

PENHOLD CROSSING SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Principal's Message for December

Season's Greetings!

Please join us for our Christmas Concert on December 8th at 7:30. Mr. Jonathan Thornton will be leading the band performances. All are welcome to attend. We will also be hosting the Penhold Elementary Concert from 6:00 to 7:00 that same evening. Parking may be a bit tight and there may be some traffic issues as one concert finishes and the other one gets ready to begin. Please feel free to park in the bus loop if needed.

As is our practice, our students and staff have been involved in some good works at this time of year. Mrs. Kristy Blair has taken student volunteers to Loaves and Fishes to help feed the homeless and the staff are supporting the Adopt a Family program.

Parent / Teacher Interviews / Power School Parent Portal

Thanks to all those parents that could join us for our interview evenings. If you were unable to make it, but would still like to meet, please contact your child's teacher to set up an appointment. In the meantime, we encourage you to be checking on your child's progress through the **Power School Parent Portal**. If you are unsure as to how to get started, please pop by the office and we will help you get set up. Parents who use the program find it invaluable.

School Council

The next School Council meeting will be on Thursday, December 1st at 6:30, following the spaghetti supper hosted by the Grad 2017 class.

Parents and Student Success

Over the last year, the staff have been working to identify and encourage student behaviors that lead to academic success. Here is what we have been talking to students about:

- Goal Setting and Motivation
- Organization Habits and Time Management
- Work and Study Skills
- Commitment to Daily Reading
- Effective Use of Technology

We would encourage parents to support the growth of these skills in all students. We will be posting information on our school website to support parents in these conversations.

Parents can start by asking students about their **educational goals** for the year. Please ask your child what they are striving for. Secondly, you can ask about their **organizational skills and time management** which we focused on in November.

This month we are reviewing **work habits and study skills**. Did you know that students at this school get **Flex Time** to help them stay organized and keep up on their work? Did you know that every student has access to an **e-calendar** through their Google account?

This and That

- An on-line survey link went home to parents in grades 6 to 8 about report cards. The deadline is short, so please take the time to respond.
- Parents can see our daily announcements on the school website:
<http://www.penholdcrossing.ca/>
- We ask you to have a look at the **Student Handbook** for lots of important information, also on the school website, under Documents.

Online School Fee Payments



Thank you to everyone that has paid their fees online. It is greatly appreciated. If you have not paid your fees they are now overdue.

We emphasize and understand that the economy is putting financial stress on many families. **Please know that you have the option to pay your fees on a payment plan that works for you. Call Terri at the school office or email tsperle@cesd73.ca to make arrangements.**



Thursday, December 8 – Christmas Concert, see below for times
Friday, December 9 – NO School
Friday, December 16 – Coffee House
December 24 – January 8 – NO School Christmas Break
Monday, January 9 – Students return



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please plan to join us in the Skyhawk's gymnasium on Thursday, December 1 for the Christmas Concert.

- 6:00 pm – Penhold Elementary School
- 7:30 pm – Penhold Crossing Secondary School

NAKISKA SKI TRIP 2017

All grade 9 - 12 students who are interested in going on a school ski trip in Feb/March 2017, please sign up on the form outside Mr. Kidd's PE office.

We need 52 confirmed students by December 2nd to attend this trip.

Cost depends on equipment, lift pass and transportation.

ALL STUDENTS MUST RIDE THE BUS.

COMING TO PENHOLD CROSSING . . .

ON FRIDAY, DEC. 16 . . .

ALL-NEW, ALL-YOURS . . .

Coffee-House

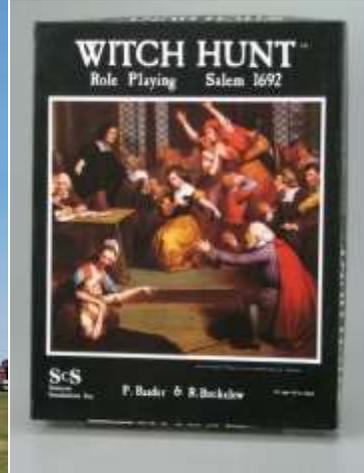
and

Book Exchange



**Stay tuned for more information on how you can be involved.

New York, Washington & Boston High School Trip to the United States April 14 – 21, 2017



There is still time to sign up for this trip. We have 24 students, teachers and parents. Please see Mr. Crawford and Mr. Holland for more details. Sign up on-line by going to <http://www.explorica.ca>. All you have to do is look under the Student or the Parent tab for the **Sign Up For a Trip** function. The name of our trip is Crawford-9593. It is that easy. There are even a few different payment options. **If you are interested plan to attend the meeting on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:00 pm at the school.**

COST: \$ 2 502.00 or 4 payments of \$613 after a \$50 down payment



Dental Outreach of Red Deer (DOoR)

Free urgent dental treatment for children 5-18 years of age having difficulty accessing dental care.

Services are provided at the Red Deer Johnstone Crossing Community Health Centre

For more information, please call 403-356-6302 and ask for the DOoR program.

Proud of the active global citizens in our schools

A message from the Superintendent

During this year of life-changing challenges in the world around us, our Chinook's Edge school communities have responded with an outpouring of generosity and goodwill that fills us with pride. When Fort McMurray faced the wildfire situation, our students, families and staff quickly got to work, organizing fundraising events and coordinating efforts to help ease the strife. This kindness continued in the months following, when some students were relocated into our schools to ensure their learning could continue.

At the same time, some of our school communities were also welcoming Syrian refugees and many of our Chinook's Edge families were making personal commitments to showing these newcomers what safe and caring looks like. All the while we were helping each other, sharing acts of kindness large and small to support our neighbors, colleagues and students who continue to be impacted by the economic challenges closer to home. Thank you for your many displays of caring and compassion. We wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities a deep measure of peace this holiday season.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

Question for your Superintendent...

At Chinook's Edge School Division, we pride ourselves on transparent communication and service to all of our stakeholders. If you have a question for Superintendent Kurt Sacher, we have set up a link on our website to reach him directly. The 'Parents Matter Question Box' link is available under the 'Board' tab on our website at www.cesd73.ca. (The Question Box is not meant to replace the regular communications protocols at the school level. Thank you.)



Pictures with Santa



PENHOLD OPTIMIST CHRISTMAS



Dance with Dad

FAMILY DANCE PARTY

Sunday, December 11 - 2 pm to 5 pm
Penhold Memorial Hall



Games

Enjoy an Afternoon of Family Fun

Family Fun

"ON THE MARK" DJ

Tickets \$10 per Person - \$5 - Under 5

Santa, Treats, Prizes and lots of Family Fun!



Sponsored by

Penhold & District Optimist Club

For Tickets/ Info Call Linda - 403 886 4645

Treats

penholdoptimist@live.ca

Prizes!



Mindfulness & Yoga For Teens (ages 13+)

8 Week Registered Series - \$80

Wednesdays at 3:45 - 4:45

beginning January 11, 2017

in the Sun life Studio, Penhold Multiplex



Yoga can be a wonderful way to inspire confidence, joy, balance, mindfulness and strength in Teens. A great practice on its own or as a compliment to many sports activities, yoga can offer tools for stress management and coping with anxiety for the bodies and minds of teenagers making their way through our fast paced world - it's also a lot of fun!

Contact Michelle Brink to register:

403-392-6507

elements.energy@hotmail.com

or register online by visiting the website:

www.elementsenergyhealing.ca