

# HJC LAKERS



- Dates to Remember**
- November 7: Quarter 2 Begins
  - November 9: Midterm Marks in PowerSchool
  - November 10- 11: No School, Fall Break
  - November 11: Remembrance Day
  - November 25: Collaborative Day
  - December 9: Non Instructional Day

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are officially at the halfway mark of the first semester. Our volleyball, and football teams are having very successful seasons and basketball is just around the corner. Thank you to all of our student athletes, parents, and community volunteer coaches who contribute so much to our athletics program.

Wednesday reminded us that we live in Alberta where the weather can change very quickly. In Chinook's Edge we have three types of days: Green (normal school day), Yellow (buses are not running because of heavy snowfall, fog, freezing rain, or cold temperature) and Red (schools are closed). When we do have a "Yellow Day" and you are able to safely get your child to school, please bring them since new learning will occur. If the buses are not running and you are unable to get them here then please remind them that they need to contact their teacher to see what they should be doing at home. In order for us to change the mindset of a "Yellow Day" being a day off we need the help of all parents to have their students attend, so long as they can get here safely. On a "Red Day" schools are closed but learning will continue through google classroom. Thank you for your support as we work together to achieve a culture of individual academic excellence.

Midterm report cards and comments will be available to students and parents on Wednesday. Please log into your parent portal on Powerschool to look at your students successes and areas of improvements. Our Remembrance Day ceremony is next Wednesday from 10:50-12:00. We will be running an alternate schedule (Bk 2 begins at 9:45, Bk 3 begins at 12:05, Bk 4 begins at 1:10, and Bk 5 begins at 2:15. Parents are welcome to attend - please check in at the office.

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



## November 16th Career Presentations Day

Forty local professionals will come to H J Cody to share with our students details about their jobs. They will talk about what inspired them to pursue their career, what their job is like on a daily basis, what education and training they needed and advice for high school students interested in that career. Each student will have the opportunity to hear two different presentations. The students were given the choice to pick the top 5 professionals they would like to have attend Career Presentations from a list of 100 different careers. There will also be a session offered by our Career Counselor on Scholarships and Post Secondary Applications for the Grade 12 students. Here are some of the professionals that will be joining us on November 16th. Canine Arson Investigator, Landscape Architect, Psychologist, Mortician, Air Traffic Controller, Make-Up Artist, Electrical Engineer Technician, Structural Engineer, Athlete/Coach, Lawyer, Canadian Coast Guard, Autobody Technician, Occupational Therapist, Speech Pathologist, Singer/Songwriter, IT Specialist, Electrician, Veterinarian, Environmental Biologist, Artist, Archivist & Real Estate Broker.

## Achieving our goals together - Message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

In our three-year Education Plan, we have set specific targets and detailed strategies around our divisional goals to ensure each student in Chinook's Edge achieves success. Our Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being and Career Connections goals are impacting students at every grade level, and our division's achievements are a testament to the hard work and clear priorities of the entire Chinook's Edge team.

Staff in all schools, across all grades, help students achieve success by setting the bar high and then supporting students as they strive to reach it. We have a strong focus on sharing best practices around teacher strategies to bring the very best learning experiences to the students we serve. That is the focus and benefit of our five Professional Learning Days in Chinook's Edge (more on this below).

Staff in our schools are making genuine gestures to invite parents back to volunteer in your child's classroom or attend their assemblies, or take part in Parent Teacher Interviews. At the division level, the Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team are grateful for the feedback we are receiving through our Parents Matter Committee and Parent Council meetings.

We work hard to ensure our schools are positive and welcoming places for our students, families and staff, because we believe that strong foundation of caring is resulting in success for everyone in our school communities. Most importantly, it is creating levels of excellence among the students we serve, which will set them up for a lifetime of success.

To read the latest version of the Board eNews, please [click here](#).

### Professional Learning Days



What are staff doing during the division's five non-instructional days for students?

"Professional Learning Days provide consistent opportunities for teachers and school staff to reflect on their own work and share high leverage strategies, all of which positively impacts the classroom and ultimately leads to greater success for students in school and in life. The most valuable resource we have is each other," said Superintendent Kurt Sacher. [Read more here](#).

### Inclement Weather



The safety of students, staff and parents is our highest priority, which is why Chinook's Edge developed an Inclement Weather procedure.

This link to our Inclement Weather website outlines specific responses if weather causes a change to our regular daily processes. This means school buses may not run or school closures may be in effect for a single school, a community of schools or the entire school division if weather necessitates an Inclement Weather day.

**Be safe, Be aware, Be ready to learn!** Be familiar with this important information. Thank you.