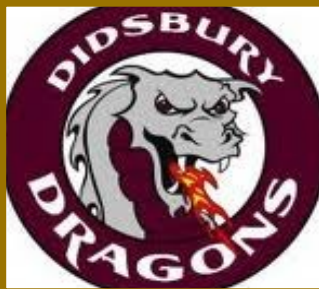


September
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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION NO 73

Didsbury High School

Principal's Message

Welcome to both returning and new students and their parents. Our teaching staff returned to school August 29 and we are set for students to arrive after the long weekend. As in past years, we will continue our focus on strong academic programming in both core and complementary courses. We are proud of our provincial trends of student success on diploma exams combined with a very high rate of High School Completion. DHS continues to boast of one of the top band programs in the province along with many opportunities for our students to access a wide variety of complementary courses and off site learning programs. We hope to continue with student representation in the Skills Canada competition and look forward to September auditions for our annual drama

presentation to be presented in late November.

This year, we will be working with the division to enhance the career focus of students. There are some new and updated possibilities with a program called myBlueprint; an online tool to help students explore their personal interests, knowledge, learning styles, etc. while directing them towards life after high school. Many of the instruments, such as career cruising and resume building have been used over the years, this program is a powerful way to connect all of these together with our school marks and course information program. Our goal will be to develop a sequence for students from grades 9 through 12 to work through myBlueprint. Our aim is to equip students

with a plan for the first few years out of high school and instill the confidence to take the next step towards it. I hope that an indirect result will help students set short term goals for course completion and marks as they see what post-secondary training is required for their years beyond high school.

Check out the calendar that accompanies this letter. Note that our Meet the Teacher and Academic Awards night is Sept. 27th, our first General Grad meeting is Sept. 25th, and our first School Council meeting is Oct. 16th.

Garth Dagg
Principal



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Message from the Board of Education

Challenging, encouraging and believing in every student

Welcome to a new year of learning together in Chinook's Edge School Division! We are proud to be part of the strong Chinook's Edge team of caring professionals, and we value working collaboratively with parents and families in our school communities. Clearly everyone is working together toward student wellness and success!



Our dedicated staff share a focus on four key goals in all of our schools - Literacy, Academic Excellence, Career and Post-Secondary Transitions, and Social Emotional development. Ensuring this firm foundation will allow our students to continue to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime.

To support this strong focus that we expect in our schools, Chinook's Edge is being strategic in our efforts to manage an ever increasing amount of electronic communication. We call this new practice **Weekdays 'til 6**, and it involves all non-emergency emails and texts being sent only prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays. We believe **Weekdays 'til 6** honours the personal time of families and staff, and will ensure our staff are set to deliver their very best to your children each day. For more information on **Weekdays 'til 6**, please visit the *Students & Parents* section at our website www.cesd73.ca.

Thank you for supporting this practice so that we can start fresh each day, ready to engage every student in meaningful learning. It is the strength of our relationships that creates our quality learning environments which Chinook's Edge is known for, and we value this immensely. Our Board and the Central Office Leadership Team wishes everyone a healthy and dynamic year in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

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Mission:

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

Vision:

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

Welcome Back



School Photo Day



School Photos
Thursday September 6, 2018
Retakes will be on October 19, 2018

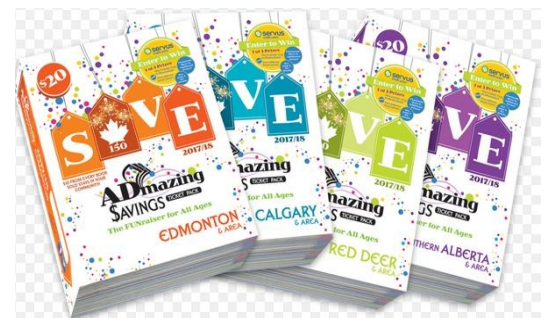
Band News

Welcome to another great year of Music at DHS!

A bottle drive has been planned for Monday, September 10th. Students and parent drivers please meet in the foyer of DHS at 5:30 PM to sign in and pick up routes.

Your son or daughter may have brought home our first fundraiser of the year, the 2018/2019 Admazing Ticket Pack. We have books available for the Red Deer, Edmonton, Calgary and Southern Alberta regions. The cost per book is \$25.00, but these can quickly pay for themselves many times over.

**All books and money must be turned in by
Friday, October 12th.**



2018 Volleyball Team Tryouts

2018 Volleyball Tryouts will begin the first week of September 4-7.

Exact times of Girls and Boys tryouts will be posted. Watch for the dates!



2018 DRAGONS CROSS COUNTRY

*Practices start Wednesday, September 5 @ 3:30 pm
Contact Mr. Leggette for more information*



*Practices:
Monday and
Wednesday
@ 3:30 pm
throughout
September*

**GO
THE
DISTANCE**



Grad 2019 News

GRAD 2019

General Meeting

Tuesday September 25, 2018 7:00 pm

DHS Gymnasium

Parents and Grads please attend

GRAD 2019 Dates

Cap & Gown Ceremony

Thursday June 27, 2019 7:00 pm

Celebrations Banquet

Friday June 28, 2019



JOSTEN'S RING DAY Thursday September 20, 2018

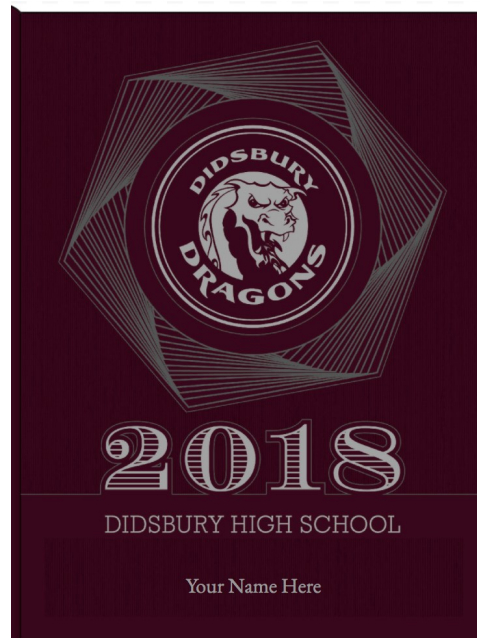
Yearbook News

2017/2018 DHS Yearbook

We are very excited to distribute the 2017/2018 Edition of the DHS Yearbook the first week of classes in September!

Don't forget to order your 2018/2019 Yearbook early. All early orders will receive custom name-stamping.

Orders can be placed through the online school fees payment program, or see Mr. Leggette if you have any questions.





ENROLL NOW

What: Field Hockey
Who: Boys U13, U15 & U18
When: Mondays: 6pm – 8pm
Where: University of Calgary
Hawkings Field

**JOIN US
September
10th & 17th**

FIELD HOCKEY

HIGH PERFORMANCE FALL

Field Hockey Alberta is recruiting players to join the high performance fall program. Are you an athlete who is looking for some off-season training or wants to get involved with the Olympic sport of field hockey? Come and try out the sport with an introduction training on the 10th and 17th of September for only \$10! The full fall program will run from September – November and will cost \$175 in total. On pitch training sessions will be

Want to see the amazing sport of field hockey? Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11Zv8n5XOz4> or search youtube for: field hockey alberta promo

What's New for 2018/2019—Online Field Trip Forms

Chinook's Edge has listened to parents about the quantity of paperwork that is required to complete when their child(ren) are going on a field trip. The Division is in the process of implementing an Online Form for field trips.

What this means for parents—parents will receive a customized email with the details of the field trip included in the email. A link will be included that will give parents access to an online form and payment option. Parents will be required to complete the medications, allergies, dietary restrictions and medical conditions sections on the form. Most of these sections are yes or no buttons. There is a Parent or Guardian Consent to agree to along with a Medication Administration and Release as well. The Acknowledgement of Risk and Informed Consent is outlined for parents. Once the information has been completed, the parent submits the form and then a link to the Rycor (formerly Acorn) payment system will be provided.

This online form is designed for parents to complete the process in a timely manner and not have to hand write several sets of forms throughout the school year.



Looking Ahead

October Dates to Remember

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| Non-Instructional Day—No School | October 5 |
| Thanksgiving Day—No School | October 8 |
| Band AGM Meeting | October 10 |
| Interim Report Cards | October 18 |
| Picture Retake Day | October 19 |
| Parent Teacher Interviews | October 24 |
| Collaborative Day—No School | October 26 |



Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73

2018-2019 Student Attendance Traditional Calendar

| August 2018 | | | | | | |
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Aug 29-30 School Organizational Days
Aug 31 Focused PD Day

| February 2019 | | | | | | |
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Feb 8 Collaborative Day
Feb 18-22 Winter Break
Feb 18 Family Day
Feb 21-22 Non Instructional Days /
Teacher Convention - Palliser

| September 2018 | | | | | | |
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Sept 3 Labour Day
Sept 4 Students First Day of School
Sept 21 Focused PD Day

| March 2019 | | | | | | |
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Mar 14-15 Non Instructional Days /
Teacher Convention - CATCA
Mar 29 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)

| October 2018 | | | | | | |
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Oct 5 Collaborative Day
Oct 8 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 26 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)

| April 2019 | | | | | | |
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Apr 19 Good Friday
Apr 22 Easter Monday
Apr 22-26 Spring Break

| November 2018 | | | | | | |
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Nov 8-9 Fall Break
Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 23 Collaborative Day

| May 2019 | | | | | | |
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May 17 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)
May 20 Victoria Day

| December 2018 | | | | | | |
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Dec 7 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)
Dec 24-31 Christmas Break

| June 2019 | | | | | | |
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Jun 7 Collaborative (am)
Non Instructional (pm)
Jun 27 Students Last Day
Jun 28 School Organizational Day

| January 2019 | | | | | | |
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Jan 1-4 Christmas Break
Jan 7 Students Return
Jan 31 School Organizational Day

| LEGEND | | School Planning Day |
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| | | Focused P.D. Day |
| | | Holiday |
| | | Non-Instructional Day |
| | | Teachers' Convention |
| | | Significant Start and End Dates |
| | | Breaks |
| | | Collaborative Days - No school for students. One Focused PD Day will be designated as the TPGP |

*For Payroll purposes, one non-instructional day / semester will be identified as a day in lieu for parent/teacher interviews





Approved:
May 9, 2018

September 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 30 School Opens | 31 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Labor Day No Classes | 4 First Day of School | 5 | 6 School Picture Day | 7 Welcome Back Breakfast | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Grad 2019 Ring Day | 21 Focused PD Day No Classes Volleyball | 22 Volleyball |
| 23 30 | 24 | 25 Grad 19 General Parent/ Grad Mtg 7 pm | 26 Gr 9 Field Trip Blackfoot Crossing | 27 Meet the Teacher / Awards Night | 28 | 29 |

October 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 School Council Mtg 7 pm | 17 | 18 | 19 Picture Retakes | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Parent/Teacher Interviews 5:00 pm No Appointment Needed | 25 | 26 Collaborative Day No Classes | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween  | | | |