



École H.J. Cody High School

HJC ensures that all students learn at high levels.

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MARCH 2021



IMPORTANT DATES:

March 12—Grad Application Deadline
March 18—Parent / Teacher Interviews 5pm-8pm*
March 19—No School—Collaborative Day
April 2—No School—Good Friday
April 5—No School—Easter Monday

*Parent / Teacher Interviews

Thursday, March 18th

5-8 pm, through Phone or Google Meet

<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?code=pvxky>

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is wonderful to have students back in the building learning in person. Thank you for your patience and understanding with all the precautionary measures we continue to put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To continue to mitigate the risk of another outbreak in our school, please have your child tested for COVID-19 if they become ill to confirm that COVID-19 is not the source of their symptoms. Ensure you let the school know ASAP if your child or a family member tests positive.

This semester we will have two evenings of parent teacher interviews that will be done through your choice of either a google meet or phone call. Our first set of parent teacher interviews are occurring on Thursday, March 18th from 5:00-8:00pm. [Click Here](#) to sign up for your interviews. Students mid-term report cards will be provided to you and your child on April 15th. On May 5th we will have our second round of parent teacher interviews. This will provide you an update on your child(s) progress further into the semester. Invites will be sent for those interviews at the end of April.

In March and April, we collect feedback from students, parents, and staff on the current school year to begin our planning for the 2021-2022 school year. Please take a few minutes to complete this five (5) question survey [Click Here](#) to provide us with information to make our school even better. We truly appreciate your time in completing this survey.

We are continually working hard to improve the academic successes for your child at École H.J. Cody High School. Regular school attendance is critical for student success. Research shows that missing 10% of school negatively affects a student's academic performance. To put this into perspective, this is equivalent to a student missing one class a week. If your child is in need of a tutor please contact our academic counsellor Mr. Payne jpayne@cesd73.ca for more information.

Thank you for all that you do to support our school. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give myself, Mr. Marshall or Ms. Lambert a call.

Kind regards,



Mike Garrow
Principal



Google Meet & Phone: Parent Teacher Interviews March 18th, 5pm-8pm

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on March 18th from 5-8 pm. Due to our current context, we are unable to have parents into the school for interviews. Parents can choose between a 8 minute phone or Google Meet interview format for each of their child's teachers. Please use this link to sign up: <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?code=pxvxy> Parent Teacher Interviews will be an 8 minute time slot. In this sign-up process, parents will indicate their preferred method of interview (phone or Google Meet). For those that indicate that they would like to meet via Google Meet, closer to the interview dates, a meeting link will be sent to parents for each teacher that they are meeting with.

May 5th from 5pm-8pm will be Parent Teacher Interviews for Quarter 4 of Semester 2.



FEES, YEARBOOK ORDER, HJ APPAREL ORDER

<https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/>

- * The last HJC Apparel Order of the Year—Order online until March 17th!
- * Please log into your Online Fees account and pay your child's school fees. Fee Waiver forms are available for families in need—Please speak with the office.
- * The Yearbook fee has been added to your account online. This is optional but to have one ordered please pay by May 31, 2021.



Students are achieving high levels of success in Chinook's Edge

A Message from the Superintendent



In Chinook's Edge, we are continually looking at different assessment tools which convey the great accomplishments of our students and staff. Although some traditional measures of student achievement have been disrupted because of COVID-19, we can continue to look at a number of other indicators when determining student success. A series of success measures are embedded in our division goals:

- **Academic Excellence:** we are able to refer to data from grade 3 student learning achievement tests, grade 6 & 9 Provincial Achievement Tests, grade 12 Diploma Exams, along with PowerTeacher Pro Gradebook, student attendance and reading support level data, among other measures.
- **Career Connections:** our schools continue to refine their comprehensive plan of career exploration, planning and guidance for students in grades 9-12 and embed this work within school cultures.
- **Social Emotional Well-being:** school staff are utilizing our social emotional framework and our collaborative response model, along with a new vision for supporting students in the early years, to ensure the needs of all students are being met.

