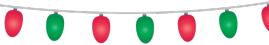












DECEMBER

Cremona School Newsletter
Dec 2022 Edition
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27	28	29	30	1 Elementary Assembly (Mr. Baker's class presenting) 2pm in Amphitheatre	2 RED & GREEN DRESS UP DAY! 	3 Cremona Winterfest
4	5  Secret Candy Cane sales (today until Wednesday) \$1.00 ea	6	7 Holiday Gift Shop Cutoff is NOON today for Subway Band Society Mtg - 7pm	8 Holiday Gift Shop PJ & Hot Chocolate Day! High School Formal Dance	9 NO SCHOOL NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY YES! Gr 4-8 Holiday Card making class	10 Grad Turkey Bingo fundraiser!
11	12	13 YES! Gr 2-4 Christmas Craft night! Elementary Christmas Concert 6:30 (No school council mtg for Dec)	14 Subway Day!  Band Christmas Concert - 7pm	15 YES! Gr 5-8 Christmas Craft night!	16 UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY! 	17
18	19	20 YES! Gr 2-4 Christmas Cookie decorating!	21  Secret Candy Canes delivered today!	22 Pizza Day!  YES! Gr 5-8 Christmas Cookie decorating!	23 DRESS LIKE A CHRISTMAS CHARACTER DAY! 	24
25  Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30	31  Happy New Year!

Classes will resume on Monday, January 9, 2023



From the Principal's Desk

Our year is in full swing. Thank you all for touching base with your child's teachers during our first set of interviews. It is great to keep the support teams for our students on the same page.

Our first book fair was a success. Our students enjoyed shopping in our library. There were many prizes won and many happy readers leaving the book fair. We truly appreciate all the support. Once again we thank you for your support with all of our school and group fundraisers. With the month of giving and celebration upon us, we ask that you take care of your own and those close to you, and if you are able, support worthy causes locally and across the world.

Our staff collaboration day was very valuable. The elementary staff were able to work together on new curriculum planning and resources. The middle school staff were able to delve deeper into the math and writing skills required for each level and work on some high leverage activities for student engagement and learning. The high school staff were able to work with staff from other schools on building course content that may be utilized by others in the division. These staff days provide us the opportunity to work together for the betterment of our students.

The volleyball season has come to an end. It was wonderful to see so many students participate in this extra-curricular activity. Thank you to all who came out to support the many teams we had this year. Thank you also to our coaches, both those on staff and those from the community. We could not have as many students participate in extracurricular activities if it were not for your hard work and dedication to your teams.

The basketball season is about to begin. We are already gearing up for games. We are looking forward to seeing you out to support our teams through another fun-filled basketball season.

We thank all of our color teams for assisting us in promoting the Movember challenge and working at improving the awareness of the fight many have with cancer. It was fun seeing the different colors Mr. Youngs' mustache became. Thank you to all who helped in raising funds. Our new fundraiser goes towards Cremona & District's Santa's anonymous. We are selling candy canes for people to give to others.


Winter is on its way. Please send your students with snow pants, mittens and hats so that they can enjoy their time outside. We have two recesses daily so proper attire is recommended. Also for those who travel on the bus, warm clothing is essential.

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



Modeling what great citizenship truly means

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

I believe that positive energy is present in Chinook's Edge whenever people from our school communities gather, and this fall there has been a renewed sense of gratitude for our time together in school each day. We know the holiday season ignites an even greater sense of compassion and goodwill in our schools, as students and staff answer the call to be good global citizens. They are sharing our caring culture by ensuring the shelves are well stocked at area Food Banks, filling hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, performing seasonal concerts at seniors' homes, and gathering warm mittens for those less fortunate.

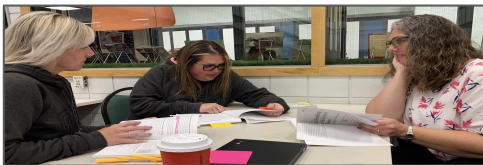
Our students model what great citizenship truly means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. At a time when lessons in the importance of being a good neighbour, a helpful friend and a respectful citizen are needed, we applaud our students and staff for the plentiful examples of their kindness.

Thank you to everyone who nurtures this generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's Edge!

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2023 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2023. **Online registration will begin on January 9, 2023.** Please visit our website for [Kindergarten information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming!

Professional Learning Day - November 25



These teachers and staff at Westglen School, as in schools throughout Chinook's Edge, have been engaged in high leverage strategies to support student progress during the division's Professional Learning Days.

Focussed efforts on Professional Learning Days have improved student achievement results, and support for those having difficulty, so that high school graduation is a reality for everyone! Read more [at this link](#).

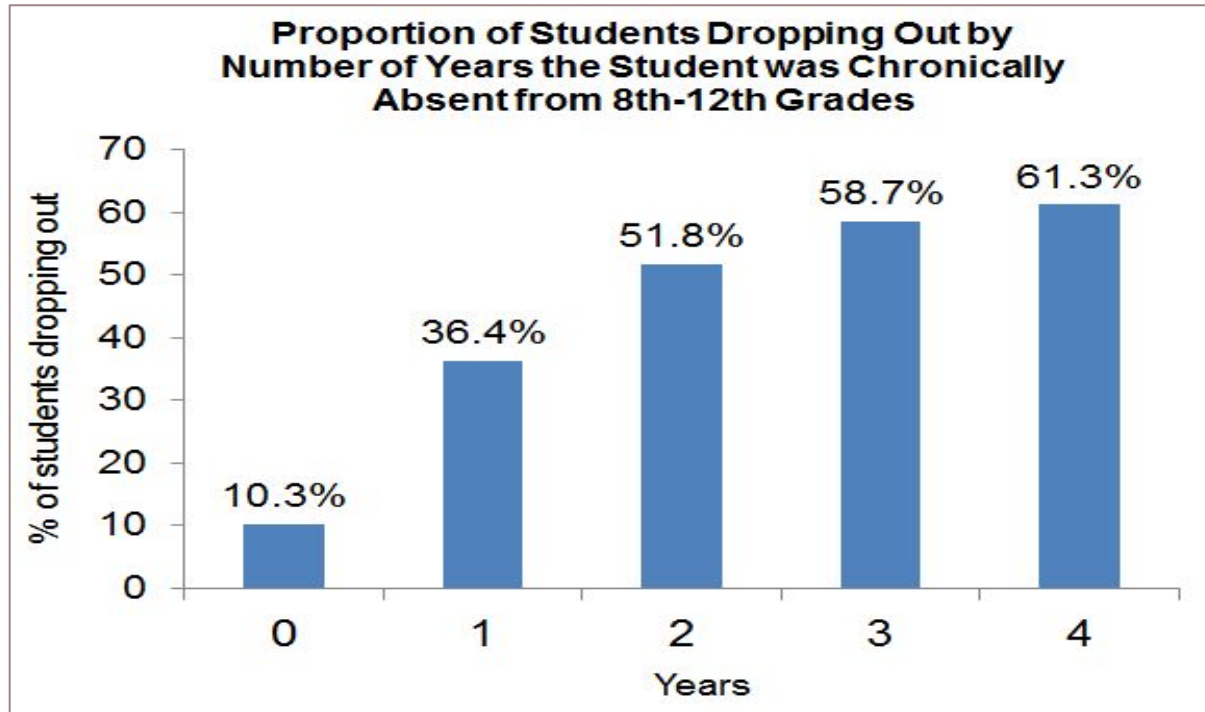
Responding to the Rise of Respiratory Viruses



The chief medical officer of health, Dr. Mark Joffe, has issued a statement about the increase of respiratory viruses in Alberta. As always, Chinook's Edge takes its lead in these matters from the officials at Alberta Health Services, and share their priority to keep our school communities safe. The government's full statement can be read [at this link](#).

