

# CRESCENT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

May/June

2011

Newsletter

## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are already getting ready for graduation and that final exams are just around the corner. It's been another exciting year at Crescent Heights High School. We have seen outstanding sports, music, art and drama as well as a fine showing in the recent skills competition! This past month we have been registering students for next year. For the first time in our history, we have **registered students on-line** using our new program called PowerSchool. This should help us speed up the process in the long run. If you have not logged onto this program yet to check your son or daughter's marks and attendance, you can find out how to do so by contacting the office.



We have sent our student's home with **registration forms**, please sign and return them as soon as possible (if you haven't done so already) to ensure that your son or daughter is registered in classes.

## Changes Next Year:

There are going to be some significant changes next year at our school. For one, we **no longer have an early Wednesday or Friday dismissal** for students. Also, classes will start at 8:30 (busses arrive at 8:25) in the morning and our dismissal time will be 2:52 p.m. every day of the week. On the next page you will find a copy of our **new timetable** so that you can see when the day starts and ends and when students have their lunch breaks and so on. You will also see that we now have a **fixed daily schedule**, so that each day has the same order of classes. There are two classes in the morning and two classes after lunch for grade 9 to 12 senior high students. **Grade 9 to 12 classes** will be delivered in two semesters: one, September to January and the second February to June. **Grade 7 and 8** will have the same order of classes but will not be on the semester system. They will have some Day A and Day B days to allow them to take Elective and Career and Technology Classes. Junior High students will have their **core subjects with a small group of teachers** now: one for Social Studies and English and one or two for Science and Math. In effect, Crescent Heights High School is now two schools; one, a junior high grade 7 and 8 school and the other, a senior high grade 9 to 12 school. The two schools share similar resources and spaces to make the best of both worlds possible for all students.

Senior High students will now have a new program to take. **An Aesthetics lab** is being built over the next few months so that senior high students will be able to learn a new trade (**Nail Tech**) as part of their high school career. Many students have already signed up to take it.

Instead of early Wednesdays, teachers will meet to collaborate at the district and at the school level on **10 full day Fridays during the year**. A calendar with the dates will be posted on our webpage in the coming weeks.

We found our **Awards ceremony** during the day was a tremendous success and we enjoyed a large turnout. We plan to have both the **Junior and Senior High Awards** during the day next year. Please stay tuned to our webpage for the dates of these events.

**Other Celebrations:**

We hope you can join us on **Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** for our **Blue Wide Open Day**. The fun starts at 7:30 am and goes to 9:30 am. Join us on the way to work for a pancake and sausage breakfast right at the front entrance to the school. Come and visit with us, tour our school to enjoy all kinds of activities and see student work from our school year

On April 14, 2011 sixteen students from Crescent Heights High School competed in the **Alberta Regional Skills Competition**. Congratulations to all skills competitors who represented Crescent Heights High School very well. **Special recognition** goes to the following students:

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Good Luck to Tyler and Colby who have qualified for provincials in Edmonton on May 11-13.

We also thank the parents for putting on the wonderful **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. This was much appreciated by all!

I hope you enjoy our newsletter. You may have noticed that we have started posting a **daily bulletin on the Webpage**. This bulletin is read to the students over the PA system in the morning, posted on the office window for everyone to read and is emailed to all our teachers. Thanks to our parents on the School Council for the suggestion!

# CRESCENT HEIGHTS JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL

## 2011-2012 Timetable

Warning	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Bell - 8:25	Sr. High	Jr High	Sr. High	Jr. High	Sr. High	Jr. High	Sr. High	Jr. High	Sr. High	Jr. High
8:30 AM	Per. 1 83 mins.	Per. 1a 42 mins.	Per. 1 83 mins.	Per. 1a 42 mins.	Per. 1 83 mins.	Per. 1a 42 mins.	Per. 1 83 mins.	Per. 1a 42 mins.	Per. 1 83 mins.	Per. 1a 42 mins.
		Per. 1b 41 mins.		Per. 1b 41 mins.		Per. 1b 41 mins.		Per. 1b 41 mins.		Per. 1b 41 mins.
9:53 AM	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
5 mins.										
9:58 AM	Per. 2 83 mins.	Per. 2a 42 mins.	Per. 2 83 mins.	Per. 2a 42 mins.	Per. 2 83 mins.	Per. 2a 42 mins.	Per. 2 83 mins.	Per. 2a 42 mins.	Per. 2 83 mins.	Per. 2a 42 mins.
		Per. 2b 41 mins.		Per. 2b 41 mins.		Per. 2b 41 mins.		Per. 2b 41 mins.		Per. 2b 41 mins.
11:21 AM	Per. 3 Lunch 40 mins.	Per. 3 Lunch 40 mins.	Per. 3 Lunch 40 mins.	Per. 3 Lunch 40 mins.	Per. 3 Lunch 40 mins.	Per. 3 Lunch 40 mins.	Per. 3 Lunch 40 mins.	Per. 3 Lunch 40 mins.	Per. 3 Lunch 40 mins.	Per. 3 Lunch 40 mins.
12:01 AM	Per. 4 83 mins.	Per. 4a 42 mins.	Per. 4 83 mins.	Per. 4a 42 mins.	Per. 4 83 mins.	Per. 4a 42 mins.	Per. 4 83 mins.	Per. 4a 42 mins.	Per. 4 83 mins.	Per. 4a 42 mins.
		Per. 4b 41 mins.		Per. 4b 41 mins.		Per. 4b 41 mins.		Per. 4b 41 mins.		Per. 4b 41 mins.
1:24 PM	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
5 mins.										
1:29 PM	Per. 5 83 mins.	Per. 5a 42 mins.	Per. 5 83 mins.	Per. 5a 42 mins.	Per. 5 83 mins.	Per. 5a 42 mins.	Per. 5 83 mins.	Per. 5a 42 mins.	Per. 5 83 mins.	Per. 5a 42 mins.
		Per. 5b 41 mins.		Per. 5b 41 mins.		Per. 5b 41 mins.		Per. 5b 41 mins.		Per. 5b 41 mins.
2:52 PM	Sr. High	Jr High	Sr. High	Jr High	Sr. High	Jr High	Sr. High	Jr High	Sr. High	Jr High



March 17, 2011

Dear Parents:

**Re: A Message to Parents Concerning Education Budget Announcements**

The trustees of Medicine Hat School District No. 76 want to keep you informed about how the recent budget announcements from the Government of Alberta have presented a challenge to us in our efforts to continue to provide a top quality education to your children. In order to do this a little background information is useful.

Firstly, you should know that local school jurisdictions have only the revenue provided by the provincial government. Four years ago the government made a deal with the Alberta Teachers' Association that guaranteed salaries would increase according to a set formula. Previously, local school boards would negotiate with their own teachers to set wage increases. The provincial government believed at the time that this agreement would bring "labour peace" for five years. Local school boards across the province, including Medicine Hat School District No. 76, agreed to work with the government and the ATA to implement this agreement if the government guaranteed they would increase funding to the boards to cover the costs of these higher salaries. The government gave such a guarantee in writing. In the next year (school year 2011-12) that formula requires that teachers receive a salary increase of 4.4%.

Secondly, you need to know that the government provides money to school boards in a wide variety of grants. There is the "basic grant" and then there are a whole series of other grants. It is true that the government increased the "basic grant" by 4.4%. In the case of M.H.S.D. #76 this grant increase amounts to \$1,863,000. Thus the government claims that they have fulfilled their commitment to fund the salary increases. It is also true that the government has cut, and even eliminated, other grants. In our case these budget cuts amount to \$1,739,000 by the end of the 2012-13 school year. In effect, the provincial government has put money in one pocket while immediately removing it from our other pocket. Consequently, the government has put us in a position of being required to increase our salary expenses by far more than the dollars they provide to cover those required expenses. Unless some adjustments are made, our board will have a huge annual deficit of almost \$1.7 MILLION. Clearly this is unsustainable and some adjustments will have to be made.

Over the next two months we will work to put together a proposed budget with a view to do all we can to minimize the impact on children in the classroom. As has been our practice, we will release that proposed budget to the public in advance of any final approval by the Board of Trustees. We ask your patience with this process, and we will continue to keep you informed as updated information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Terry Riley  
Chair, Medicine Hat School District No. 76

**FEBRUARY SUPER SEVEN  
STUDENTS—2011**

- ★ 7A – Donovan Fode
- ★ 7B – Jerrod Braun
- ★ 7C – Faith Countryman
- ★ 7D – Kourtnei York
- ★ 7FI – Will Fraser
- ★ 7L - Brady Carson
- ★ 7M – Devin Corah
- ★ 7T – Brandon Nielson



**MARCH SUPER SEVEN  
STUDENTS—2011**

- ★ 7A – Alex Burgess
- ★ 7B – Corianne Rattai
- ★ 7C – Hayley Hynes
- ★ 7D – Morgan Rose
- ★ 7FI – Amanda Beaudoin
- ★ 7M – Brooklin Bellivance
- ★ 7T – Ashley Lawrence



**APRIL SUPER SEVEN  
STUDENTS—2011**

- ★ 7A – Darren Odland
- ★ 7B – Terrell Power
- ★ 7C – Dylan Rumberg
- ★ 7D – Darren Seitz
- ★ 7F1 – Sydnee Bell
- ★ 7M – Hailey Heffner
- ★ 7T – Bailey Anderson



Ms Armstrong's LA 8E students wrote and illustrated children's books and supplementary activity books. They read their books to kindergarten students at Webster Niblock School. Students submitted copies of their books to be sent to Africa, Asia and the West Indies in order to create libraries in schools.



Multimedia students Kelsea Kerner, Lara Passmore and Alyssa White filmed and edited a professional development resource video for Medicine Hat School District featuring Barrie Bennett. These videos have since been used by Barrie as an instructional tool in Ireland! Congratulations girls on your excellent technology skills that have helped teachers and students at home and abroad.

Submitted by: Donna Armstrong

## Alberta Regional Skills Competition

On April 14, 2011 students from Crescent Heights High School competed in the Alberta Regional Skills Competition. Congratulations to all skills competitors who represented Crescent Heights High School very well.

### Competing in Automotive Service Technician:

Dan Gaetz                      Scott Hannah                      Clayton Brandt  
Braeden Robinson            Tanner Tandler                      Tyson Heidebrect

### Competing in Culinary Arts:

Leanne Boxell                      Alex Yaremchuk                      Christien Ellis

### Competing in Cabinet-making:

Cameron Stock                      Brandon Falk

### Competing in Welding:

Colby Stonham                      Tristan White

### Competing in Carpentry:

Tyler Siwy

### Competing in TV/Video Production:

Alyssa White                      Lara Passmore

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## **Medicine Hat Thunder Midget B Girls** **Western Canadians Host**

The Medicine Hat Thunder Midget Girls team is recruiting players.

If you are born between 1992 and 1994 and want to play competitive fastball contact Quentin Fauth @ (403) 878-2471 or Lloyd Suderman @ (403) 502-3641.

Players desiring to play at this level should make contact with the above before April 15/11.

Try outs will be posted/communicated at a later date.

If your main residence is in Saskatchewan you will need to fill out a release form before May 1/2011. Please contact Quentin for this form.

### **Highlights**

**Tournaments in May – July across Alberta**

**Provincials in July**

**Western Canadians Host – August 4-7/2011**

**Medicine Hat Minor Softball Association**





**PYTHON BANTAM**  
**FOOTBALL SPRING CAMP**

*2008 TIER III SAMFA CHAMPIONS*  
*2009 NEWS CUP CITY CHAMPIONS*  
*2010 TIER II SAMFA CHAMPIONS*

**See the office for registration forms**

-students from grade 6-7-8  
-Practices run April 29th-May 12th

For more information contact:  
Lloyd.Bray@prrd.ab.ca





# MEDICINE HAT MINOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION 2011 REGISTRATION DAYS



*Registrations can also be dropped off at Sports Connection, Source for Sports on Kingsway Ave.*

