





Cremona School News
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Happy New Year!

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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 2023. As part of the new adventure, come on out and be part of what we do at school. We love to have our families be part of what we do at school and there are many ways that that can happen. You can volunteer in the classroom, for special events or come to one of the monthly meetings of the School Council, Cremona Enhancement Society and Band Council, that covers all music K-12, just to name a few. With that, we do remind you that an up to date police record check must be on file at the school for you to be a volunteer or chaperone.

As part of the new year:

- We remind you that there are many unclaimed items in our lost and found. Maybe you have discovered missing items over the break or just want to see if any items belong to your household, please come and take a look.
- Please complete the 2022-2023 online demographic update. 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.
- 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.

For high school our first term is coming to a close. Two weeks of review and a week of exams then we are heading into term two. We hope to see all our students each and every day, well rested and geared up for this home stretch to finals. We ask parents to assist their children with balancing work, school, friends, and extra-curriculars so that they have the best chance of completing a successful term.

Winter is here. We ask parents and caregivers to assist your children in coming dressed prepared for our continuously changing weather. Inside shoes are a must in these snowy conditions so that we can keep our floors clean and safe. Our students go outside for recess daily for fresh air and exercise so we ask that they come prepared for that as well as for the bus ride.

Some other events that are happening in the new year is our Winter Travel 15 course to Lake Louise through the Canadian Rockies School Division is January 9-12/23. Our students taking this course receive 3 credits while learning some winter survival, first aid, avalanche training as well as snowshoeing, cross country skiing and some downhill time. Our students are going with others from two other schools. Some of our students from the High School French class will be traveling to Quebec in April. We will be doing an 8-12 ski trip to Sunshine on February 9th. Any other ski trips will be set up in the new year. Swimming for K-4 will start in March.

There is a lot happening at our school and sports are also a part of this. Basketball is in full swing in the new year. Come out and cheer on our teams. We look forward to seeing you all in and around the school.

Happy New Year!
Joanna Harvey



Our commitment to health and wellness

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

In Chinook's Edge, we know that ensuring a healthy environment in our schools will positively impact the achievement and well-being of both students and staff. Supporting a culture of emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being in our division helps our students and staff achieve success.

Our focus on student wellness has led to the development of a new made-in-Chinook's Edge course for all high school students. The Social Emotional Well-being ([SEW 15](#)) course empowers young people with the skills to grow as individuals, and allows all students to learn together and reach their full potential.

Among many supports for our staff is our [Staff Health and Wellness](#) initiative, which empowers staff to thrive as compassionate, healthy and well balanced individuals.

Chinook's Edge is pleased to be partners in creating solutions that support the health and wellness of our students, staff and families. Doing so ensures our students are ready to succeed in learning and in life.

I wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities a healthy and happy new year!

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!

Attendance Matters

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

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.
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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.

In Chinook's Edge, we share your priority to ensure the best learning experience each day for your child. Let's work together to help your child achieve success! Make attendance a priority in your home and help your child succeed. Read more [here](#).



Weekdays 'til 6

Weekdays 'til 6 is a practice in Chinook's Edge which means all non-emergency emails and texts will be sent prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays.

This is meant to honour the individual personal time of our parents, families, students and staff. Our hope is that everyone in our Chinook's Edge community enjoys a healthy work/life balance! Please read more about Weekdays 'til 6 [at this link](#), and thank you for honouring this approach. We are convinced Weekdays 'til 6 is in the best interest of the students we serve.

What Does Chronic Absenteeism Look Like?

Why We May Not Notice Chronic Absence



Absences Add up

Chronic Absence = 18 days of absence = 2 days a month

FROM THE SPORTS DESK:

Basketball is well underway...sort of. We've had a few snags to start of the season but the tireless and thankless work of league commissioners, officials, and division office has given hope that leagues will pick up and get into a rhythm in the new year. Our teams are looking forward to games and tournaments starting in January and we hope everyone has a restful and safe new year.

