

JANUARY 12, 2012

**January:**

13—Ski Trip money is due.

16—World of Video Games presentation—7:00 pm  
Call to register

16-17—Grad Formal portraits

18—Mid-term progress reports for Gr. 1-8

19—Eng. 30 B

23—Social 9 PAT;  
last day of regular classes for Gr. 9-12

24-30—Exam week  
see pg. 2 for schedule

25—Math 9 PAT

30-31—Gr. 10-12  
School Ski Trip

31—No school for students; Teacher PD Day

**UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD OF VIDEO GAMES**

This is an adult ONLY session being offered at OKCS.

Date: Monday, January 16  
Time: 7:00PM  
Place: OKCS Room 101



Mark Ballantyne is a Family School Wellness Worker in the Chinook's Edge School Division. He has done extensive research into the World of Video Games. We have been given the opportunity to have Mark come and speak to interested parents. A survey of parents was taken and there appears to be enough interest to host a presentation. Below is a brief description of the session:

The video game world is a very important to youth, and one that we may have a hard time avoiding. The intent of the session is to help parents become more aware of the popular and controversial games on the market. You will have a better understanding of the themes in the games, the emerging trends, and why they are designed the way they are. We will further discuss the potential concerns that these games can have on children if not used appropriately. This is not an anti-video game presentation, but a chance to help parents become more knowledgeable, and to help ensure that their child can exist in the video game world without causing them harm. This is an informal presentation with lots of opportunity for discussion about this controversial subject and would be presented from a secular perspective. The presentation uses video clips from games on the market. Some of these images may be disturbing to some people. This would be an ADULT only presentation.

If you would like to attend this session please **CALL THE SCHOOL to register**. I do not want Mark to come if we do not have enough parents attending. Please call by Friday, January 13 if you would like to attend.

Thank You,  
Mr. Brown

## Farewell Mrs. Neufeld

Thank you for five and a half great years at OKCS. I have enjoyed my time teaching here and cherish the relationships that I have made with students, staff, and parents. I will be joining my husband in Peace River at the end of January. God provided a job for him there in December and has since provided a full-time teaching position for me as well. I appreciate your prayers as we move into a new community with unique needs and as I transition into teaching in a public school.  
Laura Neufeld

May you continue to receive a lifetime of blessings because God is a giver.  
May you have the faith for new adventures because God is an encourager.  
May you grow stronger in character because God is your helper.  
May you bring joy to others because God is your song.  
May you know constant fulfillment because God is in your life.

All the best to you Laura.

The purpose of Olds Koinonia Christian School is to assist the Christian family, in cooperation with the local church, in training their children intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually toward maturity and responsible independence.



# OKCS Exam Schedule—2012

**Last Day of regular class for Grade 9 – 12 will be Monday, January 23, 2012**

| Date                        | Time         | Exam                             | Location         |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>January 11 Wednesday</b> | 9:00 – 12:00 | English 30-1;30-2 Part A Diploma | Computer/Library |
| <b>January 19 Thursday</b>  | 9:00 – 12:00 | English 30-1;30-2 Part B Diploma | 104              |
| <b>January 23 Monday</b>    | 9:00 – 11:00 | Gr. 9 Social PAT                 | 101              |
|                             |              |                                  |                  |
| <b>January 24</b>           | 9:00 – 12:00 | Biology 20                       | 107              |
| Tuesday                     | 9:00 - 12:00 | English 10                       | 104              |
|                             | 9:00 – 12:00 | Math 20 Pure                     | 103              |
|                             | 9:00 – 12:00 | Math 20-3                        | 103              |
|                             |              |                                  |                  |
| <b>January 25</b>           | 9:00 – 10:30 | Gr. 9 Math PAT                   | 103              |
| Wednesday                   | 9:00 – 12:00 | Social 20-1; 20-2                | 105              |
|                             | 9:00 – 12:00 | Science 10                       | 107              |
|                             |              |                                  |                  |
| <b>January 26</b>           | 9:00 – 12:00 | Chemistry 20                     | 107              |
| Thursday                    |              |                                  |                  |

**NOTE:** Students writing Diploma exams on computer need to be in the exam room **20 minutes** prior to writing.

## Olds Koinonia Expectations and Regulations for Final Exams

Students not in attendance for their final and mid-term exams may receive a grade of zero.

Students are not permitted to talk, whisper, or communicate non-verbally during exams. Students who do so may receive a mark of zero on the exam.

Course materials (ie. Texts, review booklets, etc.), will be returned to the classroom teacher prior to beginning the exam. Students are required to be in the exam room 15 minutes before exams begin (20 minutes when writing on computer).

Students may bring tissues and bottled water if they desire. Students may not bring **ANY** electronic devices, other than approved calculators, to the exam room.

Students may leave the school when they have completed the exam. Students not leaving the school must remain in the exam room until dismissed. Students are not permitted to stay in the hallways at any time while exams are being written.

Students in grade 9 – 12 need only attend school on exam days for scheduled exams.

Exams for courses not listed in this schedule will be written in class.

## Wanted...

Just wondering if anyone might have a set or any of the volumes of *The Bible Story* books written by Arthur S. Maxwell that they would be willing to donate to Grade Two. They are old books written back in the 1950's; I believe there are ten books in the set.  
Mrs. Wilson—Gr. 2



## Career/Employment Fair

There will be a Career and Employment fair at Olds High School on January 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This is a good opportunity to network with colleges and universities and potential employers.

Mr. Rempel



## Royals Sports News

Royals basketball is well underway including all the Jr. A and Sr. teams already playing in some great tournaments this season. Below are the upcoming tournaments. Also, please keep checking the athletics website through the Olds Koinonia home page ([www.oldskoinonia.com](http://www.oldskoinonia.com)) for any information ie: schedules, practice times...

### Sr. Girls:

- Jan. 13/14 – Bearspaw
- Feb. 2-4 - Heritage Christian, Calgary
- Feb. 17/18 - CESD: HJ Cody, Sylvan
- Feb. 24/25 – Didsbury
- Mar. 9/10 – Zones: Bassano

### Sr. Boys:

- Jan. 13/14 – Bearspaw
- Feb. 2-4 - Heritage Christian, Calgary
- Feb. 24/25 – Ponoka
- Mar. 9/10 – Zones: Olds Koinonia

### A Girls:

- Jan. 13/14 – Rosemary
- Feb. 3/4 – Morrin
- Feb. 17/18 – Prairie
- Mar. 2/3 – Zones: Menno Simons, Calgary

### A Boys:

- Jan. 28 – Three Hills
- Feb. 3/4 - Trinity Christian, Calgary
- Mar. 2/3 – Zones: Rolling Hills

### B Girls:

- Jan. 20 - Westglen, Didsbury

### B Boys:

- Jan. 20 – Deer Meadow, Olds

# Superintendent's Message

## Prioritizing health and wellness in our schools

A Message from the Superintendent

The new year brings a renewed focus on supporting health and wellness initiatives in our school communities. Ensuring a healthy physical and social environment in our schools can positively impact student performance and academic achievement, and support our goals to help each of our students reach their full potential.

Chinook's Edge School Division believes so strongly in the priority of promoting healthy lifestyle choices that we have established a formal policy on Wellness Education. Our Board of Education believes acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to develop healthy habits for life is critical and, there-

fore, supports a comprehensive school health approach to wellness education. This involves a partnership with Alberta Health Services to provide resources, information and a facilitator to support all facets of wellness through an individualized approach in each of our schools.

Wellness is a balanced state of emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual well-being, and students, staff and parents throughout our division are working together to encourage growth in each of these areas. I thank everyone whose efforts are supporting this Chinook's Edge priority, and I wish all of our school families a happy and healthy new year!

**Kurt Sacher**  
Superintendent of Schools



## Kindergarten Registration for 2011-2012

We are now accepting registrations for next kindergarten year. Chinook's Edge schools welcome kindergarten students into our safe and caring school communities. From their first day of kindergarten to the time they graduate from high school, our students are surrounded by Chinook's Edge values:

- ◆ Personal responsibility
- ◆ Relationships based upon honesty, respect and compassion
- ◆ Dedication and commitment
- ◆ An environment of belonging: safe, caring and inclusive
- ◆ Growth and development through learning

To attend kindergarten in August 2012, children must turn five years old by December 31, 2012. A birth certificate & \$50 reg. fee will be required for registration. Accommodation may be made for four year-olds with special needs.

**Please note that parents who currently have children in OKCS will have to register their Kindergarten child. Call Cheryl for an application form.**

We look forward to welcoming your child to Chinook's Edge. Where Students Come First!

