

# PENHOLD CROSSING SECONDARY SCHOOL



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## May Principal's Message

### Relationship / Engagement Survey

Relationships and student engagement are important to us. One of our key goals when we opened our school was to connect to all students and engage them in learning. We know, through research, that kids who have a connection with an adult at school and find school an engaging place tend to do better. In March and April we polled our students to see how connected they were with us and how engaged they felt in school.

The results were very pleasing. Of the 303 students who responded to the survey, only about 3% said that they did not feel connected with an adult. Naturally, we are following up with these students to see how we can connect. It was also pleasing to see how engaged students are at school, socially, institutionally and intellectually. Socially, 84% of students indicated satisfaction with how they enjoyed: friends, events, clubs, dances or teams in the school. Institutionally, 94% of students indicated that they were engaged through normal routines and expectations of school, like being in class, doing classroom assignments, work completion and participating in school. Intellectually, 84% of students indicated they were engaged through finding work meaningful, actively participating, asking questions and thinking about what they are learning.

Now that we have some data to work with, the staff are looking for ways of maintaining and improving our connection to students and their engagement with school.

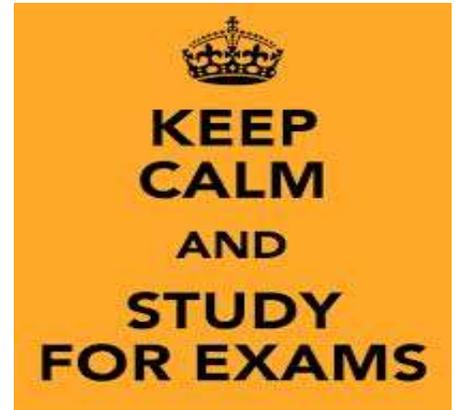
## Outstanding School Fees



**School fees were due on November 30, 2016.** There have been mail outs and emails to families with outstanding fees. **This is the last reminder.** ALL OUTSTANDING FEES will be sent to collections as of June 1st; outstanding fees will not be sent to collections if you have made payment arrangements or if you are waiting for approval of a school fee waiver. Call Terri or email at [tsperle@cesd73.ca](mailto:tsperle@cesd73.ca) if you have any questions.

## Grade 6 & 9 Provincial Achievement Exam Dates

- Jun 19 - Grade 6 English – Part B
- Jun 20 - Grade 6 Mathematics
- Jun 22 – Grade 6 Social Studies
- Jun 23 – Grade 6 Science
- Jun 26 – Grade 9 Social Studies
- Jun 27 – Grade 9 English – Part B
- Jun 28 – Grade 9 Mathematics
- Jun 29 – Grade 9 Science



### **Ensuring the highest levels of safety**

A Message from the Superintendent

Chinook's Edge is highly regarded for our efforts to surpass safety standards in our schools, and our relentless attention to safety is adding to this already ingrained priority. Data resulting from our current external audit, coupled with the results of our Safety Manager's ongoing facility evaluations, has shown a further increase in safety indicators across the division. We are proud to be recognized as a provincial leader in ensuring high expectations for safety in all of our schools and departments.

This diligent attention to safety is practiced in every school through detailed safety protocols, and each step plays an important part of this overall priority in Chinook's Edge. We are pursuing and maintaining optimum safety because we care about the people in our facilities – our students, staff, parents, volunteers and guests – and this priority ensures everyone continues to thrive in our safe and caring schools.

**Kurt Sacher**  
Superintendent



Track & Field Day – May 17  
Grade 5 Student Orientation – May 18 afternoon  
NO School, Victoria Day – May 19 & 22  
Grade 5 Parents Open House – May 23; 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
GRAD Ceremony – May 27  
NO School – June 2  
Last day of School – Thursday, June 29

## Penhold Crossing Secondary School YEARBOOKS



Yearbooks are now available to order. This is a precious keepsake that will stand the test of time – durable, high quality and a great value. The price is \$30.00 and the order **deadline is May 31, 2017**. There are 2 options to order.

1. Order Online at [YBPay.lifetouch.com](http://YBPay.lifetouch.com) with Yearbook ID Code 12144917.
2. Order Online through the Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 Website link "Quick Pay-Online Fee payment."

### GRADUATION events

**Saturday, May 27**

- Ceremony at 11:00 am at the Multiplex Gym – Open to the Public
- Banquet at 6:00 pm in the Penhold Crossing Gym ticket purchase required.



**The World Is  
Yours To Conquer**

### Student Report Card Marks



Please note that your child's grades are posted onto their Power School account. Take the time to access this valuable information to check your child's progress. If you cannot access your account please call the school at 403-886-8604.

## Boston, New York and Washington- Spring Break Tour

During the Spring Break, 21 of our high school students and 4 parents and 3 staff ventured off to the U.S. on a school sponsored trip. The students had a wonderful time and learned lots about our southern neighbors. These trips are a real highlight for our students and something that creates lifelong memories. We use the tour company Explorica, so all travel, major events and even meals are all arranged in advance.

Some of the highlights included: walking historic Salem and learning about the witch trials, listening to ghost stories in Alexandria, buying a t-shirt or hoodie at Harvard or MIT, being on top of the Empire State Building at night when it was so windy, taking the ferry to the Statue of Liberty, seeing School of Rock on Broadway, walking around Times Square, stopping by Trump Tower with all its security, running through Central Park, seeing the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, standing in front of the Whitehouse, climbing the steps to the sad, but so impressive Lincoln Memorial, staring up at the Washington Monument, watching students soak their heads in the fountain outside the Capitol Building, taking in a variety of Smithsonian museums...

The students were great and the parents so helpful that the trip went off without a hitch. Interested in coming on the next trip? Come September we will start planning for a high school trip in the 2018-2019 school year. Currently the plan is for a major high school trip every two years. As our high school grows, we should be able to do an annual trip. Thanks to Ms. Duncan and Mr. Holland for taking their Spring Break to facilitate the trip!



Boston, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

(MIT)

New York



Washington D.C.

## Badminton, Handball and Grade 6 Drop-In and Track & Field

Congratulations to all of our players for a fantastic season. In Badminton, for the first time we sent two high school players off to Provincial play. We are very proud of Josh and Mason for finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the province. An amazing feat! Bravo. Our Junior High players are not quite done their season, but they have done very well so far. We have some players yet to compete at the Central West Junior High Tournament, but our players have lots of medals to show for their efforts so far. Well done !



In team Handball, we played in a league for the first time this year and hosted our first tournament. Despite a very short bench and playing much larger schools, the boys can be very proud of their efforts. They represented themselves and their school very well. We hope to continue building this program. Great job!

In the spring, we were finally able to get some grade 6 drop in sports on the go. We hope to make this a year-long activity for next year. Thanks to Mrs. Waite for volunteering her time to make this work. The students really appreciated the opportunity! Wonderful!

Track and Field season has begun. Students are welcome to come out, please see Mr. Zimmerman for details. Students can be out practicing almost every day after school as the season is a short one.



Thanks to all of our coaches and volunteers! The students appreciate your efforts.