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3	<b>4</b> Labour Day No School	5 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL	<b>6</b> Gr 5 Band Parent info night 6:30pm- Library! Band Society mtg 7pm- Library!	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20 Pizza Day!	21 Terry Fox Run! Cutoff to order Subway (today at noon) Academic Awards evening	22 Professional Learning Day No School	23
24	25	26	27	28 Subway Day! SUBWAY Band Apple orders due today!	29 ORANGE SHIRT DAY	30 National Day for Truth & Reconcilia tion



## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to a new year here at Cremona School. I hope that everyone had time to relax, recharge, and find some enjoyment over the summer. I am excited to embark on my first year as a principal in Cremona School. There is lots to look forward to this year and I am eager to have the students back in the building on Tuesday. A special welcome to our new students whether you are a Kinder or new to the community. I hope you enjoy joining our school community.

We have one new staff member and one returnee this school year. We would like to welcome Linda Lapere to our team. She will be our new Vice Principal as well as teaching in the grade 5 classroom. She is joining Chinook's Edge from RockyView and we are looking forward to the expertise she brings to our building. We are also welcoming back Jessie Notley to our staff. She will be teaching grade 5 homeroom as well as covering some middle school classes. We are thrilled to have her back on staff. Her role came from the departure of Danielle Foley who transferred to a school in Airdrie. We thank her for her time in Cremona and wish her the best in the future.

Our staff have been working hard this week preparing for the beginning of the school year. Many hours have been spent cleaning, decorating and organizing our classrooms to have them ready for the students' first day. There is always a heightened sense of anticipation to begin the school year as staff look forward to making this year productive, successful and engaging for the students.

Once again, I look forward to working with the entire staff here at Cremona. As well, I look forward to finding opportunities to connect and work with parents and community members as we strive for the best education possible for our students. On behalf of the entire staff, I once again want to wish everyone an amazing school year. Please feel free to stop by the office or contact me via phone or email If I can be of assistance.

Darryl Korody Principal Cremona School



## **Chinook's Edge School Division**

2023-2024 Student Calendar

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School Photos

Professional Learning Day

School Photos Non Instructional Day Thanksgiving Day Pizza Day Professional Learning Day Subway Day

	Book Fair
	Parent-Teacher Interviews
	Remembrance Day Ceremony
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- School Photo Retakes
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Feb 1	First Day Semester Two
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Feb 8	Pizza Day
Feb 9	Professional Learning Day (HS Common Collab)
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Professional Learning Day Pizza Day Professional Learning Day (TPGP Day) Victoria Day Subway Day

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19	Subway Day	
20-26	Exam Week	
26	Report Cards	
27	Students' Last Day (noon dismissal)	
28	Professional Learning Day	

#### Christmas Break Pizza Day 4-30 Exam Week

- Subway Day
- Professional Learning Day

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	Professional Learning Day	Teachers' Convention	
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### September 2023

Hello everyone, it is my honour to be starting my second year as Academic Advisor here at Cremona School. I am excited to start working with your teenagers 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 by the end of September 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 starting in November.

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.

We have Olds College and Red Deer Polytechnic booked to give our High School students a presentation this month. We will also be taking any interested Grade 10, 11 and 12 students on a guided campus tour of U of C and SAIT on September 20th.

I am here to answer any questions and assist as much as possible with your teenager'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 teenagers this year!



Alex Hutcheon Academic Advisor/ Teacher ahutcheon@cesd73.ca

## Band Society Update

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.

We are encouraging all parents of Grade 5 band students to attend an informational meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 6th. We will cover important topics such as the Grade 5 & 6 band camp coming up next month, various band fundraisers (BC apples, flower baskets, casino) and other expectations and performance dates throughout the year.

Our first CSBS meeting of the new school year will be held on **Wednesday, September 6th, at 7:00 PM** in the school library following the Grade 5 parent info session. We will be discussing our upcoming apple fundraiser and would love to see you there!

## School Council Update

This is a message from Cremona School Administration.

Welcome all to a new school year! For those of you parents who have not had to opportunity to join in on the work of school council, we just wanted to share that it is an entity that is mandated by Alberta Education and there is great value in having parents and community members engaged in the education of Cremona school students. School Council is the way for parents and school staff to work together in decision making to impact our students' success.

The elected school council group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the school library in the evening and these meetings are open for all to attend. These meetings provide the opportunity to hear what is happening in our school from administration's perspective, ask questions and to discuss current issues that are impacting our school. We have had both in-house and outside speakers join us to keep us informed on issues that are relevant to our students. This year we hope to continue to add value to our school community.

We cannot do this without you! The more parents we have involved in these discussions the better... the more insight we get. We want to know how students, parents and staff are doing. What are some the success and struggles? In order for this to be a success we need to hear from you. So please join us with your questions, concerns and the things that are going well.

Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 12th at 7pm** in the school library. We hope to see you all there!

# FROM THE SPORTS DESK

As another new year begins we look forward to school sports gearing up once more. As always, we'll begin with Volleyball, Cross-country, and Golf. We hope to get things going as quickly as possible and so we ask students to keep their ears open for meetings around those activities. As soon as we know schedules around practices, games and tournaments we will get those communications out.

Stay tuned!



# LEADERSHIP NEWS

Leadership is excited to welcome everyone back for the

2023/2024 school year!



We are ready to kick off the year with House Colour activities as well as our annual Terry Fox Run and fundraiser happening on September 21st! We will send more information home in the upcoming days and weeks regarding these events. For anyone interested in volunteering at our Terry Fox Run, please email Ms. Young at kyoung@cesd73.ca!

We will also be encouraging everyone to wear an orange shirt on September 29th to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th.



### Family School Wellness



Welcome back! The Family School Wellness Program is an important part of our healthy Chinook's Edge school community. Our focus is providing support to children and families facing social, emotional or family difficulties. This may include information and referrals, student and/or family support, targeted small groups to promote student growth, preventative programming, and parenting support.

To discuss how our Family School Wellness Program (FSW) can support your family, please contact the FSW Worker Joy Lonsdale - Calkins. Our program requires parental / guardian consent, and parent/family involvement is important to us.

If your child is need of some school supplies, please also contact Mrs. Lonsdale - Calkins to assist you in accessing Tools For School as a resource to you. jlonsdalecalkins@cesd73.ca or pop by the office to ask to speak with me.

Kindly, Mrs. Joy

Bouquets & Celebrations

Thank you to Tanya Shand and the Cremona Ag Society for the donation of pens!

- ★ Thank you to Lori & Carmen Reid for beautifying the flower bed on the east side of our school!
- ★ Thank you to Water Valley Forest Nursery for donating the flowers for our front flower barrels and to Leadership for planting them and big thank you to Mrs. Ross for keeping them alive over the summer months!!!
- ★ Three cheers to Mr. Lerbekmo for organizing another successful and fun volleyball camp with Ryan Marsden of Center Court Volleyball Camps. Let's have a great volleyball season!
- ★ Thank you to our hard working custodians for giving our school a deep clean over the summer months!

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

### Cremona School Enhancement Society News

CSES will be running the ever popular **TRIP-A-MONTH** fundraiser very soon! Also, they will be hosting their AGM this month - stay tuned to their Facebook page for date and time! They are looking to fill a few board positions!



- → Go to: <u>www.cremonaschool.ca</u>
- → Click on Online Payments/Student Quickpay from the main screen
- → Login, click on your child's name, then click on the month you'd like to purchase
  Subway or Pizza Day for. Make your selections and add to cart!
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