

PENHOLD CROSSING SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Principal's Message for November

Parent / Teacher Interviews November 23rd / 24th, 4:00 to 7:30

Leading up to interviews, report cards will be e-mailed home on Friday, November 18th. If you require a paper copy, please let us know. Grade six students will receive a second report card that shows learning outcomes the week of Parent / Teacher interviews.

Our grade six teachers are busy setting up for interviews and student lead conferences. Grade six parents will receive notification of an interview time.

For students in grades 7 to 12, we will host two events. Wednesday, November 23rd will be by invitation to give our teachers a chance to meet as teaching teams with selected parents. These families will be contacted by the office for an appointment. Thursday, November 24th will be drop in interviews in the gym. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to come in a meet with their children's teachers.

Parent Portal



Not seeing your child's marks on Power School? Not sure how to log on? Please stop at the office during the interview evenings and we will assist you to get you set up on Power School. This will enable you to check your child's progress from anywhere you have Wi-Fi. This is an important tool for parents to know what is up in their student's academic life.



Thanks to the Penhold & District Optimist Club for the \$ 200.00 donation. The money will go to support both our student school supplies and awards recognition program.

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 & Time Management**
- **Work and Study Skills**
- **Commitment to Daily Reading**
- **Effective Use of Technology**

We would encourage parents to join the conversation. 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. At the start of the year we asked every student to select two educational goals for the semester or for the year. Please ask your child what they are striving for.

We are currently focused on a review of **organizational skills and time management**. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to be talking to students about their routines, how they stay organized and how they manage all the commitments on their time. Did you know that every student in the school gets **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

- Thanks to the grade nine parents for hosting their children for Take Our Kid to Work Day on November 2nd. Students appreciated many wonderful workplace experiences.
- 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.

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.**

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Please join us for the Remembrance Service on Wednesday, November 9th at 1:00 pm. We will have both of our local schools join us as we honor the sacrifices of Canadians in the service of their country. The Innisfail Legion members will be our guests for the event.



Fall Break – NO School, November 10 -14

Report cards home - Friday, November 18

Scheduled Parent Teacher Interviews – Wednesday, November 23: 4-7:30 pm

Drop in Parent Teacher Interviews – Thursday, November 24: 4-7:30 pm



The Learning Commons will be hosting the Scholastic book fair from November 22-25. The Book Fair will be open until 7:30 on the evenings of the interviews. A great place to purchase Christmas gifts for your child.

Achieving success in Chinook's Edge

A message from the Superintendent

The work underway in schools across our division is creating a positive impact for students, according to the most current Accountability Pillar report from Alberta Education. We are extremely focused on maintaining our high levels of achievement, and the latest results show continued excellence in school improvement, citizenship, education quality, and safe and caring schools. The number of Chinook's Edge students who are completing high school is already above provincial average and continues to rise.

We have also established a number of strategies to create upward momentum in certain areas to achieve higher results, as well. We are continuing to focus our efforts and attention on post-secondary transition rates, academic excellence and careers work, and social and emotional outcomes, as we prepare each of our students for lifelong learning and the world of work. We are diligently tracking results and survey data, which involves students, parents and staff, to ensure our work is setting our students up for a lifetime of success.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

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Annual Results Reporting

Here is a preliminary look at our provincial report card for last school year. Please watch for our official report to come out later this month.

Measure Category	Measure Category Evaluation	Measure	Penhold Crossing Secondary Sch			Alberta			Achievement
			Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	
Safe and Caring Schools	Good	Safe and Caring	87.7	90.0	88.9	83.8	81.2	83.1	High
		Program of Studies	75.7	75.7	75.7	81.9	81.3	81.4	Intermediate
Student Learning Opportunities	N/A	Education Quality	89.9	88.8	88.8	86.1	85.5	85.3	High
		Class Outline	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.2	3.5	3.2	N/A
		High School Completion Rate (12 yr)	N/A	N/A	N/A	76.9	75.5	75.5	N/A
		SAT, Accessibility	88.1	77.1	77.1	73.6	72.8	73.4	Very High
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 9-11)	Good	SAT, Excellence	18.4	15.3	15.3	18.4	18.0	18.3	Intermediate
		Diploma, Accessibility	78.3	84.4	84.4	85.8	81.2	85.1	Low
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)	N/A	Diploma, Excellence	6.8	13.8	13.8	21.8	21.2	20.5	Very Low
		Diploma Exam Participation Rate (12-Exam)	N/A	N/A	N/A	54.6	52.4	53.2	N/A
		Subjective Subsequent Diploma Rate	84.4	N/A	N/A	88.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Transition Rate (12 yr)	N/A	N/A	N/A	99.4	99.7	99.3	N/A
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	N/A	Work Preparation	89.9	100.0	100.0	82.6	82.0	81.1	Very High
		Citizenship	81.4	83.3	83.3	83.9	83.8	83.4	Very High
Parental Involvement	Excellent	Parental Involvement	85.7	81.0	81.0	85.9	80.7	82.3	Very High
Continuous Improvement	Good	School Improvement	76.9	80.7	80.7	81.2	79.8	80.0	High

Understanding the Report Card

The report card is a combination of survey results (students, parents and teachers) and other data, including Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exam results.

Overall, our survey data was very positive. Please see below for some highlights:

Our Provincial Achievement Test results were wonderful, beating the provincial pass rate easily, with our excellence rate in a near tie with the province.

