



September

Cremona School Newsletter
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CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



**ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS**

read well by the end
of the third grade.



**MIDDLE
SCHOOLERS**

pass important
courses



**HIGH
SCHOOLERS**

stay on track for
graduation



**UNIVERSITY/
COLLEGE
STUDENTS**

earn their degree



WORKERS

succeed in
their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

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 one new staff member this year. We would like to welcome **Jessie Notley** who will be taking over our French program, teaching French in middle school and high school. She will also be working in our middle school with some Humanities classes. We look forward to the energy and enthusiasm that a new staff member offers.

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 is looking forward to making this year a successful, productive and happy year with challenging opportunities and engaging learning experience that will allow students to achieve at 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
Cremona School*

Believing in every student - A message from the Superintendent

Students, staff and families across Chinook's Edge are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us, and I extend a warm welcome on behalf our Board of Education and Central Office Leadership Team.

We are so excited to welcome our students and staff back to school! Our schools share a focus on key [divisional goals](#): Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections. We believe this strong foundation will allow our students to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. Our schools are filled with enthusiasm as this year gets underway.

Our staff have worked hard to ensure a clear path ahead for our students, including a focused collaboration to support the new K-3 curriculum (more information below). We work to build welcoming school cultures and believe each day is filled with learning opportunities for every student in our care, which is why we are launching our [Attendance Matters](#) initiative.

We are excited to welcome our students and staff back to school and wish everyone a tremendous year ahead!



Superintendent Kurt Sacher

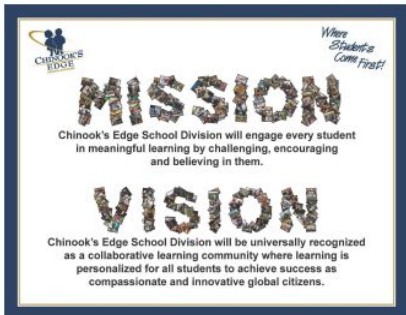
Welcome letter from The Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education: [click here](#)

Ready to go with new provincial curriculum



Twenty-five Kindergarten to Grade 3 teachers from schools across the division worked in grade teams to collaboratively create resources to support implementation of the [K-3 curriculum](#). They found that, while there are some new or refreshed initiatives, the curriculum has clear connections to the three division goals in Chinook's Edge:

Academic Excellence
Social Emotional Well-being
Career Connections



Counsellor's Corner - September 2022

Hello everyone, it is my honour to be starting the new role as Academic Advisor here at Cremona School. I am excited to start working with your child(ren) regarding their career and post-secondary plans. At the beginning of the semester, I will be distributing a package to every Grade 12 student that 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 will be having 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.

I am here to answer any questions and assist as much as possible with your student'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 am looking forward to working with your child(ren) this year!

Alex Hutcheon

Academic Advisor/ Teacher
ahutcheon@cesd73.ca



AUGUST 2022

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- Aug 29 School Organizational Day
- Aug 30 Focused PD Day
- Aug 31 School Organizational Day

SEPTEMBER 2022

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- Sept 1 Students' First Day of School
- Sept 5 Labour Day
- Sept 13-15 School Photos
- Sept 15 Subway Day
- Sept 21 Pizza Day
- Sept 22 Terry Fox Run
- Sept 22 Meet the Teacher (4:30-6pm)
- Sept 23 Focused PD Day
- Sept 29 Academic Awards Evening
- Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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- Oct 10 Thanksgiving Day
- Oct 12 Subway Day
- Oct 20 Pizza Day
- Oct 21 Collaborative Day

NOVEMBER 2022

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- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov 10-11 Fall Break
- Nov 15-18 Book Fair
- Nov 17 Subway Day
- Nov 17 Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Nov 23 Pizza Day
- Nov 25 Collaborative Day

DECEMBER 2022

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- Dec 7-8 Holiday Gift Shop (Library)
- Dec 9 Non Instructional Day
- Dec 13 Elem Christmas Concert
- Dec 14 Subway Day
- Dec 14 Band Christmas Concert
- Dec 22 Pizza Day
- Dec 26-30 Christmas Break

JANUARY 2023

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- Jan 2-6 Christmas Break
- Jan 9 Students Return
- Jan 19 Subway Day
- Jan 23-27 S1 Exam Week
- Jan 25 Pizza Day
- Jan 30 School Organizational Day

FEBRUARY 2023

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- Feb 8 Subway Day
- Feb 10 Collaborative Day
- Feb 16 Pizza Day
- Feb 20 Family Day
- Feb 20-24 Winter Break
- Feb 23-24 Teachers' Convention

MARCH 2023

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- Mar 10 Collaborative Day
- Mar 14-17 Book Fair
- Mar 16 Subway Day
- Mar 16 Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Mar 22 Pizza Day
- Mar 23 Kinder Orientation
- Mar 24 Non Instructional Day

APRIL 2023

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- Apr 7 Good Friday
- Apr 10 Easter Monday
- Apr 11-14 Spring Break
- Apr 20 Pizza Day
- Apr 26 Subway Day

MAY 2023

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- May 5 Collaborative Day
- May 10 Spring Band Concert
- May 11-14 Band Trip (Moose Jaw)
- May 18 Subway Day
- May 19 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)
- May 22 Victoria Day
- May 24 Pizza Day
- May 29 Non Instructional Day

JUNE 2023

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- Jun 7 Athletic Awards
- Jun 14 Subway Day
- Jun 20-26 Exam Week
- Jun 23 Kinder Grad
- Jun 24 Graduation
- Jun 27 Students Last Day (noon dismissal)
- Jun 28 School Organizational Day

LEGEND

 School Planning Day	 Teachers' Convention
 Focused PD Day	 Significant Start and End Dates
 Holiday	 Breaks
 Non Instructional Day	 Collaborative Days (No school for students, <small>Non Focused PD Day will be designated as the TRGP</small>)
 Monday Option Day	 Tuesday Option Day

From the Sports Desk...

