



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Didsbury High  
School

*Dear DHS Community,*

*As we step into October, I hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for the vibrant changes this season brings. There are several exciting events and accomplishments to share with you this month!*

*Parent-Teacher Interviews: October 22*

*We are looking forward to our upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews on October 22. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with your child's teachers, discuss their progress, and collaborate on ways to support their learning journey. Please keep an eye out for more details on how to schedule your appointments.*

*Golf Team Triumphs*

*I am thrilled to announce that our golf team had an outstanding performance at the Provincial High School Golf Championship, where they proudly brought home the bronze medals! Their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship have made us all incredibly proud. Congratulations to our talented athletes and their coach for this remarkable achievement!*



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# Principle Message Continued...

School Council Meeting: October 1 at 6 PM

We invite all parents to join us for our first School Council meeting on October 1 at 6 PM in the DHS library. This is a great opportunity to get involved in our school community, share ideas, and discuss ways to enhance the experience for our students.

Graduation 2025 Meeting: October 1 at 7 PM

Following the School Council meeting, we will hold a special meeting in the Gym at 7 PM for parents of students graduating in 2025. We will discuss important dates, planning, and how we can work together to make this a memorable year for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community. We are excited for a wonderful October filled with learning, achievement, and collaboration.

The DHS Admin Team,



# October Newsletter

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## Yearbook

**If you have not picked up your 2023/2024 yearbook they can be picked up from the library**

**If you missed the parent grad meeting October 1 the agenda can be found on the website**

## Grad 2025

**Grad and Celebration applications are due to the Ms. Lerbekmo by October 31, 2024. If you need a blank one they can be picked up at the office.**



# Leadership News



Oct 7th -10th

# TURKEY SHOOT!

*Shoot Like A Beast Before You Feast!*

Sign up Oct. 1st & 2nd with the  
DHS Leadership Team



# Hot Lunch- Leadership

**LEADERSHIP**  
*Lunch*  
october menu

**OCTOBER 2nd**  
Coconut Chicken & Rice



**OCTOBER 9th**  
Pizza



**OCTOBER 16th**  
Burgs and Tots



**OCTOBER 23rd**



**OCTOBER 30th**  
Poutine



**\$7** FOR ALL LUNCHES  
Includes a Drink

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All Lunches Must be orderd online. Subway Lunch will be on its own order form.

# DHS Band

# News



September has come and gone once again, and the DHS Bands are already sounding awesome! We have a lot to look forward to this year in band, some trips and collaborations are in our future!

Uniforms for grade 9s are in! Please get your \$40 uniform fee in as soon as possible!

Fundraising has begun! Purdys Chocolatier has started our 2024 Christmas campaign. Students get to raise money, and our wonderful community gets delicious chocolate, it's a win-win for everyone!

Our first concert is coming up fast! November 7th, call time is 6:30pm, music starts at 7:00pm. Save the date!



# Dragons News



**September has brought another great golf season for the Didsbury High golf team. Our team of Sawyer Campell (Gr. 12), Peyton Reese (Gr. 12), Ayden Backstrom (Gr. 10) and Jack Riedel (Gr. 10) came in second at their zone qualifier in High River which paved the way for them to compete at provincials in Grande Prairie. At zones Sawyer Campbell shot an amazing one over par 72 which was the lowest score of any golfer in the South Central Zone. During the two day provincial tournament the boys competed hard and finished 3rd for 1A/2A schools but missed out on second by a single stroke. Through both tournaments all the boys were exceptional ambassadors for both our community and our school.**


**Our team and school would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to a number of sponsors that not only supported these golfers through to provincials but also helped to develop them as junior golfers in Didsbury. We would humbly like to express our gratitude for the donations we received from the following sponsors: Didsbury Golf Course, GTA Automotive and Skyline Well Testing.**

**We are so proud of you all boys!**



# Community News

## DIDSBURY CURLING CLUB



**New to town? Join our Open Fun  
League on Wednesday nights!**

**Join us at the rink on  
October 10 at 6 PM  
to register!**

**First Game:  
November 6th  
at 7 PM**

**ONLY  
\$67**

14 years  
↓ ↑

Contact  
[DidsburyCurlingClub@gmail.com](mailto:DidsburyCurlingClub@gmail.com)  
for more

# University Spotlight

## Post secondary Spotlight

So, you want to be a...

## Health Care Aide



### Health Care Aide Certificate - 1 year

Become an integral part of the health-care team as a Health Care Aide. In this rewarding field, you will work in acute care facilities, continuing care facilities, hospitals, as well as in client's homes, providing high level front-line care to clients in need of assistance.