As always..GO COUGARS GO!!

LEADERSHIP UPDATE:

December-January

Leadership organized a few dress up days and school wide events this month! We sold Secret Candy Canes and raised \$650 for Santa's Anonymous. We also sold hot chocolate on our PJ day, and held a High School Formal. Team Purple received their ice cream sundae party for winning November's Buddy Reading Blitz. We also held a food drive all month which raised 317 items total to support Cremona's FCSS. Thank you to everyone who donated items and purchased candy canes - your contributions to our community are greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Events

We are hoping to continue with intramurals and plan a couple dress up days in January.

Counsellor's • CORNER •

GRADE 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS: Many of the students have applied to Post-Secondary at this point, however university deadlines CAN be as late as April 1st depending on the school. If your teenager is still undecided, it's worth the \$100 to apply. That way they will still have that option after the April 1st deadline. If they apply too late they will have to wait until the following year. There are also residence deadlines so watch the dates carefully! If you have been "accepted" at a college or university keep verifying that you have sent in all required documents. Please come and see me if you have questions! I will be going on the ALIS site with the grade 12s in February and those continuing in Post-Secondary next year will complete their Rutherford applications THIS SPRING on the ALIS site. They can receive the scholarship money if 5 of their subjects average 75%. Local scholarships will open up soon, students should be asking about reference letters!

GRADE 9 PARENTS AND STUDENTS: Remember grade 9s, your averages in your classes will determine your placement in High School! Keep those grades high and you will have many more Post Secondary and career choices available to you!

GRADE 11 STUDENTS AND PARENTS: I have already started interviewing Grade 11 students and I really encourage them to keep their marks up, especially those who are planning to attend university next year. They are now accepting students based on the grade 11 results.

DUAL CREDIT: Big shout out to our Olds College Welding dual credit students; Jared N, Riley K, Billy VM, Reed B, Kohen L, Cooper M, and Evan R, who only have 1 more class to go for this semester. Great work guys!! Also, any Grade 10 to 12 students interested in Online Dual Credit for semester 2, please come and see me asap.

Cremona School Science Fair

***Choose your “own” topic in Science!
Invent something new and exciting!
Make a unique discovery!***

Dear Students,

Here is your chance to think “outside of the box” and explore the amazing world around you!

We are delighted to report that the Cremona School Science Fair will be held during the second week of February, on Tuesday, February 14th. We are even more excited to report that we are able to have an in person fair this year with real judges and everything... wahoooo!!!! Students, this is your chance to explore, discover or invent.

Students from Kindergarten to grade 12 are welcome to register and join this amazing event! This is an exciting opportunity in our community for students to explore science in a different light...outside of the classroom!

For those of you interested, please complete the registration form by Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 if you are going to participate. Forms should be submitted to the office or to Ms. Sheppard (Room 112 - Middle School or to the office.)

Sincerely,

Ms. Sheppard
Grade Six
Cremona School

Categories

Elementary (Gr. K – 4)

- A project may be either an Experiment, a Study or an Innovation. A student may also create an Educational Display. See elementary handbook for more information.
- Projects are categorized as Biological Science (Plants), Health and Life Science (Humans and Animals), Environmental Science (Rocks and the Environment), Space Science (anything involving space), Engineering Science (Physics, Math and Computers), Psychological and Social Science (anything involving learning or behaviour), Chemical Science (Chemical reactions)

Middle/High School (5-12)

- A project may be either an Experiment, a Study or an Innovation. See middle/high school handbook for more information.
- Projects are categorized as Biological Science (Plants), Health and Life Science (Humans and Animals), Environmental Science (Rocks and the Environment), Space Science (anything involving space), Engineering Science (Physics, Math and Computers), Psychological and Social Science (anything involving learning or behaviour), Chemical Science (Chemical reactions)
- Winning projects may advance on to the Mountain View County Science and Technology Fair in Olds. Date to be announced. (Will be virtual this year.)

