



Dates to Remember

- September 23: No School, PD Day
- September 30: No School, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 7: No School, Collaborative Day
- October 10: No School, Thanksgiving Day

On behalf of our staff at École HJ Cody I would like to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. We have an excellent team of teachers, educational assistants and front office staff here to support the success of all students. A positive school culture and climate, individual academic excellence, and a plan for post-secondary transitioning are areas of focus for us this year. We encourage all parents to be checking Powerschool on a regular basis for student progress in their courses, student attendance as well as daily announcements.

Demographic update information must be completed. Please log in through your parent powerschool account and on the left hand menu click on School Engage. Click on the incomplete form and update it if you haven't done so already.

We are just finalizing our parent volunteers for our school canteen. The hope is that we can have it up and running by next week sometime. More information on this will be sent next week.

We are pleased to have the Educational Liaison Association of Alberta and their 28+ Colleges and Universities at HJ Cody on Monday, September 26th from 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon. They will be set up in the gym and will be available for all students to discuss and engage in conversations about college, trades, and university possibilities. They will have information about programming and what their schools can offer our students. All are welcome to attend.

The first week of this school year was a great start! A reminder that students are not permitted to use their cell phones during instructional time, but if you need to contact them they are able to check their messages during breaks or at lunch. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Mike Garrow, Principal

Off Campus Learning Opportunities

Work Experience - Explore potential career paths and develop occupation related knowledge and skills that are not available in the classroom. You can use 15 credits from Work Experience to help you graduate. Every 25 hours you work is worth 1 credit. They add up fast.

Green Certificate - Apprenticeship-style Agriculture Training where you can earn up to 16 grade twelve credits while having fun learning about agriculture in a practical hands-on environment.

Register any time throughout the year.

Dual Credit Courses

An opportunity to explore a career interest while taking a college course free of charge.

If you are interested in Trades, you will receive hands-on training in the same courses that students at Technical schools receive. By taking these trades courses it may lead to a job opportunity or the possibility of taking your first year of technical training for Welding, Heavy Equipment Technician or Automotive Technician while still in High School.

Online Dual Credit courses are available to Grade 10 through 12 Students who are motivated learners and who have the maturity to handle the responsibilities of course expectations and deadlines.

Deadline for Registration for Dual Credit

September 15th

Contact Mrs. Bell at 403-887-2412 Ext 4421

Or visit her in Room 127

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Prioritize school!
- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance.
- Have regular evening and homework routines.
- Schedule family events with our school calendar in mind.
- Try to make appointments during non-school hours when possible.
- Reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns about attendance.

We understand your child will be away at times because of illness and other reasons.

Our priority is to eliminate unnecessary absences so that your child can learn, connect and succeed in school!

DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows that missing 10% of school negatively affects a student's academic performance.

Attendance in school is compulsory in Alberta for everyone between the ages of 6 and 16.

Students who attend school regularly have the opportunity to participate more fully in learning activities which increases the likelihood of successfully completing high school.

Missing 2 days of school each month or 20 days each year starting in Grade 1 is equivalent to missing a full year of schooling by grade 10.

Find out more at our [Chinook's Edge website](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



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Don't let your child miss a day of learning opportunities unnecessarily!

Chinook's Edge strives to provide a warm welcome in each of our safe and caring schools.

As part of the Chinook's Edge school community, your child has access each day to:

- Quality Learning Environments
- Social Emotional Wellness
- Engaging curriculum
- Positive relationships
- Connection to peers
- Enrichment activities and clubs
- Culture and tradition

Chinook's Edge also provides a continuum of supports for students when needed, including breakfast and nutritious snack programs, access to Family School Wellness and Inclusive Education professionals, and flexible Alternative Learning programs.

Attend today, Achieve tomorrow



Regular school attendance is **critical** for student success. Good attendance is important for a child's ability to learn, grow and develop social skills. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about themselves and school.

We share your priority to ensure the best learning experience each day for your child.

If your child's attendance is becoming a concern, please contact your child's teacher. They are your partner in helping your child succeed in school!

When absences become a concern

If your child is experiencing attendance concerns, as a parent you can expect:

- 1) Your child's teacher will reach out to you to explore ideas that may help your child attend (ie. new seating arrangement in the classroom);
- 2) If attendance concerns continue, your child's Principal or Vice Principal will work with you to determine supports that may be helpful at the school level (ie. adjustments in your child's schedule, etc);
- 3) For continued attendance concerns, the Principal of Alternative Learning will connect with you to explore supports at the division level (ie. exploring Alternative Learning, etc).

We want to work together, so your child can succeed in learning and in life



Believing in every student - A message from the Superintendent

Students, staff and families across Chinook's Edge are coming together with a sense of optimism for the year that awaits us, and I extend a warm welcome on behalf our Board of Education and Central Office Leadership Team.

We are so excited to welcome our students and staff back to school! Our schools share a focus on key [divisional goals](#): Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections. We believe this strong foundation will allow our students to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime. Our schools are filled with enthusiasm as this year gets underway.

Our staff have worked hard to ensure a clear path ahead for our students, including a focused collaboration to support the new K-3 curriculum (more information below). We work to build welcoming school cultures and believe each day is filled with learning opportunities for every student in our care, which is why we are launching our [Attendance Matters](#) initiative.

We are excited to welcome our students and staff back to school and wish everyone a tremendous year ahead!


Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Welcome letter from The Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education: [click here](#)

Ready to go with new provincial curriculum



Twenty-five Kindergarten to Grade 3 teachers from schools across the division worked in grade teams to collaboratively create resources to support implementation of the [K-3 curriculum](#). They found that, while there are some new or refreshed initiatives, the curriculum has clear connections to the three division goals in Chinook's Edge:

Academic Excellence
Social Emotional Well-being
Career Connections

