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	Cutoff is <mark>NOON</mark> today for Pizza orders online	Report cards sent home (K-Gr 8)		Cutoff is <mark>NOON</mark> today for Subway orders online		
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From the Principal's Desk

February 3rd marks the start of the second half of the school year. We have had a busy semester 1 and look forward to carrying the momentum into semester 1. Grades K - 8 will have some slight tweaks to their timetables and grades 9 - 12 will see for the most part a brand new set of courses. Schedules will be updated in PowerSchool as class lists get finalized.

We are fortunate to have amazing people, facilities and opportunities in and around our school and community. We have the use of great facilities and support from within our village and surrounding community. We have wonderful opportunities for our highschool students to complete some dual credit courses through Olds College and other Alberta community colleges. We have students who are working in and around the community as part of the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Work Experience. We have many of our farming, ranching and acreage people who are assisting some of our students in completing their Green Certificate. Through these unique opportunities, our students receive high school credits, and for some, college credits as well, that go towards their high school diploma. We are thrilled that we are able to offer these, and many more, learning opportunities for our students. We continue to endeavour to enhance every student's education and provide each student with a well rounded background which can often open some doors to new ideas for futures outside our school walls.

Science fair will be held in the Library on February 13th. There are lots of entries this year so please come out to see all the students' hard work. We look forward to seeing you all in and around the school.

A few reminders as we head in to February:

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:

- February 4 - report cards will be handed out for K-8. 9-12 students/parents can find their report cards on PowerSchool.

- February 17-21 is our winter break with no school for students.

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

Darryl Korody Principal

Counsellors CORNER

Grade 12 Students and Parents: Many of our students have applied to Post-Secondary at this point and I encourage them to carefully watch the "deadlines." This could be for course selection, residence application, payment, or a "deferral;" if the student decides not to attend. If the student has been "accepted" at a college or university, keep verifying that all documents have been sent. Please come and see me if you have any questions. The students will receive the Rutherford scholarship if 5 of their subjects average 75% or higher and they are attending post-secondary. Students apply for this scholarship in the Spring when they have been accepted at a post-secondary.

Grade 9 Students and Parents: Remember Grade 9s, your average in your classes will determine your placement in High School. Keep those grades high and you will have more post-secondary and career opportunities available to you. Our Career Class will continue during the second semester.

Grade 10 & 11 Students and Parents: Individual interviews, where we discuss course selection, high school credits, and future aspirations, will continue throughout the month of February. Remember to keep your marks up, especially those who are planning to attend university next year, as they are now accepting students based on their grade 11 results.

eadership news

The Leadership class is planning a few exciting events this month!

We are going to host a *Valentine's Middle School Dance* for Grades 5-8 on Wednesday, February 12th from 3:30-5:30 pm. Admission will be \$2.00, and we will also be selling refreshments and snacks.

We also invite everyone to dress up in red and pink on Friday, February 14th for Valentine's Day!

Leadership is going to run a "Secret Valentine's Day" fundraiser on February 14th. Purchase a "Valentine's Treat" for others in the school from Tuesday, Feb 4th to Friday, Feb 7th, and they will receive it on February 14th! All proceeds will go towards helping to send Leadership students to ASLC next year!

Pine Shirt Day is on Wednesday, February 26th this year, and we encourage everyone to wear a pink shirt to show their support toward putting an end to bullying.

Band Society Update

At our January meeting, we discussed our upcoming fundraisers. We will be running a Spolumbo's Sausage fundraiser beginning mid February so be sure to watch for more details! We will also sell the popular hanging baskets near Mother's Day. We will open this fundraiser to our current Grade 4 students so that their monies earned can be used towards their Grade 5 band camp which happens in the early fall each year.

Our bands are preparing for their spring travel plans, Grade 7-9 band students are heading to MusicFest Nationals in Toronto and Grade 10-12 band students will be joining students from Brandon, Manitoba for an exchange program with Experiences Canada.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **February 5th**, **2025 in the school library at 7pm.** We would love to have you join us! An additional meeting will take place after the general meeting for all Experiences Canada participants/parents.



At the January School Council Meeting we covered reports and updates from Leadership, CSES, Band Society, Administration, Trustee and Financial report. 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.

For more details on our meetings, all minutes are posted on the Cremona School website under the 'About' tab, school council. Please review these and if you as a parent have any questions or concerns that you want to address at next meeting, all input is welcome.

Next meeting - Feb 11, 2025 @ 5:30pm - School Library

We hope to see you there!



ATHLETICS

Athletic Department Information - Feb 2025

A huge thank you to all the basketball coaches who volunteer hours of their time to the athletes at Cremona School. Seasons will be finishing up in the next few weeks and then into playoffs. Good luck to all basketball teams.

Again I would like to thank the Cremona Curling club for their support of the Drop in Curling Tuesdays and our school team. Special thanks to Nels Brian for his help with the drop in curling and the boys curling team. Our boys Curling team competed in the CESAA playdowns vs Carstairs, Didsbury and Sundre. They improved every game but unfortunately will not advance to Zones.

Badminton season will be starting in March. If you have an interest in badminton and would like to coach, or help out coaching please contact me. We are in search of a badminton coach! Contact Mr. R. Scott if you are interested.

GO.....GO!

Mr. Rob Scott rscott@cesd73.ca 403-637-3856



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Coming Up:

National Love Your Pet Day! February 18th 1:00-3:00 Grades 5-8 National Comfy Day! February 20th 10:00-1:00 Grades 5-8

Join Ms Emma over the February Break for these activities! We will be baking treats for our dogs, and watching a movie while enjoying a free lunch for National Comfy Day!

January in the YES Room

January was full of change! New classes, new groups and a new Success Coach while Mrs Digby enjoys her Maternity Leave! Ms Emma will be covering her leave and looks forward to getting to know the families here in Cremona!

Mental Health Matters!

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.



- Sending a Warm Cremona School Welcome to Ms. Emma Lefebvre, our Yes Program Coordinator covering for Mrs. Digby's maternity leave, and to Ms. Alison our new Educational Assistant working mainly in our high school end!
- Huge thank you to the Cremona Curling Club for their support of the Tuesday Drop in Curling and the high school curling team!
- Thank you to all the Basketball coaches!! Go Cougars Go!!
- Big thanks to Claudette and Chris Kirkwood from Rocket Fizz for donating a clothing rack to help kick start a new initiative with our lost and found items. Thank you so much!
- Huge thank you to Sonia & Brian Woodard & Leather Pocket Billiards for the donation of a gorgeous pool table for our Student Lounge! Everyone loves it!
- Thank you Cremona School staff and students for your participation in the Alberta-wide "Read for 15" community challenge, in celebration of Family Literacy Day on January 27. Your support was instrumental in helping Cremona Municipal Library win the title of "Most Readerly Community" in Alberta for 2025. We couldn't have done it without you!
- Thank you to our Grade 6s who collect the recycling each week! Below are a few photos of our Gr 6s repurposing some recycling for use in Science!



Cremona School

JOB & CAREER FAIR COME AND JOIN WITH US

March 14th

at 10 Am - 12 Pm

Cremona School Library

Looking for local businesses interested in connecting with the youth of our community. Come and talk about your career field / business or recruit talented youth from our community for your business.

Interested in joining? Please RSVP by March 3rd to anewsome@cesd73.ca

Questions? Please call Alex Hutcheon @ (403)637-3856 or Ashley Newsome @ (403) 994-1450

SEEKING TUTORS

TO BEGIN: Mid February to late March 2025

MVFRN is seeking student peer tutors to assist students in grades 1–10. Applicants should be in good standing at school, be in grades 10–12 and be available to report to the Cremona Public Library weekly for 6 x 1hr sessions after school.

Earn a letter of reference for employment/ secondary school applications!

CONTACT AMANDA FOR MORE DETAILS AMANDA@MVFRN.CA

GIFT & LETTER OF REFERENCE FOR COMPLETING 6 SESSIONS





CROCHET 'N' CHILL: LEARN TO CROCHET

Learn the basic stitches and how to use them. No prior experience is needed.

Benefits of Crochet:

- Creativity & Self Expression
- Relax & Unwind
- Meet new friends

Why it's awesome:

- ALL materials will be provided!
- Enjoy some snacks and drinks while you work!

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Learn some carpentry basics while making a fun project to take home!

Please register at www.mvfrn.ca info@mvfrn.ca

Mrs. Kellert is looking for volunteers to donate crushed ice (lots of it!) to make "maple taffy tire" on February 28th for our Canadian Winterfest afternoon of fun! Please email her at <u>skellert@cesd73.ca</u> if you are able to help!





Cremona Ag Society's 7th Annual 50/50 Cash Draw Hosted by: Terri Belcourt

How to Play:

- · Gather your friends, family or coworkers to form a 5-person team
- Each team will pay \$200 to enter (\$40/team member)
- · Each player on a team receives 4 lives at the start of the game
- Players will be progressively eliminated from the game as they are voted off the island at Tribal Council
- The last remaining player is the 'Sole Survivor' and will win the Grand Prize (1/2 of the total jackpot) to be shared equally with their team.
- A player can be on more than 1 team and you can have the same person on 1 team (e.g. John Doe x 3 entries; Jane Doe x 2 entries) – as long as your team has 5 filled spots
- EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: enter your team before February 10, 2025 for a chance to win back your team's \$200 entry fee
- Teams must be entered by February 17, 2025
- · Finale will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at the Fundraiser Hockey Game
- Completed forms and e-transfer can be sent to cremonasurvivor@gmail.com
- My goal this year is to reach 100 teams 100 teams = \$20,000.00 = ½ = \$10,000.00
- · We will not be doing the "buy back your life" twist this year.





CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS