



# École H.J. Cody High School



HJC ensures that all students learn at high levels.

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## November 2020

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov 10th—Final Q1 Marks in PowerSchool  
Nov 11th—Remembrance Day—No School  
Nov 12th-13th – No School, Fall Break  
Nov 24th—S1 Midterm Report Marks in PowerSchool  
Nov 27th—No School—Collaborative Day



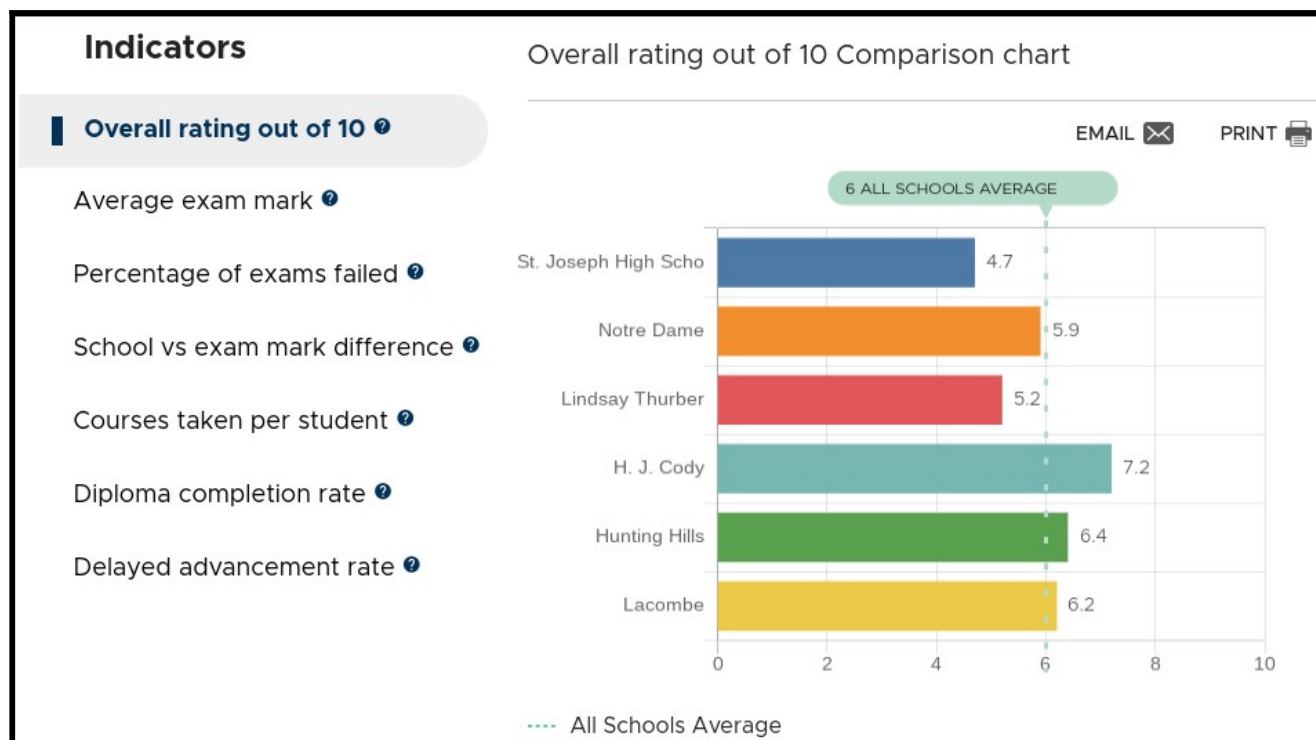
On November 10th, HJ Cody students will have in-class Remembrance Day Ceremony.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students:

Thank you for all your support as we continue to mitigate the risks of the COVID virus. The students have been amazing and we continue to create a safe environment for your child at school. Beginning this week, my staff will be supporting students with signing-up for a classroom where they will eat for the remainder of the semester. Students will be able to eat with their friends as they will create a lunch cohort. They will need to remain in that space throughout the lunch hour unless they choose to go outside. We need to do this to align with AHS protocols for contact tracing to be prepared for a positive COVID case at the school. Students will still be able to leave campus for lunch, but if they do so they will not be able to re-enter the school until the end of the lunch hour. If possible, we encourage students to eat lunch at home.

On a more positive note, we have worked hard over the last 5 years to create a great school for your students with a culture of individual academic success. Here is some data that I would like to share with you from the Fraser report and Alberta Education. As the graphs demonstrate, our school performance is above Provincial average and above other high schools in our area.



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### Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)



#### Diploma Exam Results By Students Writing Measure History

School: 4411 École H.J. Cody High School

Province: Alberta

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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
N	179	183	189	179	172	62,746	65,429	65,851	65,736	65,117
Acceptable Standard %	82.8	79.8	82.6	84.4	87.3	83.4	82.7	83.0	83.7	83.6
Standard of Excellence %	14.3	10.6	14.7	15.1	19.2	21.8	21.2	22.2	24.2	24.0

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We continue to focus on improvement and it is important to recognize and thank our students, teachers, and parents for supporting our students with their success.

With COVID cases continuing to rise and students having to stay home when they are experiencing symptoms, it is so important that students continue their learning while they are away. Teachers are posting their learning activities and supporting materials on their Google Classroom and students need to complete everything so they don't fall behind. If students or parents need to contact their teachers please email them.

Mid term report cards and comments will be completed on November 25th. Please log into your parent portal on PowerSchool to look at your students successes and areas of improvements. Students need to complete all assignments and assessments, re-do any reassessments their teachers may offer, and schedule time to study each night to put themselves in the best academic position.

Thank you for all that you do to support École HJ Cody, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

Kind regards,

Mike Garrow  
Principal



### INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS <https://cesd73.ca/Inclement%20Weather.php>

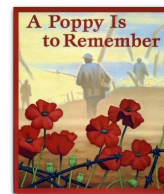
The weather can change so quickly in Alberta and we want to be proactive in the event we have a "Yellow Day". A "Yellow Day" means that buses are not running because some of the rural routes still haven't been plowed. The next time it is a "Yellow Day" and you feel that it is safe for your child to come to school please reinforce with them that they need to be here because **new learning** will occur.

Only approximately 15% of our students are rural bus students, therefore we would anticipate **85% of our students** should be able to safely arrive at École H.J. Cody High School. It would not be fair to the students in attendance if we did not proceed with teaching and learning. If students and parents are not able to make it to school safely then our staff will ensure students receive what they missed and will have the opportunity to catch up. Thank you for your support as we work together to achieve a culture of excellence. Please remember to contact the school to confirm your child's absence.



**POPPY BLITZ—Saturday, NOV 7th  
PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM THE LEGION**

The Sylvan Lake Legion will be holding a driver through Poppy Blitz on Saturday, November 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members will be set up in the parking lot across from the Legion. Please drive through on Saturday and make a donation for a poppy to support the Royal Canadian Legion.



**GR 9-12 BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS** will be from 315-515pm on November 17th and 19th. If you have questions please see Mr. Kennedy.  
**GIRLS DROP IN BASKETBALL** Fridays after school from 315-430pm at HJC. Any girls attending may not belong to any other school clubs or teams.  
**GR 9-12 GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS** will be from 315-515pm on November 16th and 18th. If you have questions please see Mr. Saik.

**HJC APPAREL ONLINE THROUGH QUICK PAY!**

**Order Before Midnight, November 16th—Quick Turn Around for Christmas!**

Clothing, Masks & Lanyards will arrive in time for Christmas. Hats & Toques will arrive later.