We appreciate your attention to the preventative measures Dr. Joffe outlines. Our efforts together make a huge impact in our safe and caring schools!

The Effects of Chronic Absence on Dropout Rates are Cumulative



**With every year
of chronic
absenteeism
(18 days or more
of school missed),
a higher
percentage of
students
drop-out of
school.**



Counsellor's Corner

Dec 2022

Grade 12 Parents: We are almost finished with our Grade 12 meetings where we discuss plans for next year. Some have applied to post-secondary, some are pursuing the Trades, so working then college for 3 months, and some feel taking a year to decide is the right decision. For those students who want to attend post-secondary but are not sure which one, I have suggested applying to both and then deciding in a couple of months. For those "taking a year off", they must have a plan! Really, this year is the "year off," they will graduate from high school, work during the summer and then applications begin October 1st 2023. Please call me if you have any questions!

The next round of meeting with Grade 12 students will focus on scholarship applications for those who are attending post-secondary. Everyone loves free money!

Grade 10-12 parents and students:

Dual Credit - Early December, I will be sending out "dual credit" choices for the second semester - everything from Vet Assistant to Welding, Sports Management to Computer Technology! Please have your teenager come to see me if there are any questions. This is a great way to earn high school AND college credits while exploring careers.

Post Secondary Presentations - Grade 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to tour the campus at Mount Royal in October. I hope everyone had a chance to visit the Post Secondary Review at Olds High School on the 29th of November. Finally, all Grade 10 and 11 students will be attending presentations from Lakeland College, SAIT, RDP, U of C and MacEwan University in December and January.

Grade 11 parents: We have just started our 1 on 1 meetings, where we discuss future plans outside of high school and map out a pathway regarding what classes we need to take in order to achieve these goals.

Grade 9 parents: We have finished our working resumes in our Career Class, as well as completed a research project where students have explored a career that they are interested in. In December and January guest speakers, including a mechanic, a vet, a lawyer, a nurse and an active member of the Canadian Military, will be coming into the school to talk about their careers to the Grade 9 students.

Leadership news

Leadership has many exciting events planned for December! We will be doing a Food Drive Fundraiser, where items will be donated to Cremona's FCSS. Students will be awarded points for their Colour Teams if they donate! More information will come soon. We are going to have a High School Winter Formal Dance on December 8th from 7-10pm. We will also be doing a Secret Candy Cane fundraiser for Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous. We will be selling candy canes from December 5-7th. The candy canes will be delivered to students on Wednesday, Dec 21st.

We also have a few dress up days planned!

Friday, Dec 2nd: Red and Green Day

Thursday, Dec 8: PJs and Hot Chocolate Day (we will be selling hot chocolate by the bus doors during lunch!)

Friday, Dec 16: Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Friday, Dec 23: Dress as a Christmas Character Day

THE YES PRESS



MENTAL
HEALTH
MATTERS

Coming Soon!

We're gearing up for another month of Christmas events leading up to the break!

CHRISTMAS CARD DAY!

Grades 4-8: Dec 9

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHTS!

Grade 2-4: Dec 13

Grade 5-8: Dec 15

CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING!

Grade 2-4: Dec 20

Grade 5-8: Dec 22

November in the YES Room!

The grade 1's were hard at work in class designing puzzle pieces to show how they treat others with Kindness!!

Grades 5-8 banded together for a fun night of painting Autumn Gnomes!

After School Activities!

This month was filled with Book Clubs, Paint Nights and Movie Nights!



Youth Empowerment & Support!



Encouragement!

5 THINGS TO REMEMBER TODAY

1. YOU ARE valuable
2. YOU ARE enough
3. YOU HAVE a voice
4. YOU ARE seen
5. YOU ARE capable



Band Society Update



The School 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!

We would like to invite everyone to attend our two holiday 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 fund-raisers for the Band Society.

- The Elementary Christmas Concert is on December 13 at 6:30pm. Please have your children here for 6:15pm.
- The grades 5, 6, 7 and 8-12 bands will be performing their practiced pieces on December 14th at 7:00pm. Please have your children here at 6:30pm.

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, Dec 7th at 6:30pm in the school library. We look forward to seeing you there!

FROM THE SPORTS DESK:

Once again, congratulations and thank you to all of our cross-country and volleyball athletes, coaches, volunteers and spectators.

Basketball season has started with each team getting their first few practices in. This year we will have a Sr Girls and Sr Boys team, as well as a MS A Girls and boys team. Stay tuned to the school website for updated information on practice and game times. Thanks to all coaches and good luck to all of our players.



Bouquets & Celebrations



- ❖ Welcome back to Mrs. Adamson, our Kindergarten teacher, who has returned from her maternity leave!
- ❖ Thanks to Mrs. Ross for hosting another fun-filled Scholastic Book Fair!
- ❖ Thank you to Mr. Youngs who spends countless hours coordinating our awesome Athletics Program!
- ❖ Big Bouquet to our custodial staff: Shannon, Cathy & Julie, for keeping our school clean and our sidewalks clear!
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who participated in our December fundraisers; special thank you to Mary-Anne and Shannon for helping me (Kristi) with the Centennial fundraiser sorting and distributing! Congrats to Charlie for selling the most boxes - he wins an Amazon gift card! And congrats to Mrs. Madro's grade 5 class for selling the most boxes as a whole class - they get to enjoy an ice cream sundae party!

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



AMH Education Services
Addiction & Mental Health
Edmonton Zone

Alberta Health Services is proud to offer FREE online programming for parents and caregivers who support children and youth, as well as sessions for adults looking to support their own wellness. Sessions are live and interactive. Our aim is to increase awareness and reduce the stigma around addiction and mental health challenges, provide participants with evidence-based information, and offer strategies that promote health and resilience. [Click to learn more.](#)

Click [here](#) to read the AHS December newsletter and to read more about the free online programs available! And click [here](#) to read the December Healthier Together newsletter from AHS.

Cremona School Presents



When: Wednesday, Dec 7th 9am - 3:00pm &
Thursday, Dec 8th 9am - 12:30pm

Where: School Library (upstairs)

Parents: **We NEED volunteers!** Please contact
Coreen Lema at lemafamily.mc@gmail.com

Shifts as follows:

Tues: 12:30pm - 3:00pm (set up)

Wed: 8:45am - 12:30pm & 12:30 - 3:00

Thur: 8:45am - 12:30pm & 12:30pm - 3:00pm (take down)

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

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





~Cosmo Holiday Salon~

Nails - \$2.00
Hair Bling - \$3.00

Dec 13, 15, 20 & 22
8:50 am - 9:50 am
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Everyone Welcome!

No appointment necessary!



HOUSE COLOURS UPDATE!

For the month of November, our house colour school wide activity was a

Buddy Reading Blitz!

Students from K - 12 had opportunities to read with younger students, specifically on their house colour teams. For every time a student was able to read with their team, they earned points!

The winners for Buddy Reading Blitz was team PURPLE!
They have won an ice cream party for their team. Thank you to all students and staff who participated, keep reading!



2022 Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous

Santa's Anonymous is a program in our community for families in need of assistance 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 provide gifts for children from infancy to 18 years of age that reside in your home!"

This program starts November 14, 2022 and operates until our cut-off date of **December 6, 2022**.

Please call the CONFIDENTIAL telephone number of **403-816-0644** to make a **SELF- REFERRAL or ask any questions.**

Donation tubs will be placed at the Cremona Connect First Credit Union and the Water Valley Hardware Store.

We continue to have our account at the Cremona Connect First Credit Union for donations.

Confidential Telephone 403-816-0644

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

CREMONA MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

THURSDAY

DEC 1 & 8

3:45- 4:45 PM

PEER TUTORING

THIS DROP IN, FREE PEER TUTORING PROGRAM IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CREMONA AREA STUDENTS IN GR. 1- 10. GET SOME EXTRA HELP WITH MATH, READING OR EVEN SOME ASSIGNMENT PROOFREADING.

MONDAY

DEC 5 & 12

10:30- 11:30 AM

STORY TIME

THIS IS A DROP IN PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN 6 AND UNDER AND THEIR PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS. MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WHILE GAINING PRE- LITERACY SKILLS. ENJOY STORIES, CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR LITTLE ONES. NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CALL, EMAIL OR COME IN PERSON TO THE LIBRARY TO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAIL REMINDERS.

WEDNESDAY

DEC 7 & 14

3:15- 4:15 PM

LEGO CLUB

SUITABLE FOR AGE 5+. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ONLINE FORMS. **Full check back in new year** FOR ONLINE FORMS. PLEASE COME TO THE LIBRARY!

FRIDAY

DEC 9

1:00- 2:00 PM

SNOW SAFETY & EDUCATION

ADVENTURES MATH AND COCHRANE SEARCH & RESCUE PRESENTS SNOW SAFETY & EDUCATION, A WINTER SAFETY COURSE. GEARED TOWARDS CHILDREN IN GR. 4 - 6, THIS PRESENTATION COVERS SKI HILL SAFETY & SIGNAGE, AND BACKCOUNTRY SAFETY. SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ONLINE FORM.

WEDNESDAY

DEC 21

3:15- 4:30 PM

CR-AFTER SCHOOL

SUITABLE FOR AGE 10+. MAKE A RUSTIC WREATH WITH CUTE VINTAGE TRUCK DETAIL. SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM.

**HOLIDAY HOURS: THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, DEC 23- MONDAY, JAN 2**

FOLLOW OUR FB PAGE @CREMONAMUNICIPALLIBRARY
OR VISIT
WWW.CREMONALIBRARY.PRL.AB.CA
FOR MORE INFO & EVENTS



Thank you to everyone who donated to MOVEMBER through the month of November! Each week the house colour jar with the most money determined what colour Mr. Youngs moustache would become!

Cremona School Enhancement Society - please note there will be no meeting in December. They will restart in January. If you are interested in joining their board or attending the meeting, please email them at: csesociety2011@gmail.com



2021/22 school yearbooks are now in and available for purchase! Stop by the office to purchase yours today! All pre-ordered books have been delivered.

You can also PRE-ORDER your 2022/23 school yearbook by logging in to Student Quickpay and adding to cart! Books are \$35 each.



December 10, 2022 @ 1pm



Turkey BINGO

— 2023 Cremona Grad Class —

Reindeer Package
\$25
6-up book (24 games)

Win
*Turkeys
*Hams
*Chocolates

Santa Package
\$40
12-up book (24 games)

Cash game at the end
50% to grads and 50% to the winner!
Cards \$2 each

Pre-Sale package only
Cremona Community Hall
Contact:
jeanne@crmcontracting.ca
to register

December Dress Up Days

Dec 2nd Red & Green dress up day

Dec 8th PJs & Hot Chocolate Day (hot choc avail for \$1.00)

Dec 16th Ugly Sweater Day

Dec 23rd Dress like your favorite Christmas character day

Brought to you by Leadership Students



CREMONA HIGH SCHOOL

Grad 2023 Bottle Drive

Ongoing & January 7

Cremona Bottle Depot

Support this year's grads by donating bottles!
There is an ongoing account at Cremona Bottle Depot to drop off at your leisure

AND

We are running a large collection day on JANUARY 7th for those who want to save up!
Bring your bottles into Cremona (south of KC Foods)

OR

Contact Jeanne and some grads will be happy to come pick up any bottles you have



Jeanne Mork (403) 803-9405





Gingerbread House Contest



Open to all *businesses, clubs, organizations and families*
Must be made from fully edible products (except the base or lights)

Drop off for Display at  the week of December 12th and pick up Thursday December 22nd.

Be Creative, *promote your business, club, organization, or society.*

Vote for your favorites! Have Fun!