# Classifieds

## PAPER CRAFTERS RETREAT

February 10 & 11

**Cost \$40.00 for one day or \$70.00 for both days**

**Paper crafters, scrapbookers, card makers, everyone is welcome Goodie bags, door prizes, free make and takes; lots of space to work.**

**Lunch and supper will be provided Time : 9am to 9pm both days**

**Location: Gym at the Zion Evangelical Church. Space is limited and we are filling up. A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 for one day or \$35.00 for both days is required to hold your spot**

**Please contact Linda Dube at 335-8002 or Linda Bales at 335-3146 if you are interested.**



Story Hour  
(Ages 3-5)  
Enjoy Stories,  
crafts, songs

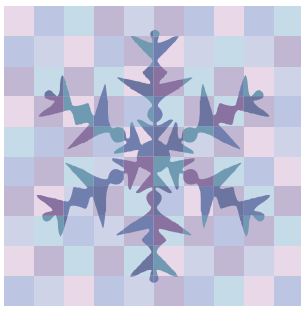
and games. Choose the day and time best for you: Tuesdays 10:00-11:00, Wednesday s 1:00-2:00, or Thursdays 10:00-11:00. Runs January 17th to February 23rd. \$20.00 per child. Contact Olds Library for more information at 403-556-6460

Jr. Reader's Club (ages 6-10): kids will enhance their literacy skills through games, activities and having fun! Thursdays 3:30-4:30. Runs January 19th to February 23rd. \$10.00 per child. Contact Olds Library for more information at 403-556-6460.

Tween Time (ages 9-13): Exciting activities including art and cooking projects, board games and Wii! Tuesdays 3:30-4:30. Runs January 17th to February

21st. \$20.00 per child. Contact Olds Library for more information at 403-556-6460

Teen Reading Club (TeenRC) Love to read? Share your thoughts and opinions about your latest read with other teens and librarians! Visit [www.teenrc.ca](http://www.teenrc.ca) for details and to sign up!



# Winter



## Inclement Weather procedures for CESD—

With the return of winter, it's time to remind staff, parents and students of the procedures we have in place in Chinook's Edge to address inclement weather:

It is important to know that our Board of Education requires schools to remain open during inclement weather. It is incumbent upon schools to determine in advance appropriate persons, who live near to the school, who are most safely able to make their way to school to unlock doors and answer phones during inclement weather days.

Teachers will make classroom activities meaningful, and will remain cognizant of not advancing curriculum to an extent that it has a negative impact on the students who were unable to attend during inclement weather days.

In Chinook's Edge, there are a number of factors that go into making the decision on whether or not to cancel bus routes on a particular day. The only time a cancellation of busses for the entire school division will occur is in the case of extremely cold temperatures. When it is colder than -35 degrees Celsius, or when the wind-chill makes it extremely cold, the Director of Transportation will make a decision to cancel all of the bus routes. Otherwise, in the case of inclement weather, individual bus driv-

ers make a decision on their particular bus route.

Regardless of the transportation status at individual schools or communities, Chinook's Edge schools will remain open. The Board does not expect any staff members who typically commute distances to work to commute in weather conditions that constitute a hazard to their safety. Our staff is expected to make a reasonable attempt to arrive to their usual workplace, but will not be penalized if they are unable to make it in because of inclement weather.

Winter temperatures have arrived and we would like to remind parents to ensure their children are equipped with appropriate winter gear to prepare them in the event of a vehicle (bus or car) breakdown and for enduring the cold weather. Please help us by ensuring your child is dressed appropriately.

Suggestions for winter attire: toque, scarf or knit mask to cover the face and mouth, mittens or gloves, winter coat, winter boots and ski pants for elementary children.

To find out if OKCS buses are running you can listen to one of the following radio stations and/or check the CESD website ([www.chinooksedge.ab.ca](http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca)—bottom of front page 'Bus Route Delays & Cancellations'):

95.5 fm—Red Deer  
105.5—Red Deer  
66 CFR am—Calgary  
Q91 am—Drumheller

CBC1010— Calgary  
105 fm—Calgary  
96.5—Olds & area  
ZED99—Red Deer

### Procedure for OKCS—

Due to the rural nature of our school, OKCS will be allowed to close the school during **EXTREME, SEVERE driving conditions.** When roads are impassable due to snow or when the RCMP are not recommending travel, OKCS will be closed for the day. Check the OKCS website for school closure information. For those who do not have internet access, please use one of your lifelines, and call a friend. :) Keep in mind that **all bus information is on the CESD website.**

**NOTE:** The CESD policy still applies for most days of inclement weather. The school closure will only be activated during **SEVERE DRIVING CONDITIONS.**





# Celebrating Chinook's Edge

...for the week of January 9, 2012

The New Year is starting off on a high note, with several different musical opportunities for our students. Please be sure your students know about these exciting initiatives to hone their skills!



## Young Songwriter's Intensive

The deadline for students to apply to participate in the annual Young Songwriter's Intensive is January 25. This is the third year that TransCanada and Calgary's EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts is extending their Young Songwriter's Intensive into Chinook's Edge. This means up to 12 of our students in grades 10-12 will be selected to hone their skills with some of Alberta's best musical talent at the Fine Arts & Multi Media Centre in Olds from May 4-6, 2012.

All Young Songwriter's Intensive programming, accommodation and meals will be provided free of charge for successful candidates. The application/information package is posted on [www.chinooksedge.ab.ca](http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca) under 'important links'. Feel free to contact Sandy Bexon at (403) 227-7085 for more information.



## Music and/or Broadcasting Scholarship

This is the second year that L.A. Radio Group is sponsoring a scholarship for Chinook's Edge students looking to advance their education in music (\$1,000 scholarship) and/or broadcasting (\$1,000 scholarship).

L.A. Radio operates Sunny 94 FM and KRAZE 101-3 FM, both serving Central Alberta. Their commitment to supporting local talent in music and broadcasting has been a major focus since the company formed in 2005, and Chinook's Edge is thrilled that our students are beneficiaries of that support! An information/application package is being sent with this bulletin – application deadline is May 31.

## The Great RDC Piano Giveaway



As part of the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Red Deer College Arts Centre, a Suzuki HG 425e digital grand piano will be given away to a young piano student. The contest is open to Central Alberta piano students between the ages of 8-17, who complete an application package before the February 15 deadline. Information and application packages are available on the Performing Arts section of the Red Deer College website at [www.rdc.ab.ca](http://www.rdc.ab.ca).



## Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73

### L.A. Radio Group Inc. Scholarship



#### Scholarship: Music and/or Broadcasting

L.A. Radio Group Inc. is an independent and locally owned radio broadcasting company, owned by long time Red Deer community members Troy Stevens Schaab and Sonia Sawyer Schaab. L.A. Radio operates Sunny 94 FM and KRAZE 101-3 FM, both serving Central Alberta.

L.A. Radio's commitment to local talent in music and broadcasting has been a major focus since the company formed in 2005. For the past four years, L.A. Radio has contributed thousands of dollars in school scholarships for students in Central Alberta, assisting many students in furthering their education in music and broadcasting through these scholarships.

L.A. Radio would like to contribute to the future endeavours of the students in Chinook's Edge Schools. Effective March 2011, L.A. Radio will contribute \$2,000 annually for seven years to Chinook's Edge School Division, to be used for scholarship money for students looking to advance their education in music (\$1,000 annual scholarship) and/or broadcasting (\$1,000 annual scholarship). Scholarship recipients will be chosen by Chinook's Edge School Division.

We are extremely proud to support Chinook's Edge School Division!

Troy Schaab Stevens, President / General Manager  
L.A. Radio Group Inc.  
Lacombe, AB

#### Guidelines:

The application process will be administered by the Chinook's Edge Communications Officer. Please forward completed applications to Sandy Bexon at Division Office, email [sbexon@chinooksedge.ab.ca](mailto:sbexon@chinooksedge.ab.ca) or phone (403) 227-7085 for further information. Please answer the following questions on the attached form:

- 1) Describe the music or media arts/broadcasting activities you have been involved with while in high school (this includes activities outside of school, such as music lessons). Be sure to mention any role you played or technical support you provided for theatre performances, Young Songwriter's Intensive, school videos, etc.
- 2) What are your plans for advancing your education in music or media arts/broadcasting? Have you been accepted into a post-secondary institution to reach these goals? Which post-secondary will you be attending?
- 3) Please provide the name of a reference who supports this application (for example, a music teacher/band leader or media arts teacher/broadcasting practicum supervisor). Applicants are encouraged to also provide a letter of support from at least one such reference.

