fire and create some pretty cool snowmen!

### CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING!

How many cookies is too many?! Elementary and Middle School kids showing off their creativity skills!

### CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTY!

YES teamed up with MVFRN to host a fun, family Christmas event in the village!

### THE UNICORNS!

The grade 1 girls Unicorn Club is having fun learning all about kindness, friendship and big emotions!

## YES PROGRAM CHRISTMAS EDITION



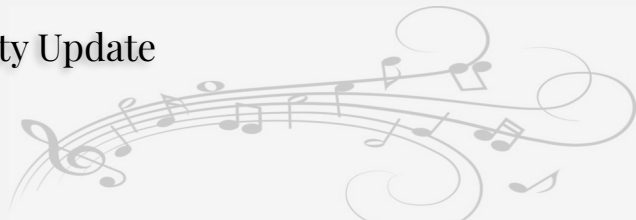
Craft Night

Crochet with Rae

The Unicorns

Cookie Decorating

## Band Society Update



It was another Covid-y holiday season halting all in-person entertainment but we have attached below the video of performances by our Grades 5, 6 and Grades 7-12 band classes, along with some elementary music presentations for you to enjoy! Thank you Mr. Hutcheon for inspiring all our young musicians and capturing it on video to share!

### [Twas The Night Before Christmas](#)

Consider this your heads up that there will be information being sent home about an optional Band student fundraiser in the New Year. Band students will have the opportunity to sell Coco Brooks products where the proceeds will go directly into their individual band student accounts to offset future band trip expenses.

Our next meeting will be held virtually on January 12th at 7pm.

Happy New Year!



## Cremona School Enhancement Society (CSES)

Happy New Year Cremona Families,

CSES would like to thank everyone that participated in the Growing Smiles fundraiser this last December. The greenery was beautiful!

CSES's objective is to provide funds to cover additional costs to our school and our goals for 2022 are big! We are aiming to replace the remaining playground equipment and refurbish the track as well as lots of day-to-day contributions for things like transportation costs and water bottle fill stations.

Would you be interested in joining our team? We meet virtually on the 3rd Monday of every month. Link to the meeting can be requested via our facebook page or the school. We hope you will join us to see how you can have an impact in your child's school and help us get January 2022 off to a fabulous fundraising start!



# Bouquets & Celebrations



- Thank you to Heather Foat for nominating our school for the popular Earth Rangers presentation held virtually in December! The kids really enjoyed it!! Also thank you Heather for the donation of various items for use in our Home Economics kitchen and staff room!
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Secret Candy Cane exchange! We were able to donate \$600 to Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous! That is awesome!
- Thank you to the many families for their online donations to our popular Breakfast Program! We are feeding healthy minds!
- Big thank you to Crystal Phillips at the Crystal Cookie Jar (#thecrystalcookiejar) for donating piping bags to the Foods Classes so they could decorate sugar cookies!
- Thank you to Mr. Vernon for organizing the school Milk / Ice Cream program! It's nice to have these offerings for the kids.
- Big thank you to President's Choice for the incredibly generous donation to the breakfast program via their Power Full Kids Eat Well program!
- Many thanks go out to our custodial staff for keeping the sidewalks clear of snow and the inside of our school clean!
- Three cheers to our Leadership students for planning the fun holiday themed Dress Up days in December!
- Thank you to Ashley Newsome & the cosmo class for doing holiday nails & hair tinsel before the holidays!

\*If you would like to recognize someone in this section of the newsletter, please email [kmckinnon@cesd73.ca](mailto:kmckinnon@cesd73.ca)\*



# YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

To pre-order your 2021/2022 yearbook, login to your child's online fee payment account & add to cart! They will be printed & distributed in the fall of 2022

We have a LIMITED number of 2020/2021 yearbooks available for sale at the office for \$35. FCFS! Don't miss out on yours!

If you have any sports or school event photos that could be used in our yearbook, please email them to [trishmurphy@cesd73.ca](mailto:trishmurphy@cesd73.ca)



## How to order online for Subway Day / Pizza Day / Milk or Ice Cream Cards:

- Login to Student Quickpay from our school website
- Click on your child's name
- Make your selection and 'add to cart'
- Click on "Paid" tab to see what you've already paid for



## NEW HOURS

Sunday	Closed
Monday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday	1:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	Closed

