



# From the Principal's Desk

The last part of this school year has been so different from anything any of us have ever encountered. Over the years, there have been students who have completed courses online, and that will continue. There have been people who have had to self-isolate for a variety of reasons and that will continue. But the combination of all of us learning through a variety of distance learning models as well as self distancing from everyone everywhere has been a huge change and a challenge for us all. We as staff here at Cremona School, have to thank you parents, grandparents, guardians and any others who are working daily with our students, your children. We also have to thank all of our students who have been working so hard and learning in this new educational platform. It really has been a learning curve for all of us. I would also be remiss if I did not thank the staff at Cremona School, and that is all staff. Everyone has stepped up to this new platform of learning and assisted in some way. Even our custodial staff have taken on new jobs within their day, and have been diligently disinfecting our school as the staff come in and out a few at a time. We really do thank you all for all you are doing and hope that you are all staying safe.

As part of keeping our student's education moving along the continuum, our teachers have been diligent about providing the work to their classes that will further their education, without becoming too much at home. We ask parents, that if your child is struggling with a concept, please contact their teacher to get assistance. Completing the work that has been provided to your children is part of them being on track for their courses next school year.

For our High School students, the work still continues. All of the 10 - 12 courses are credit based. A course must be passed in order to receive the credits and move on to the next level. This has not changed with the new off campus learning model. If a student has not met the course criteria with a passing grade, they will be required to redo the course next year in order to move on to the next level in the course after that. As well, in order to be ready to complete the next level, having the background knowledge from the level before it is imperative for all grades and all courses. We look forward to all of our students completing their courses and being successful in their work next year as well.

We do hope that you are all staying healthy and enjoying your family time together while social distancing when you have to go out. We may see you and wave at a distance in and around the community. Stay safe. Happy spring!!

Joanna Harvey

# Safety in a time of pandemic

A Message from the Superintendent

Each May, this newsletter message typically highlights our excellent record of surpassing safety standards in Chinook's Edge schools. Each year we proudly share audit results, which continually illustrate our division's steadfast commitment to safety. While our schools are maintaining focused attention to our traditional safety protocols, what is most pressing for parents and communities to know is the level of care our staff continues to take in schools during this time of COVID-19.

School buildings and division office are operating with limited capacity and with strict protocols at this time. Many of our staff are engaged in moving learning forward online from home, and the limited staff who are present in each building are working within strict guidelines. There is hand sanitizer on workstations, restrictions on interactions, and caretaking staff onsite to ensure surfaces are continually cleaned and disinfected. In fact, caretakers in some of our schools have already completed their end-of-theyear deep cleaning. Everyone in Chinook's Edge is is doing their part to stay safe, to keep our facilities

safe, and to use this time for completing additional projects. This way we will ensure we are ready - and very happy - to welcome our students back to school when we are able to do so.

# **Kurt Sacher Superintendent**

## Trustees at work for students

We are so grateful that parents throughout Chinook's Edge have stepped up to the current challenge in immeasurable ways. Please read more in the <u>May Board eNews</u>.

# Approval of 2021-2022 Division Calendar

Creating a division calendar is a complex and challenging task, and we are pleased to share that the <u>Division Calendar</u> has been approved to the end of the 2022 school year (please click to review the information on our website). Calendar decisions are a collaborative process made in consultation with students, staff and Chinook's Edge families. Anyone wishing to provide feedback can do so on the website link above. This will help inform our decisions as we consider multiple details in determining each school year's calendar. Thank you.

# Counsellor's Corner

Grade 10-12 parents and students, please note the following "Rutherford Scholarship" requirements. Students apply for the money ONLY when they have enrolled in college, a trade, or university and do so on the ALIS site. \*\*current gr 12's accepted at post-secondary, you apply in AUGUST.

