



Calendar At a Glance

March

- 8—Gr. 1-8 Report Cards
- 9-10—No School
- 5—MX Training
2:30-6:30 pm
- 19—MX training 2:30-6:30
pm
- 14—P/T Interviews by appt.
3:45-6:45 pm
- 16—P/T Interviews 3:45—
6:45 pm
- 24—Teacher work day : no
school for students
- 26—Last MX training

April

- 7—Gr. 9-12 Report Cards
- 10 & 11—Grad formal
pictures by appt.
- 14—Good Friday: no
school
- 15-23: Easter Break



OKCS Newsletter

March 2, 2017

Hermosillo, Mexico 2017 OKCS High School Mission Trip



In case you are unaware, OKCS has been sending teams of high school students to Mexico every second year since 1990 (with the exception of 1999) on a school mission trip. In April, we will once again be sending a team of 25 students and 7 leaders to Hermosillo, Mexico to join with Greg and Shelli Neufeld, and the congregation of Arbol de Vida for 10 days of ministry. For me, this is my 13th trip with our school to Mexico, and I have amazing memories from each mission experience. It is an opportunity to step outside our comfort zones while experiencing a different culture and to just do service for God to the best of our ability. Each student will be participating on one of our specific ministry teams (Sports, Children's and Art clubs), and are preparing lessons, testimonies, games, songs, dramas, and even learning some Spanish, in hopes of impacting lives for Jesus Christ. I am so thankful that we are able to bring this opportunity to so many of our students.

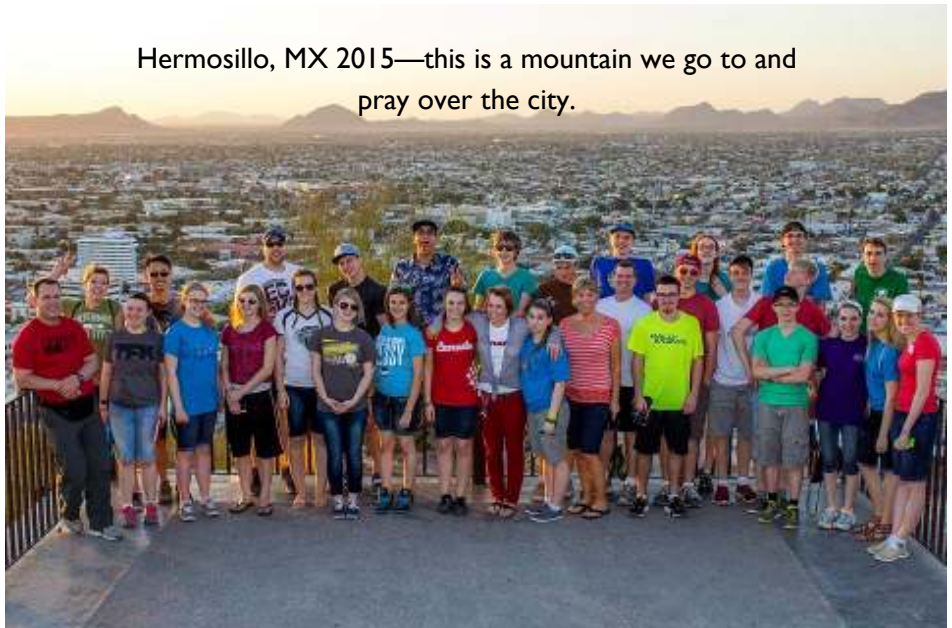
I realize some people are not supporters of short term missions, but from my experience over almost 30 years as a leader on mission trips, the impact on young people growing in their faith may be beyond anything else I have done as a teacher and principal. It is quite simply life changing for many of our high school students as they are challenged in so many ways, both to share their faith, and to personally grow as followers of Jesus. It is not a holiday, but a complete infusion into the culture and life of a missionary (but only for 10 days). Right now, students and leaders are busy preparing for the trip, as we have almost 20 hours of training to do outside of school prior to leaving in April during the Easter break. Our team will spend the entire break in Mexico, arriving home the day before school begins, so come Monday morning, we will have some pretty tired people walking the halls of our building.

Some of you may be receiving support letters from students going on the trip, and if so, I would encourage you to consider supporting the individual if you are able. Some of you may just want to support the school as we continue on this mission path. Cheryl just sent home information about our upcoming lunch fund-raiser, and there is information in that package about how you can support the school if you would like, or you can simply call the office.

Our team would really appreciate your prayers as we once again send a group to Mexico in service for the Kingdom.

God Bless,
Dwayne Brown
Principal

Hermosillo, MX 2015—this is a mountain we go to and
pray over the city.



Parent Survey

Your feedback is important to us.



Once again it is survey time for our school. Simply click on the link provided, or copy and paste it into your browser to access the OKCS school survey. We do encourage you to participate in the survey, because we do look at the results and try to plan for improvements to the school based on feedback.

