

# Hugh Sutherland School

## April '23 Newsletter

**A huge hello to the entire Hugh Sutherland School community!**

**I hope all of you, students, parents and staff are enjoying this wonderful weather! Hopefully spring is finally here and things will start heating up :-). The timing is good as Easter Break is just around the corner and I hope all of the students, staff and parents have plans to enjoy this time. As I reflect on this past month and look toward April, I certainly appreciate the understanding and support from our parents for HSS!**

**March has been a very busy month here at HSS, home of the Kodiaks! We have lots of excellent activities that are continuing at the school throughout March. Basketball finished up with many teams successfully representing HSS! Badminton is now in full swing :-). We also featured a parent run grade 6 after school basketball league which was very successful. March was certainly the month for band and music as our bands and choir all competed in music festivals. Several of the bands are now planning camps and field trips in the coming days. We have also had many of our classes and groups planning field trips to various events and locations. Our spring drama production is underway with auditions and practices getting started. We also have several clubs and events running with students participating in our regional Science Fair.**

**A big thanks to our Middle School and High School Leadership Groups as they have both been very active planning activities and events for students. Students have been involved in anything from fundraising, to Minute to Win It activities, to intramural leagues at lunch.**

**We continue to deeply appreciate the volunteers that make our breakfast and lunch programs possible. It is truly amazing to see the number of students who regularly start their day with a cup of cereal, fruit, bagel or a tasty waffle. Thanks parents for all you do!**

**We keep working on building within Hugh Sutherland School the safest and most positive learning environment for all of our students. To support this we had Live Different come in and do a well received presentation on altruism. Our next presentation will be coming in May and it is from the Luna Centre in Calgary and the RCMP.**

**We appreciate you as parents. It has been wonderful to see the number of parents coming out to the School Council! The School Council has been working hard to set a vision and goals for the committee moving forward. Our next council meeting is scheduled for April 5th, at 7:00 pm. and will be in our Learning Hub. It would be great to see you there!**

**Remember to please check PowerSchool regularly to keep track of your child's progress in their classes.**

**Please let us know if you have any questions.**

**George Thomson on behalf of the HSS admin team**

### Upcoming Events

**Apr 3 - Gr 6 Band Celebrations**

**Apr 4/5 - Gr 7/8 Camp Harmattan**

**Apr 5 - School Council 7PM**

**Apr 6 - HSS Got Talent**

**Apr 7 - Good Friday - No School**



**Apr 10 - Easter Monday - No School**

**Apr 11-14 - Spring Break**

**Apr 24 - Gr 5/6 Earth Rangers Presentation**

**Apr 28 - Greaser Event 5:30 PM**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 BASICS	4 Perogies & Sausage	5 Chicken Fried Rice & Egg Rolls	6 Cheeseburger, Veggies & Chips	7 CLOSED 
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17 BASICS	18 Penne & Meat Sauce	19 Sweet & Sour Meatballs & Rice	20 Hot Dog, Veggies & Chips	21 PIZZA
24 BASICS	25 Taco In A Bag	26 Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap	27 Subway (April 21 Order Deadline)	28 Pizza

## Spring Drama Production



**Save the date! The HSS Drama Club's spring production of Snow White is on May 17 and 18, with the dessert theatre being on May 18. Ticket sales will begin later in April so keep your eyes open for more details!**

**Good Luck!**

Hugh Sutherland School would like to wish all of our hockey players, rodeo contestants, dancers and anyone else competing this weekend the best of luck.

**GOOD LUCK**

Hugh Sutherland School wishes the best of luck to the students participating in the Central Alberta Regional Science Fair in Red Deer this weekend!



**Next School Council Meeting is April 5th at 7:00 PM**

**From The Office of Mrs. Reaman**

**Important High School Registration/Orientation: Wednesday, April 26 - for next year's incoming grade 9 & grade 10 students and their parents.**

**Please mark your calendars for this in-person event! More information to follow. YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES & TECHNOLOGY- This is a great opportunity for young girls to gain hands-on experience with careers related to trades & technologies, as well as to speak with women working in these industries. Please let Mrs. Reaman know if you would like to attend this day at Olds College on May 10, 2023.**

**GRADE 11 Interviews: All Gr 11s- check your Grad Google Classroom for important information about your Grade 11 Interview with Mrs. Reaman.**

**NEXT ONSITE DAYS for WLD 1167:  
Cremona Crew- April 18, 2023**

**Scholarships! More are being added to GRAD 2022 google classroom all the time. See Mrs. Pike or Mrs. Reaman to inquire!**

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## Dual credit is a powerful program for students

- A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Did you know... **A student who enrolls in a dual credit course is almost 100% guaranteed to graduate?**

As Chinook's Edge looked back over the last decade of students who participated in dual credit opportunities, our records show that almost all of these students graduated. We knew dual credit was going well, but when we discovered this data we were thrilled!

### What is dual credit?

Dual credit allows high school students to enroll in a course through a post-secondary institution and receive credit for that course "dually": at the post secondary level and at high school. Dual Credit programming provides career pathway experiences as students explore various career learning through these courses. We offer:

- Various skilled trades experiences with early introduction to trades courses
- Pre-employment Certification in Welding and Heavy Equipment Technician
- Student career training in the area of animal sciences with the offering of the Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate
- Dual credit single course experiences: exploration of careers in business, sports management, animal sciences, horticulture, health care, hospitality, and agriculture technology

The goal of dual credit is to provide students with skills and experience necessary to transition successfully to post-secondary learning for their career of choice learning. We want students to leave high school engaging in the career pathway that they are passionate about. About 490 Chinook's Edge students enrolled in dual credit this year.



Veterinary Tech - dual credit students

**Why does dual credit have an impact on graduation?** There are two main reasons this program is having such a positive impact:

1. We have found that students who participate in dual credit **gain motivation**. They might hear, for instance, from a post-secondary instructor that a certain mark or a specific course is needed to progress in a career. Students are telling us this direct connection to careers makes their schooling more purposeful to them. As well, students find that their overall high school achievement increases as they better understand how important the skills of math, science and communication are for them in their future career.
2. **Direct support from a caring adult**. The structure of the dual credit program means a staff member will directly support individual students through advising and coaching to ensure the experience is successful. The influence of these staff members in a 'shepherding' type of role contributes significantly to student success.

In Chinook's Edge "Career Connections" is one of our three major priorities. Dual credit is just one high leverage strategy to help students transition into future careers. Please connect with your school for more information.



We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at [www.cesd73.ca](http://www.cesd73.ca) under Careers/Casual Support Staff, by email at [transportation@cesd73.ca](mailto:transportation@cesd73.ca) or by calling our office at 403-227-7072.

Chinook's Edge is one of the largest school divisions in the province, serving over 11,000 students in 43 Central Alberta schools between Calgary and Red Deer. Our schools are located in 13 small communities that sprawl east and west from the Highway 2 corridor, conveniently providing Chinook's Edge staff and families with the best of both worlds