# Course Requirements

## Grade 10

- Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in five courses - \$300\*
- Average of 80% or higher in five courses - \$400

# Grade 11

- Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in five courses - \$500\*
  - Average of 80% or higher in five courses - \$800

# Grade 12

- Average of 75.0% to in five courses - \$700\*
- Average of 80% or in five courses - \$1,300

### Average is calculated from 5 designated courses

# One of:

English 10-1, 10-2

One of:

English 20-1, 20-2

One of:

English 30-1, 30-2

### At least two of:

- - Mathematics 10C Science 10
  - Social Studies 10-1 or 10-2
  - A language other than one used above at the Grade 10 level

three credit value at Grade 10

level (1000 or 4000 series)

## At least two of:

- Mathematics 20-1, or
- 20-2 Chemistry 20
- Physics 20
- Science 20 Biology 20
- Social Studies 20-1 or
- A language other than one used above at the Grade 11 level

#### Any two courses with minimum Any two courses with minimum Any two courses with minimum three credit value at Grade 11 five credit value at Grade 12 level

level (2000 or 5000 series)

## At least two of:

- Mathematics 30-1, 30-2 or 31 Science 30 Social Studies 30-1 or
- 30-2 Biology 30
- Chemistry 30 Physics 30

(3000, 6000 or 9000 series)

 A language other than one used above at the Grade 12 level





# Set up Students for Success

Useful Links

Google Online Safety & Well-being

Guardians Guide to Google Classroom

Cremona School AR quiz link

Bookflix (online books for K-Gr 7) User: albertalib Password: albertalib

Epic books for kids (you require a classroom code)

Virtual field trip links

**Mindful Breathing** 

Mindfulness Classes for kids (free!)

# Bouquets & Celebrations



- Thank you to our fantastic students who have been taking time to focus on their school work in these unique times. The projects and pictures that you all have been sending in bring joy to your teachers. We are so very proud of you! Also an enormous thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have been working so hard to ensure that their children and grandchildren continue to learn new things. You have all been doing an amazing job!
- Thank you to Mrs. Ross for keeping the AR program up and running. Many students are using this fun resource to practice their reading comprehension. Thank you to the students who are doing AR quizzes. Mrs. Ross says that she will have a special prize for you in the fall!
- A huge thank you to Mrs. Trish Murphy, our school tech expert. She has gone above and beyond helping support the teachers and families as we all adapt to our change in learning platforms. Thank you to those teachers with great tech skills too. They have been quietly helping others behind the scenes. We have a great team here at Cremona School!
- Thank you to our educational assistants who have been enthusiastically working 1 on 1 and in small groups over the phone and internet to support our students.
- Thank you to our custodial staff who have been working tirelessly to organize, disinfect and deep clean our building. They also have started
  maintenance, repair and painting work!
- Welcome Back to Mrs. Nickel who is returning from her maternity leave this month!
- Thank you to Mrs. Day, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Tunnell & Ms. Digby for their help with the distance learning curve we have been going through. They have all been more than able to help our family with issues or help that has been needed.



\*If you would like to recognize someone in this section of the newsletter, please email kmckinnon@cesd73.ca\*

# **Band Society Update**

Thank you to all those students who have been diligently practising at home during this difficult time. Keep up the good work so you are not too rusty in September!!

This week the students have all received new music from Mr. Hutcheon, the pop music that they would been practising for the Pop Concert that was originally scheduled for June. Hopefully everyone is enjoying the change up in music and some more light hearted songs.

In June, Mr. Hutcheon will have available an "Intro to Band" package for all those Grade 4 students who are interested in choosing band for an option next year, so keep your eyes open for that information.

Lastly, beginning in June we ask that all rented instruments please be returned to the school. They will be sent out for repairs and sanitization. Mr. Hutcheon will be sending an instructional email out to all band parents with rented instruments in the coming weeks.

