



MARCH



	<p>28</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 4)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 2)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>PIZZA DAY!</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 4)</p> <p>Band Society Mtg - 6pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Leadership Conference in Olds</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 2)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 4)</p> <p>CSES online auction begins!</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 2)</p> <p>School Council Mtg - 7pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 4)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Grade 4 Ski Trip to Norquay! Bus departs 6:30am!</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 2)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Leadership presents "RETRO DRESS UP DAY!"</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Grades 5 & 6 Ski Trip to Norquay! Bus departs 6:30am!</p> <p>Winter Travel course departs 7:30am!</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 4)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 2)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 4)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</p> <p>Sr. Girls 1A Provincial Basketball Tourney</p> <p>Winter Travel course returns</p> <p>Swimming (K, Gr 2)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Sr. Girls 1A Provincial Basketball Tourney</p> <p>CREMONA SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Sr. Girls 1A Provincial Basketball Tourney</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Swimming (Gr 1, 1/2)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Discovery Night (3:15-7:15) Book Fair begins (open to public 4pm-7pm)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Parent/Teacher Interviews (virtual)</p> <p>Swimming (Gr 1, 1/2)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>SUBWAY DAY!</p> <p>Book Fair ends!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Swimming (Gr 1, 1/2)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Swimming (Gr 1, 1/2)</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</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. The next round of elementary report cards will be coming out on March 24. Parents of middle school students will be able to see the second report card online through PowerSchool on March 24. We hope you carefully review your child's progress and achievement with them frequently. Our next round of Parent/Teacher interviews will take place virtually on March 23rd. Please sign up through the school website on the bookings tab. While our school division has moved away from paper report cards for high school and middle school, we encourage parents/guardians to utilize PowerSchool parent portal, and your child's Google Classroom 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 student 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 as well as having extra clothes at school for the younger students as with the snow we are bound to have many puddles.

March is survey month! The Alberta government puts out the Alberta Education Assurance Survey to parents of students in grades 4,7 & 10. 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 as it provides us more information for planning at our school. 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 on Tuesday, March 22nd.

Top of the morning!

Joanna Harvey



Supporting students towards success

A Message from the Superintendent

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

Chinook's Edge takes great pride in telling the story of our student success, even at this time when the pandemic has disrupted traditional assessment measures. This year we have been focused on determining what each of our students need from us to be successful in the next steps of their learning journey. Our teachers and school staff are working tirelessly to address the impact of three consecutive years of learning disruptions. We are funneling our energy to ensure students have reached the essential outcomes and achieved the skills that are critical for their success at the next course level. Our teachers are experts in identifying, intervening and providing the supports a student may need.

The signs of success this year are not necessarily coming from test results and provincial assessments. They are seen in the caring relationships we have maintained with students, in the determination



we share to respond to student needs, and in the fact that we have kept kids in school for the majority of the pandemic. We will get back to traditional measures of student success, with the strength of our caring culture and quality learning in Chinook's Edge, and we will get there quickly.

For now, parents of Grades 5-12 students can see their child's progress 24/7 through the PowerSchool app and all parents are encouraged to connect with your child's teacher to fully understand how they are doing.

As we work together toward student success and achievement, we would love to hear from you! In this month's [parent survey](#), we invite you to share a brief story about how a teacher, administrator or other school staff made a difference for your child.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

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The YES Press

What's New!

COOKIE DECORATING!

Valentine's Day called for some more cookie decorating nights!

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS!

Feb 14-18 was RAK Week! The elementary kids created some chalk art masterpieces to help spread some love.

BOOK CLUB!

Our grade 5 book club has grown and we are onto our next novel: Matilda!

KINDNESS MATTERS!

The Kindness Matters members created some lovely self-affirmation flowers.

JUST CRAFTIN' AROUND!

The grade 4 girls showing off their finished products of their "peace-loving flamingos".



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & SUPPORT!



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS MONTH!



Counsellor's Corner

Mar 2022

GRADE 9 PARENTS AND STUDENTS: Grade 10 courses depend on Grade 9 grades so we encourage you to continue to work hard this semester!

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 March.

GRADE 11 PARENTS AND STUDENTS: I've started my grade 11 student meetings and hope to finish in March. We talk about schools, scholarships, high school grad requirements, and required courses for post-secondary. 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!



