

# Hugh Sutherland School



## December '22 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

- Dec 1 - Red & Green Day
- Dec 2 - Gr 5/6 Didsbury HS Play
- Dec 4 - \$2 Float Orders Start
- Dec 7 - HS Leadership Carol Sing In Community
- Dec 8 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- Dec 8 - Gr 5-8 Float Order Deadline
- Dec 9 - No School
- Dec 12 - Christmas Hat Day
- Dec 13 - Gr 7/8 Float Day
- Dec 14 - Gr 5/6 Float Day
- Dec 14 - 6:00 PM Christmas Concert
- Dec 15 - PJ Day
- Dec 16 - Gr 9-12 MADD Presentation
- Dec 16 - Gr 9-12 Dance
- Dec 20-22 - Grad Photos
- Dec 22 - HS PE Ski Trip
- Dec 23 - Christmas Dress Up Day
- Dec 23 - Last Day of Classes
- Dec 24-8 - Christmas Break

A huge hello to the entire Hugh Sutherland School community!

I hope you are all staying active and warm during this cold snap! Well, it has certainly been a busy time here at Hugh Sutherland School with lots of fantastic learning going on and many exciting activities happening! It is the start of December and here at HSS we are swinging fully into the Christmas Season with Christmas spirit as well as Kodiak spirit abounding :-)!

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight for all of you some of the great things happening within HSS over the last few weeks as well as what is coming up in the near future. 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.

We have had huge success with our sports programs as a successful volleyball season has wrapped up and now the busy basketball season is in full swing as many teams are off participating in tournaments this weekend. We are looking forward to an awesome season!

The school choirs and bands are practising and getting ready for our upcoming Christmas concerts. A huge congratulations to our student actors, musicians and bakers as they worked so hard for the recent Renaissance Evening. I also want to thank all of the staff and parents that supported this wonderful evening that showcased our cooking and fine arts programs. It is impressive to see the number of students who come out every week for a variety of clubs and activities running out of the Learning Commons.

I am really proud of the large number of students who are involved with work experience and dual credit opportunities with Olds College. Today we just had several of our high school students head off to dual credit welding at Old's College. Stay tuned for a post secondary field trip to Edmonton coming up in the second semester.

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 School Together coming in from BC to work with most of our classes around social media and digital awareness.

As I mentioned, the Christmas Season is now officially here at Hugh Sutherland. Students and staff are pulling out their Christmas colours and donning their ugly Christmas sweaters as several theme days and activities are being planned and put into place throughout the school.

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 and will be in our Learning Hub. It would be great to see you there.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

Please let us know if you have any questions.

George Thomson on behalf of the admin team

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Sweet & Sour Meatballs & Rice	2 Pizza
5 Basics	6 Chilli and a Cheese Bun	7 Chicken Fried Rice & Egg Rolls	8 Grilled Cheese & Fries	9 CLOSED
12 Basics	13 Taco In A Bag	14 Pancakes & Sausage	15 Subway (Online Order Only)	16 Pizza
19 Basics	20 Perogies & Sausage	21 Hot Dog, Chips & Veggies	22 Penne & Bolognese Sauce	23 Pizza

## HSS Art Exhibit

The Fall Student Art Exhibition is being hosted at the Carstairs Public Library for the month of December. Be sure to head over to the library to see the exhibition.



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**Reduce Stigma. Receive Information. Reflect on Strategies.**

## From The Desk of Mrs. Reaman

**Grad Photos** - ALL Grade 12s need to book a sitting for your grad portrait. Please follow the instructions in your Grad Google.

**Interested in Dual Credit?** Please email Mrs Reaman - [sreaman@cesd73.ca](mailto:sreaman@cesd73.ca) if you are interested in a dual credit opportunity in semester two! Check out the [Promotional Poster Here](#).

**Scholarship** opportunities are expanding- Please keep checking the Grad 2023 Careers and Guidance Google Classroom for requirements to apply.

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## HSS Athletics

HSS Basketball is now underway. This year we have 9 teams taking to the court. Good luck and safe travels to all of our players that are participating in games and tournaments this weeked.

Just a reminder to parent drivers that you need to fill out volunteer driver forms at the office and provide proof of liability insurance as well.



Our grade 5 and 6 classes enjoyed the production of "Bigitty Bad & The Three Little Pigs"



# HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WARM THIS WINTER

Hugh Sutherland School is collecting winter outerwear from  
December 1-16

Share  
The  
Warmth

Hats, Coats & Mitts Drive

## Renaissance Feast

It was nice to hold the Renaissance Feast this year without covid restrictions. Held on November 24, 2022 it was a showcase of collaboration between many areas of the school. The East gym was transformed for the evening into Sutherland Castle, complete with King, Queen, Lady in Waiting, Wizard, Knight and Friar. The High School Foods classes provided the meal, the Grade 8/9 Band and the Choir provided the music, and Drama provided the theatrical experience. We even had a "peasant's market" where some of the shop students had wares for sale. Many thank yous to everyone who attended and all those that helped clear the gym for a basketball clinic the following day. Also deepest gratitude to all the students and staff who worked together to make this a truly remarkable event.



## High School Leadership Lowdown

For the sake of all cancer research and in support of Breah, Mrs. Pike shaved her head today! Last month was Movember; thank you to everyone who participated! Visit our Instagram to see the most recent photos of all of the volunteers, and don't forget to cast your vote for your favourite faculty and student images! @hss\_leadership

Our team has planned many school-wide festivities and an entire Spirit Week of dress-up days are coming up as Christmas approaches; be sure to check the school calendar and listen to morning announcements for the specific dates. All of our dress-up days and many activities will also give you the chance to earn points for Battle of the CAs.

Secret Candy Canes is one of our favourite events. You can participate in this activity by purchasing a Candy Cane for \$1 at the HUB during lunch on December 12 and 13. The Candy Cane includes a note on which you can write the friend's name and a message for them while keeping your identity a secret. We are also hosting another fabulous high school dance on December 16 from 6-9pm - wear your semi-formal attire, come to our winter wonderland and see Mr. Taylor fulfill his lifelong dream of being a DeeJay!

The leadership team has been focusing on community service and doing volunteer work. This month, please consider donating outdoor winter wear (box by the office) that will be donated to The Mustard Seed to help homeless Calgarians. The Terry Fox Run, the Scare Away Hunger Food Drive, the distribution of Kindness Notes across Carstairs, assisting teachers at our school, and many school events have all benefited from our assistance in the past. The following entertaining activities, including elementary school students, are part of our forthcoming community service events: carolling through Carstairs, Secret Candy Canes, a day in the lives at the Mustard Seed, and more!

Stay tuned for more leadership driven fun after the winter break!





# WINTER DANCE

**December 16th**

*6:00pm-9:00pm*

**Semi-formal attire!!**

**2\$ admission in semi-formal wear**

**4\$ admission in informal wear**

**Come early for warm food!**



## Modeling what great citizenship truly means

A message from Superintendent Kurt Sacher

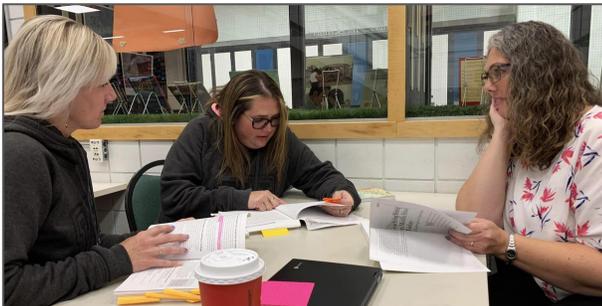
I believe that positive energy is present in Chinook's Our students model what great citizenship truly Edge whenever people from our school communities means. In Chinook's Edge, we believe citizenship gather, and this fall there has been a renewed sense involves the character of an individual and their of gratitude for our time together in school each day. respect for the greater societal good. At a time We know the holiday season ignites an even greater when lessons in the importance of being a good sense of compassion and goodwill in our schools, as neighbour, a helpful friend and a respectful citizen students and staff answer the call to be good global are needed, we applaud our students and staff for citizens. They are sharing our caring culture by the plentiful examples of their kindness.

ensuring the shelves are well stocked at area Food Banks, filling hundreds of shoeboxes for Operation Thank you to everyone who nurtures this Christmas Child, performing seasonal concerts at generosity of spirit all year long in Chinook's seniors' homes, and gathering warm mittens for Edge! those less fortunate.

### Welcome to Kindergarten!

Beginning in January, Chinook's Edge will be accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Children must turn five years old by December 31, 2023 to begin attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2023. Online registration will begin on January 9, 2023. Please visit our website for [Kindergarten information](#), including the Chinook's Edge schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten programming!

### Professional Learning Day November 25



These teachers and staff at Westglen School, as in schools throughout Chinook's Edge, have been engaged in high leverage strategies to support student progress during the division's Professional Learning Days.

Focussed efforts on Professional Learning Days have improved student achievement results, and support for those having difficulty, so that high school graduation is a reality for everyone! Read more [at this link](#).

### Responding to the rise of respiratory viruses



The chief medical officer of health, Dr. Mark Joffe, has issued a statement about the increase of respiratory viruses in Alberta. As always, Chinook's Edge takes its lead in these matters from the officials at Alberta Health Services, and share their priority to keep our school communities safe. The government's full statement can be read [at this link](#).

We appreciate your attention to the preventative measures Dr. Joffe outlines. Our efforts together make a huge impact in our safe and caring schools!



# A Year to Remember

Get excited. Get inspired.  
Get ready for grad pictures.

**Prestige**  
Photography by Lifetouch

## You only graduate once, your grad pictures matter.

As a part of the Lifetouch + Shutterfly family, Prestige Photography by Lifetouch is excited to help you celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event!



### Step 1

Review your photo session options here and select your favourite.



### Step 2

Visit [prestigeportraits.ca](https://prestigeportraits.ca) to schedule the session that is right for you.



### Step 3

Come prepared! Be sure to bring multiple outfits and props to your session.

## BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT:

Hugh Sutherland High School

Grad Photo Dates: Dec 20th, 21st, 22nd.

Location: School

Notes: Please come to your session 15 minutes prior to start time.

[prestigeportraits.ca](https://prestigeportraits.ca)

If you have any questions regarding booking an appointment or what to expect please contact us:

780-437-2431



## Hugh Sutherland School Class of 2022 Graduation Photos FAQ's



When are Grad Photos this year?	The school has booked photos for <b>December 20-22, 2022</b> at Hugh Sutherland School.
When do we sign up for Grad Photos?	Book your appointment online at <a href="http://prestigeportraits.ca">prestigeportraits.ca</a> Choose Alberta & Carstairs and then "locate your school"; you will choose the Deluxe Sitting. You must get to the final "confirmation" screen to ensure you have fully booked your session.
What times do the photos sessions run?	Photo sittings will be every 30 minutes, from 8 am to 4 pm. Please <b><u>do not be late</u></b> for your appointment as there will not be time to fit you in.
How long will I get to have my photos taken?	Appointments are 30 minutes each in front of the camera... please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time to do your paperwork and be fitted for your gown.
How much is the sitting fee?	There is a \$40 sitting fee, payable online when you sign up (paypal or credit) or on the day of your sitting (cash, cheque, debit or credit). This includes 8 - 10 formal cap & gown photos and 8 - 10 casual photos with a large variety of poses and backgrounds. Grad photo packages are an additional cost.
Can anyone join me in my photos?	These are individual photos only. Pets are also not permitted for graduation photography.
What should I bring for the casual photos?	You are welcome to bring props that are important to you during this time in your life. For example, sports gear, musical instrument/sheet music, art supplies, etc. You do not have to bring a prop.
What should I wear in the casual photos?	Casual clothing emphasizes comfort and personal expression. Please bring something you love and want to be photographed in. Remember, these could be full length so don't forget to wear nice shoes.
What should I wear in the formal photos?	Your formal photos will be in the navy gown and gold sash (please see past composites on the wall). Gentlemen: Please wear a dress shirt and tie that compliments the school colours Ladies: Please wear a tank top or v-neck for under the gown
Hair & Make up	Please keep your hair and make up natural, otherwise you may not like it. Please do not wear glitter. Hair cuts should be done the week before, not the day before.
Class Composite & Yearbook	If you do not wish to order a photo package, you will still need to be photographed for the grad composite and yearbook. We will take 2 photos in the gown and there is no charge for these images. Please sign up for an appointment as per the instructions above.
What if I miss my appointment?	Lifetouch will not be back to the school. Calgary studio appointments can be booked at <a href="https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/1dqj327c/">https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/1dqj327c/</a>
When will I get my proofs?	Your proofs will be mailed to you approximately three weeks after the final photo date.

# DECEMBER 2022

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25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26 Christmas Break	27 Christmas Break	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 <i>HAPPY New Year!</i>