Among all the checks and balances in place, we believe success can also be measured in the resilience that our students have shown as they have made the shift to learning online as needed. We understand that not all families have access to adequate internet in the home, and we know parents are trying their best to support their child when they are required by COVID-19 restrictions to learn online from home periodically. Here is [a link](#) to some tips we have developed to help improve home internet access, so that your child can get the most out of their learning. Also, we encourage you to reach out to your home internet provider. Many providers have been very helpful in working with families to improve access, and they have also been assisting our technology department as they continue working towards solutions together.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

For Trustee updates and to read the latest Board eNews, please visit our [website](#).

Are you interested in running for Chinook's Edge Public School Trustee in the October election? Please read more at [this link](#).

Grad Class of 2021—A Message from Mr. Payne

Graduation Day is June 26th. Right now we are planning for the activities to begin at the Pier around 9:00 AM. Remember, this is all in the preliminary phase and may change. However, Plan A is that.

We will have an outdoor convocation that may have to be divided into two sections. That will be determined closer to Grad. Caps and Gowns will be handed out a few days before the ceremonies. Students and families will have the opportunity to take photos then. The gowns are returned after the ceremonies. Caps you keep in June.

The Grad Fee will be \$100 and must be paid prior to May 22nd. Please contact the office to get this taken care of.

We are working with Kjeryn and Dave, from Bukz, Does, Bukwildz and Fireside to facilitate an evening of dinner and celebration on the same day as Grad. This will allow students to dress up, parade their best selves and celebrate together. They have developed a menu and a price that is very fair in support of our grads.

Much more information concerning those details will be coming a little later. Just be aware that all festivities will take place on June 26th.

Grad Class of 2021



- **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)
- Grad Hoodie Orders— 3rd Round Coming Soon!
- Grad fees will be applied by March 12th. Pay by May 31 to walk stage.
- Pay for a Yearbook on your fees.

Interact—Our Club is Back Up & Running Again!

Locally, we have started some fun morale boosters in the school. These include cookies on Thankful Thursday. Trivia Tuesday for mini chocolate bar prizes and candy for Music Monday's Name that Tune.

Grade 12 4-Way Test Rotary Scholarship is now open for applications. Pick an application up at the office. Each one is \$1000. Details are with the application.

Our current International Project is called Sole Hope (solehope.org). With this program we are cutting out shoe patterns from blue jeans and plastic which are then sent to Africa where some rubber from old tires is added to the bottom and the shoe is put together. The Sole Hope organization removes jiggers from the feet of those infected (a parasite) and keeps the feet clean until the scars and openings heal. Each participants then gets a new pair of shoes and the entire village learns how to keep the parasites from reinfecting them. We have lots of plastic but are in desperate need of **old blue jeans**. If you have any, please drop off at the office. Thanks!

Lastly, Rotary is selling more Lighthouse Stones. Go to SylvanLakeRotary.com to get an order form.

APPLICATION TO GRADUATE

DUE: March 12th

1. Pick up an Application to Graduate (Mr. Payne's office)
2. Attach your resume and Detailed Academic Report (from myPass)
3. Tally your credits Earned & Enrolled to make sure you are on track.
4. Application must have Parent Signature.
5. Have your signature and your parent signature on the Graduation Ceremony Participation Waiver.
6. Hand ALL forms into Mr. Payne.



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, letters 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.

VAPING IS PROHIBITED IN ALL CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOLS, on school property or during school related activities. Details are provided in Admin Procedure 3-11 'Student Substance Abuse', and the Sylvan Lake "Smoke Free Bylaw" and it is important to note that infractions will result in school suspensions and a fine of \$250.00 for a first offence.

Outdoor Ed Looking for Gardening Items WANTED! Garden Shears and Tools needed! Perennials too! Large pots! *If you live close to the school and would like your yard spiffed up for free by Ms. Wager's class, please contact Ms. Wagers at 403-887-2412.



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 403-887-2412) if pick-up is needed or if you have any questions.

