



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Didsbury High School Community,

As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, we are delighted to share some exciting updates and important information with you all. May is a month filled with anticipation and celebration, and we are thrilled to see our students, staff, and families come together to mark the culmination of another successful school year (though there is still June and exams to survive first).

High School Information Night will held on Wednesday, May 15. Current Grade 8 Westglen students and their parents are invited to join us at 6:30 PM in the library to learn more about high school and how it differs from middle school. Grade 9 students already enrolled at DHS will then join us at 7:30 PM in the same location to learn about the changes they will see in the grade 10-12 world as they embark upon the credit system and the requirements for graduation with a high school diploma.

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From The Principal's Desk Continued...

Graduation Ceremony: May 24th and 25th

We would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class of 2024. Graduation is an occasion that represents the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our graduates, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements during our upcoming graduation ceremonies.

This year, our graduation ceremonies will take place on May 24th and 25th at the DHS gym and the arena respectively. Please mark your calendars and join us as we bid farewell to our graduates and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

In addition to graduation, May and June is a time for various end-of-year activities and events that celebrate the accomplishments of our students. From athletic awards ceremonies to band performances, there will be plenty of opportunities to come together as a community and celebrate the talents and achievements of our students.

We are particularly excited about our band's participation at the National Music Fest in Toronto this month. This well-deserved recognition and trip represents the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication from our band students and Mr. Wassmer in particular. We also wish to congratulate Mr. Wassmer, who has been recognized nationally by receiving the I. Keith Mann/NAC Orchestra Outstanding Band Director Award and will receive this deserving honour in person when he travels with the band to Toronto.

Please refer to the school calendar or our website for more details about upcoming events and activities.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating our students' successes in the coming weeks.

The DHS Admin Team

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Yearbook



YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Don't forget to buy yours.

2024 is the Year of the Dragon, but at DHS we know that every year is the Year of the Dragon. Join us in celebrating the wonderful people who make up our school community.

**Grad's Fees are due
May 14, 2024**



Grad 2024

The minutes for the April 23 Meeting has been posted to the Didsbury High Website under Grad.

Schedule of Events for Grad 2024

Friday May 24, 2024

Cap and Gown Rehearsal

Friday May 24 @ 12:30 pm

This is a mandatory rehearsal for all participants. At the rehearsal we will walk through the Cap & Gown ceremony so students will know all the details of entering, coming across the stage to receive their “diploma”, and congregating to be introduced as the Class of 2024. After the Cap and Gown Rehearsal, grads will go to the Arena for a Grand March Rehearsal.

Cap and Gown Ceremony

Date: Friday, May 24 @ 7:00 pm

Location: DHS Gymnasium

Open to the public

This is the official graduation ceremony which signifies the student has met all of the requirements to graduate with a high school diploma. Students will receive a certificate from the school, the actual diploma they will be sent directly to the student from Alberta Learning. Students can pick up their cap and gowns on May 24th just prior to the start of the ceremony. Parents will be able to take Cap and Gown pictures after the ceremony.

6:15 -6:30: All Graduates taking part will meet in the south hallway and align themselves in order for the march into the gymnasium as determined in the rehearsal. Gowns will be distributed at this time.

7:00 – 9:00:

- Grads March into gymnasium
- Scholarship and Award Presentations
- Greetings from Board of Education and Chinook's Edge School Div. #73
- Principal’s Message
- Valedictory Address
- Presentation of Certificates
- Introduction of the Graduating Class (throw the hats!)

Gowns must be returned before leaving the school after the ceremony is completed.

Saturday May 25, 2024

Grad 2023 Group Photo

Saturday May 25th @ 3:30

Meet at Westhill Park at 3-3:15 to be arranged for the group picture. We will not be taking attendance at this event, so if you are late, and Mr. Neill takes the picture, you will not have a 2nd chance. Be on time! If it is raining, meet in the arena for the picture.

Celebrations

Saturday May 25th

Didsbury Arena

This is the ceremony to celebrate the finishing of public education as a full time student. For this ceremony, grads and families are on the main floor; guests are welcome to attend in the stands.

- **4:30 pm Seating of Banquet Guests**

Grads, parents, and guests attending the banquet will meet at the arena for informal pictures, and find their tables.

- **5:00 pm Welcome/O'Canada/Grace/Dinner**

- Only "ticket holders" are allowed at the banquet. Guests who are not invited to the banquet do not need to be in the arena at this time, as it is only supper.

- **6:45 pm General Public Seating in Arena Stands**

Guests will be able to sit in the arena stands. Grads that did not attend the banquet but are returning to the program will have a table and 8 chairs on the arena floor.

- **7:00-9:00 pm Program**

Once the program begins, it will flow continuously, and will include the following:

Introduction of Special Guests

Greetings from Mayor and Reeve

Tributes and Replies

Slideshow – Baby & Grad pictures

Guest Speaker

Thank you

Grand March and Dance

Clean up

Note: The program will start at 7:00 pm, but after that the times stated above are only estimates. The program will flow from the program, to the slide show, to the Grand March. If you have guests coming to see the Grand March, they should plan to be early just in case the program is quicker than estimated.

WE LIKE FOOD.

*Leadership Lunch Menu
May 2024*

May 1st
Beef Soft Tacos

May 8th
Chicken Fingers and
Fries

May 15th
Pizza

May 22nd
Poutine

May 29th
Chicken fried Rice &
Spring Rolls

\$6.50

Get your stacking skills ready for...

JENGA WEEK

May 6-10

Location: DHS Foyer at Lunch

Teams of 1-4 people!
Sign-up your team during
practice days

Practice - May 6-8
Competition - May 9 & 10



The Symphonic Winds tour to MusicFest - The Nationals is fast approaching! Here are a few dates and times to keep in mind as we prepare for this exciting trip:

Sunday, May 12th - 7:00 - 8:00 PM Full rehearsal

Monday, May 13th - 7:00 - 8:00 PM Full rehearsal

Tuesday, May 14th - 4:00 AM All travellers meet at DHS for departure

Our performances on Wednesday, May 15th will be livestreamed. The Symphonic Winds play at 8 AM (MDT) and The Minor Six perform at 12:00 PM (MDT). The link to the livestream can be accessed through the MusicFest website: <https://musicfest.ca/>

DHS Band Society

The next meeting of the Band Society will be this Wednesday, May 8th at 7 PM in the DHS Music Room.

The Band Society is (somewhat) urgently looking to fill the position of Treasurer on our Executive. Mrs. Ridley, who has been our Treasurer for many years, will be stepping down at the end of this year. In order to recognize the importance and scope of this position, an annual honourarium is provided. We may also consider hiring a bookkeeper to manage student accounts and have a Treasurer to present financial reports to the Society. If either of these scenarios is of interest to you or if you are interested in learning more, please contact Mr. Wassmer at DHS.

We want to sincerely thank Mrs. Ridley for her years of dedicated service to DHS Music and wish her all the best!

DHS Band News



YEAR END CONCERTS

The Year End Jazz Concert will be Thursday, June 13th at 7 PM in the DHS Gym.

The Year End Finale will be Friday, June 14th at 7 PM, also in the DHS Gym.



Sky Wings Aviation Concludes



Dane Nielsen, Grade 12

"This program was well worth it! I gained valuable insight into how much work gets put into aviation. After taking this opportunity it has confirmed that I will be pursuing my private pilot license. My recommendation to future students is to review material, take notes, and bring lots of pencils."



Maxine Bates, Grade 10

"This course provided me with quite a bit of information. Doing the ground school training gave me a good grasp of it. My highlight of the course was the plane flight plan, and looking at all different types of planes. This course has motivated me to become a commercial pilot, thus projecting into bigger aircraft's with West Jet and Air Canada. Learning about this industry was overwhelming, but I loved taking it all in."

Post Secondary Spotlight

So, you want to be an... SAIT Aircraft Maintenance Engineer

Aircraft Maintenance Engineers Technology Diploma

Play a crucial role in the aviation sector, ensuring the safety and reliability of aircraft operations.

Work towards your Aircraft Maintenance Engineer "M" (AME) license. As a licensed AME, you'll be entrusted with the maintenance, repair, and overall upkeep of various aircraft, such as general aviation planes, corporate jets, charter aircraft, transport-category aircraft, helicopters, and airliners.

Throughout this two-year diploma program, you'll be immersed in a comprehensive curriculum that covers all facets of aircraft maintenance. The program is not just theoretical. Get hands-on training that prepares you for real-world challenges. Classes are at the Art Smith Aero Centre for Training and Technology at the Calgary International Airport.

Admission requirements

at least 50% in Math 30-1 or 30-2 and

- at least 50% in English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2

100% graduate employment rate

\$44,000 average starting salary

If you are passionate about aviation, have a knack for problem-solving, and aspire to be part of a team that ensures millions of people travel safely, the Aircraft Maintenance Engineers Technology program could be the first step toward a fulfilling job or career in this essential industry.

2 year program

Community News

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\$65
grade 5-12
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

QB CAMP
*INVITE
ONLY*
JUNE 7TH,
2024



[register here](#)

deadline to register: May 20, 2024

JUNE 3-6 2024



Exam Schedule

Didsbury High School June 2024 Exam Week at a Glance



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	11 English 30-1 Part A English 30-2 Part A (Learning Commons)	12 Social 30-1 Part A Social 30-2 Part A (Lerbekmo - Learning Commons) (Morgan - Bio Lab)	13 Math 9 Part A (Jesse - Room 159) (Rasmussen - Room 156) (Sherban - Room 157)	14 National Indigenous Peoples Day (No Exams)
17	18 English 30-1 Part B English 30-2 Part B (Learning Commons) Math 9 Part B (Jesse - Room 159) (Rasmussen - Room 156) (Sherban - Room 157)	19 Social 30-1 Part B Social 30-2 Part B (Lerbekmo - Learning Commons) (Morgan - Bio Lab) Social 9 (Morgan - Room 159)	20 Biology 30 (Bio Lab - Room 145) Science 9 (Read - Room 158) Math 10C (Room 157) Chemistry 20 (Room 142)	
24	25 Chemistry 30 (Room 142) English 20-1 (Room 155) Science 10 (Room 145)	26 Science 30 (The Hub) Physics 20 (Room 157) English 10-1 / 10-2 (Room 158)	27	28
		Last Day of Regular Classes (9-12)		

Note: All exams start at **9:00AM**. Students are expected to be at the exam room at 8:45AM and must stay for a minimum of 1 hour. During exam week students are expected to leave the building after they have completed their exam.

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	4	8	9	10	11
12	13 ELA 9 Part A	14 Band leaves for Toronto	15 High School Info night @6:30pm DHS Library	16	17	18 Band Returns from Toronto
19	20	21	22	23	24 Cap & Gown @7pm	25 Grad Celebrations @4:30pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2024

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 English 30 Part A	12 Social 30 Part A	13 Year end jazz concert @ 7pm DHS Gym Math 9 Part A	14 Year end band finale @ 7pm DHS Gym	15
16	17	18 English 30 Part B	19 Social 30 Part B Last Day of Classes	20 Biology 30	21	22
23	24 Chemistry 30	25	26 Last Day of Exams Science 30	27	28	29
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