Welcome back Cremona Cougars!! I know this is a busy time of year for everyone but I'll also add to the maelstrom. School sports will be getting underway quickly. The start of the year, as always, will include Volleyball, Cross-Country, and Golf. Students: listen carefully for announcements regarding meetings for teams as they will be happening early this year. Here's a quick breakdown of eligibility for each sport so that you have an idea:

Cross-country - open to any students from grades 7-12, starts early and finishes quickly. The season is over in October.

Golf - open to grades 10-12 with the possibility of grade 9's if numbers and circumstances allow...contact Mr. Youngs if you are interested.

Volleyball - open to anyone from grades 7-12 with a possibility of 6's playing...each year is different. We will do everything possible to get a schedule of games and practices out as soon as we can, however, we can't finalize things until we know which teams we have and who will be coaching.

On that note... there are a few coaching positions that need to be filled for volleyball and always opportunities to help out if you have expertise in any of the other activities. Please contact the office or Mr. Youngs if you would like to be a part of the Cremona Cougars coaching team or if you have any questions. Have fun, play hard, and good luck!!

Bouquets & Celebrations

- Thank you to Mr. Lerbekmo for once again organizing and supervising the August volleyball camp for our players in Grades 6-12!
- Huge thank you to Lori, Carmen & Charlotte Reid for their hard work giving our flower beds a much needed overhaul. We simply cannot thank you enough!
- Goodbye and goodluck to Mrs. Trish Murphy and Mrs. Leah Day. We wish them well in their future endeavors!
- Thank you to our custodians for all of their hard work getting our school squeaky clean for Sept 1st!



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

Warm welcome to our newest staff member!

MEET THE TEACHER

MS. NOTLEY



ABOUT ME

I was born and raised on a farm outside of Olds and currently live in the town of Olds.

AT SCHOOL

I am the new French and Grade 6/7 Humanities teacher.

FUN FACTS

I like to spend my free time with my family and friends. I am very excited to start my teaching career in Cremona and am looking forward to getting to know the staff, parents and students!

How can I be involved

in my child's education?

Volunteer in the school!

- classroom helper
- Terry Fox Run
- field trip supervisor
- Holiday Gift Shop

Join a Board!

School Council, Band Society, CSES!

Check your child's PowerSchool & Google Classroom regularly!

Communicate student absences with teachers & office staff!

Complete your demographic updates!

THANK YOU

Leadership

NEWS

Leadership is looking forward to another year of exciting events and opportunities to help out our school and community! We will be hosting a Terry Fox Run on September 22nd, and we will be sending out more information regarding raising money for this important cause soon! Truth and Reconciliation Day is September 30th and it is a day to "Commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation" (<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html>). As there are no classes that day, we are asking students to show their support by wearing an orange shirt a day earlier, on September 29th.

If you are a Grade 10-12 student looking to become more involved in your school and community, help others, and have fun while doing it, please come to our first Leadership meeting on **Tuesday, September 6th at noon!** We would love to have you join our team!

FAMILY SCHOOL WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Family School Wellness Team is here to support students through anything that impacts student learning. By working as a team we are able to increase our ability to better serve the community of Cremona School.

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.

The 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

Some reasons to refer would include, Anger Management, Peer Social Support, Anxiety, Depression, Grief/loss, Sibling Conflict, Bullying/Being Bullied, Self Esteem, Domestic Violence, Sexuality, Pregnancy, School Attendance, Mental Health, Self-Regulation.

Should you have any questions please contact Jessica Barkly at extension 4859 or through email at jbarkley@cesd73.ca



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 7, at 6:30 PM** in the Library. We will be discussing the upcoming, very popular apple fundraiser!

Finally, the CSBS would like to invite all Band Parents to attend the Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday October 5 at 6:30 PM**. We aren't looking to fill any board positions at this time; we simply welcome you to come out and listen! The meetings typically last less than an hour and are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month.

We look forward to seeing you there!



DO YOU...

- ★ *Want to know more about your child's school?*
- ★ *Want to be informed about upcoming activities and opportunities in our school and division?*
- ★ *Want to talk about our children, our school and how we can support their learning?*

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING AS A GUEST OR CONSIDER JOINING OUR BOARD TO BECOME A MEMBER!

This month we finally got to meet in person! It is so wonderful to be able to get back to "normal" and enjoy each other's company while discussing many important topics. Many wonderful things are happening in and around the school this spring! A successful badminton season has passed and Track and Field is well underway! Our band students have also had some successful concerts and trips to share their talent. The teachers are busy planning field trips and year end activities to kick off the summer! Discussions and planning are well underway for our 2022-2023 school year.

Join us at our next meeting as a guest or consider joining our board to become a member! Parent Council meetings will resume in the fall. Our next meeting is
Sep 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



LEGO CLUB

Le'go to the library!

Every Wednesday
from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Sept 14 to Oct 12

Ages 5 and up

Registration is required

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