This certificate is offered in a blended delivery format with lectures and class work being done online, and all practicum placements and labs being in person. This program is offered in multiple communities, including Red Deer, Drumheller, Innisfail, Ponoka, Rocky Mountain House, Stettler and Sundre.

**Try it!** Chinook's Edge and RDP are offering an online dual credit opportunity in the field of Health Care Aide. Talk to Mrs. Roy about trying this course to earn credits and get a taste of what being a Health Care Aide is all about!

Students in the Health Care Aide program will participate in practicum placements to experience hands-on learning.

**Academic Requirements**  
Students applying to Health Care Aide must have English Language Arts (ELA) with a minimum of 60% in:  
English 20-1 or English 20-2, or Canadian Jurisdiction equivalent  
OR  
A minimum of 55% in:  
English 30-1 or English 30-2, or Canadian Jurisdiction equivalent

Average Wage \$18.53

<https://rdpolytech.ca/programs/health-care-aide-certificate>  
<https://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo/occupations-in-alberta/occupation-profiles/health-care-aide/>

## Post Secondary Spotlight



So, you want to be a...

## Medical Radiologic Technology Diploma Radiologist

Medical Radiologic Technology is the art and science of correctly positioning the patient and X-ray equipment to produce and record images for the purpose of visualizing the extent of disease or injury to a patient. While many X-ray examinations are performed in the Diagnostic Imaging Department, they are also carried out in the operating room, the emergency department, on wards, in specialized intensive care units, and in physician-led community clinics.

The Medical Radiologic Technology program teaches students how to perform X-rays, including evaluating the diagnostic quality of images, patient care and quality control. Students also gain expert knowledge in radiation safety and protection practices. Many of the radiographic examinations and procedures involve working alongside physicians, other technologists, nurses and non-medical personnel.

### Admission Requirements

75% in each of:

Grade 12 Language Arts (English 30-2)

Grade 12 Mathematics (Math 30-2)

Grade 12 Biology (Biology 30)

Grade 12 Physics (Physics 30)

Proof of English Language Proficiency

- Online Interview - See Competitive Entrance Requirements for details.

### Hands-on, industry-relevant skills

Students attend classes on a full-time basis at NAIT. Upon completion of Level 1, the student progresses to an affiliated clinical site to complete the clinical training. Shift rotation including evenings, nights and weekend days, during the clinical phase will be scheduled.

Average Wage: \$44.02

<https://www.nait.ca/programs/medical-radiologic-technology?term=2024-fall&intake=d9332291-e65b-4755-b2ae-e3f31b3473fa>



# University Open House



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# OPEN HOUSE

Oct. 4 & 5



**ST MARY'S**  
UNIVERSITY



Open House  
Saturday Oct. 5th  
10am-2pm





# University Open House

**NORTHWESTERN  
POLYTECHNIC**



NWP's Recruitment Team will be on-site to answer all your post-secondary questions.



**Saturday Oct. 5th  
Grande Prairie Campus**

# **School Safty (Hour Zero)**

## **Chinook's Edge adopts new safety program**

**While schools are considered to be one of the safest places in our communities, in reality emergencies can occur anywhere, at any time. Chinook's Edge takes seriously the responsibility to maintain readiness to respond to emergencies, and prioritize student and staff safety in our buildings.**

**Starting in September 2024, Chinook's Edge has adopted the use of Hour-Zero, which is a school emergency program, used by agencies throughout North America.**

**While we have always had safety plans in place, through Hour-Zero we have access to the same language used by emergency responders in our community. Also, Hour-Zero's ongoing staff training and support are valuable tools for us.**

**Each school has an on-site emergency response team, which is supported by the division emergency response team. Staff is trained on emergency protocols with drills being practiced at each school to ensure students and staff are prepared to act quickly and to minimize confusion and fear in a real emergency.**

**We invite you to take a moment to review this guide for parents / guardians, which outlines protocols and language we will use in emergency situations, as well as how we will communicate with you. Also, on the Chinook's Edge website here, there is a video summary of what you can expect.**

**If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's principal or vice-principal.**

# October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Olds College Open House GR 10	4	5
6	7 Bio 20 FT	8 Cross Country Zones	9	10	11 NO SCHOOL	12
13	14	15	16	17 SAIT Open House GR 10 & 11	18	19
20	21	22 Parent Teacher Interviews	23	24	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	29	30	31			

# November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Picture Retakes	5	6	7 Remembrance Day Ceremony @10am Band Concert @6:30pm	8 Fall Break- NO SCHOOL	9
10	11 Fall Break- NO SCHOOL	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 NO SCHOOL	30