## February '23 Newsletter

# **Hugh Sutherland School**

A huge hello to the entire Hugh Sutherland School community!

I hope you all have been enjoying the wonderful weather we have been having in January, or at least up until this last weekend! We know it has been a busy month with learning activities and exams, but as always, we do appreciate your understanding and support for HSS!

### **Upcoming Events**

Jan 31-Feb 28 - 6B & 6C Swimming Lessons

Feb 2 - School Council 7:00 PM

Feb 10 - No School

Feb 13 - Science Fair

Feb 13 - Pink Shirt Day

Feb 14 - HS Nakiska Ski Trip

Feb 15 - Safer Schools Together Presentations

Feb 15 - Gr 5 WinSport Ski Trip

Feb 16 - Gr 6 Winsport Ski Trip

Feb 17 - Gr 7/8 Nakiska Ski Trip

Feb 20 - Family Day

Feb 20-24 - Winter Break

Feb 23/24 - Teachers' Convention One of the big events going on within the school this past month has been the high school final exams. Staff has been busy preparing and students have been busy (and a little stressed) writing Diploma, Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and regular class finals. We are very proud of our students and we know they have done well on these important assessments. Marks are visible at all levels, MS and HS on Monday, January 30th. Please take some time, go over the report with your child and contact the school if you have any questions or need additional support.

We have lots of excellent activities that are continuing at the school through January. Basketball is in full swing now with many teams representing HSS, home of the Kodiaks! We also have several clubs and events running with planning under way for the upcoming Science Fair. The choir and bands are still making great music and our spring drama production committee is busy putting together the next performance.

We continue to deeply appreciate the volunteers that make our breakfast and lunch programs possible. It is truly amazing to see the number of students who regularly start their day with a cup of cereal, fruit, bagel or a tasty waffle. Thanks parents for all you do!

We keep working on building within Hugh Sutherland School the safest and most positive learning environment for all of our students. To support this we have Safer Schools Together coming in from BC to work with our students, parents and staff around social media, digital awareness and cyber safety. Please mark February 15th at 7:00 pm on your calendars to come to the school and catch this very important and critical presentation!

We appreciate you as parents. It has been wonderful to see the number of parents who have come out to our parent council meetings and provide real feedback on how we continue to improve HSS. Our next council meeting is scheduled for February 2nd at 7:00 pm. and will be in our Learning Hub. It would be great to see you there.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

George Thomson on behalf of the HSS admin team

### **Science Fair**



The Hugh Sutherland School Science Fair is taking place on Monday, February 13. This will be a traditional Science Fair, with students completing trifold board projects. If you plan to participate, you must fill out and return an entry form to the office(Mrs. Sadek or the library (Ms. Jen) by Friday, February 3.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Chicken Fried Rice & Egg Rolls	2 Cheeseburger, Veggies & Chips	3 PIZZA
6	BASICS	7 Sloppy Joes & Veggies	8 Pancakes & Breakfast Sausage	9 Penne & Meat Sauce	10 PIZZA
13	BASICS	14 Sweet & Sour Meatballs & Rice	15 Hot Dog, Veggies & Chips	16 Subway (Feb 9th Order Deadline)	17 PIZZA
27	BASICS	28 Taco In A Bag			

### From The Desk Of Mrs. Reaman

ATTENTION GRADS - Please check your school email for instructions on how to book Grad Photos if you were unable to get them done in December. Because of the cold weather, we needed to add two more dates of February 16 & February 17, 2023 for Grad Sittings.

Please let Mrs. Reaman know if you have any questions.

Grade 9-12 Schedules will be handed out on Tuesday, Jan 31, 2023, the first day of semester two! Please email Mrs. Reaman if you would like your schedule emailed to you before then. The last day to Add/Drop both Core/Option Courses is February 17, 2023.

Semester Two ONLINE Dual Credit students: pay attention to your email and listen to announcements for a meeting during FLT for information about your upcoming course.

### **Gr 12's Going To Theatre Calgary**



On February 8th the Grade 12's are going to Theatre Calgary to watch *Little Red Warrior and His Lawyer*.

Field trip forms have been sent out. Be sure to get them in ASAP.

### **Safer Schools Together**



Safer Schools Together will be at Hugh Sutherland School on February 15th. There will be two student presentations during the day and a parent presentation at 7:00 PM.

Visit their website here - <u>Safer Schools Together</u>

### **Ski Trips**

We have several school ski trips planned in February. Field trip forms have been sent out. Be sure to get them in ASAP.

February 14 - High School PE Ski Trip to Nakiska

February 15 - Grade 5 Ski Trip to Winsport - no classes at school

February 16 - Grade 6 Ski Trip to Winsport - no classes at school

February 17 - Grade 7/8 Ski Trip to Nakiska - students not attending are expected to be in class.



### **PINK SHIRT DAY - FEBRUARY 13th**

Hugh Sutherland School will be recognizing Pink Shirt Day on Monday, February 13th because we are on winter break on Wednesday, February 22nd.



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### ... for parents and guardians

### Embracing Indigenous students and their families

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

Acting in support of our commitment to our 900 Indigenous students and their families, and to embrace Indigenous Learning for all students and staff, we will be installing Treaty flags inside schools across our division as a sign of respect to Indigenous Peoples.

Recently, our Board of Trustees, Leadership Team, and School Administration Teams shared an important flag ceremony with Elders, Knowledge Keepers and special guests from Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and the Métis Nation.

It was a touching and historic moment for our school division. It fills us with tremendous pride as we continue to make authentic steps forward with respect to truth and reconciliation. It was a special day in our critically important journey.

I would like to thank our Indigenous Learning team for bringing us together with our honoured guests, and to all our administrators, staff and trustees for what they have all done to this point and for what they will continue to do.

The admin team from your child's school will provide further information on their own flag ceremony as their plans evolve, and we thank you for walking alongside us throughout this journey. In Chinook's Edge, our actions will always speak louder than our words.







Superintendent Kurt Sacher shared a warm greeting with honoured guests before addressing the audience, while students provided a spirited celebration in dance at the Indigenous Flag ceremony. Chinook's Edge is working to ensure our Indigenous students and families feel welcome, cared for and respected through our Indigenous Students Matter committee, our Indigenous Learning Team with reps in every school, and our heartfelt commitment. Please read more <a href="here">here</a>.

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