



# DECEMBER

26	27 	28 	29	30	1 Gr's 4-8 field trip - Scrooge!  <b>Festive Stocking Friday!</b>	2 Winterfest  <b>Grad Turkey Bingo!</b>
3	4 Secret Candy Cane sales (today until Thursday) \$1.00 ea 	5	6 Holiday Gift Shop  Band Society Mtg - 7pm	7 Holiday Gift Shop  <b>Red &amp; Green Dress Up Day!</b>  Dual Credit <b>High School dance (715-930pm)</b>	8 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Non Instructional Day  	9
10 Cremona Christmas Concert - 2pm 	11	12 <b>Pizza Day!</b>   Elementary Christmas Concert 6:30 pm (No school council mtg for Dec)	13  Band Christmas Concert - 7pm	14 WLD2167	15  <b>Ugly Christmas Sweater Day</b>  	16 
17	18 Cosmo Christmas Nails & hair bling (2-3pm)	19  Secret Candy Canes delivered today! 	20 Cosmo Christmas Nails & hair bling (2-3pm)	21	22 Cosmo Christmas Nails & hair bling (2-3pm)  <b>Christmas Spirit Day</b>  	23
24  Happy New Year!	25  Merry Christmas! 	26  	27	28	29	30

Classes will resume on Monday, January 8, 2024

# *From the Principal's Desk*

As November comes to a close, December is sure to bring a flurry of excitement and accomplishments to our school community.

I'm delighted to share the success of our first set of parent-teacher interviews. These collaborative discussions reinforce our commitment to your child's educational journey. Thank you all for your active participation and ongoing support in nurturing student growth and success. Along with interviews, our book fair was another success, seeing many young readers leave with new reading material as well as some leaving with exciting prizes.

Our staff collaboration day saw our teaching staff travel to the different ends of the division. Our elementary and middle school staff traveled to Delburne where we had guest speakers as well as collaborative discussions in the afternoon with grade level teams. The high school staff traveled to Innisfail where they undertook some time creating assessments that can be used in their individual subjects. 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. With the end of volleyball season means that the basketball and curling seasons are 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.

## **A few reminders as we head in to December:**

- 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 and for those who travel on the bus, warm clothing is a must.
- Please feel free to join us for our Elementary Christmas Concert on December 12 at 6:30pm and our Band Christmas concert on December 13 at 7pm. Our performers have been practicing hard to make them memorable evenings.
- Stay tuned for all the fun filled activities Leadership has planned for the festive month of December. The students have an opportunity to earn points for their house color team all while spreading the holiday spirit.
- Please check out our school Facebook page to see all the amazing things that go on in our school community.

May you all have a fabulous December. Rest up for the new year and spend some quality time with those you love. Thank you all for your continued support of our school, staff and most importantly, our students.

*Darryl Korody*  
Principal  
Cremona School

# Counsellor's

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## December 2023

**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 2024. 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.

**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.

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## DECEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

December 1st - ***Friends of Canadian Broadcasting "Dalton Camp Award"*** - \$10,000 - Submit an essay on the link between Canadian media and democracy.

December 3rd - ***Job-Applications.ca Working Parent College Scholarship*** - \$1,000 - Is a full or part-time student who is in an accredited Canadian post-secondary educational institution, has worked an average of at least twelve (12) hours for each of the previous four (4) weeks at the time of applying; and is a residential parent of at least one minor child.

December 15th - ***Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies Student Scholarship*** - \$500 - Must be nominated by your local Agricultural Society and the student or their parents must be a member.

December 15th - ***TrustedPros Scholarship*** - \$1,000 - will be awarded to qualified applicants enrolled in a residential renovation or construction trade-related course of study.

December 15th - ***Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists Manulife Financial Scholarship*** - \$1,000 - To assist the son or daughter of a certified member with expenses incurred to undertake a course of studies leading to a technician or technology diploma in a recognized program of studies in Engineering or Applied Science Technology.

## 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 fundraisers for the Band Society.

- The Elementary Christmas Concert, titled “A Magical Time of the Year” is on December 12 at 6:30pm. Please have your children here for 6:15pm.
- The grades 5, 6, 7-8, 9-12 and jazz bands will be performing their holiday pieces on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please have your children here at 6:30pm.

