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1 	2 Secret Candy Cane sales (until Thurs) \$1 ea Dual Credit kids to Olds	3 Learn to Curl begins (Gr 7-12)	4 Holiday Gift Shop! Band Society Mtg - 7pm	5 Holiday Gift Shop! Grad pizza pickup is today	6 *Festive PJ Day* Gr's 1-8 - Charlotte's Web! CSES Growing Smiles pickup 330-530 bus doors	7
8	9	10 Elementary Christmas Concert 6:30 pm	11 Band Christmas Concert - 7pm	12 Pizza Day!  *Christmas Spirit Dress Up Day* Milk & Cookies served 	13 NO SCHOOL Non Instructional Day	14
15	16 	17 Dual Credit kids to Olds	18	19 Subway Day! Secret Candy Canes delivered today! 	20 *Christmas Sweater Day* 	21 
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Classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2025

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. In conjunction with interviews, we had another successful Scholastic Book Fair and saw many young readers leave with new reading material as well as some taking home exciting prizes.

Our teaching staff traveled around the division on the recent collaboration day. Our elementary and middle school staff headed to Bowden where they had guest speakers as well as collaborative discussions in the afternoon with grade level teams. The high school staff spent their day in Innisfail where they took some time to closely examine 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. Also, a big thank-you to both our staff and community coaches. Without your hard work and dedication to your teams student participation in extracurricular activities would not be possible. With the end of

volleyball, basketball and curling seasons are about to begin. We are already gearing up for games and 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 required.
- Please feel free to join us for our Elementary Christmas Concert on December 10th at 6:30pm and our Band Christmas concert on December 11 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 • CORNER •

December 2024

My Pass Alberta: Over the course of November and December, it is my goal to sign up all of our Grade 9 to 12 students to My Pass Alberta. Why is this useful? By having a My Pass Alberta account, all of our students will be able to access a graduation checklist, a detailed academic report, view PAT and Diploma Exam results and order transcripts. Creating this account will also give all our students access to Apply Alberta, which is the exclusive website used for applying to post-secondaries within our province.

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, some 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 2025. [Please call me if you have any questions!](#)

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

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. PLEASE start having dinner-time conversations with your children regarding their future career goals. Our 1 on 1 meetings can be unproductive if the student has no idea or has not given any thought as to what their career goals are. With that said, I understand that career goals constantly change, but they do need to start thinking about it and discussing it with you. If they are having a difficult time mapping out a career plan I encourage you to check out myblueprint, where the students can take personality surveys which link them to related careers (we did this in Grade 9). The link is provided below or can be found in the “quick links” area on the Cremona School Website: <https://app.myblueprint.ca/>



CREMONA SCHOOL ATHLETICS

December 2024

Congratulations to all our volleyball athletes on a very successful year. Thank you to all the coaches who spent hours of their own time working on the skills of these young players, without these dedicated coaches the volleyball program would not be possible. We look forward to the volleyball program next year.

Please make sure to pay athletic fees. These fees pay entry fees into tournaments, officials, minor officials and team expenses.

Basketball season has begun. Practices are underway. Please refer to the Athletic Boards outside the gym for details. **Good luck all Basketball Athletes.**

Huge thank you to the Cremona Curling rink for allowing us to have a Grade 7-12 Drop in Curling, Tuesdays from 3:15-5. **Clean Shoes are required.**

If you are interested in curling on the High School curling team, girls and boys grade 9-12 please talk to Mr. Scott.

GO.....Cougars....GO!

Band Society Update



Our bands have been busy learning and preparing for a wonderful year of growth and experiences. Our grade fives and sixes had a fantastic experience at Camp Caroline where they had the opportunity to be taught by a guest conductor, Mount Royal University guest clinicians and all the extra curricular activities the camp has to offer! Our grade 7-9 band is busy preparing for their trip to Toronto for MusicFest in May 2025. The high 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 "The Jingle Bell Jukebox" is on December 10 at 6:30pm. Please have your children here for 6:15pm. The middle school, high school and jazz band will be performing "Santa the Barbarian" and their holiday pieces on December 11th at 7:00 pm. Please have your children here at 6:30pm.

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, Dec 4th at 7:00 pm in the school library. We look forward to seeing you there!



Leadership news

Dec 2014 Newsletter

This month, Leadership helped run our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We would like to thank Charlotte and Sara for MC-ing the ceremony. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our Item Drive in support of Operation Christmas Child - because of your donations, we were able to pack 41 boxes for children around the world!

Upcoming Events:

We have several 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 2nd-5th for one dollar. Candy canes will be delivered to students on the afternoon of Thursday, December 19th. We are also going to host a "Milk and Cookie Day" on December 12th. Middle school and elementary students need to complete the order form sent home by their teachers by Friday, December 6th in order to receive a milk and cookie on December 12th. We are also hoping to hold a Staff vs. Student hockey game on the afternoon of December 20th to kick off the Christmas Break! We invite everyone to decorate their doors for Christmas; winners will enjoy a Christmas treat on December 19th!

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

Dec 6: Festive PJ Day

Dec 11: Christmas Spirit Day (all things Christmas - colours, characters, Who-hair, santa hats, etc!)