# **OVID (HALLENGES**

# Open to EVERYONE in the Cremona / Water Valley area. Families, Seniors, Adults, Kids - EVERYONE!!

To participate please send your name, physical address, email address, phone number and how many people in your home - to fcss@cremona.ca or text to (403)510-4521 Kits and Supplies will be dropped off at your door on the Thursday the challenge begins.

Please include which challenges you wish to participate in. You must register before the start date. Those living in the rural area will have to submit a photo for window challenges.

May 7th - May 13th

### **Photo Scavenger Hunt**

You will be e-mailed a list of things to find, you must take a photo of each item you find. Once complete send the complete file of photos to fcss@cremona.ca - a winner will be drawn from all the complete photos or whoever



finds the most items.

### May 14th - May 20th Birdhouse Decorating



A pre-cut bird house will be delivered to your house—You will need a hammer to assemble your bird house. Then its up to you how you decorate it - An idea is to have each person in your house decorate a piece of the house before you assemble it. Post a photo (or photos) on the Cremona Facebook page or text photos to (403)510-4521 and I'll post it for you.

May 21st - May 27th

#### Paint a Picture

A picture of a painting will be provided in your paint kit—you can choose to try and recreate it exactly or paint your version of it. Your kit will include paint, brushes, and a canvas for as many participants as you have in your house. Please post your photo on the FCSS Facebook page or text it to me and I'll post it





To pre-order yours, login to your child's online fee payment account & add to cart!

# Mrs Murphy

- \*Grad questionnaires by May 14!

  \*Homeschooling photos!
- \*Crazy quarantine quotes!

  \*Award winners, send in photos (ie.
  - Remembrance Day

EMAIL: TRISHMURPHY@CESD73.CA

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In consideration of the Coronavirus COVID-19, 4-H Alberta has made the decision to suspend all 4-H sanctioned in-person activities and events until September 30, 2020 inclusive. This includes club, district, region and provincial levels.

# 77th Annual **CARSTAIRS & DISTRICT**

While there will be no show this year, the sale will proceed with the 29 market steers available from the **CREMONA 4-H CLUB WEST CARSTAIRS 4-H BEEF CLUB** 



Learn To Do By Doing



Tuesday, May 19th TIME: 2:00 P.M.

online auction via: **DVAuction** www.dvauction.com

hosted by: **Olds Auction Mart** 

> **Buyers** please register early with **DVAuction**



Market lambs will be sold through Private Treaty















**CONGRATS** to our final TRIP-A-MONTH winner: ROY SHERRIFFS!

And THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us over the years... We are a registered charity whose purpose is to support Cremona School by fundraising and applying for various grants. Over the last year we have fully or partially funded the following:

- Additional playground equipment (being installed very soon!)
- The very popular outdoor basketball court
- Chapters gift cards for all of the academic award winners
- Sponsored the Sr Boys Curling team at zones & provincials
- Purchased additional Sr High science supplies in the classroom
- Purchase & installation of protective gym flooring
- Grant funding to help with bus costs for field trips

Our AGM will be held in September, 2020 and we are looking to recruit a few new board members. The 2-year commitment includes monthly meetings Sept through May as well as hosting our annual Puddle Party fundraiser. Please consider joining as our board plays a vital role in contributing to the betterment of our wonderful, little school.







Hello folks – this is a request for anyone interested in being a Board Member for the 2021 Grade 8 Gulf Island Sailing Trip. Under normal circumstances the outgoing (i.e. 2020) Board would host an open meeting in late April / early May for interested sailors and parents. At that meeting a new (2021) Board would be elected & there would be a formal turn-over of responsibilities & accounts. With the current COVID-19 restrictions we can't have the meeting or an open election so we're asking you to express your interest via the

2020 Grade 8 Gulf Island Sailing Trip Facebook page

The open positions for 2021 are:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- · Fundraising

We'll be able to provide more information on the respective positions via the FB site & will work with the new Board to turn-over responsibilities.

If there's no interest then unfortunately there won't be a 2021 program for your children.

Thank you for your consideration!