THE YES PRESS



December in the YES Room!

Due to popular request, we planned for our 2nd annual Christmas Craft Nights and Cookie Decorating Nights!

Events!

December 9th was National Christmas Card Day so we spent that morning making some creative cards for loved ones!

We managed to sneak in some Christmas Craft Nights before the cold weather hit with some festive gnomes and waterless snow globes!

Sadly, because of the cold weather, we had to cancel our cookie decorating nights, but we made up for it on the last Friday of school by having elementary and middle school take turns decorating cookies in the YES room!

After School Activities!

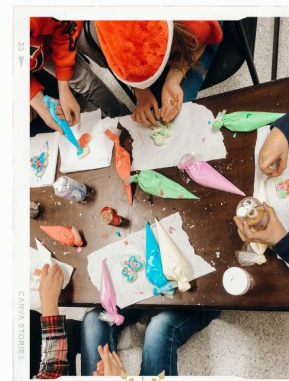
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Encouragement!

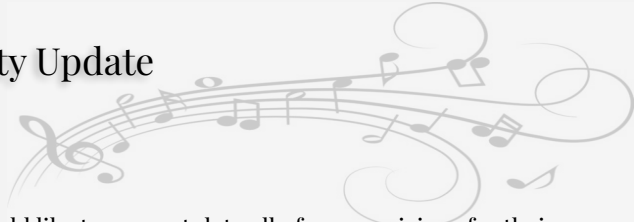
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YES PRESS CHRISTMAS EDITION



Band Society Update



We would like to congratulate all of our musicians for their wonderful holiday performances in December. The elementary students program was entitled “On with the Snow” and was an absolute delight! The Grade 5s have completed their sound start materials and performed some short Christmas melodies complete with solos and duets! The Grade 6s performed Rust Belt, Penguin Promenade and Christmas Around the Bandroom. The high school band students performed a few jazz pieces and the complete 7-12 band also played some of their favourite songs.

Our next band society meeting will be held in the school library on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30pm. We invite all parents interested in the school band program to join us! Our band society would like to wish you all a joyous New Year!



Bouquets & Celebrations

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Secret Candy Cane exchange! We were able to donate \$650 to Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous! That is awesome!
- **BIG THANK YOU'S** to The Big Pig Rig crew: Wade McArthur, Tyler Cordell & Ryan Tkachuk as well as the Cremona Lions for their generous donations to our popular Breakfast Program! These donations have made equipment purchases possible.
- 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!
- Cremona School Staff would like to sincerely thank all the families who brought goodies in for our staff to share before the holiday break! Special thank you to Bonnie & Erdal Akkus for cooking our staff a delicious Turkish lunch!
- Thank you for years of beautiful photos & enjoy your retirement to Mr. John Carroll of Carroll Photo Imaging who has recently announced his retirement!
- Congrats and best wishes to Mrs. Maggie Madro who has started her maternity leave!

CREMONA MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

What's happening?!



LEGO CLUB: JAN 11- FEB 8

Every Wednesday, 3:15-4:15 PM. Ages 5 and up. Build, create, have fun! Registration opens January 2.

STORY TIME: STARTING JAN 16

Every Monday, 10:30-11:30 AM, (excluding holidays). Drop-in program for ages 0-6 and parents/ guardians. Enjoy stories, crafts & activities with your little ones.



SPHERO DROID ADVENTURES FRIDAY, FEB 10, 10:30- 11:30 AM

Grades K-4*. Red Hot Science is back! Learn how to use a tablet to program a Sphero robot to mimic BB-8.

*children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult

DIGITAL COMPASS TECH FRIDAY, FEB 10, 1-2:30 PM

Grades 5-8. Red Hot Science is back! Use the magnetic field detector on a micro:bit board and Microsoft's block code programming language to build a simple compass.



VILLAGE OF CREMONA LIBRARY BOARD

We are looking for library lovers and community-minded individuals to join our library board. To learn more about the role, contact the library at cremonalibrary@prl.ab.ca or (403)937-3100.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS

WWW.CREMONALIBRARY.PRL.AB.CA



We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at www.cesd73.ca under Careers/ Casual

Support Staff, by email at transportation@cesd73.ca or by calling our office at 403-227-7072

Chinook's Edge is one of the largest school divisions in the province, serving over 11,000 students in 43 Central Alberta schools between Calgary and Red Deer. Our schools are located in 13 small communities that sprawl east and west from the Highway 2 corridor, conveniently providing Chinook's Edge staff and families with the best of both worlds.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

We have a LIMITED number of 2021/2022 yearbooks available for sale at the office for \$35. FCFs! Don't miss out on yours!

To pre-order your 2022/2023 yearbook, login to Student Quickpay & add to cart! They will be printed & distributed in the fall of 2023

If you have any sports or school event photos that could be used in our yearbook, please email them to kmckinnon@cesd73.ca

CREMONA SCHOOL

SCIENCE FAIR



SCAN ME

SCAN HERE FOR
MORE INFO



Circle of Security Parenting

The Circle of Security is a visual map of attachment.

Certificates provided upon program completion.

Cost: FREE, includes childcare and Pizza
Childcare spaces limited; Registration required.

Why Circle of Security?

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

Learning Objectives of the Program:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure and feeling supported.

Details:

Dates: (4 Consecutive Thursdays)
 - January 12 (Chapter 1 & 2)
 - January 19 (Chapter 3 & 4)
 - January 26 (Chapter 5 & 6)
 - February 2 (Chapter 7 & 8)

Program Time: 6pm- 8:30pm each week.

Please come early if you are dropping children off for childcare.

Location: Ecole Deer Meadow School @ Library

Registration Info:

<https://www.mvfrn.ca>

YOUTH (8+) TAKEOVER FREE!

AT THE DIDSBURY AQUATIC CENTRE!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 2023
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

We're inviting Didsbury's youth to TAKEOVER the pool! Enjoy a free swim, and a light snack afterwards at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre (1702 - 21 Avenue)!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

*Youth 7 and younger will need to be within arms reach of a competent swimmer aged 18+ years at all times while in the water.

Register by visiting our website at **WWW.MVFRN.CA**

DIY YOUTH CRAFT CLUB

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 11AM-12:30PM

CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 9-13! IT'S DIY TIME!

WE WILL BE MAKING OUR OWN FRIENDS THEMED PHOTO BOARD.

PIZZA, SUPPLIES, AND INSTRUCTION WILL BE PROVIDED.

BRING YOUR BEST SMILES, AS POLIORIA CAMERAS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

LOCATION: DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE 1606 14TH ST DIDSBURY

REGISTER AT **WWW.MVFRN.CA**

FREE! YOUTH (8+) TAKEOVER

at the Olds Aquatic Centre

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

IT'S YOUTH TAKEOVER TIME at the Olds Aquatic Centre! Enjoy a FREE swim and a light snack afterward. Sponsored by the MVFRN and the Town of Olds.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

*Youth under the age of 9 must be accompanied and within arm's reach in the water by a responsible person aged 13 or older.

Register by visiting our website at **WWW.MVFRN.CA**

Town of **OLDS**

It's OK to not be OK

January 24 — 7:00 pm **ON ZOOM!**
January 31 — 7:00 pm

SELF INJURY AND YOUTH

TWO - PART INFO SESSION!

January 24 (Part 1): This webinar will assist participants in understanding the experience and motivations of adolescents who intentionally injure themselves.

January 31 (Part 2): This webinar will look at strategies for helping those who engage in self harming behavior.

Registration is required and applies to both sessions. Upon registration, you will receive a Zoom Link via email.

REGISTER AT **WWW.MVFRN.CA**