Dec 10: Christmas Sweater Day

THE YES PRESS



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!

We practiced stress management and learned about resilience by making card towers!

Coming Soon!

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

CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING/MOVIE DAY!

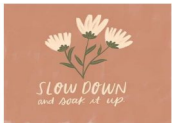
Grade 5-8: Dec 13

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHTS!

Grade 5-8: Dec 18

Grade 3-4: Dec 20

Encouragement!



After School Activities!

This month was filled with Paint Nights, Craft Clubs and Small Groups focusing on friendship skills and conflict management.



YES Program!



Bouquets & Celebrations

- Thanks to Mrs. Ross for hosting another fun-filled Scholastic Book Fair!
- 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 the handful of Physics kids who also helped us with the sorting!
Congrats to Pooja K for selling the most boxes (21 boxes) - she wins a Toys R Us gift card!
Congrats to Mr. Templeton's Grade 7 class for selling the most boxes as a whole class (33 boxes!) - they get to enjoy an ice cream sundae party!
- Huge thank you to the Cremona Lions for their generous donation to our band students heading to MusicFest Nationals!!!
- The grad class would like to thank everyone who supported their Little Caesar's pizza fundraiser!
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Shoebox donation drive! We were able to pack 41 shoeboxes!



Cremona School Cosmo Class presents:

🎄 **Christmas Nails \$2** 🎄

&

❄️ **Hair Bling \$3** ❄️

Monday, Dec. 16th
Wednesday, Dec. 18th
1:00pm - 3:00 pm
Located in the Cosmo Room & YES Room



Cremona School Presents

[Click here
to
Volunteer](#)



When: Wed. Dec 4th & Thurs. Dec 5th, 2024

Where: School Library (upstairs)

Parents: We NEED volunteers!

Please sign up for a shift(s) at:
<https://volunteersignup.org/7JPD4>
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



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 13
Please call the confidential phone number

403-862-9761

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

Cremona Cougars



Open to all Grade 7-12s

Learn to curl!!!

**At the Cremona Curling Rink Tuesdays 3:15-5
STARTS Tuesday December 3rd**



Please bring clean shoes!
No other equipment is required
(If you have curling equipment please bring)

No cost

Contact: Mr. R. Scott



Cremona Cougars Basketball Practice Schedule

Middle B Girls

Monday / Tuesday 3:15-4:45

Jr. A Boys

Monday 5-6:30 / Wednesday
3:15-5

Middle A Girls

Tuesday / Thursday 3:15-5

Sr. Boys

Tuesday / Thursday 5-6:30

CREMONA SCHOOL ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY (CSSES)

Our Growing Smiles

Winterfundraiser is complete,
Thank you to those who purchased.

PICK UP: DECEMBER 6

3:30 - 5:30 INSIDE THE GYM

DOORS. Remember to bring a blanket to cover poinsettias if the weather is cold.

Extra plants and wreaths will be available Dec 7 in the hall during Cremona Winterfest. If you can't make Friday pickup we will have yours at the hall.



Cremona Lions



A BIG THANKS TO THE CREMONA LIONS FOR A GENEROUS DONATION

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SILENT AUCTION: CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR AUCTION ITEMS. IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE CONTACT HEATHER FOAT
ALIEN INLINE SKATING COMING IN 2025!



We want to welcome our new secretary Marcie MacFarquhar. As well as our 2 new directors, Heather Fletcher and Karen Earle.



[Click to Order](#)

AGES 4 YEARS
AND
UNDER



TINY TOTS GYM TIME

RUN. JUMP. PLAY

FRIDAYS 3:30 - 4:30

SEPTEMBER 6

OCTOBER 4

NOVEMBER 1

DECEMBER 6

DROP-IN FOR SOME PARENTED TIME AT

CREMONA SCHOOL GYM



2023/24 school yearbooks are now in and available for purchase! Stop by the office to purchase yours today! All pre-ordered books have been delivered. The cost is \$40

You can also PRE-ORDER your 2024/25 school yearbook by logging in to Student Quickpay and adding to cart! (Books printed Nov 2025)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

@ Cremona Municipal Library



MONDAYS

Dec 2, 9 & 16



10:30- 11:30 am

Story Time

Drop-in program for ages 0-5 and parents/caregivers.

Enjoy stories, music, rhymes & activities with your little ones while developing early literacy and social skills.

WEDNESDAYS

Dec 4, 11 & 18



3:15- 4:15 pm

Lego Club

For ages 6 and up. Build, create, have fun!

Space is limited. Registration is required.

FRIDAY

Dec 13



1:00- 3:00 pm

Santa @ the Library

Join us for a magical afternoon at the library w/ Santa! Stories with Santa at 1 pm followed by a delightful meet-and-greet with Santa. Drop in anytime! Don't forget to bring your cameras for a special photo opportunity.

Letters to Santa



Dec 2- 13

We will have a Santa letter writing station set up until December 13. Drop your letters to Santa in our magical mailbox on or before Dec 13. Our library elves will make sure Santa gets your letter. Santa will write back. The last day to pick up reply letters at the library will be December 20.

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

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DEC 23- JAN 1

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS