

DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Didsbury High School Families,

As January comes to a close, we extend our congratulations to all of our students for completing final exams during the last few weeks. It was a busy and important period for our school community, and we are proud of the resilience and hard work our students displayed. We also want to acknowledge and thank our staff for their dedication in preparing students for these exams and ensuring the process ran smoothly.

With the end of exams, we officially embark on Semester 2! We look forward to witnessing our students thrive in new classes, explore engaging subject matter, and set fresh academic goals. The start of a new semester is always a wonderful opportunity for students to evaluate their study habits, re-energize their enthusiasm for learning, and challenge themselves to meet or exceed their personal best. We encourage parents and guardians to continue supporting your child's academic journey by maintaining open communication with teachers, monitoring progress, and celebrating both small and large achievements.

For our Grade 12 students, this is a particularly significant time. We know many of you are eagerly awaiting the release of your Diploma Exam marks, which Alberta Education has indicated will be available in the third week of February. Once these results are published, our staff will be reassessing every Grade 12 student's progress to ensure they remain on track for graduation this spring. If we find that a student requires any additional support or if their academic plan needs adjusting, we will work closely with both the student and parents/guardians to develop a pathway to success. Our primary goal is to see every one of our Grade 12s crossing the stage this June, ready for whatever adventure lies ahead.

Looking ahead, we also want to remind everyone that Winter Break will take place from February 15 to February 23. We encourage all students and families to use this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful moments together. Whether you spend these days catching up on reading, pursuing hobbies, traveling, or simply relaxing at home, we hope the break brings a rejuvenating pause before we return to wrap up the remaining months of the school year.

In closing, we would like to thank our entire Didsbury High School community for your ongoing support. Your involvement, whether through attending parent-teacher conferences, supporting extracurricular events, or encouraging good study habits, makes a lasting impact on our students' success. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns—we value your feedback and look forward to working together to ensure the best possible outcomes for every DHS student.

Wishing you an enjoyable February -- it will be June before we know it.

The DHS Admin Team



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!

February 2025

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Leadership News

Leadership Activities This Month:

Get ready for a month full of kindness and connection! During the week of Valentine's, Leadership students will be selling Valentine's grams that will be delivered on February 14. There will also be fun Valentine's Day activities to spread the love!

Mark your calendars for Pink Shirt Day on February 27—a day to stand together against bullying and promote kindness and inclusion. Let's make this February one to remember!

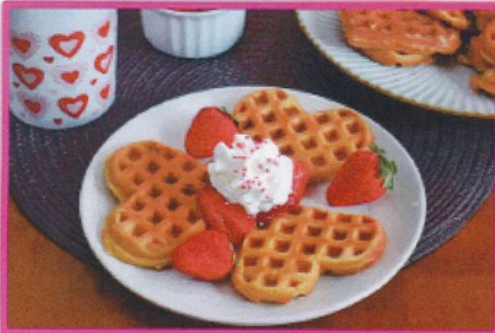


Leadership Hot Lunch

February
Let's Do
**LEADERSHIP
LUNCH!!**

The Subway logo, featuring the word "SUBWAY" in a stylized font with a green arrow pointing right above the "Y".

February 5th -
Subway - \$7.00
Includes a drink



February 12th
Waffles with Strawberries and
Whipped Cream
\$7.00 Includes a drink



February 26th
Butter Chicken with Naan
\$7.00 Includes a drink

GRADUATION 2025


EMPTIES
are full of
OPPORTUNITY



🎓 **2025 GRADS BOTTLE DRIVE!** 🎓

 **When: February 15, starting at 2 PM**

📍 **Where: Student will be coming to your door.**
Help us support our 2025 grads by donating your bottles!

 **Can't make it on the 15th? No problem!**
A trailer will be at the school from February 10 to 15 for early drop-offs. Stop by and donate at your convenience!

💙 **Every bottle counts in helping our grads celebrate this milestone. Thank you for your support!**



FUNDRAISING



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.



Scan Here to fill out order form





Band News

Hello DHS Band Parents and Students!

The second semester is an exciting time for our band program because it's festival season! 🎵 We're kicking things off in March with the **Kiwanis Festival in Olds**, where our Grade 9 Band, Jazz Band, and Symphonic Winds will showcase their hard work and talent. Be sure to mark your calendars and, of course, **don't forget your uniforms**—we want to look as great as we sound!

Grade 9s: A quick reminder to get your payments in for the Moose Jaw trip. This incredible experience in May will be here before we know it, and we can't wait for all the music, fun, and memories that await!

Let's make this semester unforgettable! 🎵

Athletic News

Our basketball season is in full swing, and we're excited to cheer on our three amazing teams: the JV Girls, JR A Boys, and JV Boys!

Each team has shown incredible dedication, teamwork, and progress on the court. The JV Girls impress with their defensive strategies, the JR A Boys thrill with fast-paced plays, and the JV Boys showcase resilience and enthusiasm.

A huge thank-you to our coaches, parents, and community for your unwavering support—you make this all possible!

Join us at the next game and show your school pride! Go Dragons!



University Information Session During GLT

Attention Grade 11-12 Students and Parents! 📖🎓

Mark your calendars for February 13th and join us in the Library from 10:00-11:00 am (GLT) for an exciting and informative session about navigating the path from diplomas to bachelor's degrees! ✨

Discover:

- ✓ The key differences between diplomas and bachelor's programs
- ✓ Program lengths after completing a diploma
- ✓ How to transfer to the University of Calgary (or other institutions)
- ✓ Transfer credits, evaluation as a transfer student, and more
- ✓ Tips for planning long-term post-secondary goals

This presentation is hosted by the University of Calgary but is packed with valuable insights for anyone considering transitioning from college to university. Parents of Grade 11-12 students are also welcome to join!

Don't miss this opportunity to set your future up for success. See you there! 🙌✨

University Spotlight



Post Secondary Spotlight So, you want to be a... Chemical Engineer



Chemical engineers play an important role in society, finding new ways to convert raw materials into finished products and make improvements to daily life. The impact chemical engineers are having on our environment and our world are being realized right now from the oil sands of Fort McMurray to the desert sands of the Sahara. Our Chemical Engineering program is regarded one of the leading programs of its kind in North America and is distinguished for its oil sands and biomedical research. You will learn from professors who are leading researchers in their field and well respected in both academic and industry circles.

Why study at the University of Alberta?

The Faculty of Engineering is widely recognized as one of the top Engineering schools in Canada, with globally renowned professors, state-of-the-art labs and teaching spaces, and highly specialized facilities and areas of research.

Throughout your degree, you'll have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, participate in research, and contribute to team projects both inside and out of the classroom. We are centrally located within the heart of western Canada's energy and resources industries, with strong connections to industry and unmatched work placement opportunities.

Please note: If you are applying directly from high school, you must apply to the qualifying first year of Engineering. After you complete your first year you will have the opportunity to choose a specific degree program.

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Qualifying Year

If you are applying directly from high school, you must enter into a qualifying first year of Engineering. This first-year curriculum is designed to give you a solid foundation and introduce you to the vast opportunities available. You'll not only increase your academic capacity; you'll also discover how you can shape your future career.

<https://www.ualberta.ca/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-of-science-in-chemical-engineering-chemical-engineering.html>
<https://www.ualberta.ca/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-of-science-in-engineering-qualifying-year.html>

Admissions Requirements for 2024 - 2025

This information is for students applying directly from high school.

English Language Arts 30-1
Mathematics 30-1
Mathematics 31
Chemistry 30
Physics 30

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/>

Scholarships

Mountain View County Citizenship Award

Amount: \$1000



Eligibility: Students residing in *Rural Mountain View County*, in good academic standing who participate in extracurricular activities and are involved in the community

Process:

1. A letter stating why you believe you should receive this award and outlining your future plans.
2. Two letters of reference from community organizations you work for or volunteer with
3. Confirmation of your academic standing and high school completion date.

Deadline: Feb. 28th Pick up an application at the DHS office or the HUB!



VERSORIUM SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$500



Eligibility: Students residing in *Mountain View County* and enrolled in an accredited Canadian based University or College with preference given to those enrolled in the skilled trades, engineering or an environmental program

Process:

1. Complete *online application* providing information about WHY you deserve the scholarship, your FUTURE plans and your EXTRA CURRICULAR involvement

Application: <https://www.versoriumenergy.com/scholarship-bursary-application>



Important Dates

2025



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 1st Day Semester 2	4	5 Subway Hot Lunch	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Waffles With Strawberries Hot Lunch	13 Info session for grade 11/12 during GLT	14 Valentines Day	15 Grad Bottle Drive
16 Winter Break	17 Winter Break	18 Winter Break	19 Winter Break	20 Winter Break	21 Winter Break	22
23	24	25	26 Butter Chicken Hot Lunch	27 Pink Shirt Day	28 Mountain View County Scholarship Due to School office	



2025

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2	3	4	5	6	7 PD Day No School	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St.Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 PD Day No School	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	