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# DECEMBER

30	1 Wreath/poinsettia pick up at Cremona Hall!	2	3	4 <b>Pajama Day!</b> 
7 <b>Secret Candy Cane Sales</b> all week - \$1 each 	8 Parent Council Mtg - online	9 **Cutoff is NOON today to order Subway for next week	10 <b>Ugly Sweater Day!</b> 	11 <b>No School</b> 
14	15	16	17 <b>Subway Day!</b>  Candy Cane deliveries today!	18 <b>CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY!</b> 
21 <b>Christmas Break begins!</b>	22 	23	24	25 <b>Merry Christmas to all!</b>
28	29	30	31  <b>New Year's Eve!</b>	<b>Classes Resume online Jan 4, 2021 and in person Jan 11, 2021!</b>



# From the Principal's Desk

It has been a very interesting year this year. Many ups and downs throughout our community and area surrounding us. We have been unable to take part in many of our usual fundraisers, but we, as a school, have been able to bring awareness and funds to a couple of areas of need. With the month of giving and celebration upon us, we ask that you take care of your own and those close to you, and if you are able, support worthy causes locally and across the world.

Our leadership class assisted us in promoting the Movember challenge. It was fun seeing the changes in facial hair and watching the students banter together to raise funds for their levels and awareness of the fight many have with cancer. Thank you to all who helped in raising funds. Our new fundraiser goes towards Santa's Anonymous. We are selling candy canes for people to give to others.

Winter is here and is here to stay for a while. Please send your students with snow pants, mittens and hats so that they can enjoy their time outside. Also for those who travel on the bus, warm clothing is a must.

With new restrictions in place, many of our students are now learning remotely. We will be running class, grades 7-12, online. We will be following their regular schedule. We ask that you assist your students in being online with their teachers and keep their school day schedule as normal as possible. All classes, K-12 have google classrooms with student work on them. Parents can also be invited to these classrooms to see what the expectations are for your student. Please check it out. All students will be online for the first week of January. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or admin at the school.

This is the season to spend some extra time with family and friends. As the weather changes, so do our family activities. We hope that you are all able to enjoy the fresh air outdoors and the coziness of your home over the holidays. This is a time to recoup and renew our spirits and energy for the coming year. As you are spending time reminiscing with family and friends this holiday season, please keep an eye out for past grad class photos. If you come across one and are able to bring in the picture, we would love to update some of our older class photos.

May you all have a fabulous December - rest up for the new year and spend some quality time with those you love.

Happy Holidays,  
Joanna Harvey



## **Courageous and compassionate global citizens**

### **A Message from the Superintendent**

The global situation is certainly providing a new definition of what good citizenship truly means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship involves the character of an individual and their respect for the greater societal good. A high measure of good citizenship is certainly occurring across our school division. Our schools are filled with students and staff who are continuing to learn together, to take care of one another and to look beyond our current challenges with a sense of unity and resolve.

Our people in Chinook's Edge are feeling stretched, but they remain determined to continue providing what our students require from us. An example of this was displayed on a bulletin board in one of our elementary schools, where students completed the phrase, 'Children should feel \_\_\_ at school.' They said loved, excited, happy, safe, smart, proud, believed in. Thank you to everyone in our school communities who provide all of this, and more, to students each day, particularly at this time in our world.

From the entire Board of Trustees and the Central Office team, we wish everyone a safe and restful holiday season.

**Kurt Sacher**  
**Superintendent of Schools**



## **Welcome to Kindergarten!**

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2021 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2021. Online registration will begin in early January – please visit our website at [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca) for Kindergarten information, including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming.





## Band Society Update

The band programs are well underway at Cremona School!

All band students have completed their first in-class playing tests and are now keeping practice logs. For the last few weeks they have been working on theory assignments involving our new rhythmic counting method that we have been practicing daily during rehearsals.

Our elementary music students are becoming very good at reading rhythms. The focus from now until Christmas will be reading pitches on the musical staff. The Cremona School Band Society is looking at purchasing xylophones and mallets to enhance our elementary music program.

It does not look promising for any band trips to occur in the near future, which can be disheartening to our students. We have so much fun, improve our skill set and gain valuable experience playing for an audience on these trips that we look forward to planning them in the very near future. Mr. Hutcheon is already looking into the Banff Music Festival for next year! We are also looking in to a covid-aware activity day for our band kids to do some team building and have some fun. Stay tuned for more details on that!

Our next Cremona School Band Society meeting will be held in January, date TBD. In lieu of a Christmas concert this year, we intend to share our holiday songs virtually with you all. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and all the best in the New Year!



## Message from School Council

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup> meeting** - This past month we were successful in having a meeting where parents and staff could participate in-person and virtually. It was decided that we would continue to provide a virtual option to allow easier access and hopefully, wider participation by parents in the meetings.

**Youth Emotional Wellness** - We had further discussion on ideas to provide connection and support for the youth in our community. This feedback will be given to the Mountain View Family Resource Network. They continue to look for ways to provide service to the parents and youth in our community.

**Cell Phone policy in middle school** - It was reinforced that phones were to be kept in lockers at all times. They are not to be used in class unless the teacher needs them for educational reasons. Phones are not allowed at recess either. Any misuse or unauthorized use will lead to the student's phone being removed for the day.

**Cremona School Enhancement Society** - Tara Jenkins from C.S.E.S spoke with school council about building a stronger connection between the fundraising body of the school (C.S.E.S) and the Advisory body of the school (School Council). It was decided with the virtual option for school council attendance that Tara might be able to attend more often allowing her to hear the funding needs of the school and allow school council to be more involved in funding decisions.

**Calgary Regional Consortium for Learning** [www.crcpd.ab.ca](http://www.crcpd.ab.ca) This website has a lot of great resources for parents to support at home learning and mental health for student.

**As grades 7-12 move to a virtual platform at home our next school council meeting will as well. We will send a link to all parents that will allow them to attend the school council meeting on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm online. Please join us to share any questions or concerns that you might have.**

Tentative agenda will be:

1. How are things going with grades 7-12 classes? Feedback from parents is encouraged
2. How is it going for students in grades k-6. How will online classes look for them after Christmas break?
3. How did the holiday gift shop go?

Please let me know if you have any Questions or concerns that you would like to have put on the agenda.  
Andrea Reid [areid@ualberta.net](mailto:areid@ualberta.net) or 403 703-1020



## Principal & Leadership Report - December School Council

1. Online remote learning for grades 7 - 12, Nov 30 - Dec 18. We are keeping the learning schedule the same as if they were here.
2. Online remote learning for all K-12, January 4-8. Please assist your child or children with their google classroom. You can be invited as a parent. It is a great way to see what your child is learning at school, especially now as we are not allowed to have any volunteers in the building.
3. Volleyball has ended. Basketball will start up some time in the new year. We are still unable to have any division competitions, but the skill development is still happening.
4. The Movember challenge was quite successful. The money raised was sent to the Movember cancer challenge to help with Cancer research. Thank you all for helping out with this fundraiser.
5. Leadership sent \$250 to Santa's Anonymous.
6. We are helping the leadership crew with their candy cane sales this year. The sales are still open to students to purchase for others in the school. \$1/ candy cane
7. Cougs the Elf has arrived back at Cremona School. We are having fun finding him each day.
8. We are having a few dress-up days this month. Pyjama day, ugly sweater day and a Christmas dress up day.
9. Grade 9 - 12 Final Exams are still scheduled for the end of January



## 2020 Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous

Santa's Anonymous is a program in our community for families in need of assistance during the Christmas season. The areas covered by this program include: Cremona and the rural districts of Water Valley, Fallen Timber, Big Prairie, Elkton, Dog Pound, Madden and West of Carstairs.

Our mission "is to prepare gifts for children from infancy to 18 years of age (that reside in your home)"!

This program starts October 13, 2020 and operates until our cut-off date of **December 9, 2020** (we require this early cut-off date in order for the preparation and distribution of these gifts). Please call the CONFIDENTIAL telephone number: 403-816-0644 to make a SELF-REFERRAL or for any questions you may have.

We will "not" be placing donation tubs around our community due to Covid19, but we will continue to have our bank account at the Cremona Mountain View Credit Union for donations!

**Confidential Telephone 403-816-0644**

## Leadership News

Our Leadership crew worked very hard on our last day in the school (Nov 26th) to decorate the halls and put up the Christmas tree!

We have planned 3 dress up days in December:

**Friday, Dec 4th - PAJAMA DAY!**

**Thursday, Dec 10th - UGLY SWEATER DAY!**

**Friday, Dec 18th - CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY!**

Also, I am sure **Cougs the Elf** will show up around the school bringing treats and a few tricks for some holiday fun before the Christmas break!

And lastly we are selling **Secret Candy Canes** for \$1.00 each. They will be on sale from Dec 7-10th and will be delivered on Dec 16 & 17th. All funds raised will be donated to the Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous program.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a healthy & happy New Year!



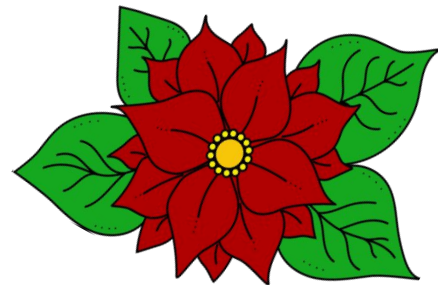
## Counsellor's Corner

**Grade 9 parents:** During our “careers” course, we have looked at learning styles, investigated careers and all students now have a working resume. I encourage them to get on our “myblueprint” program to look at possible career opportunities and programs.

**Grade 12 parents:** I will continue to communicate with your teenager about post-secondary and scholarship opportunities throughout the year. I have met with all of the grade 12 students and have encouraged them to contact me anytime with any questions.



# Bouquets & Celebrations

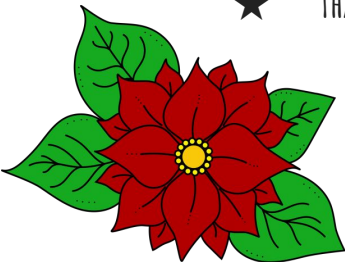


★ THANK YOU TO THE CREMONA LIONS CLUB AND THE ANDERSON FAMILY FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR POPULAR BREAKFAST PROGRAM!

★ THANK YOU TO MR. KORODY, MRS. SHEEHAN & HER CLASS, ALONG WITH THE LEADERSHIP STUDENTS FOR A WONDERFUL REMEMBRANCE DAY TRIBUTE!

★ THANK YOU MRS. WARD AND MR. HUTCHEON FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PRESENTATION!

★ THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR MOVEMBER FUNDRAISER! TOGETHER WE RAISED OVER \$200 FOR MEN'S CANCER RESEARCH!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SOMEONE IN THIS SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE EMAIL [KMCKINNON@CESD73.CA](mailto:KMCKINNON@CESD73.CA)



# DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1 MAKE A DIFFERENCE</b> As a class or group, choose a cause to help! Ex. Collect towels for an animal shelter, toothbrushes for a youth centre, or become pen pals with seniors at a local centre. <i>visit our website for more ideas</i>	<b>2 CONNECT</b> Write a letter, call, or video chat a friend or family member. Tell them why you appreciate them.	<b>3 REDUCE YOUR WASTE</b> Instead of tossing it in the garbage or recycling, reduce your waste by finding a different use for an item you no longer need. <i>visit our website for ideas</i>	<b>4 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION</b> Choose an endangered animal in Alberta to learn more about. Find out what more we can do to protect them. Share your information with at least two others.	<b>5 GET OUTSIDE</b> Get outside with nature and enjoy the fresh air. Look for wildlife or signs that they have been in the area. What did you find? Remember to pick up any litter you come across.
<b>6 FAMILY TIME</b> Help plan and prepare dinner with your family. After enjoying the meal together, help clean up.	<b>7 MINDFULNESS</b> Find a quiet space where you can sit for 2 minutes by yourself. Think about something you are proud of or grateful for. Share with a friend if you'd like.	<b>8 PLAY WITH PETS</b> Toys and play help animals express their normal behaviour. Make a toy or game for your pet, or if you have a fish or reptile, add enrichment to their habitat! <i>visit our website for more ideas</i>	<b>9 CARING COMMUNITY</b> Caring communities include individuals that care for other people, animals and the environment. Send a card to a caring community member (veterinarian, nurse, fish and wildlife officer, etc.) thanking them for all that they do.	<b>10 NATURAL HABITAT</b> Native plants are important. They require less water, promote pollination, and preserve natural habitat. Discover what plants/flowers/tree species are native to your community. Find a native tree/bush species in your community. Take a photo! <i>visit our website for more info on the Five Freedoms</i>	<b>11 FIVE FREEDOMS</b> Domestic (pets and farm) animals rely on people for more than just food, water, and shelter. Go over the Five Freedoms and list three other things animals need. <i>visit our website for more info on the Five Freedoms</i>	<b>12 ANIMAL APPRECIATION</b> Appreciate the animals in your community! This could be spending extra time with your pets or observing wildlife in your own backyard. What did you notice? How did spending time in the presence of animals make you feel?
<b>13 MOVE YOUR BODY</b> Being physically active is important for your health and wellness. Spend 60 minutes moving your body to your ability. Ex. Taking a brisk walk, playing an active game, or dancing.	<b>14 DISCONNECT</b> Unplug from technology today and take some time for yourself. Ex. Read a book, draw a picture, get outside, or play with your pet!	<b>15 CLEAN UP</b> Make the world a better place by cleaning up. Ex. Collect trash in your school yard, recycle paper in your classroom, or do an extra chore at home.	<b>16 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS</b> Brighten someone's day by doing a random act of kindness. Ex. Shovel your neighbour's sidewalk, paint a rock and leave it for someone to find, draw a picture for your fridge. <i>visit our website for more ideas</i>	<b>17 MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION</b> As a class or group, discuss your success and how it will help the organization or group you chose to help on the 'Make a Difference Day.' Give yourselves a pat on the back for making a difference! <i>visit our website for reflection questions</i>	<b>18 REFLECTION</b> How did this challenge make you feel? Tell us how it went and we will add your group/class to the Kindness Map! <i>visit our website for reflection questions</i>	 <b>Make Your Mark!</b> Let us know if you do the challenge to be added to the Kindness Map!

EVERYLIVINGTHING.CA/KINDNESSchallenge

## Ordering Subway/Yearbook/Milk Cards Online

✓ Quick    ✓ Easy    ✓ Secure

- ➔ Go to: [www.cremonaschool.ca](http://www.cremonaschool.ca)
- ➔ Click on Parent/Student tab
- ➔ Login to Online fee payment, click on your child's name, then click on the button for yearbook or milk cards, or click on month you'd like to purchase a Subway lunch for. Make your selections, add to cart and pay! Print your receipt!
- ➔ Be mindful of cut-off dates when ordering lunches
- ➔ Milk/ice cream cards are currently only available to elementary students (Kinder - Gr 4)