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, Dec 6th at 7:00 pm in the school library. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Leadership news

This month, Leadership helped run a pep rally to celebrate our fall sports teams, and we also helped run our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We would like to thank Charlotte and Sara for MC-ing the ceremony. We also hosted a PJ and Stuffed Dress Up Day, and we were thrilled to see everyone participate! We would like to thank everyone who purchased hot chocolate to help us raise money for our upcoming Leadership trip to ASLC in April. We had a blast hosting a Winter Dance for Middle School; we had a great time dancing the night away with you!

### Upcoming Events:

We have quite a few exciting events planned for December! We are going to run our annual Secret Candy Cane fundraiser for Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous. We will be selling candy canes from December 4-7th for one dollar. Candy canes will be delivered to students on the afternoon of December 19th. We also invite everyone to decorate their doors for Christmas; winners will enjoy a Christmas treat on December 21st! On December 7th, we invite all high school students to a Winter Formal Dance - bring your best dance moves!

Leadership is also inviting all students and staff to participate in the following Dress Up Days in order to accumulate points for your House Colour Teams! The days are scheduled as follows:

**Friday, Dec 1st:** Festive Stocking Friday (fave holiday socks!)

**Thursday, Dec 7th:** Red & Green Day

**Friday, Dec 15:** Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

**Friday, Dec 22:** Christmas Spirit Day (all things Christmas - colours, characters, Who-hair, Santa hats, etc!)



# THE YES PRESS



## Coming Soon!

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

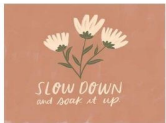
### CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHTS!

Grade 2-4: Dec 5  
Grade 5-8: Dec 7

### CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING!

Grade 2-4: Dec 19  
Grade 5-8: Dec 21

## Encouragement!



## November in the YES Room!

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

Middle school had a blast with a much anticipated return of Mini Sticks!

Crafting and Foosball are always a hit in the YES room!

## After School Activities!

This month was filled with Bake Clubs, Craft Clubs and Small Groups!



# YES

## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & SUPPORT



# Bouquets & Celebrations



- Thanks to Mrs. Ross for hosting another fun-filled Scholastic Book Fair!
- Thank you to Ms. Young and the Leadership team for hosting the middle school dance!
- 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 Centennial meat school fundraiser; special thank you to Mary-Anne for helping me (Kristi) with sorting and distributing! Thank you to Luke, Dekker & Hunter for helping set up the benches!  
**Congrats to Hudson H and Bella H** - they tied for selling the most boxes (18 boxes each!) - they both win an Amazon gift card! **Congrats to Mrs. Kempster's Grade 6 class** for selling the most boxes as a whole class (40 boxes!) - they get to enjoy jumbo freezies!
- Huge thank you to the Cremona curling rink for helping with the grade 7-12 curling drop in once a week!!
- Thank you to the Satchwell and Holmes families for their generous donations to our School Breakfast Program!
- Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time to help coach this upcoming basketball season!
- The grad class would like to thank everyone who supported their Little Caesar's pizza fundraiser!
- Three cheers to Kennedy Collins for sharing her talents and helping to decorate our school for the holidays!

\*If you would like to recognize someone in this section of the newsletter, please email [kmckinnon@cesd73.ca](mailto:kmckinnon@cesd73.ca)\*



## School Health Nurse News

Please read the attached tip sheet for parents about Talking with your Teen about Vaping  
([CLICK HERE](#))

# Cremona School Presents

[Click here](#)  
to  
[Volunteer](#)



**When:** Wed. Dec 6<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Where:** School Library (upstairs)

**Parents: We NEED volunteers!**

Please sign up for a shift(s) at:  
<https://volunteersignup.org/Q3BFP>  
or contact the school @ 403-637-3856

Shifts are as follows:

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

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

Thurs: 8:45am - 12:30pm & 12:30pm - 3pm (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](http://theholidaygiftshop.ca)

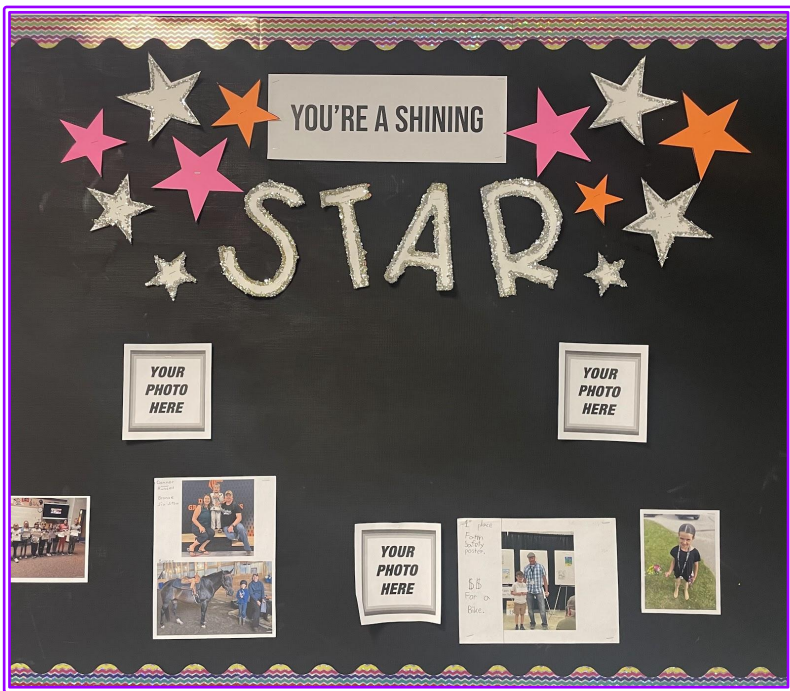




## New bulletin board alert!

Located in the elementary wing is this bulletin board, showcasing our students successes in and out of school!

If you have a photo you'd like to share, please email it to Mrs. Edmond at [redmond@cesd73.ca](mailto:redmond@cesd73.ca)



Come and Celebrate Christmas  
at  
Big Prairie Hall  
December 17th, 2023  
Doors open at 4:30  
Potluck Dinner at 5:00

Santa Entertainment Door Prizes  
Everyone Welcome!



Movie Night @  
Big Prairie Hall  
December 1st, 2023

Bring your cozy pillows and blankets for  
*How The Grinch Stole Christmas*

Doors open after dinner at 6:30 & the movie starts at 7:00  
Coffee and Crib and games for the adults

Bring a new toy, mittens, or a toque for the  
Cremona and District Santa's Anonymous!

Huge Thank you to Connect First Credit Union  
for Donating the popcorn!

SNAPCHATS  
DON'T  
LAST  
FOREVER  
BUT  
YEARBOOKS DO!

2022/23 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 2023/24 school yearbook by logging in to Student Quickpay and adding to cart!





# Cremona Cougars



Open to all Grade 7-12s  
Learn to curl!!!!

At the Cremona Curling Rink  
STARTS Tuesday December 5th

**Please bring clean shoes!**  
No other equipment is required  
(If you have curling equipment please bring)  
No cost  
Contact: Mr. R. Scott



## SANTAS ANONYMOUS

*Need a little extra help this season?*

SA is a non profit community run organization that provides support to children living in the Cremona, Water Valley, Dog pound, Fallen Timber, Big Prairie, Elkton and Madden area. This is a SELF REFERRAL program running November 19 - December 10  
Please call the confidential phone number

**587-284-4639**

*Have a little extra to help?*

We accept the following donations  
-Family board games  
-PJs sizes infant-adult (all sizes)  
-Mittens/Gloves and Touques (children and adult sizes)  
DONATION TUBS are at Connect First Credit Union and Water Valley Hardware Store  
Cash donations can also be made via etransfer to [cremonasantas@gmail.com](mailto:cremonasantas@gmail.com)

2023

Cremona

Winterfest

Saturday  
December 2, 2023  
10am-3pm

4 Venues

Cremona Community Hall  
Cremona Curling Rink  
Cremona FCSS  
Cremona Gold and Silver Club

### Request for Photos:

Our Cremona School Remembrance Service is an important tribute to those who have served for our country. As part of the service we include a powerpoint presentation of family members of students and staff who have served or are currently serving in the Canadian (or Allied) military. We try to keep this powerpoint updated so if your child(ren) is/are new to the school or you have not previously been informed of this powerpoint and wish to contribute pictures of family members who have served or are currently serving please scan and email them to [lsheehan@cesd73.ca](mailto:lsheehan@cesd73.ca) along with name of the veteran and information about where they served, rank, etc. Thank you!

