École H.J. Cody High School

HJC ensures that all students learn at high levels.

Believe, Encourage, Challenge

February 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students:

This morning a "Red Day" was announced which means that the school is closed for students and staff. The expectation is that students are learning from home and staff will be posting learning materials for them on google classroom. Please have your students log into google classroom to access their learning for the day. If your child does not have access to the internet please email me and we will put together a plan.

If we have a "Yellow day" it means that buses are not running but in class instruction will resume as usual. If you feel safe to do so, please drive your son/daughter to school as learning will continue to move forward. If it is not safe to drive your student to school, it is expected that they complete all learning that is posted google classroom by their teachers.

Here is a link that describes a "Red and Yellow Day" Chinook's Edge Inclement Weather Procedure.

Thank you for your support and patience as we work together to achieve a culture of excellence. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. 403-887-2412

Kind Regards,

Mike Garrow
Principal

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

February 15-19 – No School, Winter Break
February 22 – Students 1st Day Back to Classes
February 22-26 – Grad Photos in Library
February 23 – Gr. 9 Immunizations
March 5–No School (Non-Instructional Day)
March 19 – No School, Collaborative Day
March 30 – Parent Council Meeting (Google Meet)

Gr. 10 Time Capsule Date Extension!

Letters in by May 6th!

Mission:
Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

Vision:
Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.

Sharing Our Values Each Day
A Message from the Superintendent

Ensuring that our students are engaged in meaningful learning and encouraged to rise to new challenges is part of our mission in Chinook's Edge. This year, more than most others, our teachers and school staff have relied upon the core values that inform our work together, guide our relationships, and impact the potential of each student. We have all needed to shift our learning in several ways during this pandemic. We are able to rise to these challenges and accomplish great things together, because we share a firm foundation of values that help create a positive school culture.

Our Mission and Vision statements are a daily reminder of our most important values, which guide our work despite any challenges the pandemic may be creating. We recognize the uniqueness of every child in our care and, through our focus on relationships and on the values that shape strong character, we encourage each one to achieve excellence.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

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Grad Class of 2021

⇒ **GRAD PHOTOS:** Grad Photos are in the Library Feb 22-26. Book online with Lifetouch Prestige.

⇒ **WE NEED YOUR BABY PHOTO!** Please get your baby pic into the office as soon as you can! The picture can be of you from 1 year old to 5 years old. A photograph is preferable which you will get back, but a digital copy is ok if it is at least 1MB in size. Send those to btuck@cesd73.ca. It takes time to morph a whole grad class–please bring your photo in right away!

⇒ **GRAD DATE: Saturday, June 26th** (Work in Progress: subject to the rules and restrictions put in place by AHS)

INTERACT

Sole Hope: (solehope.org) Our Interacters have started to work on a new International Project. This involves cutting out shoe patterns to send to Uganda with Rotary. For the Soles, we use plastic from coffee can lids, margarine lids and crazy carpets. The rest of the shoe is made out of blue jeans. We need large safety pins as well. If you have any of these items that you were going to get rid of, please save them and drop them off inside the front doors with the label Interact. If you check out the website, you will see that the safety pin is to get rid of the jiggers (parasite) that they will then be protected from with the shoes.

Community Enhancement and Morale: We are looking for COVID friendly ideas that we could use in the school to generate a little bit of fun....so please send ideas our way (or prize donations).
Contact arouthier@cesd73.ca. If you need a hand with something in a COVID friendly way (staying apart), don't be afraid to ask and we'll see what we can do!

Rotary Lighthouse Stones: Back by popular demand For $600 you can purchase a commemorative stone that will be laid along the Rotary Lighthouse pathway. There are 70 available in total but 20 have already been spoken for, so check out Scott McDermott's video on our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/SylvanLakeRotary/ or go to www.sylvanlakerotary.com to download a brochure and order form if you are interested in purchasing one.

HJ Cody 2020-2021 Student Handbook

The HJ Cody Student Handbook can be found on our website. This includes Student Code of Conduct and all general school information. Please refer to our website under the Student/Parents Link.

Outdoor Ed Looking for Gardening Items

WANTED! Garden Shears and Tools needed! Perennials too! Large pots!

If you have any unused or unwanted garden tools and you are willing to donate them, they can be utilized by the Outdoor Ed class for Landscaping credits.

Due to COVID restrictions, all field trips and excursions outside of Sylvan Lake have been disallowed for my Outdoor Ed classes this semester so I have planned to go a completely different route for the meantime. By doing this new endeavor, students will still be able to enjoy the outdoors aspect of Outdoor Ed and also learn some lifelong skills that may also help them with obtaining a job in the summer!

My Outdoor Ed class will be taking classes about LANDSCAPING and we will be working out in a treed and shrubby area on the school grounds. Some of the skills that will be investigated, demonstrated, and worked on will be the actual "art" of pruning and trimming hedges and shrubs so equipment is badly needed. We will also be working on a beautification project which will improve the area outside one of the school entrances so if you have any small shrubs, or perennials that you would like to donate, I would appreciate discussing this option as well. Please contact Linda Wagers (lwagers@cesd73.ca or 403-887-2421) if pick-up is needed or if you have any questions.

Grade 10 Time Capsule Yes– We Are Giving You More Time!
Deadline: Thursday, May 6, 2021
To Be Opened: Grad 2023

Grade 9 Time Capsule
Deadline: Friday, June 25, 2021
To Be Opened: Grad 2024

What Is It? Each student who chooses to participate will write letters to his/her classmates, and collect letters from family and friends. The time capsule will be "unearthed" at the Last Bell of the Semester of your Grad year.

What Can Go In the Time Capsule

A letter from the student, etters and notes from parents, guardians, siblings, grandparents aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, family friends, neighbours, coaches, teachers and anybody that plays an important role in your life.

Photos and pictures or any memorabilia, including drawings, art, poems, and creative writing done by the students (anything that showcases current abilities)

What should not go in the Time Capsule Anything bulky (nothing thicker than photographs)

Things to Remember Letters can be in envelopes but please do not seal as each letter will be skimmed to ensure letters are directed to the correct student. They will be quality checked so there is no risk for bullying or negativity. This is not to be intended as an invasion of privacy, but rather to guarantee that each student has a positive experience. If student brings his/her own time capsule letters directly to teacher the envelope may be sealed.

Where to bring the Time Capsule Letters

Grade 9's & 10's please submit any letters to your Current English or Social Teachers

It is truly a unique experience for each student
and is part of the Last Bell tradition at École H.J. Cody School.