



DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

To the DHS Community:

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you rested and ready for an exciting 2025. January is always a busy month at Didsbury High School, as we prepare to wrap up Semester One and look ahead to Semester Two, which begins on February 3rd.

Welcome Back, Mr. Bates!

First, we are thrilled to welcome back our Athletic Director and Phys Ed teacher, Ian Bates, from his NATO deployment to Latvia. Mr. Bates has been serving as part of the Canadian Forces Reserve, and we're proud of his contributions both overseas and here at Didsbury High School. We know students and staff alike are excited to have him back on the field, in the gym, and leading our athletics programs with his trademark enthusiasm and dedication.

Preparing for Final Exams

Final exams are just around the corner, and we know this can be a stressful time for students. To help everyone feel confident and prepared, we've put together some tips for successful studying and exam preparation:

1. Create a Study Plan

- Organize your time by making a schedule that includes specific study blocks for each subject.
- Break down material into manageable chunks, and focus on one topic at a time.

2. Practice Active Studying

- Use flashcards, practice tests, or explain concepts out loud to a friend or family member.
- Try to teach what you've learned—if you can explain it, you truly understand it.

3. Find a Good Study Environment

- Choose a quiet, comfortable space with minimal distractions.
- Turn off your phone or put it in another room to help you stay focused.

4. Take Care of Yourself

- Get plenty of sleep; a well-rested brain is far more effective than a tired one.
- Stay hydrated, eat balanced meals, and take regular breaks to recharge.

5. Ask for Help

- If you're struggling with a concept or subject, reach out to your teachers. They're here to support you and are more than happy to provide guidance.

6. Stay Positive

- Remember, preparation builds confidence. You've got this!

Final exam schedules will be shared via email and posted on the school website shortly. Please make sure to review them carefully and reach out if you have any questions.

Semester Two Begins February 3

We're excited to start Semester Two on February 3rd. As we transition, it's a great time for students to reflect on their progress so far, set new goals, and look forward to new opportunities.

Thank you, as always, for your support of Didsbury High School. Let's work together to make January a month of success and celebration for our students.

**Warm regards,
The DHS Admin Team**



Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our production of Charlotte's Web!

January 2025

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GRADUATION 2025

FUNDRAISING



Don't know what to do with those holiday empties? Don't want to go out in the cold? We have a solution for you!

EMPTIES
are full of
OPPORTUNITY

Our 2025 Grad class will be doing a Bottle Drive on Friday, January 3, 2025. They will be starting the drive at 2 PM.



SAVE ON FOODS GIFT CARDS

All Students can participate! Start fundraising for your grad now!

1. Purchase Gift Cards: Buy Save On Foods gift cards through our fundraiser. You can choose from various denominations to suit your shopping habits; \$25, \$50, \$100
2. Shop as Usual: Use these gift cards at any Save On Foods location for your regular grocery shopping.
3. Support Our Cause: A percentage of every gift card purchase goes directly to the respective graduation year, helping us fund the ceremonies.



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Band News

The DHS Bands had a successful Christmas concert! Term 2 is festival season; the DHS Bands will be going to the Kiwanis Festival in Olds in March, and the grade 9s are still on for Moose Jaw.



Library News

As the first semester comes to a close, we ask that you help us remind students to return their textbook for each class on the day of their exam. This helps to spread out returns so Miss Budd has time to prepare them for the second semester.

Thank you for your help!

Athletic News

The 2024/25 basketball season at DHS is in full swing now. We have a Jr. A Girls team, a JV Girls team and a JV Boys team. In December, the JV Girls placed 2nd and the JV Boys placed 1st in their tournament at Holy Cross in Strathmore. Our basketball league games take place on Wednesdays (JV Girls and Boys) and Thursdays (Jr. A Boys). Come out and cheer on the Dragons!



Breakfast Program

Two of our wonderful staff have started a breakfast program at our school.

They serve breakfast 3 times a week. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. They have worked hard to put the program together and get it up and running. We would like to thank them for this amazing initiative.



Thank you to our amazing community, We have received some amazing donations towards the breakfast program. Thank you to all those who have donated to help us keep this amazing program going for our students.

Leadership Lunch Menu

January 8th - Dairy Queen

Your choice of a Double Cheeseburger or Chicken Strips Meal.
Includes a drink. \$10.00

January 18th - Flat Bread Pizza

Your Choice of Pepperoni, Deluxe or Cheese. Includes a drink. \$7.00

University Spotlight

So, you want to be an...

Agronomist



Agronomists are involved in various aspects of agricultural production, from soil and crop management to water and pest management, and they use their expertise to develop customized solutions that are tailored to the needs of their clients. They provide advice and services related to agricultural and environmental science and technology. They apply scientific principles and practices to the cultivation, production, utilization and improvement of plants and animals, and the management of associated resources.

Certificate, level I & Level II



Requirements:

First qualified, first accepted
Upon completion of these courses, you will be able to integrate agronomic concepts and make general recommendations regarding crop production. The certification through Olds College is not recognized by the AIA, but will still offer many job opportunities.

Avg. Salary	Avg. Wage
\$46,179.00	\$22.32

Bachelor's Degree

Requirements:

- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30
- Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2
- 70% min average



Avg. Salary	Avg. Wage
\$83,832.00	\$42.03

Post Secondary Spotlight

So, you want to be an...



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

Important Dates

2025

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Christmas Break			
5	6 Classes Resume	7	8 DQ Hot Lunch	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Flat Bread Pizza hot lunch	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Final Exams			Final Exams		
26	27	28	29	30 No School	31 No School	
	Final Exams					

2025

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 1st Day Semester 2	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break		
23	24	25	26	27	28	