

# PENHOLD CROSSING SECONDARY SCHOOL



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## **Intently focused on student achievement**

A Message from the Board of Education

Welcome to a new year of learning together in Chinook's Edge School Division! Our Board is very proud to be part of the team of devoted and caring professionals in this division, where everyone is intently focused on student achievement.

Every teacher and staff member, across all grades and subject areas, is equally invested in the eventual outcome of seeing each of our students complete high school. As our students graduate with the confidence to pursue post-secondary opportunities, Chinook's Edge staff share the responsibility and pride from kindergarten staff right through to diploma teachers.

Our dedicated staff are creating learning environments that ensure every child succeeds, and we believe a key piece of evidence of our efforts all along the way is the number of our students who graduate and transition into post-secondary opportunities. We know this foundation of quality learning will allow our students to continue to achieve higher levels of success throughout their lifetime.

With the support of the Board and our Superintendent, our teams of professionals continue to challenge, encourage and believe in each one of our students every single day. We wish everyone an exciting year of learning in Chinook's Edge, *where students come first!*

**Colleen Butler**  
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## Principal's Message for September

### Welcome Back!

We are very pleased to welcome back our students and parents to Penhold Crossing Secondary School. We are very excited to begin our third year of operation. This year we have just over 330 students, our largest population so far. Our two largest groups are our grade 6's at 65 students and our grade 8's at 68. Our priority is to keep our core class sizes low for every grade, so that students get lots of attention in their academic classes. This means some of our option classes have larger class sizes, but this helps us put more staffing into Math, English, Social Studies and Science.

We have a few new staff members to welcome:

- Joanne Duncan, Front Office Administration
- Brenda Goertzen, Educational Assistant
- Kim Johannson, Library Learning Commons Assistant
- Colleen Wilson, Foods, Off Campus, CALM

### Challenges to Students

At our opening assembly we offered our students three broad challenges:

1. **Welcome the new students.** We have a great school with great students and families. We ask that students be helpful and friendly to their new classmates and all others that they work with.
2. **Be engaged in school life.** Students have many opportunities to participate in the life of the school and we ask them to get involved. This means everything from building strong friendships to attending school functions to joining a team or club to participating in class. The more you put into school, the more you get out of it.
3. **Seek academic success.** Students are asked to practice the skills that lead to success in school and in life. Highlights of this would include: showing up on time, having goals, keeping track of commitments, reading every day, seeking help, committing to working hard, managing their time well, and trying their best.

### This and That

- Students are being asked to sign up for Cross Country, Leadership, Volleyball and Golf as extra-curricular opportunities
- Students are able to access books and resources from the library without a library card. We will have the cards in place in the next two weeks
- Come out on Friday, September 9th at lunch (12:15 to 1:30) to have a burger with us, see the school and introduce yourself to the staff
- The three school Terry Fox Run goes the afternoon of September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 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.

## WELCOME to Penhold Crossing Secondary School - Grade 6 Students



***SCHOOL FEE INVOICES will be ready for payment by the end of the month. We are waiting for the options numbers to be sorted out before we make our online payment system ready and available to parents. Thanks for your patience!***



PENHOLD COMMUNITY CHURCH

OPTIMIST CLUB

PENHOLD COMMUNITY

A big thanks to these folks for donating school supplies to our school for students who are needing items. These donations are very appreciated and very much needed by our school community.

**Olds High School  
Gowns for Grads Gala  
THURSDAY, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**7:00 pm at the TransCanada Theatre**

*This will be our second annual GOWNS FOR GRADS gala. The event is designed to provide a green, lower cost option for potential grads and their families.*

*This program is the brainchild of Karen Grudeski. Mrs. G started the program years ago when she saw a need for some students who were having difficulty affording the formal wear needed to participate in the graduation ceremonies. Since then, the program has evolved! She now has over 100 beautiful dresses as well as some suits and outfits that would be suitable for family members wanting to attend the ceremonies.*



*Gowns are either donated or consigned and are then modeled and offered for sale to students who are interested in the "green option" or who simply want to save some money on the cost of graduation. All dresses are professionally cleaned and repaired (if needed) before the gala. They are being offered at either a consigner's set price or at a cost of \$100 to \$200. Many of the gowns were originally priced at well over \$500.*

*The price that is charged to students is used to cover the cost of storage for the gowns, the cost of cleaning and the cost of possible alterations. A small fund is also set up from the sale of gowns to cover the cost of suit rentals for male graduates requiring some financial assistance. The Olds High School Interact club undertakes annual fundraising activities to help offer support to this valuable program as well.*



*This year, the gala will again be hosted from the TransCanada Theatre in Olds. The event is on Thursday, October 27 and on Friday, October 28 – which is a day off school – Karen Grudeski has agreed to organize some volunteers to be on hand and to have the gowns available for interested girls to come in and try on dresses they liked.*

***Please join us at the theatre on October 27 to see the dresses, enjoy the fashion show and look over the great tables of jewelry and other items for sale in lobby***

***If you have questions or would like to donate or consign a dress, please contact either  
Karen Grudeski at 403-335-4568***

***Or***

***Tane Skotheim at 403-586-8277***

### **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Please take the time to visit our school website [penholdcrossing.ca](http://penholdcrossing.ca) regularly to keep up to date with the activities and events.
- PLEASE RETURN the “Information Updates” and “Acknowledgment of Risk” forms to the office with your child as soon as possible.
- You child is bringing home information that needs to be completed online for “School Messenger”. This is important as this is the new program for communication notices.

**THANK YOU !!!**