

DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Dear DHS Families,

As we step into March, I am incredibly proud to share some remarkable achievements that highlight the academic excellence at Didsbury High School. Thanks to the hard work of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the support of our families, DHS continues to shine as a leader in education within our province.

Outstanding Academic Achievements:

We are thrilled to announce that DHS has achieved a 5-year high school completion rate of **91%**, demonstrating our commitment to ensuring every student has the support and resources needed to reach the finish line. This achievement reflects the perseverance of our students and the dedication of our staff to guide them along the way.

Our students' participation in the Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) is **10%** higher than the provincial average, showcasing their engagement and our community's emphasis on academic growth and assessment readiness.

When it comes to diploma exams, **84%** of our Grade 12 students are achieving the acceptable standard, which is well above the provincial average. Even more impressive, **96%** of students completing a diploma course passed that course (269/280- courses passed), demonstrating the strength of our instructional practices and the hard work of our students.

One of the most telling indicators of our academic environment is the number of students who are challenging themselves academically. 63% of our Grade 12 students wrote four or more diploma exams—higher than the provincial average year after year. Since only two exams are required for graduation, this statistic reflects our students' ambition to broaden their knowledge and keep as many post-secondary opportunities open as possible.

These accomplishments are not just numbers—they represent real stories of growth, ambition, and the bright futures being built within our walls. Whether students are pursuing post-secondary education, trades, or entering the workforce, they are leaving DHS with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to thrive.

Looking Ahead:

As we move through March, we remain focused on maintaining this momentum. Our staff continues to offer support through extra help sessions, Guided Learning Time, and personalized learning opportunities. We encourage students to make the most of these resources and continue to set their sights high.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. Your involvement and support are vital to our collective success. Should you have any questions, ideas, or need support, our doors are always open. Hopefully March continues with warmer weather and sunny days. Have a great month.

The DHS Admin Team



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Program a Huge Success!

Our school's Breakfast Program is off to a fantastic start! Thanks to the dedication of our Wellness worker, LST Lead and the incredible generosity of our donors—FCC, Zion Thrift Shop, Whitecap Resources Inc., Versorium Energy and Daphne's Market—students are enjoying delicious and nutritious breakfasts every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We are so grateful for your support in making this program a reality!

March 2025

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Library News

Now that semester 2 is well underway, students should have returned or renewed all of their semester 1 books. Please encourage your student to check their school email for overdue notices to avoid any unnecessary fines for lost books. (If they see an email for a book they believe they have returned, encourage them to check the send date before coming to the library to resolve the issue.)



2025
Yearbooks
on sale now!

Order online using
your school fee
account or stop by
the office/library.



This year's theme:
DHS: deCLASSified

Leadership News

This month, our student leadership team has been working hard to bring some fun and delicious activities to our school! Get ready to dive into some tasty treats and show your school spirit.

Pi Day Pie-Eating Contest!

Mark your calendars for **March 14th**, because we're celebrating Pi Day with a good old-fashioned pie-eating contest! That's right, get ready to get messy and show off your pie-consuming prowess. All students and staff are encouraged to participate in this fun and hilarious event. Come cheer on your classmates and maybe even join in the sugary chaos! More details on times and locations within the school will be announced soon.

Gold Rush Competition!

Get your teams ready! On March 17th, our leadership team is hosting a thrilling Gold Rush competition! Teams of four will compete in a series of challenges, testing their teamwork, problem-solving skills, and speed. Registration is required, and teams must be entered by March 13th. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to work together and win!

Hot Lunch is Back!

Don't forget that our leadership team is also continuing to offer convenient and delicious hot lunch options! Ordering is now available online, making it easy to plan your meals for the week. Support our leadership team and enjoy a tasty lunch without the hassle of packing one!

Our student leaders are dedicated to creating a vibrant and engaging school community. Thank you for your support and participation in their initiatives.



Leadership Activities

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Pie for sale at lunch

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PER PIECE

Brought to you by: DHS LEADERSHIP

Leadership Activities

DHS Leadership Presents:



Sign-up your team of 4
March 13 - 14th

COMPETITION WILL TAKE
PLACE MARCH 17TH

Leadership Hot Lunch

MARCH LUNCHES!!

DHS Leadership Lunch



\$10

March 5
Dairy Queen



\$7

March 12
Taco Salad



\$7

March 19
Pizza



\$7

March 27
Coconut Chicken
& Rice



- GOOD -
**Food
is
Good**
♥ MOOD ♥



Support the 2025 Grads! Win Big and Save with These Fundraisers!

Our 2025 graduating class is working hard to make their graduation a memorable event, and they need your support! They've launched two fantastic fundraisers that offer you the chance to win big and save on your everyday shopping.

Raffle for a Stunning Bronze Sculpture and More!

Imagine owning a beautiful bronze sculpture! The 2025 Grad class is raffling off this incredible piece of art as their grand prize. Second prize is also amazing: a \$500 gift card to Save-On-Foods. This is a fantastic opportunity to add a unique piece to your collection or to win a significant grocery gift card. Raffle tickets are on sale now, but don't delay! The deadline to purchase tickets is **March 15th**. Get your tickets from any 2025 Grad student or the following locations:

- Value Drug Mart
- ATB
- Credit Union
- Little House of Wireless
- Frayed Knot

Save on Groceries with Save-On-Foods Gift Cards!

In addition to the raffle, the Grad class is also selling Save-On-Foods gift cards. This is an easy way to support the grads while saving on your regular grocery shopping. Purchase gift cards in [\$25, \$50, \$100 Denominations and help the 2025 class reach their fundraising goals. These gift cards make wonderful gifts also.

Your support of these fundraisers directly contributes to the 2025 Grad class's graduation activities. Let's come together as a school community to make their final year a success!



The Friends of Didsbury High School Society

PRIZE RAFFLE

Tickets \$10 each



First Prize: *Original Bronze Sculpture "Mustang" by Jay Contway*

Value \$3000



Second Prize: *Save On Foods Grocery Card*

Value \$500



Draw Date: March 15, 2025

WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED BY PHONE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL GRADS OR

Didsbury ATB

Olds Little House of Wireless

Didsbury Save on Foods

Gil's Truck & Auto

Didsbury Connect First Credit Union

Didsbury Value Drug Mart

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

Moose Jaw Trip

Exciting Performances at Olds Kiwanis Music Festival!

Mark your calendars! Our talented Grade 9, Senior, and Jazz Bands will be performing at the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival on March 18th, 19th, and 20th. We encourage everyone to come out and support our musicians as they showcase their hard work and dedication. Specific performance times will be announced closer to the festival.

Friendly reminder that the final payments for our exciting trip to Moose Jaw are due on March 24, 2025. Please ensure all outstanding balances are settled by this date to secure your spot.

If you have any questions regarding the Moose Jaw trip payments or the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival, please don't hesitate to contact Marcus Brodie. We're looking forward to a wonderful trip to Moose Jaw and outstanding performances at the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival!

Athletic News

Get Ready to Rumble! JV Boys Host Zone Championships!

The gym is about to explode with excitement! Our very own JV Boys Basketball team is hosting the South Central Zone Championships on March 14th and 15th! Get ready for two days of intense action and thrilling plays.

Come be a part of the electrifying atmosphere and witness our JV boys battle for the championship title! Our boys will be hitting the court for their first game on March 14th at 1:00 PM. Let's pack the stands, bring the noise, and show our unwavering support! This is our chance to cheer them on to victory and show the South Central Zone what Didsbury High spirit is all about!

Curling Success

A huge congratulations to the curling team who took home bronze at Provincials! The finals were rough, but they played with integrity and perseverance and we could not be more proud of their accomplishment.



Some School Fun

Grade 10s Launch Financial Literacy Challenge: "Learn About Your Taxes" on ChatterHigh!

Our Grade 10 students have taken the initiative to boost our school's financial literacy by launching a school-wide competition on ChatterHigh! The challenge, titled "Learn About Your Taxes," aims to educate students and the wider school community about the intricacies of the Canadian tax system.

This engaging competition isn't just for students! Parents, friends, and community members are encouraged to participate and contribute to Didsbury High's success. By creating a "Friend of" account on ChatterHigh and selecting Didsbury High as their school, they will be linked to our team and their participation will count towards our overall score.

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Learn About Your Taxes Competition - Winter AA

12 days left!

This competition is brought to you by:

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
Agence du revenu du Canada

Competition Information

Type	Duration	Prizes
School Module	Jan 29 - Mar 07	1 st Place \$500 cash prize 2 nd Place \$350 cash prize 3 rd Place \$200 cash prize 4 th Place \$100 cash prize

All Canadian high school and middle school students are invited to participate in the Learn About Your Taxes competition based on the Learn About Your Taxes Course by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). From January 29 - March 7, you will access the competition. Top schools will receive cash prizes and students will earn certificates upon completion of the Completing a Basic Tax Return course. This 'AA' leaderboard is for schools with 100-499 students.

First Name: Kelly
Last Initial: D
User Type: Parent

I identify as:
 Male Female Other

Email: [Empty field]

[Click here to change your password](#)

To join the competition, simply visit ChatterHigh.com, create an account, and select Didsbury High School. Let's work together to make Didsbury High a leader in financial literacy!



University Information Session During GLT

Explore Your Creative Future: Center for Arts and Technology Presentation!

Calling all aspiring artists and designers! On **Tuesday, March 4th**, during GLT, we will be hosting a special presentation in the library by a liaison from the Centre for Arts and Technology in Kelowna, British Columbia.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in pursuing a career in audio or video recording/production, photography, animation, graphic and web design, or interior design. The Centre for Arts and Technology is a top-tier college with a wide range of programs and a stunning campus.

Come and learn about their diverse offerings and get your questions answered in person! Everyone is welcome to attend. Don't miss out on this chance to explore your creative potential!



University Spotlight

Do you know a rural high school student curious about a career in pharmacy?

On March 10th from 6-8PM, RhPAP will be hosting a free, two-hour “How Do I Get There?” webinar with the Alberta Pharmacy Students Association.

This session teaches you about the profession of pharmacy. It answers questions like: What do pharmacists do? Where can pharmacists work? What skills do you need to be a pharmacist? If this interests you, we also cover the process of becoming a pharmacist starting from high school to getting into the PharmD program at the University of Alberta.

We will give a brief overview of the topics you will cover and the layout of the program. Don't miss this opportunity to explore a meaningful and rewarding career path!

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/how-do-i-get-there-alberta-pharmacy-students-association-registration-1248701542929?aff=oddtcreator>



This free interactive Zoom session is available to rural Alberta high school students, parents, and teachers.

**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Join us to learn more about a career as a pharmacist after high school. In this session, ask questions and engage in conversation around education pathways with representatives from the Alberta Pharmacy Students Association. Hear firsthand experiences that will inspire you to take the next step towards your dream career.



Scan to register.



RhPAP.ca | info@rhpap.ca

This free interactive Zoom session is available only to rural Alberta high school students
*Financial contribution for RhPAP has been provided through Alberta Health

Scholarships

A. BERNARD AND
MARY B. DIXON
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Amount varies each year

1. Two reference letters (one from a teacher, and one from a community member)
2. Working copy of high school transcript
3. Alberta College/University acceptance letter
4. Essay submission

*You must create an account with *grantinterface* in order to apply

Deadline: March 15th

Application: <https://rddcf.ca/a-bernard-mary-b-dixon-memorial-scholarship/>

Trey Purdie Memorial Scholarship

The Trey Purdie Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the life and legacy of Trey Purdie, an exemplar young man and former member of the Alberta High School Rodeo Association (AHSRA). Trey's dedication to his community, love of rural life, and passion for rodeo have inspired the creation of two distinct scholarship opportunities, aimed at supporting students who share his values.



CESD Students: \$1000

AHSRA Members: \$2000

Require Documents:

1. Completed application form: <https://rddcf.ca/trey-purdie-memorial-scholarship-2/>
2. Two references
3. University/College acceptance letter
4. Working copy of high school transcript
5. An application essay (300-500 words)

Deadline: May 31st 2025

Community News

ART ATTACK

@ DIDSBURY LIBRARY



Art workshops for youth, instructed by acclaimed artist Mark Cromwell from Color Club Creative Works .

Registration fee \$10 per session

Call or head to our website to sign-up

Ages 9+

Session 1

Learn to Draw Caricatures
2:00-3:30 PM
March 7th, 2025

Session 2

Intro to Manga Art
2:00-3:30 PM
March 21, 2025



Didsbury
Municipal
Library



403.335.3142

didsburylibrary.ca

Community News



Fun outdoor
soccer for kids
ages 4 to 15!

Season runs
April-June

Coed teams for
each age group:
U5, U7, U9, U11,
U13 and U15.

Didsbury Minor Soccer Association

New this year!
U11 Girls team and a U15 coed!!

registration opens February 1, 2025.

didsburysoccer.ca



didsburysoccer@gmail.com



Important Dates



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 DQ Hot Lunch	6 Lake Louise Ski Trip	7 PD Day No School	8
9	10	11	12 Taco Salad Hot Lunch	13	14 PI Day	15
16	17 St.Patrick's Day	18	19 Friends Pizza Hot Lunch	20 Nakiska Ski Trip	21 PD Day No School	22
23	24	25	26 Coconut Chicken Hot Lunch	27 Parent teacher Interviews	28	29
30	31					



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday No School	19
20	21 Easter Monday	22 Spring Break	23 Spring Break	24 Spring Break	25	26
27	28	29	30			