**We Need Your Annual School Enrollment Update Form 2020-2021**

**Less than 50% of our parents have confirmed their child's information on School Engage.** As we all know, our school situation can change in a moments notice and correct contact information is needed in PowerSchool. This is a requirement of all school divisions in Alberta to have parents submit the annual form. Please go into your Parent PowerSchool account and fill out the update online through School Engage. After Fall Break, we will start calling parents to offer assistance to those parents who forms have not been received.



**How Do I Update My Child's Information?**

1. On a computer—Go to [www.hjcody.ca](http://www.hjcody.ca) → Students/Parents → Parents PowerSchool Portal: <https://powerschool.cesd73.ca/public/> and log into your account.
2. On the bottom of the left hand menu click School Engage
3. Click Students & you will see your children connected to your account that need forms filled out.
4. Click the Form ICON for the "2020-2021 Demographic Update"
5. Go through all pages and confirm/correct information needed.
6. Submit the form to Chinook's Edge School Division. **\*Unfortunately changes can only be made through School Engage. If your information changes within the year, please give the office a call to send a new form out to you for changes.**

**Please Remember your Masks!**



The School Division provided each student with 2 reusable masks. Unfortunately, we are unable to keep supplying disposable masks to students who have forgotten their mask at home. If you forget your mask, you may be sent home to get it. It is suggested you keep a clean spare in a Ziploc bag in your backpack.

Thank you to all students for wearing your masks as per protocol!

**Vaping is Prohibited in All Chinook's Edge Schools,** on school property or during school related activities. Details are provided o 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.







**IMPORTANT LUNCH TIME ANNOUNCEMENT** Beginning on Monday, November 9th all students will select a space where they will eat their lunch for the remainder of the semester. Please talk to your friends and decide where you want to eat at lunch. Students who choose off-campus will not be allowed to enter back into the building until the 3rd block warning bell. If a student signs up for a designated room they may still get food at Circle K/CPU and upon return they will need to go to their designated room. Our hallways should be empty during lunch time.

### POPPIES FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE

The Legion has brought poppies to the office. All donations accepted.

On Right: Student Tree Cookie Wood Art for Remembrance Day.

Thank you to Ryan Neish from Square Structures for the donation of wood slices! Art will be displayed at the Flags of Remembrance.



**Coins For Kids** For the next 7 weeks (Oct 14 to Nov 25) our CONNECT classes will be fundraising for the Christmas Bureau. We donate spare change in order to purchase gifts for teens in grades 9-12 in Sylvan Lake who would not receive a Christmas gift without your support. The class that raises the most money will win a pizza party, there are prizes for 2nd and 3rd place also. Thanks for your help with this long standing project at HJ Cody.

### Student Quick Pay

Fees have been activated! Please note that the yearbook fee is optional, but if you are interested in a yearbook this year it needs to be paid before it's added to the order.



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### What Is Engineering?

Not sure what an engineer does? Wondering whether engineering is for you? Check out *What is Engineering?* It's a virtual, interactive event hosted by the University of Saskatchewan (USask) College of Engineering. You'll be able to learn more about engineering AND get a closer look at RE-ENGINEERED, the brand-new first-year engineering program at USask. We've made some big changes - like eliminating final exams and basing your grade what you've learned over the whole semester. [Reserve your spot here.](#)



### Grad Class of 2021— WE NEED YOUR BABY PHOTO!



It takes time to morph a whole grad class! Please bring your Baby Photo that will be used for Graduation and in the yearbook ASAP. They can be up to the age of 5 and the best ones work where the grad is facing front without hats or any coverings. Digital copies can be sent to [btuck@cesd73.ca](mailto:btuck@cesd73.ca) but must be at least 1 MB in size. The larger the file size the better. Drop photos off at the Office. Photos will be returned as soon as they are scanned.

## **GRADE 10's TIME CAPSULE--Not Too Late to Submit!**

**DEADLINE: Last Day of Semester 1 Classes--January 21, 2021**

**DO NOT OPEN UNTIL JUNE 2023**

Grade 10's it is not too late to have friends and family members contribute to your time capsule! It will be sealed at the end of this semester.

**Grade 10's submit any letters to your Last Year's English 9 Teacher!**



### **What is it?**

A time capsule! Each student who chooses to participate will write letters to his/her classmates, and collect letters from friends and family. The time capsule will be "unearthed" for Grad in June, 2023, on the last day of classes.

### **Who is participating?**

All current Grade 10 students (Don't worry current Grade 9's we will get your time capsules started Semester 2 this year!)

### **What can go into the time capsule?**

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 child's life

Photos and pictures

Any memorabilia, including drawings, art, poems, and creative writing done by the student (anything that showcases his or her current abilities)

Favourite sayings or mottos

A letter from the student to him/herself

### **What should not go into the time capsule?**

Anything bulky (nothing thicker than photographs; CDs could be included!)

### **Final Tips**

Feel free to place letters in envelopes, but please do not seal the envelope, as each letter will be skimmed to ensure that letters are not only directed to the correct student, but that there is no risk of bullying or negativity. This is not intended as an invasion of privacy, but rather to guarantee that each student has an overwhelmingly positive experience.

**NEW:** If a student brings letters for his/her OWN time capsule directly to his/her teacher, there will be no need to skim them, and envelopes may be sealed.

While we hope that students take the time to write and collect letters, we do not wish for the time capsule to distract them from their class work or studying for final exams.

### **Where can letters be dropped off?**

Grade 10's please drop off all time capsule letters to your Grade 9 English Teacher.

### **When is it due?**

The final date for submissions is last day of Semester 1 **January 21, 2021**. After this, the time capsule will be locked, sealed, and stored in a secure area under the supervision of Ms. Wilson, until it is opened in June, 2023.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this project. It is truly a unique experience for each student, and is a Last Bell tradition at École H.J. Cody School. Thank you again for your participation!



# ACCESSIBILITY & DISABILITY SERVICES CONTACTS



**Olds College**  
403-507-7945  
[accessibility@oldscollege.ca](mailto:accessibility@oldscollege.ca)

**Red Deer College**  
403-357-3629  
[disabilityservices@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:disabilityservices@rdc.ab.ca)

**SAIT**  
403-774-5093  
[accessibility.services@sait.ca](mailto:accessibility.services@sait.ca)

**NAIT**  
780-378-6135  
[learningservices@nait.ca](mailto:learningservices@nait.ca)

**Grant MacEwan University**  
780-497-5886  
[ssd@macewan.ca](mailto:ssd@macewan.ca)

**Mount Royal University**  
403-440-6868  
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**Lethbridge College**  
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[accessibilityservices@lethbridgecollege.ca](mailto:accessibilityservices@lethbridgecollege.ca)

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**U of L**  
403-329-2766  
[alc@uleth.ca](mailto:alc@uleth.ca)

**Athabasca University**  
1-800-788-9041  
<http://asd.athabascau.ca/>



## WHERE CAN I SEEK A PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT?

The Psychologists' Association of Alberta has a referral service: <https://psychologistsassociation.ab.ca/referrals/>

## GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Alberta Works - <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-supports.aspx> - choose the closest location to your home.

In Chinook's Edge Alberta Works offices are located in Olds and Red Deer.  
Schedule 4 Funding (tied to \$1 of Canada Student Loan Funds)

- Additional funds available to students with permanent disabilities  
Can partially fund assessments, technology and services as well as grant money each year.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN CALGARY

The University of Calgary Education clinic  
<https://werkund.ucalgary.ca/integrated-services>

CanLearn Society  
<https://www.canlearnsociety.ca/>



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN EDMONTON

The University of Alberta Education Clinic  
<https://bit.ly/39fJZ12>

CASA  
<https://www.casaservices.org/>

Student Aid Alberta  
<https://bit.ly/39dwVJp>