Diploma Exam results in both the passing rate and excellence rate were down a bit, so we will be working on these.

Highlights: Parent Survey

100% of parents agree:

- teachers care about your child.
- Your child is safe at school.
- You are satisfied with the quality of education at the school.
- When the child needs it, teachers are available to help him or her.

Penhold Crossing School Council

What is a School Council?

School councils are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide advice to the principal and the school board.



What Role Does the Council Play?

School councils are an important forum through which members of school communities play an advisory role in school improvement planning. Key factors in collaborative relationships are building meaningful, two-way communication and supporting respectful interactions among education partners.

Core Activities

- Advises the principal and board on educational issues that pertain to the school.
- Establishes and reviews school council's goals, objectives, action plans and procedures.
- Communicates and consults with parents and the school community.
- Meets regularly.

How Does a School Council Help Students?

- Council members advocate for changes to make the school a great place for all students.
- Council members have a chance to speak directly with the principal to share concerns or new ideas.
- The Council proposes, plans and carries out both short and long term projects that support students (awards, creation of a running track)
- The Council ensures that the school has plans in place to meet any challenges to the school and community.

Meetings are the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Follow what is happening at the school:

<http://www.penholdcrossing.ca/>

Tara Lind	Chairperson
Becky Steele	Vice-Chair
Sherry Cooper	Quesnell's Edge School Board Member for Penhold and Springbrook
Cory Kingsfield	Town Councilor, Town of Penhold
Jamie Sulzpera	Family Resource Coordinator, Town of Penhold
Mark Crawford	Principal



The most successful schools have a high degree of parental involvement.
For More Information on School Councils, please visit: <http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>



Boston, New York, Washington

There is still time to sign up for the High School trip to the United States. We have 24 students and parents traveling to Boston, New York and Washington.

Date: April 14th to the 21st, 2017

Cost: **\$2,502** or 4 payments of \$613 after a \$50 down payment

Sign up on-line at **Explorica.ca**. The trip name is **Crawford-9593**

See Mr. Crawford or Mr. Holland for more details

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Awards Night

2015-2016

Most Improved Award

Grade 6 Damon N
Grade 7 Valentina M
Grade 8 Warren T

Citizenship Award

Grade 6 Anna Jo P
Grade 7 Julia I
Grade 8 Jonah T
Grade 9 Brianna A

Grade 10 Maegan C
Grade 11 Brett B
Grade 12 Roxanne P

Grade 6 Honours

Logan B	Dakota K	Lily O
Riley D	Emerson K	Anna Jo P
Jordan F	Aiden L	Brooklyn R
Willow H	Turner M	Jaxson S
Dakota H	Kylie N	Nicholas S
Xander K		

Highest Mark

Grade 6	Willow H
Grade 7	Abigail T
Grade 8	Laurel F
Grade 9	Emily T
Grade 10	Kenisha S
Grade 11	Brianna B
Grade 12	Katelyn R

Grade 7 Honours

Alice B	Jessica H	Kiara M
Rayan B	Madison H	Megan O
Megan B	Julia I	Ava P
Sophia B	Jenaya K	Asher T
Janex C	Olivia K	Abigail T
Lucas F	Jeramie L	Ethan W
Cassandra G	Roy M	Hayley W
Keenan G		

Foods

Grade 6/7 Jr High	Alicia O Kaleigh B-G Laurel F Mariah W Maegan C
Sr High	

Grade 8 Honours

Spencer A	Laurel F	Samantha M
Kaleigh B-G	Victoria H	McKenna M
Gabriel B	Ashlynn H	Mackenzie R
Dylan B	Zoie K	Kayla S
Jonah B	Emma K	Emma S
Madison C	Robert L	Jonah T

Grade 6/7 Drama

Ethan W

Shop

Grade 6/7 Jr High Sr High	Jenaya K Jake D John K
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Grade 9 Honours

Brianna A	Sydney S
Nathan F	Kaitlyn S
Adam H	Timea S
Joelle H	Ainsley T
Holly L	Emily T
Ashley R	Beth W

Band

Gr 6/7 Jr High Sr High	Breanna R Emily T Rachel H
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Art

Gr 6/7 Jr High Sr High	Jenaya K Taylor S Rachel H
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Cosmotology

Meagan C

Highest Work Experience

Dontae B

Green Certificate

Chris C

6/7 Female Athlete of Year
Brooklyn R

6/7 Male Athlete of Year
Tyler A

JH Female Athlete of Year
Madison C

JH Male Athlete of Year
Adam H

SH Female Athlete of Year
Rebecca S

SH Male Athlete of Year
Justin S

Alexander Rutherford Scholarship Council

Grade 10

Emily B Tristen E
Meagan C Andrew F
Meagen D Austin L
Blake D Talon R
Carson D Kenisha S

Grade 11

Sydney A Rachel H
Brett B John K
Brianna B Paige M
Jenna D Katrina P
Bethany G Rebecca S

Grade 12

Braedon H
Roxanne P
Katelyn R
Kaitlyn S

M.J. Maxon Memorial Scholarship

Hailey M

Biology 30

Katelyn R

Governor General's Medal

Katelyn R

Ford Family Scholarships

Roxanne P Braedon H

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Mary's Sewing and Alterations
Penhold Crossing Parent Council

LIBRARY CONTEST WINNERS!



Rhett R & Mrs. Johannson

Natasha G & Mrs. Johannson

Missing
Anna Jo P