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# From the Principal's Desk

A New year has begun! We hope that you all had a wonderful, rejuvenating break and are looking forward to new adventures in 2021!

As part of your new adventures, our school time in the digital realm has once again increased. We ask that all parents be cognisant of what their students are doing online during and between class times. We ask that you assist your children in making the most of their school time while online. Being part of their school day is more important while they are working from home. If you or they have any questions or concerns, please contact their teacher for clarification.

With that, we do remind you that a mid year update form will be coming out for your powerschool, school engage. We continue to transition into more digitally-based communications; such as the PowerSchool app, our online field trip form and our mid year demographic update form. These processes have streamlined procedures and have reduced a significant amount of paper usage. As we continue to utilize new technology, keep the following tips in mind:

- 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 Subway Days, yearbook, milk & ice-cream cards and make donations to various school initiatives, like our popular Breakfast Program.
- Online demographics updates - this is our mandatory annual verification that all of the information we have on file for your child is correct. The government requires this information so that our funding matches our student population. Please if you have not already completed this in School Engage, do so ASAP.

For high school our first semester is coming to a close. We are still on line for the first part of the month, but hope to see all our students back very soon. We are gearing up for this home stretch to final exams at the end of the month. We ask parents to assist their children with balancing work, school, friends and extracurricular activities so that they have the best chance of successfully finishing their courses.

Please take note that our monthly meetings such as: School Council, CSES or our Band Society will be meeting online only for the next while. We hope to see everyone face to face before the school year is finished, but for now, all meetings will be in the virtual realm.

Due to the health circumstances in our world, our regular ski trips will not be happening. We do hope that you all find some time to get outside and enjoy what our winter has to offer with some skating, skiing, building snowmen, sledding and any other excuse to get outside and enjoy some fresh air.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year!  
Joanna Harvey



## **Our commitment to health and wellness**

A message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we know that supporting a healthy environment in our schools will positively impact the achievement and social emotional well-being of our students and staff. The global situation shows us that now, more than ever, our division's focus on wellness will ensure our students remain engaged and ready to learn, even as our circumstances change and evolve.

Our division has a long-held priority of caring relationships at every level. Relationships Matter in Chinook's Edge, and we can draw on that foundation in the coming months to support a sharp focus on our divisional goals that will continue to set our students up for success: Literacy, Academic Excellence, Career Connections, and Social Emotional Well-being.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our Central Office Leadership Team, I wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities a happy and healthy new year.

**Kurt Sacher,  
Superintendent**



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## **Ready, Set, Go! Welcome to Online Kindergarten Registration!**

Chinook's Edge will be accepting Online Kindergarten Registrations beginning January 11, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year. Please visit [our website](#) for Kindergarten information!





## *Counsellor's Corner*

Grade 12 parents and students: We finished up our Grade 12 interviews in November and I can't remember a group that has done so much research and has had so many choices for post-secondary! Parents, you should be proud! At this point the scholarship search is on...I will remind them when our local ones are due and I am always available for questions and reference letters.

Grade 11 students: I encourage you to go onto the ALIS site - there is so much information! There are personality or career surveys, occupation ideas, education requirements, job searches - it's amazing! Or, you can go on myblueprint, it offers similar information on a smaller scale. We will start our meetings during the second semester!

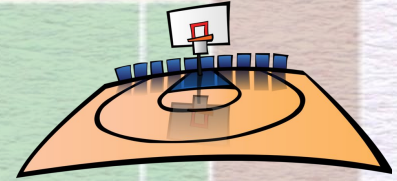
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Click [HERE](#) to access Award & Scholarship info on our website!

## *From the Sports Desk.....*



Once again we have been limited with what we can do by the covid-19 pandemic that is happening right now, but we are still very hopeful that we will begin basketball soon. Return-to-play proposals have been developed and are being refined and have been presented to Division office in order to facilitate the return to sport within the school division. The earliest that anything will likely start will be the second week of January and as always we are taking our lead from Alberta Health Services, the ASAA and Division office. We will do everything that we can to provide meaningful Athletics opportunities and sports programs for all students as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience and we look forward to working through getting past this trying time.



## Band Society Update



It was a unique holiday season with no in-person entertainment but we have attached below the links of performances by our Grades 5 and 6 band classes, along with some elementary music presentations for you to enjoy! Thank you Mr. Hutcheon for inspiring all our young musicians and capturing it on video to share!

[Gr 6 - St. Nick Salsa](#)

[Gr 3/4 - We Wish You a Merry Christmas](#)

[Gr 6 - Penguin Promenade](#)

[Gr 5 - Solid State](#)

[Gr 5 - Come On Down](#)

[Gr 5 - That Fateful Night](#)

[Gr 5 - Boil That Cabbage Down](#)



Consider this your heads up that there will be information being sent home about an optional Band student fundraiser. Band students will have the opportunity to sell Coco Brooks products where the proceeds will go directly into their individual band student accounts to offset future band trip expenses.

Our next meeting will be held virtually on January 13th at 7pm.

Happy New Year!

## Message from School Council



**In November** 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 Jan 19th @ 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.  
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# Bouquets & Celebrations



- Congrats to Mrs. Tunnell & family on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Melody Quinn Tunnell!

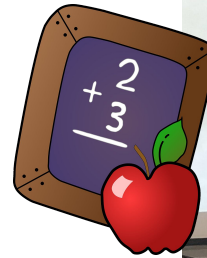


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- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Secret Candy Cane exchange! We were able to donate \$550 to Cremona & District Santa's Anonymous!
- Thank you to the Crocker family for their online donation to our Breakfast Program! We are feeding healthy minds!

- Welcome to Mrs. Edmond, a cheerful and familiar face around Cremona School! Mrs. Edmond is now teaching our Grade 1T class!



- Thank you to Mr. Vernon for organizing the school Milk / Ice Cream program! It's nice to have these offerings for the kids.
- HUGE THANK YOU to Jolee Shand for nominating Cremona School through Masterfeeds "Tonne of Support" campaign. The school was awarded \$500!!

\*If you would like to recognize someone in this section of the newsletter, please email [kmckinnon@cesd73.ca](mailto:kmckinnon@cesd73.ca)\*





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