



Calendar At a Glance

January

- 9—17—Social 30 A Diploma
- 23—Social 9 PAT
- 24—Soc. 30 B Diploma; Science 9 PAT
- 31—No school for students

February

- 1—KG in today
- 2—Gr. 9-12 Report cards
- 10—no school for students
- 12—MX training
- 20-22: Winter Break (no school)
- 23-24—ATA Teachers Convention (no school for students)

OKCS Newsletter

January 12, 2017

Parenting our Kids in a Digital World— Information Evening for Parents Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30-800 pm OKCS Chapel Room

We are excited to let you know about a valuable learning event coming up at OKCS. With the increasing use of internet and free wi-fi, our children have access to information like never before, and as parents, we need to be able to help our children and teens use digital devices wisely. We also need to be well informed about the realities of what our children are able to access online and what they are exposed to.

We are pleased to have Kirsten Evans, Community Educator from the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre, come speak to us. Kirsten is an engaging speaker and will provide us with lots of helpful information that will strengthen our ability to address challenging topics with our children.

She will be addressing the following topics:

Pornography

Highlight important research about when kids are first exposed to pornography.

Discuss practical ways to protect children from viewing pornographic material.

Identify non-shaming ways to talk to kids about pornography, especially if they have already been exposed to it.

Sexting

Compare the empathy kids feel in real life versus how they interact with people online.

Define sexting and discuss the risks as well as what the law says about sexting.

Identify what apps kids are using and what the privacy policies entail.

Discuss ways to talk about sexting with kids.

Online Safety

Outline programs available to parents to monitor access.

List tips for how handling online use at different ages.

Please feel welcome to come regardless of your child's age. This will be useful information for all ages and stages of our parenting journey.

Any questions, please contact Aaryn Manning, Family School Wellness, at the school or via email at amanning@cesd73.ca.



January 2017 Exam Schedule

Last Day of Class for grade 9–12 will be January 24/17

Date	Time	Exam	Location
January 17 Tuesday	9:00 – 12:00	Social 30-1;30-2 Part A Diploma	Computer Lab 107
January 23 Monday	9:00 – 10:20	Social 9 PAT	105
January 24 Tuesday	9:00 – 12:00	Social 30-1;30-2 Part B Diploma	107
January 24 Tuesday	9:00 – 10:15	Science 9 PAT	
January 25 Wednesday	9:00 – 12:00	Science 9 (class final)	107
	9:00 – 12:00	English 10	103
	9:00 – 12:00	English 20	104
January 26 Thursday	9:00 – 12:00	Social 9 (class final)	107
	9:00 – 12:00	Math 10	103
	9:00 – 12:00	Math 20	104
January 27	9:00 – 12:00	Biology 20	107
January 30	9:00 – 12:00	Physics 20	107

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 (ask student to place cell phones on the teacher's desk)

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.

Don't be nervous
Don't create such a fuss
Don't be so jittery
There is no need to be edgy
Don't be stressed out
Don't be in so much doubt
If you have prepared for your test
Trust that God will help with the rest!



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Supporting health and wellness priorities for students and staff

A message from the Superintendent

The new year provides a perfect opportunity to re-energize the many efforts underway in our school division to support the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. We know that ensuring a healthy physical, social and emotional environment in our schools can positively impact student performance and academic achievement, which allows students to reach their potential.

Alberta Education is determined to incorporate First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) perspectives in Alberta schools, which is a priority we share in Chinook's Edge. We are committed to honouring and celebrating Indigenous students and teachings. This enhances the cultural and academic experiences not only for our Indigenous students, but for all students who enter our facilities. Under the guidance of our FNMI Steering Committee and our Learning Services team, part of this important work may involve introducing students to the culture and practices of the local Indigenous community through such activities as a Smudging Ceremony. For information on this learning activity, please refer to the Smudging Ceremony document under the Parent section of our website at www.cesd73.ca.

We are grateful to everyone whose efforts are supporting our quality learning priorities for all students, and we wish each of our Chinook's Edge families a happy and healthy new year.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

If you have a question for Superintendent Kurt Sacher or any Chinook's Edge Trustee, please visit the 'Parents Matter Question Box' link under the 'Board' tab on our website at www.cesd73.ca.

Welcome to Kindergarten!

OKCS is accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2017 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2017. If you are interested in Pre-Kindergarten programming, please contact Chinook's Edge School Division! There are no school fees



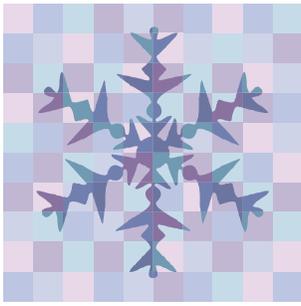
Fairmont, BC Timeshare

Relax, Golf, Ski, or Hike in the beautiful location of Fairmont, BC. If adventure is what you seek, ski at the picturesque Panorama Ski Resort. Or if you like a slower pace, you are driving distance to many top notch golf courses, 2 of which are at your resort of Sunchaser Villas. Just up the road is Grey Wolf at Panorama or Copper Point at Invermere. The Fairmont Hot Springs are located across the highway with a beautiful view of the mountains.

Timeshare includes Biennial Odd A-B lock-off unit (maintenance fees only need to be paid every odd year). Usage is for weeks 1 through 18 (excluding Easter) which translates into the first week of January to the first week of May. It can also be exchanged for any other resort and time of year through an exchange program such as RCI or Interval International. Because it is an A-B lock-off, you can choose to take both sides of a full condo (2 bedrooms) for one weeks' stay every 2 years, or bank the unit with a vacation exchange company to take only one side (1 bedroom) in order to receive 2 weeks' stay in each 2-year period. Maintenance fees are \$1109.61 every two years and lease never expires (Legacy for Life).

We have all the paperwork so it will be a hassle free transaction for you. Check out the website Sunchaservillas.ca for condo layouts as well as photos and other information about the property. Contact Darrin or Judy (Miss Van Beek's sister) at darrin.judy1@gmail.com.





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.

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 some options are for you is to check the OKCS website or listen to the Olds radio station 96.5—Olds & area Bus families should also receive bus information through the new School Messenger system from the school division. **OKCS may also send out communication to all families through the same system.

Procedure for OKCS only:

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 **may be** closed for the day. If the building will be closed, you will receive a message through the School Messenger system and you can check the OKCS website for school closure information. 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.**



PLEASE BE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION

—PHONE NUMBERS & EMAILS. If there have been changes, please be sure to let us know. Thank you.