

Sundre High School & Sundre Learning Centre



November Newsletter

2022

School Dance - November 18

Food Drive - November 18 - 30

School Council Meeting - November 21

Teacher Collaborative Day (no school for students) - Nov 25

Christmas Band Concert - December 14

Grade 12 vs Staff/Parents Hockey Game - December 23

Message From The Principal

As we are now two and a half months into the school year, we are excited to have a number of exciting events back at SHS! Our student leadership team has organized our first dance of the year this Friday. We also look forward to having our Christmas Band Concert on December 14th.

Earlier in the school year the Minister of Education announced that diploma exams would be worth 20% of a student's final grade for grade 12 diploma exam courses. Chinook's Edge School Division has followed their lead, which means all of our final exams will be weighted no more than 20% of the student's final grade for the 2022-23 school year.

Please be reminded that you can keep up to date on happenings around the school by regularly checking our Sundre High School webpage at www.sundrehigh.ca and our facebook page.

~ Scott Saunders

Snowfall Dance

- December 18, 7:00 - 10:30 PM
 - \$5 admission
 - Donation boxes will be available for the food drive.
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Grade 12 Hockey Game

The grade 12's vs staff/parents hockey game will be taking place Friday, December 23 at 1:00PM. Any parents/guardians interested in playing, please email Ashley Bellamy at abellamy@cesd73.ca.

- This game requires full protective hockey equipment for all players.
 - Permission Forms will go home in December for students interested in being spectators at the game and for grade 12 participants.
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Inclement Weather

It is again that time of year when we may have severe weather that can shut down bus routes or even the entire school. Whenever possible, we try to keep classes running as usual. However, we would never ask a student to put themselves at risk by driving into town when the conditions are poor due to roads or extreme temperatures.

- Our Inclement Weather Procedures can be found [HERE](#).



Teacher Collaborative Days in CESD

Throughout the school year, all CESD schools have 5 collaborative days (or Professional Learning Days) where our staff meet to grow their professional practice. Our next Collaborative day is **Friday, November 25th**.

On these days SHS staff are:

- Working in collaborative teams creating common Google Classrooms in all 9-12 core classes. This collaborative planning time allows teachers to align their instruction and assessment to best practice and collectively support teachers across the division.
- Using mathematics, and reading assessment data to support planning and instruction.
- Meeting in school collaborative response teams using student attendance, social emotional wellness, numeracy, and literacy data to plan for student support.



Food Drive Challenge “Can” the Principal!

November 18-30

All food will be donated to Sundre Santa’s Program

December 1

Watch Mr. Saunders work in his new “office” made of food that you donated!

Winning grade gets a May Queen advantage!

Division News

... for parents and guardians

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Achieving our goals together - A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

In our three-year [Education Plan](#), we have set specific targets and detailed strategies around our divisional goals to ensure each student in Chinook's Edge achieves success. Our Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections goals are impacting students at every grade level, and our division's achievements are a testament to the hard work and clear priorities of the entire Chinook's Edge team.

Staff in all schools, across all grades, help students achieve success by setting the bar high and then supporting students as they strive to reach it. We have a strong focus on sharing best practices around teacher strategies to bring the very best learning experiences to the students we serve. That is the focus and benefit of our five Professional Learning Days in Chinook's Edge (more on this below).

Staff in our schools are making genuine gestures to invite parents back to volunteer in your child's classroom or attend their assemblies, or take part in Parent Teacher Interviews. At the division level, the Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team are grateful for the feedback we are receiving through our Parents Matter Committee and Parent Council meetings.

We work hard to ensure our schools are positive and welcoming places for our students, families and staff, because we believe that strong foundation of caring is resulting in success for everyone in our school communities. Most importantly, it is creating levels of excellence among the students we serve, which will set them up for a lifetime of success.

To read the latest version of the Board eNews, please [click here](#).

Professional Learning Days



What are staff doing during the division's five non-instructional days for students?

"[Professional Learning Days](#) provide consistent opportunities for teachers and school staff to reflect on their own work and share high leverage strategies, all of which positively impacts the classroom and ultimately leads to greater success for students in school and in life. The most valuable resource we have is each other," said Superintendent Kurt Sacher. [Read more here](#).

Inclement Weather



The safety of students, staff and parents is our highest priority, which is why Chinook's Edge developed an Inclement Weather procedure.

This link to our [Inclement Weather website](#) outlines specific responses if weather causes a change to our regular daily processes. This means school buses may not run or school closures may be in effect for a single school, a community of schools or the entire school division if weather necessitates an Inclement Weather day.

Be safe, Be aware, Be ready to learn! Be familiar with this important information. Thank you.



We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at www.cesd73.ca under Careers/
Casual

Support Staff, by email at transportation@cesd73.ca or by calling our office at 403-227-7072

Chinook's Edge is one of the largest school divisions in the province, serving over 11,000 students in 43 Central Alberta schools between Calgary and Red Deer. Our schools are located in 13 small communities that sprawl east and west from the Highway 2 corridor, conveniently providing Chinook's Edge staff and families with the best of both worlds