









January, 2024



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14 	15	16	17 Dual Credit Pizza Day! 	18 Cutoff to buy Subway is today at NOON! ELA 10 Part A (pm)	19	20
21	22 Deadline to register for Science Fair! Math 30 Diploma	23 Eng 30 Diploma Part B	24 Gr 6 field trip to Astrodome Bio 20 ELA 10 Part B	25 Subway Day!  Math 10-3, 20-1/-2/-3, 30-3 ELA 9 Midterm Gr 6-8 Ski Trip!	26 Chem 20 Social 10 Math 9 Midterm (pm)	27
28	29 Science 9 PAT	30 Test Make-Up Day	31 NO SCHOOL  Professional Learning Day	1 First Day of Semester 2!	2	3

From the Principal's Desk

Happy 2024 to everyone. I hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating break and ready to get started on what 2024 has in store. We are excited to continue with all the amazing learning opportunities available at Cremona school both curricular and extracurricular.

For high school our first semester is coming to a close. January is an important month for both finishing up curriculum, but also taking time to prepare for final exams. 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. Please reach out to your child's teacher for more tips and strategies to help with the upcoming exams.

There is a lot happening at our school and sports are also a part of this. Basketball is in full swing and will start back up in the new year. Curling is continuing to go on for middle and high school students. Come out and cheer on our teams! We look forward to seeing you all in and around the school.

A few reminders as we head in to January:

- 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.
- 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 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.
- Some dates to consider: January 31 is a professional learning day (no school for students) and is used primarily as an organizational day as we switch from Semester 1 to Semester 2. This year it falls on a Wednesday. Our report cards will then follow shortly on February 2.

Thank you all for your continued support of our school, staff and most importantly our students.

Darryl Korody
Principal
Cremona School



LEADERSHIP UPDATE:

Leadership had a very busy December! We had a few dress up days where students were able to gain points for their colour teams.

We also raised \$650 for Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous by selling secret candy canes in our school, and we would like to say a massive **thank you** to everyone who contributed!

We held a door decorating contest, and we were blown away by the creativity put into the doors! Congratulations to the winners, and we hope you enjoyed your Christmas treat!

On December 22nd, we ran a hotdog fundraiser to raise money for our upcoming ASLC trip, and we would also like to thank all staff and students who supported us!

Upcoming Events:

We are going to focus on working through some Leadership modules in class, and regrouping after a very busy December. We are going to hold a "Winter Woolies" Dress Up Day later in January where we will ask staff and students to wear their warmest winter outfits, and plan to have a High School Dance in February.

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: Any Grade 10 to 12 students interested in Online Dual Credit for semester 2, please come and see me asap.

JANUARY SCHOLARSHIPS:

January 9th - Steam Horizon Award - \$25,000 - Promotional Video required - 85% average - project you have done for the community.

January 10th - Canadian EnCEMF John Evans Engineering Entrance Award - \$5,000 - Must be a young Canadian woman entering an accredited engineering program in Canada from high school and it is not based on academic achievement.

January 25th - Rise Challenge - \$500,000 - Rise is a program that finds brilliant people who need opportunity and supports them as they work to serve others.

January 29th - BGC Canada / Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund - 15 awards of \$2,500 each (per year for up to 4 years) - students must be a member of a Boys & Girls Club of Canada

January 31st - Mensa Canada Scholarship Programme - \$1,000-\$2,500 - Enrolled full-time at a Canadian post-secondary institution and winners are selected based on an essay submission.

January 31st - ScotiaBank "Scotia Funds Your Future" Contest - \$30,000 (2 awards) - Applicants must be a current ScotiaBank customer and submit an application form.

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 February 14th.

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 Monday, January 22nd, 2024 if you are going to participate. Forms should be submitted to the office or to Ms. Sheppard.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sheppard
Kindergarten / LST
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!

I'm feeling extra thankful this Christmas season for all the wonderful staff, parents and students in our school community.

The YES program has the unique opportunity to create a space for kids to feel connected and belong. I'm so appreciative of all your encouragement and understanding as I try to make sure each kid has the chance to access the YES program throughout the year!

Events!

The 3rd annual Christmas craft nights and cookie decorating nights were a blast once again with over 100 students interested in attending!

Waterless snow globes, ornaments and a host of Christmas cookies filled the YES room this month!

S.A.S.S.

Sweet And Sophisticated Sevens

I had the joy of partnering with Joy (FSWW) and Ashley (Cosmo) in running a group for the grade 7 girls. We focused on confidence, mindsets and positive self-esteem while getting the chance to learn some Cosmetology skills!

Encouragement!



When you Choose joy

You feel good & when you feel good, you do good & when you do good it Reminds others of what joy feels like

& it just might inspire them to do the same.



YES PRESS CHRISTMAS EDITION

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Craft Night

S.A.S.S.



Craft Night



Cookie Decorating

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 "A Magical Time of the Year," which featured songs by every class, plus some cool magic tricks performed by the Grade 4s! The Grade 5s picked their favorite tunes complete with solos/solis from each student! The Grade 6s performed Patapan Fantasy, Holiday March, Let's Go Band 2 & Grandma Got Ran Over by a Reindeer. The Gr 7 & 8 band performed It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas, Polar Express and A Festive Finale. The high school concert band performed God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, The Night Before Christmas, Jingle Bell Rock and The Nutcracker Suite. And finally the Jazz Band delighted us with Chameleon, Mercy Mercy Mercy, Blues by Five and Watermelon Man. Both evening performances were a joy to listen to!

Our next band society meeting will be held in the school library on Wednesday, January 10th at 7pm. 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 and Parkhills Women's Guild for their generous donations to our popular Breakfast Program!
- 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 Melissa Copley, our school trustee, as well as the family and community members who brought goodies in for our staff to share before the holiday break!
- Big thank you to the Cremona Curling Club for their help with the Grade 7-12 curling program once a week! And three cheers to Mr. Scott for running this program!
- We got a terrific response for the call out for cookie tins for the foods class to fill for our local Seniors. Thank you very much to Alice Neilson, Cherish Barnett, Jan Shand, Donna McKinnon, Kathy Adams, Loree Sheehan, Brenda Croft, Gabby Fletcher and Rebecca Smith. We are sure the tins filled with cookies will make Christmas better for many because of you.

Cremona fess babysitting course

Cremona fess is offering a
babysitting course march 8th, 2024
(no school friday) \$45 per participant

- includes lunch

participants must be 11 - 15 years of age
to register call (403)510-4521,

cut off is february 28th

participants must bring a doll or stuffie.

About the course:

Each participant receives basic first-aid and care giving skills.
Participants learn how to provide care to younger children in a
variety of age groups, and how to prevent and respond to
emergencies.

The course offers youth the training to promote themselves as a
babysitter to prospective parents.

LUNCHBOX SPECIALS

JAN
8-12

PANAKES &
SAUSAGES

\$4/\$6

JAN
15-19

TACO
IN A BAG

\$6

JAN
22-26

BREAKFAST
SANDWICHES

\$4

JAN 29 -
FEB 2

PASTA &
GARLIC TOAST

\$4/\$6



Cremona Cougars

Curling

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



Congratulations to CSES Trip A Month Winners Draw #1 :

\$4000 Travel Voucher - Sheila Ricci (ticket #408)

\$200 Cash Prize - Don Leavitt (ticket #299)

\$100 Cash Prize - Mary Lou Kohut (ticket #20)



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!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

@ Cremona Library



MONDAYS

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29



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

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31



3:15- 4:15 pm

Lego Club

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

Space is limited. Registration is required.

SATURDAY

Jan 20



6:00 pm

Family Movie Night

Join us at Cremona FCSS for a night at the movies with your family! Popcorn will be provided, courtesy of FCSS. Under 13 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult. Pop and snacks will be available to purchase. Feature Film: Ant-man and the Wasp: Quantumania

WEST COAST SEEDS FUNDRAISER



Jan 9- 30

Buy seeds, support the library! From Jan 9-30th, we will be partnering with West Coast Seeds to bring you the very best seeds to plant and grow. Visit <https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/collections/all> and select "Cremona Municipal Library" from the drop down menu when you place your order.

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!



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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

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS