



REFLECTIONS

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January 15, 2010

Semester Change (Mr. Nunweiler)

With the end of Semester One fast approaching, it is important to encourage your son/daughter to complete all outstanding assignments in their courses and prepare for their upcoming final exams (see exam schedule below). During exam week some students may be asked by their teacher to complete any overdue assignments.

Buses will be running at their usual time throughout the week allowing students the opportunity to still attend school to complete any overdue work and prepare for Semester Two.

CHSS "Dance Showcase" (Ms. Moist)

The Annual Dance Recital is Thursday, January 21st. Students in grades 9-12 are showcasing their work from the first semester which will include a variety of different dance types; jazz, modern, contemporary, hip-hop and bollywood. The "Showcase" offers students a venue to highlight their hard work and determination.

Tickets to the show can be purchased in advance (\$5) from the dance students or at the door (\$8). Doors open at 6:00pm, and the show starts at 6:30pm.



Sr. Dance Students practicing their moves!

Bursaries/Scholarships

(Mrs. Stoochnoff/Mr. Culbertson)

Application forms and an Information Booklet were handed out to all Grade 12 students this week. As in past years nearly \$60,000 will be awarded to local Graduating Students this upcoming year. However, in order to be eligible for any of these \$\$ students must prepare an organized and complete application package. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to work together with their son/daughter to get this package organized and ready. Remember,

Graduation Transitions (Mr. Nunweiler & Mr. Boudreau)

Our first set of exit interviews will take place during exam week at the end of January. If any Grade 12 student wishes to complete their interview at this time, they must indicate their intent to Mr Boudreau or Mr. Nunweiler. This is a great opportunity to complete this 4-credit requirement for graduation. Grad Transition Planning (GTP) is a four credit mandatory program that must be completed in order to graduate in BC – no exceptions! Students complete the majority of their assignments by accessing the online web site @ http://www.sd79.bc.ca/schools/Chemainus_Secondary/moodle/

Geography 12/Biology 12: Trip to Mt. St. Helen's is in the planning stages for early June. The trip is 3 nights down in the USA. The cost is approximately \$300 per student, plus food. Start saving your money now!!!!

S.H.O.E. (Students Helping Our Earth) (Ms. Ruest and Mrs. Baker)

- Christmas Boxes: Working with Chemainus Elementary students, we gathered items and filled 32 shoeboxes that were sent overseas for children in developing countries.
- We adopted a local family of 4 at Christmas. Gifts for each family member were purchased and a food hamper was provided. The \$500 spent on this project was from our fundraising projects.
- We have been twinned with a school from Toronto. They will be visiting Chemainus in April. Our students travel to Toronto in May 2010.
- **Fundraising activities: Please support our group**
 - o **Movie Night:** Thursday, Feb. 4, 6:30pm in the multipurpose room. Showing of "Old Dogs". \$5.00 includes admission, small popcorn and a pop.
 - o **Garage Sale:** Sat. Feb. 27 in the gym (8 am to 5pm).
 - o **Movie Night:** Wednesday, March 3, 7pm. in the multipurpose room. Showing of "Bandslam". \$5.00 includes admission, small popcorn and a pop.

Costa Rica Spring Break 2010:

We will be traveling to Costa Rica to help plant trees, work in a school, as well as learn about the geography and ecology of the country. Kayaking and whitewater rafting and a canopy tour will also be activities on this adventure.

Bake Sales: the last Thursday of each month we hold bake sales. Money from this and other fundraising efforts goes to support one of our local families at Christmas time. We provide a hamper and gifts. Money also goes to purchase chickens, goats and donkeys through Oxfam.

MOVIE NIGHTS @ CHSS: Thursday, Feb. 4, 7pm in the Multipurpose Room. Showing of "Old Dogs" (PG 13). Starring John Travolta and Robin Williams. Two friends and business partners find their lives turned upside down when strange circumstances lead to them being placed in the care of 7-year-old twins.

- o **\$5.00 includes admission, small popcorn and a pop.**



Wednesday, March 3, 7pm. in the multipurpose room.
Showing of **Bandslam (PG)**.

- o "Everyone can relate to this movie. 'Bandslam' is the rare teenage movie that is smart and real. This movie rocks!"
- o **\$5.00 includes admission, small popcorn and a pop.**

Future dates and movies to be determined:

- **Twilight Series** (double feature) TBA

ATHLETICS: (Ms. Hittinger)

Basketball is in full swing with Chemainus Secondary running five teams. Midget Boys, Midget Girls, Junior Boys, Senior Girls and Senior Boys.

We are hosting our Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament Saturday, February 13 from about 12:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Please come out and support our senior teams and their programs. Admission will be \$3.00 at the door.

Games are as follows:

- 12:00 pm Senior Boys vs. Recent Grads
- 1:30 pm Senior Girls vs. Recent Grads
- 3:00 pm **Timberwomen** 80's/90's grads vs. 2000-08 **Cougars**
- 4:30 pm **Timberman** 60' s/ 70' s vs. 80's and 90's

A Social will be held at the "Horseshoe" starting at 7:00pm. Former Grads and players are invited to attend. All Senior Basketball players will be selling tickets.

We are also running Jr. and Sr. Hockey Teams this season. Feel free to attend Home Games at Fuller Lake Arena most Tuesdays beginning @ 2:20PM. The Teams would love your support.

Thanks again to all those who are volunteering their time to coach, referee, and score-keep for Chemainus Secondary's Athletic Program. Without you we could not offer all the wonderful extra-curricular activities that take place in this school.

Our PE Program is having a little field problem and we are hoping you as the community can help out. Please do not bring any dogs to field to walk, run or do business. We have been cleaning up way too much doggie poo!! Please be kind and read the signs NO DOGS PERMITTED ON OR NEAR FIELD!!! Students play on the field and it is not sanitary for them.

Thank You!!

GRAD 2009 (Mr. & Mrs. Henry)

Reminder to grads to pay their fees of \$125 or they will be unable to attend prom/grad ceremonies.

STUDENT COUNCIL and LEADERSHIP (Mrs. Henry)

December was quite a busy month for students at Chemainus Secondary.

Student Council and Leadership students were busy selling candy canes. The money collected was donated to three charities: Chemainus Christmas Cheer program \$100, Cowichan United Way \$50 and the Wildlife Society \$25. Well done Chemainus!

We also had a Christmas semi-formal dance. Thank you to all the staff and parents who volunteered their time to make this event a success. Thanks to all the students that helped decorate and clean up after the dance.

Students hosted a Hot Chocolate sale on Tuesday January 12th at lunchtime. For only 75 cents it was a great treat during the lunch hour.

Chemainus Secondary in conjunction with the Elementary schools will be hosting *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader* on Friday January 29th from 6-8 pm. Any students interested in volunteering their time to help set up, serve food, operate the event or clean up can

see Mrs. Henry for more information. Students can enter individually or as a team. After all, this is a Secondary School so we have passed Grade 5. I also need students to volunteer to be 5th graders for the cheat, copy, peek portion of the game.

Student Council meetings are held every Wednesday at lunch in room 211. Everyone welcome.

DRY GRAD 2010 (Mrs. Douglas)

Half of the grad class is well on their way to helping us fundraise -- but it's not too late for the 'other half' to pick up and do their part --- or give us \$150. Please communicate with us!

Travel Tickets are for sale -- Grand prize is a Disneyland Trip for 4! Or go to an all-inclusive to Mexico for 2. Your choice -only \$20 per ticket and only 350 tickets are being sold. GREAT ODDS!

Bottle Drive is this Saturday Jan 9th -- sorters and drivers wanted. Bottle sort is at Sam's house on Old Victoria Road, 9am.

Still confirming our plans to hold a Beer and Burger Night and another coffee drive thru in February.

Canadian Tire \$\$, till tapes are still being collected from any student, not just the Grads. Or, redeem some Airmiles and donate a Gift card to the Grad Class to use as a prize!

Parents are welcome to come to our next Dry grad meeting on Monday, Jan 11, 7pm in the library. Topic will be the THEME of the evening!

As we all know, time slips by too fast. We will need HELPERS THE NIGHT OF...so please, let me know how and when you can help us. We will need help to set up and separate help to clean up, as well as helpers for decorating, food, games etc. An event this size doesn't happen with just a few parents! Email me now, and I can remind you closer to the time of what you will be doing. laurie67@telus.net

Happy New Year!

Laurie Douglas, Dry Grad Chair

TRAVEL CLUB (Mr. Marlin)

Mr. Marlin would like to remind everyone of the Europe trip at Spring Break 2011 (London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam). Applications are being accepted at all times. Please see Mr. Marlin in Room 206 for the necessary forms and more information or phone the school at 250-246-4711.

Cowichan Valley Regional District Youth Programs – Winter 2010

Night at the Movies 14 - 18yrs

We will head to Nanaimo to catch a flick. Price includes admission to theater, and transportation. Come visit Youth Corner Drop-In Centre closer to the date for more details.

Tuesday, Mar 9

\$20 per youth or speak with staff at Youth Corner

Code: 14723

Teens Only Skate 14 - 18yrs

Need something to do? Come join us for this fun, exciting night. We will crank the music for this Teens Only Skate, so bring your friends and your student ID card!!!

Thursday, Mar 11 8:30 am - 9:30 pm

\$2 admission/FREE rentals

Shop 'Til You Drop! 14 - 18yrs

Save up your money and let's hit the mall! We will check out the latest fashions trends at one of the best malls on the Island. We will leave the Island Savings Centre at

10:30am and return by 4:00pm. Please note: youth will not be directly supervised at the shopping mall.

Tuesday, Mar 16 10:00 – 4:00pm
1 session/\$15 per youth Code: 14724

Youth Dances 10-13yrs

Grab your friends, dance to cool tunes and hit the concession for munchies! Pre-buy your ticket at the Island Savings Ticket Centre as the last six dances have sold out!

Fri 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Feb 5, Apr 16 and Jun 11
\$7 per ticket

Drop-In Centres 12 - 18yrs

Teens, this is your place to hang out! Come see friends, play pool, video games or just chill. Find out what else is going on in the valley while you're here, or sign up for special game nights, cooking nights or what ever else you help us plan. We have THREE locations so come check it out – IT'S FREE!

Duncan

Youth Corner 12 - 18yrs

Monday 3:00 – 6:00 pm (closed April 2, 5, & May 24)

Tuesday 3:00 – 5:30 pm
Wednesday 3:00 – 5:30 pm
Thursday 3:00 – 9:00 pm
Friday 3:00 – 10:00 pm
Saturday 5:00 – 9:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Meet off James Street, Island Savings Centre – Old Pool's Weight Room

Chemainus Drop-In Zone 12 - 18yrs

Thursdays 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Jan 7 to Jun 24
Meet in the Old Chemainus Fire Hall

Crofton Drop-In Sports Zone 12 - 18yrs

Fridays 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Jan 12 - Mar 9, & Mar 23 to Jun 8
Meet in the behind the New Crofton Community School in the Gym

Drop-In Programs

Youth Leadership Programs

Youth Action Krew (YAK) 12 - 18yrs

Get your voices heard, and put your ideas into action! This is a FREE program for youth who want to work towards planning, organizing, and hosting a movie night, recreational activity or a special event for themselves and their peers in the Cowichan Valley.

For more information call 250-746-0417
Meet in the Island Savings Centre's Youth Corner

Chemainus YAK

Tues 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Jan 14 - Mar 11, & Apr 8 to Jun 17
Meet upstairs in the Old Chemainus Fire Hall

For other youth programs email the Recreation Youth Outreach Team at Irogerson@cvrd.bc.ca or
CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:
www.iscentre@cvrd.bc.ca

January 2010 Exam Schedule (students to remain in examination room for a minimum of 45 minutes, provincial exams = 60 minutes)

| JAN 25 | ROOM | 9:00 – 10:30 (12:00) | ROOM | 11:00 – 12:30 | ROOM | 1:00 – 2:30 (4:00) |
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| (Monday) | Multi-P | English 8 - Cave, Achurch | Multi-P | Science 8 – Nadon, Manhas | Library | English 11 / Comm 11 – Wall, Norman |
| | Multi-P Rm 207 | Science 9 - Manhas, Scheer Physics 11 - Nadon | Multi-P | Socials 9 - Stoochnoff, Achurch | Multi-P | Social Studies 10 –Charles, Stoochnoff |
| JAN 26 | | 9:00 – 10:30 (12:00) | | 11:00 – 12:30 | | 1:00 – 2:30 (4:00) |
| (Tuesday) | Multi-P | French 8 – Marlin, Trimble | | | Library / R.108 | Spanish / French 10 / 11 – Marlin, Blogg |
| | Multi-P | English 9 – Miller, Kedves | Multi-P | All Math 11 – G. Henry, Kedves | Multi-P | History 12 – Ruest |
| | Library | Comm 12 – Culbertson, Blogg | Multi-P | Math 8 – Nadon, Wall | | |
| JAN 27 | | 9:00 – 10:30 (12:00) | | 11:00 – 12:30 | | 1:00 – 2:30 (4:00) |
| (Wed) | Multi-P | All Math 9 – Kedves, N. Henry | | | Library | Socials 11 – Culbertson, Bourodemos |
| | Library | English 12 – Kelly, Ruest | | | | |
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| JAN 28 | | 9:00 – 10:30 (12:00) | | 11:00 – 12:30 | | 1:00 – 4:00 |
| (Thurs) | Multi-P | English 10 - N. Henry, Kelly | | | Multi-P | ALL Math 10- Cave, Hittinger, Miller |
| | Library | Biology 11- Baker, Norman | | | R. 108 | History 12 - Electronic |
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| JAN 29 | | 9:00 – 10:30 (12:00) | | 11:00 – 12:30 | | 1:00 – 4:00 |
| (Friday) | Multi-P | Science 10 – G.Henry, Marlin | | | Library | Chemistry 12 – Bourodemos, Scheer |

Exam Week - Information for Students and Parents

Please review the following information as it relates to the end of Semester 1 exam preparation and exam procedures.

- The final day of classes for Semester 1 (Term 1) is Friday, January 22nd.
- Review the exam schedule and highlight the date, time and location when each of your exams takes place.
- All students are required to write their final exams at the designated time and place unless other arrangements have been made.
- Prepare (study) by reviewing all material that has been identified by your teacher. Review with classmates (study group) and parents.
- Be properly nourished and get plenty of rest the night before.
- Arrive at the school at least 20 minutes prior to the exam time.
- Bring – pencils, pens, erasers and calculators
- Return ALL textbooks and library books. You will be charged for any books not returned and will not be issued any new textbooks until your account is settled.
- Before or after an exam be considerate of other students who may be writing exams by keeping the noise level low at the front of the building both inside and outside.
- Unless you plan on getting assistance from a teacher, are studying in the school or having lunch between exams you will be asked to leave the building when not writing. The Multi-Purpose room will be off limits at lunchtime.
- Listen to and read all exam instructions. Be thorough on all of your answers. Review your completed exam before you hand it in.
- Students must stay in the examination room a minimum of 45 minutes (Provincial Exams = 60 minutes). You have up to 90 minutes to complete your exam (Provincial Exams 180 minutes).
- Buses will continue to run on the normal schedule.
- Report Cards will be distributed on Friday, January 6th.
- Provincial exam results can be accessed through the following web site - <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp?>

We will see you back at school on Monday, February 1st for Semester 2.
If you have any related questions please contact me directly.

Joseph Boudreau
Vice-Principal
Chemainus Secondary

PAC ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Happy New Year! Hope everyone will mark the **next PAC meeting of January 26th** in the Library at 7:00 p.m. and plan to attend. We welcome new input.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| January 21 | "Dance Showcase" (CHSS Dance Students Performance) |
| January 22 | End of Semester One |
| January 25 to 29 | Provincial and school final Exams (see schedule above) |
| January 26 | PAC meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| January 28 and 29 | Grad Photo Retakes |
| January 29 | "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" (see details below) |
| February 1 | Semester Two Begins |
| February 4 | Movie Nite @ CHSS – "OLD DOG'S" – 6:30pm |
| February 5 | Report Cards issued |
| February 18 | District Wide 1 Hour Early Dismissal – 2:10 p.m. |
| February 19 | Pro D Day - No Classes |
| February 24 | PLC Early Dismissal – 1:50 p.m. |

Community Schools Night!
\$10.00 Per adult and \$5.00 Per child
for spaghetti and entertainment!
6pm @ Chemainus Secondary on Fri. Jan. 29th, 2010

Smarter Than a 5th Grader?

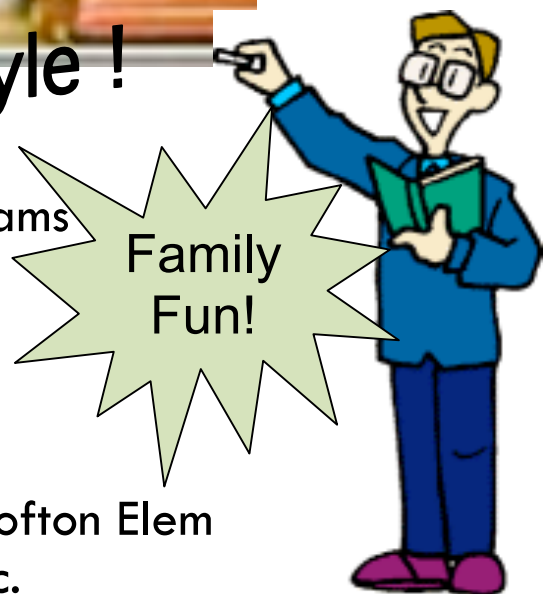
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Community Schools Style !

Community Schools Fundraiser for kids programs

Come to watch or play!

- Spaghetti Dinner, Raffles and Charity Competition. **Enter your Team to win!**
- Open to all Individuals and Organizations
- Featuring "Mr. Darrell Foxworthy" from Crofton Elem students from Chemainus El., Chemainus Sec. Sec., and Crofton El. to help you copy, cheat and peek!
- For Information call the CCSA office 250-246-3588
- Tickets are available for purchase at all 3 schools



CCSA at Chemainus Elementary Community School phone 250-246-3588 email
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