SR GIRLS 1A BASKETBALL PROVINCIALS

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

- selling programs
- working concession
- scorekeeping
- videography
- photography
- first aid personnel

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Cremona School
March 17 - 19, 2022





In February, Leadership organized two dress up days. On February 14th we had a “Valentine’s Dress Up Day” where students and staff wore red, pink, and heart decorated clothing. On February 18th we had our school collaborate in recognition of Anti-Bullying day which is on February 23rd (during our Winter Break) and we were pleased to see the number of students and staff who wore pink shirts in support!

Upcoming Events:

We are very excited to attend the Horizons Leadership Conference on Thursday, March 3rd in Olds! We will be hearing from a few keynote speakers, and engaging in some activities with Leadership students from other schools. We look forward to telling you more about what we learned in the next newsletter.

We are planning a **“Retro Day” on Friday, March 11th** where students can dress up in attire from a decade of their choice, as well as **“Saint Patrick’s Day” on Thursday, March 17th** where we will wear green, gold, and 4-leaf clothing. As a Leadership team we are also planning on helping the senior girls’ basketball team as they host Provincials in March! We will have a **Cremona Spirit Day on March 18th** to show our support and raise school spirit!

Our Leadership class is also working hard to ensure our school sign is updated at the road, and that our birthday board is updated! Check out the upcoming events and important dates as you drive by our school, and keep an eye out for upcoming birthdays on the wall!

CREMONA SCHOOL LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Fair

Starting Tues. March 22 – Thurs. March 24

All classes will come down Tuesday to preview the sale and a wish list will be sent home for K-4. Cash or cheque can be sent with your child.



Spend \$5.00
Spin Prize Wheel

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

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.)



Bouquets & Celebrations



- ❖ Thank you to all of our volunteer basketball coaches: Mrs. Sheehan & Bruce Bird (Sr. Girls), Mr. & Mrs. Felipe & Sylvanna Lencastre (Sr. Boys), Mr. Templeton (Middle School A boys), Mrs. Kempster (Middle School B boys) and Ms. Ackermans (Middle School Girls)
- ❖ Thank you CSES for all of the ongoing fundraising and support you provide our school! Most recently: raising funds to help with costs of hosting the Senior Girls 1A Provincial basketball tournament, support to our grad class with the Growing Smiles fundraiser and applying for a Transportation Grant to help keep the busing costs lower for our elementary swimming lessons! We appreciate you!
- ❖ Huge thank you to our hard working custodians for keeping our sidewalks clear of snow and our building very clean!

A bouquet to Ms. Digby for planning so many fun things for our students to do! My daughter loved the cookie decorating in February!
- ❖ We are sending a warm welcome to Ms. Jessica Barkley, our new FSW worker!
- ❖ Big, big thank you to Anna Lashmar and her crew of parent volunteers that come in each month to order & serve the ever popular PIZZA DAY lunches to our students!



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

Band Society Update



Information for the Coco Brooks fundraiser has gone home. 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! This fundraiser runs from Feb 16 - Mar 2nd with delivery of product approximately 2 weeks from Mar 2nd.

Important upcoming dates:

- Mar 22 - Olds Kiwanis Festival (Grades 7-12)
- Apr 12-13 - Edmonton Trip (Grades 7-12)
- Mid-April - Mothers Day Flower fundraiser
- May 11 - Spring Band Concert at Cremona School gym (all band students)
- May 18 - Alberta Festival of Bands in Red Deer (Grades 7-12)
- May 19 - Alberta Festival of Bands in Red Deer (Grades 5-6)

Our next meeting band society meeting will be held on Wednesday March 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CREMONA SCHOOL ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY ONLINE FUNDRAISER!

March 7-14



AWESOME AUCTION AND RAFFLE ITEMS TO BE WON!

Cremona School Enhancement Society (CSES)

We will be hosting an online auction/raffle to kick off our 2022 fundraising. Please keep your eyes on the CSES facebook page for links and teasers to all the incredible items! The Auction/Raffle will take place March 7-14 so be sure to add the event to your calendar.

Our objective is to provide funds to cover additional costs like transportation for swimming, upgraded playground equipment, refurbishing the track and many more big goals as well as day to day expenses.

We meet on the 3rd monday of every month. Want to join us? We are always looking for volunteers and new contributors to the team. Sit in on one of our meetings to get a glimpse of the impact you can have in your community today.



DISCOVERY

NIGHT IN

THE GYM

MAR 22ND
4PM - 7PM



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

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 Tuesday, March 22nd from 4pm - 7pm in the school gym for Community Discovery Night. This event is free and is being held in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair in the Library.

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