Cremona School Cosmo Class presents:

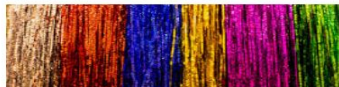
🎄 Christmas Nails \$2 🎄



❄️ Hair Bling \$3 ❄️

Monday, Dec. 18th  
Wednesday, Dec. 20th  
Friday, Dec. 22nd

2:00pm - 3:00 pm



CREMONA SCHOOL ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY'S

# Trip A Month FUNDRAISER



1 TRAVEL VOUCHER + 2  
CASH DRAWS EACH  
MONTH FOR 6 MONTHS:

- Draw #1 - Jan 8, 2024
- Draw #2 - Feb 1, 2024
- Draw #3 - March 1, 2024
- Draw #4 - April 1, 2024
- Draw #5 - May 1, 2024
- Draw #6 - June 3, 2024

ALL TRIPS VALUED AT \$4,000  
EACH OR TAKE \$3,200 CASH  
2ND PRIZE \$200  
3RD PRIZE \$100

CALL HEATHER FOAT @ 403-542-6310 OR  
EMAIL [CSESOCIETY2011@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CSESOCIETY2011@GMAIL.COM)  
FOR YOUR TICKETS

Travel vouchers to be used towards any Travel Package booked through Amanda Simonds at Go Travel Company. Tickets must be sold only in Alberta to persons over 18 years old. Tickets are non-refundable. Draw to be made live at the Cremona School on the draw dates indicated. Some raffle rules apply.

**\$100/TICKET**  
**ONLY 500 PRINTED**

JOIN US FOR THE

# CREMONA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER  
10th @ 2pm

AT THE CREMONA COMMUNITY HALL

CANDY BAGS FOR CHILDREN AND  
SANTA CLAUS.  
DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK  
APPRECIATED AT THE DOOR.

DO YOU SING, DANCE, PLAY,  
OR READ A POEM?  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME LOCAL  
TALENT TO ENTERTAIN. CALL BRENDA  
403 637 3912.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

# @ Cremona Library



**MONDAYS**

Dec 4, 11 & 18



10:30- 11:30 am

### Story Time

Drop-in program for ages 0-6 and parents/caregivers.

Enjoy stories, crafts & activities with your little ones.

**WEDNESDAYS**

Dec 6, 13 & 20



3:15- 4:15 pm

### Lego Club

For ages 5 and up. Build, create, have fun!

Space is limited. Registration is required.

**FRIDAY**

Dec 8



1:00- 5:00 pm

### PD Day- Christmas Movie Afternoon

Join us at Cremona FCSS for a Christmas Movie double feature! Popcorn will be provided. For children ages 9+. This is a drop in program but pre-registration is available. \*Your child must know your phone number if they are NOT pre-registered\*

**TUESDAY**

Dec 12



6:00- 7:30 pm

### Knit 'N' Natter

A casual, drop-in get-together for adults who enjoy knitting, crochet, cross stitch and other handicrafts.

All skills and levels of experience are welcome!

**STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED**



Jan- Jun

The library is recruiting student volunteers to assist in the following areas:

- shelving and displays
- craft prep
- peer tutoring
- tech help for seniors

Stop by the library to apply!

- Enhance your resume and post-secondary school applications
- Develop transferrable skills
- Make a positive impact in your community

**CONTACT US!**



(403)637-3100



[cremonalibrary@prl.ab.ca](mailto:cremonalibrary@prl.ab.ca)



[www.prl.ab.ca/Cremona](http://www.prl.ab.ca/Cremona)



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205- 1st Street E, Cremona AB

### LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY	10 am- 5 pm
TUESDAY	1 pm- 8 pm
WEDNESDAY	10 am- 5 pm
THURSDAY	10 am- 5 pm
FRIDAY	10 am- 5 pm
SATURDAY	CLOSED
SUNDAY	CLOSED
HOLIDAYS*	CLOSED

\*We will be closed from December 25- January 2 for the holidays

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS**