

H.J. News

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4520 - 50 Street
Sylvan Lake, AB.



Principal's Message

Here we are about to enter the first week of December! Our school is packed full of activity on a daily basis. Between sports, band, drama, all of the various clubs that operate within the school we also see the business of classroom projects, experiments, assignments, quizzes, reports and exams! The staff works hard to take a professional and knowledgeable approach to teaching and learning. The "caring factor" is high when it comes to making sure each student achieves to their highest potential and this means that sometimes holding students accountable when they might not want to take responsibility. This is all part of the learning process as we want to develop great citizens as well as delivering curriculum.

I would like to congratulate the 150+ students who qualified for the Hawaii FIVE-0 50 straight days of school! It really is quite an accomplishment on their part. We have done a little digging into the statistics of the qualified students and I am proud to report that academic averages have increased by as much as 15%. Attendance does have a positive correlation with academic performance.

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season. Enjoy the Christmas break!

Cheers

Dave Elwood, Principal
HJ Cody School



CONGRATULATIONS LAKERS!

Pictured above is our 2011/2012 Football League Champions. They also placed 3rd in the Province in Tier II. This up a tier from previous years. Huge congratulations also go to Brad Huhnold who was awarded MVP for Central Alberta.



Inclement Weather Procedures

With the return of winter, it's time to remind parents and students of the procedures we have in place in Chinook's Edge to address inclement weather:

1. Our Board of Education requires schools to remain open during inclement weather. **H.J. Cody will be open all school days.**
2. Teachers will make classroom activities meaningful, and will remain cognizant of not advancing curriculum to an extent that it has a negative impact on the students who were unable to attend during inclement weather days.
3. **Bus Routes:** In Chinook's Edge, there are a number of factors that go into making the decision on whether or not to cancel bus routes on a particular day. The only time a cancellation of busses for the entire school division will occur is in the case of extremely cold temperatures. When it is colder than -35 degrees Celsius, or when the wind-chill makes it extremely cold, the Director of Transportation will make a decision to cancel all of the bus routes. Otherwise, in the case of inclement weather, individual bus drivers make a decision on their particular bus route.
4. **Regardless of the transportation status, H.J. Cody School will remain open.**

Winter Wonderland Dance

Thursday, December 8th @ 7:00p.m.

SEMI-FORMAL—no jeans

\$6/ticket available at school

\$8 entry @ door



Sylvan Lake Christmas Bureau

Registration forms may be picked up anytime from the bulletin board at Cobb's, the Community Centre, HJ Cody office, and at Sylvan Lake Community Partners on 50th Avenue.



All families in need receive a generous food voucher, toys for the children, a family game, video certificates, and more.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!

Flu Season is Here

We ask that you *please* keep sick kids at home in an effort to reduce the risk of spreading the illness.



In an effort to monitor the flu season and provide attendance information to our Division Office, we are asking that you let us know when calling in your child's absents if they are home due to

ILLNESS.

Monitoring school absenteeism allows for early identification of outbreaks, which is important at this time.

GR. 9 GIRLS

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|-----------------|
| Kenzie Allan |
| Madi Bennett |
| Allie Busch |
| Faith Chmil |
| Harper Elwood |
| Jaden Giles |
| Alex Kirkham |
| Whitney Lehman |
| Brookelyn Louma |
| Marley Ojala |
| Sophie Richards |
| Molly Rumohr |

JV GIRLS

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| Chikako Adachi |
| Syney Annetts |
| Taylor Carriere |
| Kennedy Chittenden |
| Cara Derbyshire |
| Ruthy Faryana |
| Carly Grevatt |
| Bailee Mathers |
| Breanna McKenzie |
| Teresa Peevey |
| Phoenix Schultz |
| Gabby Trudel |

SENIOR GIRLS

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| Chais Avery |
| Olivia Barnes |
| Tori Becker |
| Cassie Donaghy |
| Alex Donaghy |
| Rachel Edge |
| Kirystynn Joseph |
| Riley Kanyo |
| Abby Knowles |
| Tachara Larocque |
| Taylor Vick |

**GR. 9 BOYS**

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|-------------------|
| Josh Bawtinheimer |
| Ryan Bredy |
| Dustin Chenier |
| Kane Fraser |
| Austin Ilcisin |
| Jaxon Lynn |
| Brett Lockyer |
| Alex MacLean |
| Korey Prediger |
| Tyson Schmidt |
| Carter Taylor |
| Kayle Trydal |

JV BOYS

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|-----------------|
| Chance Ashcroft |
| Nick Dal Pra |
| Derek Dubie |
| Shae Edwards |
| Koyo Ikeura |
| Cameron Kolody |
| Trent Kondor |
| Eric Littman |
| Bryce Marshall |
| Alex Moore |
| Chase Mykytiw |
| Kovann Rafat |

SENIOR BOYS

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|-------------------|
| Ryoji Fujibayashi |
| Kyle Archibald |
| Tyler Ledwos |
| Austin Lutz |
| Kolson Moore |
| Joey O'Donnell |
| Reid Schaffer |
| Terry Wendland |
| Kolt Bell |
| Logan Bittner |
| Ethan Langan |
| David Lewis |

Introducing your Lakers Curling Teams!

Seniors are: Jason Johanson, Brett Matejka, Cam Ilcisin, Ryan Duncalfe, Brandon Torrance, Morgan Alward and Koyo Ikeura, Tristan Balfour and Shae Edwards

Junior teams consist of: Payton Fredrick, Julia Swarbrick, Laura Olive, Nick Torrance and Austin Ilcisin.

There are still spaces available for a Sr. High mixed team. Please see Sna Buyks if interested.



Congratulations to the Lakers curling teams who played last weekend! The Sr. Mixed team tied for first and placed second in the skills competition at the Lakers Invitational Bonspiel at the Sylvan Lake Curling Rink. The Grade 9 team placed 5th. The Sr. Men's team played in a cash spiel in Lacombe and won the bonspiel. Great Curling!



Would you like a house guest from Japan for a couple of weeks? Host families are needed for the Japan Student Exchange Trip. Japanese students will be here in April and our students will be going to Japan this summer. If you are interested in hosting a Japanese Exchange Student, please contact Miss Wagers at the school.



Registered Apprenticeship Opportunity

Starting in February a local company will offer full-time (4 days per week) Registered Apprenticeship Training for interested Grade 11 or 12 students. The first training period (Feb-March) will take place at the company's Blackfalds training centre. It will teach safety and basic tool handling skills. The following 3 months will be paid on-the-job training/experience at a petro-chemical facility Northeast of Red Deer.

If you have completed Math 10, Science 10 and ELA 10 and are on track to graduate, please see Mr. Davies or Ms. Hyatt for more information.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

It is hard to believe but we are now at the Christmas break and first semester is quickly coming to an end. The first diploma exam for the grade 12's begins on January 11th. That means that students have precious few weeks to prepare for these exams. It would be in their interest to take a few hours over the Christmas break to do some review.

I have had a number of students in my office lately asking about getting official transcripts for colleges and universities that they have applied to. These transcripts can be applied for through the internet at the Alberta Learning website or they can pick up a copy of the request form from my office. The transcripts are of little use until after the first semester diploma exams have been written so there is no hurry to get the request forms in.

Not much else to report so I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2012.

Ken Mac Vicar



Creating great citizens in our safe and caring schools

Our focus in Chinook's Edge is to provide high quality learning opportunities that will help our students achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens. Good citizenship is a distinctive element of an effective classroom and a thriving community. Everyone benefits when individuals commit to making positive contributions to their school, their community and their world.

During this season of giving, we can clearly see the influence of Chinook's Edge students as they reach out to others. Our students are making plans to collect items for the local food bank at their seasonal concerts, sharing their musical talents at seniors' homes and filling hundreds and hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Whether through quiet acts of kindness that affect a single person, or through grand gestures that impact entire communities, our students are modeling what citizenship truly means.

We thank our students and everyone who supports them as they reach out to others. Thank you, also, to our staff and parents who facilitate and encourage this great generosity of spirit all year long.

Kurt Sacher

Superintendent of Schools



BE A CHRISTMAS ANGEL!

The Angels Anonymous tree will be set up at Dairy Queen from December 1st to December 11th.

Help make a child's wishes come true!

Just choose an angel card from the tree, buy a gift and return it to Dairy Queen by December 11. The Sylvan Lake Christmas Bureau will deliver it to a child in our community this Christmas.

We are also in great need of cash donations, which can be made at the Servus Credit Union.



The staff at HJ Cody would like to send out a *GREAT BIG THANK YOU* to Waves Coffeehouse for their very generous donation of coffee and treats on Tuesday, November 8. It was a very pleasant surprise!

AND!! many thanks to Mr. Huhnold who has now shown up twice with coffee and donuts for the staff! Such generous people make H.J. Cody a great place to work!



DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS?

It is important for everyone to have up to date information on file, but it is especially important for Grade 12 students as the address on file is the address their Diploma Marks are sent to. If you have recently changed addresses, please let the office know immediately.

Christmas Concert



H.J. Band & Choir
Saturday, December 17th
3 p.m.
H.J. Fine Arts Centre

GRAD 2012

... 210 days & counting...

PIZZA SALES

Participate in pizza sales @ the Canteen for credit towards banquet tickets. Every 4 shifts selling pizza earns 1 banquet ticket



GRAD STUDENTS

WE NEED YOUR BABY PICTURE!

Please bring a baby photo of yourself into the office by
December 20th

GRAD CHOCOLATES

Grads are now selling chocolates to help offset the cost of their graduation. Chocolates are \$2.00 per box and for every sold case, they earn a \$30.00 banquet ticket. Help support the Grads! Also, chocolates are available in the office if you get that craving!



GRAD 2012 — DATES

Wednesday, June 27th @ 10:00 am Pier Photo followed by

Grad March to Multi-Plex

Wednesday, June 27th @ 11:00 am Ceremony @ Multi-Plex

Wednesday, June 27th @ 6:00 pm Banquet @ Parkland Pavilion