



# JANUARY



29	30	31	1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5	6 Classes Resume!	7 WLD2167  School Council mtg - 9am in Conf. Room or via Google Meet	8  Band Society Mtg - 7pm	9	10 (Kinder Day)  Tiny Tots gym time (330-430)	11
12	13 Cutoff to buy Pizza is today at NOON!	14	15	16 <b>Pizza Day!</b>  Cutoff to buy Subway is today at NOON!	17	18
19	20 Deadline to register for Science Fair!	21	22 Gr 6-8 Ski Trip!  Last day of classes for high school	23 <b>Subway Day!</b>	24 (Kinder Day)	25
26	27	28	29	30 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Professional Learning Day	31 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Non Instructional Day	1

# From the Principal's Desk

Happy 2025 to everyone. I hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating break and ready to get started on what 2025 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 bin. 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 30 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. As well, January 31 is a non instructional day (no school for students). Our report cards will then follow shortly on February 4.

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



*Darryl Korody*  
Principal  
Cremona School

# January High School Exam Schedule

All exams begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Exam locations are in brackets.

13	14 Engl 30-1 & 30-2 Part A (Library)	15	16 Social 20 Pt A (Room 211)	17 Engl 9 Part A (Library)
20 Engl 30-1 & 30-2 Part B (Library)  Engl 9 Part B (Room 204)	21	22 Biology 30 (Library)  Last Day of Classes for HS	23 Social 20 Pt B (Room 211)  Science 10 (Room 205)	24 Social 9 (Room 211)  Math 20 (Room 205)
27 Physics 20 (Room 206)	28 Test Make-Up Day	29	30  No School	31  No School



## CREMONA SCHOOL ATHLETICS

**Good luck to all Basketball Athletes.** This year we have the following teams: Sr. Boys; Coached by Mr. F. Lencastre; Jr. A Boys; Coached by Mr. J. Gette; Middle School A Girls; Coached by Mrs. S. Kempster and Middle School B Girls; Coached by Mrs. K. Holmes. Thank you to all the coaches for their dedication to the basketball program.

**Huge thank you to the Cremona Curling club for their support of our curling team and the drop in Curling on Tuesdays after school.** The Curling teams will be competing divisionals late January. If they qualify, South Central Zones in February, and provincials will be the first weekend in March.

The Middle School ski trip is Wednesday, January 22, to Nakiska. Registration is complete and submitted, the bus will be leaving the school at 7AM.

If you have any questions regarding athletics please contact me, the athletic Director.

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

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# Counsellor's • CORNER •

January 2025

## **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! For students continuing into post-secondary, remember to complete your Rutherford Scholarship application by the spring or summer.

The How-To Guide is within this link:

<https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships-and-awards/alexander-rutherford-scholarship/#page2018>. Please note that you will need to create an account within the Alberta Student Aid system before you can apply. Students are eligible to receive Rutherford Scholarship if 5 of their subjects average 75% or higher. Finally, 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 vastly 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.

## School Council News...

Happy New Year from School Council.

In December, school council hosted the Holiday Gift shop organised by Sally Livermore. We would like to thank Sally and express our gratitude to all the parent volunteers who helped the shoppers with their purchases and to leadership students for helping wrap the special purchases. Parent volunteers make events like these possible, Thank you.

November meeting:

- Received a presentation from Ashley Bellamy on the PAT and Diploma results from 2023/24.
- Discussed ideas to increase daily physical activity with students
- Pizza day helpers (helpers will receive a donation towards their group or accounts)
  - November – Grad's
  - December – MusicFest Students
- Discussed lunchtime volleyball and basketball times for Grade 5&6

At each meeting a report is given from the Leadership students, CSES and Band Society. If you, as a parent, are interested in hearing from all school groups, we encourage you to come to school council meetings. The role of school council is to inform parents, school staff, students and community members so we can work together to enhance the student experience.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Jan 07 @ 9:00am. Meeting will be held at the school conference room and available via Google Meet. A link to the Meet will be sent out soon.

# 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 Thursday, February 13th.

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 20, 2025 if you are going to participate. Forms should be submitted to the office or to Ms. Sheppard.**

Sincerely,

Ms. Sheppard  
SSL  
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.

# THE YES PRESS



## December in the YES Room!

We had a blast with our 4th annual Christmas craft and cookie decorating events! The YES program has the unique ability to create a space for kids to feel connected and belong. What a great opportunity we have to run programming after school and during no school Fridays!

### S.A.S.S. Sweet And Sophisticated Sevens

I had the joy of partnering with Ashley Newsome (Cosmetology) for a 3rd time in running a group for the grade 7 girls! We focused on confidence and positive self-esteem while getting the chance to learn some Cosmetology skills!

As I finished teaching classes this week in grades 1,2,3,6 & 7, I'm feeling extra thankful this Christmas season for all the wonderful staff, parents and students in our school community.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas!  
Raelene Digby  
Success Coach



### 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.



### Activities!

Sock snowmen, Christmas cards, homemade pizza and a host of Christmas cookies filled the YES room this month!

# YES PRESS CHRISTMAS EDITION



*S.A.S.S.*



*Cookie Decorating*



*Craft Night*



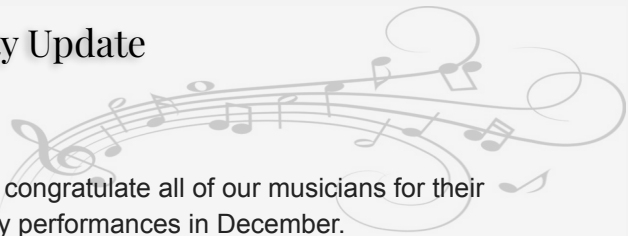
*Christmas Cards*



*Craft Night*



## 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 "The Jingle Bell Jukebox," which featured songs by every class! The Grade 5s picked their favorite tunes complete with solos/solis from each student! The Grade 6s performed Penguin Promenade and Christmas Around the Band Room. The Gr 7 & 8 band performed Sleighride, Greensleeves, and Santa the Barbarian. The high school concert band performed Santa the Barbarian and the Pirates of the North Pole, Home Alone, and Santa the Barbarian Snowpocalypse. Lastly, our jazz band were the openers for the Christmas Concert, playing Heard it through the Grapevine, A Big Band Christmas, Holiday Jam and Drama for your Mama. Both evening performances were a joy to listen to!

Our next band society meeting will be held in the school library on Wednesday, January 8th 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 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!
- 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!
- Congrats to Mr. & Mrs. Lencastre on the birth of their baby boy, Kai and to Mr. & Mrs. Madro on the birth of their baby boy, Thomas!

## Cremona School Enhancement Society

We have received a government grant which will allow us to finish the final phase of the playground.

Thank you to everyone who supported the growing smiles fundraiser. You helped us raise approximately \$1000.

Upcoming Events to look forward to: Inline Skating

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

Jan 6, 13, 20 & 27



10:30- 11:30 am

### Story Time

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

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

## WEDNESDAYS

Jan 8, 15 & 22



3:15- 4:15 pm

### Lego Club

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

Space is limited. Registration is required.

## WEDNESDAY

Jan 29



3:15- 5:00 pm

### After School Movie: "The Wild Robot"

Join us at Cremona FCSS for an after-school movie! Popcorn will be provided. Suitable for children ages 8+. Under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a drop in program but pre-registration is available.

## FRIDAY

Jan 31



1:00- 3:00 pm

### Imagine & Explore: No-School Adventures

No school? No problem! Join us in the library for this 2-hour program for kids ages 8 and up that aims to engage children's imagination, creativity and curiosity. Let's make every no-school day an adventure of discovery and fun.

Space is limited. Registration is encouraged

## 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