Just to let you know, that as a result of past surveys, we have tried to improve our music program at the high school level, and while we have not been able to produce a band program, we have finally been blessed with a teacher capable of teaching high school choir, and that program is now in full swing. In addition, while I never thought we would put an industrial arts/shop program in place, simply due to the fact that our facility does not have an adequate space for such a program, plans are now underway to add a building to our site for that specific purpose. If the Lord so blesses, we may have a facility in place at some point in the 2017-2018 school year to begin providing a basic shop program with the hope of developing that program over the coming years.

So your input is very valuable, and we are always striving to improve our school. Please take the time to fill in the survey. It is your opportunity to give constructive feedback to administration. I would ask however, that comments of a personal nature be directed to the principal through a phone call or email, as the survey is not meant for the purpose of addressing teachers. This is best done directly in keeping with the Matthew 18 principle we find in Scripture.

Thank you very much.

Dwayne Brown
Principal

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S7T88BB>

Parent/Teacher Interviews Gr. 1-12

It is that time of year again for you to schedule a time to meet with your children's teachers. Gr. 1-8 report cards are going out on Wednesday, March 8 but **interviews will be for all grades (Gr. 1-12).**

Please call the school office or email Cheryl at cvanbeek@cesd73.ca to book your appointments. **If you send an email, please include the date, teacher and time you prefer.**

Interviews will be held on Tuesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 16. Appointments begin at 3:45 pm and are every 15 min. The last interview time will be 6:45 pm

This is a time for you to connect with your child's teachers and discuss their progress.



Call or email to book your appointment.



OKCS Society Membership

Many families are unaware that Olds Koinonia Christian School has a Society and that there is opportunity to become members of that Society. While membership in the society is not required for the enrolment of your children, there are other reasons you may wish to consider regarding Society Membership.

Membership in the OKCS Society puts you on record as one who is firmly behind the philosophy which drives our school.

Membership gives you a vote on some of the most important decisions that are made in our school. These decisions are made at the annual Society meeting and may include:

- Changes to Society by-laws which are fundamental to the way OKCS is governed.
- Changes to the OKCS statement of Faith.
- Approval of financial statements from the previous school year.
- Acceptance of the current year's budget.
- Election of Board members
- New building projects

There are many reasons to consider Society membership. Over the years, membership has dropped

significantly and we would like to encourage existing and new families to consider applying for membership in the Olds Koinonia Christian School Society. If you are interested please contact the office and ask for a copy of the Society by-laws to be sent home. With the by-laws you will find an application form. If you would like to make application, please do so and return the completed application to the office. The Board will process the application at the next meeting and you will be notified regarding your acceptance after that OKCS Board meeting.

The Annual Society Meeting for OKCS is held each year in April or May.

Current Board Members:

Dave Phillips—Chairperson
Rod Neufeld—Vice-Chair
Greg Wiens—Treasurer
Laura Crowe—Secretary
Dan Dolinski—Director
Jill Kornelsen—Director
Michelle Rowe—Director
Greg Stirling—Director
Sarah Paulsen—Director

Kingergarten Registration 2017-18

We are now accepting registrations for the 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 Sept. 2017, children must turn five years old by December 31, 2017. A birth certificate & \$50 reg. fee will be required for new families. 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!

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Assessment results show upward momentum in student success

A message from the Superintendent

In Chinook's Edge, we measure student success in a number of ways, well beyond the important assessments that test scores provide. We look at whether our students are reading at grade level, if they feel safe at school, and if they feel equipped to continue striving toward their goals after graduation. Our most recent Accountability Pillar results from Alberta Education show a steady upward trend in many of these areas, and reflect the priorities in schools across our division where our staff focus their efforts on creating success for every student.

We are proud of our continued excellence in safe and caring measures, because we know that ensuring a safe and caring culture is the foundation for all other success. We also know that strong literacy skills are key to all learning, and Chinook's Edge is focused on literacy as a clear priority which is embedded in all subjects across all grades. We have created strategies to continue enhancing student achievement in academic excellence, career connections and social emotional learning outcomes, so that our students are prepared to continue achieving success throughout their lives.

**Kurt Sacher
Superintendent**

More Pictures from Mexico Mission 2015



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TEEN TECH WEEK @ OLDS LIBRARY

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TEEN VIDEO GAME NIGHT

Wednesday March 8th, 6pm - 10pm

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND PLAY THE NIGHT AWAY WITH SNACKS, CRAFTS, AND MUSIC.

MOVIE MAKING WITH APPS

Thursday March 9th, 11am - 2pm

PUT ON YOUR DIRECTOR'S HAT AND CREATE YOUR OWN SHORT FILM. USE AN IPAD TO SHOOT, EDIT, AND PROCESS YOUR CREATION AND TAKE HOME TO SHOW YOUR ADORING FANS!

HACKATHON!

Friday March 10th, 11am-2pm

EXPLORE BEHIND THE SCENES OF YOUR FAVORITE WEBSITES, AND SEE WHAT MAKES THEM TICK, AND EVEN CHANGE THE WAY THEY LOOK! TAKE WHAT YOU LEARN AND MAKE YOUR OWN.



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