



# École H.J. Cody Highschool



HJC ensures that all students learn at high levels.  
Believe, Encourage, Challenge.

## *Important Dates*

NOV. 9-Q1 MARKS IN POWERSCHOOL  
NOV. 11-NO SCHOOL, REMEMBRANCE DAY  
NOV. 12-NO SCHOOL, FALL BREAK  
NOV. 23-ELAA EVENT  
NOV. 26-NO SCHOOL, COLLABORATIVE DAY

## *Remembrance Day*

ON NOVEMBER 10TH HJ CODY STUDENTS WILL  
HAVE AN IN CLASS REMEMBRANCE DAY  
CEREMONY

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It's unbelievable that we are already starting the third month of the 2021-2022 school year. All of our extracurricular clubs, teams, rehearsals and events are well on their way and students are nearing the midpoint of first semester. Our canteen is now open in the mornings for free breakfasts. We are offering fruit, bagels, toast, and toppings for students. Thank you to all of our students and parents for their continued patience and support with the covid precautionary measures that we have in place.

Our staff has been busy building relationships, delivering curriculum, and providing feedback to our students in their courses. Mid term report cards and comments will be completed on November 10th. 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, and schedule time to study each night to put themselves in the best academic position.

The weather is starting to change and I 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. Please see additional "Yellow Day" information in this newsletter.

The Sylvan Lake smoke free bylaw clearly states: 'Smoke' or 'Smoking' on school property means to inhale, to exhale, burn, or have control of a lit cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, electronic cigarette or vape, or other smoking implement designed to burn or heat tobacco, cannabis, or any other weed or substance for the purpose of inhaling or tasting its smoke or emissions. Cannabis use as well as alcohol use, smoking, vaping, and the use of chewing tobacco is prohibited in all Chinook's Edge schools, on school property or during school related activities. Starting November 1st, students who chose to smoke on school property will receive a \$250 fine from our School Liaison Officer and will receive a suspension from school.

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

## Superintendent's Message

**Working together to ensure our students achieve**

A Message from the Superintendent



In Chinook's Edge, we are deeply committed to ensuring that all of our students achieve success. We are very much aware of the disruptions your child may have faced over portions of the past three school years. As a result, we need to focus on the social emotional well-being for students and staff now more than ever. In light of this, we currently have hundreds of Educational Assistants, Teachers, Administrators and a variety of other staff receiving additional training and support through what we are calling our SEW (Social Emotional Well-being) Certification Series. We are also working on a SEW curriculum for our high school students.

In addition to these SEW efforts, our staff are working very hard to assess any learning gaps and to provide appropriate support for students as we move forward. Our staff are continuing to provide high quality learning environments to ensure that your child is successful in their learning. Our staff are also making great progress with processes like our Collaborative Response Model, where teams of staff come together to share their best thinking so they can help any student who might be struggling academically or in a social emotional area.

We are all working hard for our students so that we can face our new reality of a quickly changing world with the strength and hope that is needed for the future.

In closing, please join me in congratulating our newly elected and reconfirmed Board of Trustees. I truly believe they have become trustees because they share a deep passion to help and support your children. I have provided you with their latest Board eNews through this [link](#).

**Kurt Sacher,**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

# Inclement Weather Day: Key priorities when winter weather hits Chinook's Edge

## Be Safe - see more details [at this link](#)

- No matter the season, be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and don't let them walk if the weather is not safe.
- Watch [this video](#) for pointers on dressing children safely before they head outdoors!
- Don't drive and/or don't let your children drive if the roads are not safe.
- Be familiar with the Chinook's Edge Inclement Weather approach to safety and know what the terms **Yellow Day** and **Red Day** mean:
  - **Yellow** - Buses are not running in part or all of the division, but schools are open and learning is moving forward.
  - **Red** - Red Days are rare, but Red Days mean schools are closed in part or all of the division.

## Be Aware of how Inclement Weather Days will affect your family

- Central Office Leadership Team (COLT) makes a final decision before 6:00 a.m. on the Inclement Weather Day (decisions may be made the evening prior in rare, extreme weather cases). This notification will be sent through School Messenger to parents whose families will be impacted (ie. the Inclement Weather situation may only involve one community).
- An Inclement Weather admin procedure guides these decisions, particularly as it pertains to the prime morning time between 7-9 a.m. (when students and staff are driving or walking) It can be read [at this link](#).
- Notification will be posted immediately through the Bus Status App to any affected bus routes, and the Transportation Department will communicate directly with bus drivers and any impacted bus families regarding bus routes.
- Notification is emailed to all staff and is posted to the division website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Area media outlets are notified.

## Be ready to learn

- Although it will look different at elementary schools than it does at high schools, learning will continue during Inclement Weather Days:
  - Yellow Days - Students who aren't able to attend class will access Google Classroom for information to help them learn what is covered in class. Students will have opportunities to catch up when they return to school.
    - Attendance - It is important that parents of rural bus students notify the school if their child will be absent. Some parents may choose to drive their child when their bus isn't running, while some will choose to keep their child at home. Schools cannot make assumptions when safety is at stake.
    - All other students with safe transportation are expected to attend.

- Red Days - When schools are closed, students will access their learning through Google Classroom:
  - Day 1 teachers will communicate the day's learning plan with students, respecting the fact that many families may not be able to provide necessary technology or support for their children.
  - Day 2 and all subsequent Red Days will involve instruction delivered via Google Meet and/or Google Classroom.

**Visit our [Inclement Weather website](#) for details and updates**

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## Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

**Chinook's Edge School Division** supports the integration of technology for the purpose of engagement, support and success of our stakeholders. **Bring Your Own Device** allows students to bring their own computing devices, such as laptops, tablets and Chromebooks to school for use on the school's guest network at the discretion of each site administrator. BYOD is quickly becoming the norm for many classrooms across the province and in our school division. Allowing personal devices into our classrooms helps personalize and enhance learning for our students. Through BYOD, students also develop a stronger sense of digital citizenship.

Chinook's Edge allows students who BYOD to connect to the network '**CESD Guest**' with wireless-enabled devices. Responsible use of technology remains a focus in our schools and as such, students must use their device appropriately and comply with divisional administrative procedures, [Technology Responsible Use Terms and Conditions](#) and the [Technology Use Agreement](#). Additional classroom procedures for personal devices may also be developed by teachers in BYOD Classrooms.

**Participation in BYOD** is optional as we recognize that some students may choose not to bring a device to school. For projects that require the use of technology, school-owned devices will be made available. Security, maintenance, and charging of personal devices is the student's responsibility.

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## School Fees

Please pay your school fees through [www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/](http://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/). A yearbook fee has been added to your students account, however it must be paid for before it is added to the final order.

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## Please Remember your Masks!

Unfortunately we are unable to keep supplying disposable masks to students who have forgotten them at home. If you forget your mask, you may be sent home home to get it. It is suggested to keep a clean spare in a Ziploc bag in your backpack. Thank you to all students for wearing your masks as per protocol!

We are running out of masks at the office!

# Grad Class of 2022! We need your baby Photos

Please bring in your baby photos ASAP! They will be used for graduation and the yearbook. They can be up to age 5 and the best ones work when the grad is facing front without hats or coverings. Drops photos off at the office.



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## Interact

### Thank YOU!

We have had an amazing start up. So many of you donated coats that there should be no one left cold in Sylvan Lake this year. Many of you also donated to the foodbank as part of our WE Scare Hunger campaign. We appreciate your generosity!

Currently, **Coins for Kids** is doing great! Our returning Interactors have been doing an amazing job of leading our new grade 9s through the process of speaking to classes and collecting their donations. We already have \$780 and have 5 weeks to go. If anyone would like to donate as part of their student's CONNECT class (to go towards the competition) and would like a tax receipt, please include your full name, address and phone number with your donation of \$20 or more and the Christmas Bureau will provide you with a receipt. Placing this in a sealed envelope will be helpful for tracking.

Finally, while the kids are busy with our school projects, we have been incorporating many teambuilding activities so that students from different grades feel comfortable with one another. We have also introduced our international projects of *SOLE HOPE* and *DAYS for GIRLS*. Our Rotarian colleagues from Innisfail hand deliver the items that we make directly to the villages in Uganda. By doing this, we ensure that the proper educational information is shared when the materials are delivered. Our very own Taylor Bootsma traveled with this group on their last trip and if anyone is interested in future trips, please send me an email: [arouthier@cesd73.ca](mailto:arouthier@cesd73.ca). We could use donations of large ziploc bags and a variety of sizes of new girls underpants as well as volunteer seamstresses for simple project completion activities. Thanks in advance for all of your help.

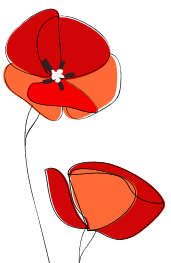
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## Looking for Blood Donors

Must be over 17 to donate, you can sign up online at canadian blood services.

Once you have an account go to partners online the left hand side to join the team, then your donations count toward HJ Cody

Team name is HJ Cody High School the team code is HJCO000405 (the first 4 are letters, last 6 numbers)



# Senior Girls Volley Ball

Senior Girls Volleyball has been VERY BUSY !!!

First a shout out to our Sponsors:

Bikwildz

24/7 Compression

Ritchie Brothers

LMC Fitness



The month of October had the girls playing 4 matches in League ( St. Joes, Stettler, Ponoka and Camrose )

We also have competed in 4 tournaments :

Lacombe ( MVP Hailey Leoppky)

St.Joes ( MVP Lexi Fothergill)

Hunting Hills ( MVP Morgan Applegate)

Barrhead ( MVP Morgan Applegate)

We will be hosting our own Tournament Nov 5/6

Exhibition game vs Lacombe Nov. 10

Zones- Nov.19th

Provincials- No.25-27 ( If (when) we win Zones)



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## Donate your Old Graphing Calculator

If you have a graphing calculator that you are no longer using, consider donating it to the school for students that may not be able to afford them.

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## Parent Council Meeting

For those interested in joining Parent Council meetings are usually the last Tuesday of every month at at 7 p.m. For more information go to the [School Council](#) tab on the website.

**11 NOVEMBER**  
**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

*Lest we forget*