Medicine Hat Mall  
Saturday, March 26, 9:30am-6:00pm  
and  
Medicine Hat Walmart  
Saturday, April 9, 9:00am-3:00pm



<u>BOYS &amp; GIRLS</u>				<u>GIRLS ONLY</u>			
<u>AGE</u>	<u>YEAR OF BIRTH</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>YEAR OF BIRTH</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>COST</u>
5-6	2005-2006	T-Ball(U6)	\$55	15-16	1995-1996	Bantam(U16)	\$85
7-8	2003-2004	Parent Pitch(U8)	\$55	17- 19	1992-1994	Midget(U19)	\$90
9-10	2001-2002	Mites(U10)	\$70	20- 23	1988-1991	Junior(U23)	\$90
11-12	1999-2000	Squirts(U12)	\$70				
13-14	1997-1998	PeeWee(U14)	\$75				
<p><i>(AGE LIMIT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2011)</i> (Maximum Family Rate \$170)</p>				<p><b>NOTE:</b> older players participating in the High school league will only be required to pay a portion of their school team fee <b>(yet to be determined as it depends on the numbers of school teams entered in the league).</b></p>			

For further information contact **504-1171** or check out our website at [www.medhatminorsoftball.ab.ca](http://www.medhatminorsoftball.ab.ca)

The Physical Education Department would like to thank all of the businesses for their support throughout the 2010-2011 school year. Without your support our PE program would not be as successful as it continues to be, we look forward to your support in the 2011-2012 school year.



### Immunizations

In the last 50 years, immunizations have saved more lives than any other health intervention. Infectious diseases were the leading cause of death worldwide 100 years ago. In Canada, they now cause less than five per cent of all deaths thanks to immunization programs across the country. Vaccines are still necessary to prevent diseases that have been greatly reduced or eliminated.

Immunizing your child is the best way to protect them against dangerous diseases that may have serious complications.

#### Why are immunizations given?

Immunizations protect individuals and communities by preventing the spread of disease. As more people are immunized, the disease risk for everyone is reduced.

#### Are vaccines safe?

Vaccines are safe with occasional mild, temporary side effects that may include tenderness and redness.

#### When are immunizations given?

While we recommend that immunization begin at infancy, it can be started at any age.

#### How are immunizations given?

Some immunizations are given in a single shot, while others require several doses over a period of time.

#### Do adults need immunizations?

The specific immunizations you need as an adult are determined by factors such as age, lifestyle, type and locations of travel, overall health and previous immunizations. Tetanus and diphtheria immunizations need to be repeated (booster shots) every 10 years in order to maintain immunity.

### Recommended Alberta Immunization Schedule for Children

AGE	VACCINE
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Grade 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dTap<sup>5</sup></li> <li>• HPV (3 doses for females)</li> <li>• Menveo<sup>6</sup></li> </ul>

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**For more information contact:**

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**Important Reminder  
To all Grade 9 Parents/Guardians**

Please sign and hand-in consent forms for the Meningococcal vaccinations scheduled for **May 27, 2011.**

Consent forms are available at the office.

**STUDENT SPEAK**

**Check out the newest column  
of the Medicine Hat News!!**

Students can **SPEAK**  
about what's on their **mind**  
every **Saturday.**  
**CHHS** students  
will be featured in **STUDENT SPEAK**  
until June 18<sup>th</sup>.



# First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education

## *History in the Hills*

"*History in the Hills*" is set up in a camp circle in the beautiful Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park - Alberta. The production comes together in this traditional Blackfoot territory to celebrate Aboriginal culture from an historic perspective, providing a time-line from time immemorial to recent contact with Occidental cultures.

History in the Hills carries visitors back in time to experience the beauty of Aboriginal history in the Cypress Hills and allows the artistic mind to operate in unison with the ancestors. This production allows participants to engage in First Nations cultures (Blackfoot Confederacy, Nakoda/Assiniboine, and Cree) and to connect with the Métis traditions that evolved from the connecting cultures. The North West Mounted Police role circa 1870 is well depicted. The archaeologist from the University of Calgary takes visitors further back 8000 years and proves Aboriginal inhabitation and the changes that occurred within their environment. Visitors learn about environmental awareness and respect, are educated on the flora and fauna of the area, watch a hide tanning demonstration and have a fry bread (bannock) snack. In this broad cultural experience set in traditional Blackfoot country, visitors will have an opportunity to take part in a traditional round dance.

To support students in participating in the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network Flag Contest, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education has partnered with the Esplanade. Students aged 12 to 17 are invited to the Esplanade's Discovery Room on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 to 7:30 PM. All materials will be provided, as well as a meal. Only those students with completed registration forms, including parent signatures, will be able to participate.

The winner receives \$500 and a trip to Winnipeg with their parent/guardian to be a part of APTN's Aboriginal Day Live celebrations on June 21, 2011. The winning design will be made into an actual flag, unveiled during the live broadcast of Aboriginal Day Live 2011, and then will be flown on top of APTN's headquarters in Winnipeg for one year!

We look forward to seeing as many students as possible exploring their creativity! To pick up the registration form or if you have any questions, please contact First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education teacher Jen Karpiuk at CHHS (403-527-6641, ext. 8653) or visit the Legacy Room (653).

## WHEN CONTACTING YOUR CHILD

In an effort to minimize interruptions to our school day, we try to limit the number of times classes are interrupted by PA announcements or phone calls to the classrooms.

These types of interruptions can have a negative impact on learning; therefore, we ask that parents who need to get in touch with their children contact the switchboard and leave them a message. Students can then be called down to the office to receive the message during our regular announcement times: first thing in the morning, just before the lunch bell, or at the end of the day. If your message is urgent, please indicate this to the receptionist and she will get in touch with the student right away. Lastly, please refrain from phoning or texting your children on their cell phones during school hours, as this would violate our school's Electronic Devices policy. Students are required to have their electronic devices turned off during class time, and if they need to contact a parent, we have a phone in the Main Office for them to use.

### REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away from school, please contact the Main Office to report the absence that day. By being proactive and contacting the school in a timely manner, you can help prevent miscommunications.

Success in school is directly related to your child being present in class, so please try to ensure that they can be at school as much as possible. If your child misses school and is not excused, he or she will be assigned a Wednesday Afternoon Detention in order to make up the time and work from missed classes. If your child is assigned a Wednesday Afternoon Detention, it will be up to the family to find transportation home.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

Please remember to contact the main office at CHHS if your address, phone number or any other contact information changes throughout the school year.

# MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Break (No School)	2 Return to Classes	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 School Coun- cil Meeting 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 French Lang. Arts 9 Pt. A	18 Grad Gown Distribution	19	20	21
22	23 Victoria Day (No School)	24	25	26 Wide Open Blue Day 7:30 -9:30am	27 Gr. 9 Meningococcal Vaccinations	28
29 Grad Church Service	30	31				

# June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Grad Ceremonies	<b>3</b> Grad Banquet	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Social Studies 10 Part A (1-3pm)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Last of classes for Grade 12 students	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> English 30-1 Pt. A English 30-2 Pt. A	<b>14</b> Last Day Senior High Students Social St. 30-1Pt.A Social St. 30-2Pt.A School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>15</b> French Lang Arts 30 Pt. A Social Studies 9	<b>16</b> Last Day Junior High Students English 30-1 Pt. A English 30-2 Pt. A	<b>17</b> Social St. 30-1Pt.B Social St. 30-2Pt.b	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> French Lang. Arts 9 Pt. B French Lang Arts 30 Pt. B	<b>21</b> Aboriginal Day	<b>22</b> English Lang. Arts 9 Pt. B Biology 30	<b>23</b> Science 9 Pure Math 30 App. Math 30	<b>24</b> Math 9 Chemistry 30	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Social Studies 9 Physics 30	<b>28</b> Science 30	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Last day for staff		