

CHINOOK HIGH SCHOOL



GRADE 9

Registration Handbook

(2020-2021)



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Principal's Message: Grade Nine

Welcome to Chinook High School. We are thrilled that you are going to be a member of the Coyote family for the next four years. Chinook High School is a contemporary and thoughtful learning environment where staff and students explore and create together on the road to academic excellence. You will learn in an environment fueled by opportunity, growth, character, and kindness.

At Chinook, you will have a full range of programs leading to a wide variety of employment and post-secondary opportunities. We want you, our Grade 9 students, to recognize your potential and engage with your learning. We support you in realizing this potential by placing high expectations on you (as we have on ourselves) towards academic and social growth. In your grade 9 school year you will have a chance to figure out the skills and attitudes needed to be successful in high school and beyond.

You are at the heart of each decision we make as a school. We can't wait until you are here. 2020/2021 will be an exciting start to high school and over the next four years we will learn a great deal together about academics, ownership, technology, arts, health and wellness, and of course, life.

While you are here, know why you are making each decision, aim for growth, be kind, question, get involved, work hard, and set dreams; make the school and world a better place. The experiences you create over the next four years will be the result of the opportunities you engage in and the choices you make. How awesome is that!? I offer you the very best these next few months of middle school. What a change it has been adapting to learning at home to stop the spread of Covid-19. But you can do and we will see you in the Fall as you begin your final stage of public education at Chinook. See you soon and be very well.

Kevin



General Information for Grade 8 Students

This booklet is designed to help you plan your Grade 9 year at Chinook High School. The Grade 9 year is the foundation for the following years. **Keep in mind that your success in Grade 9 subjects will determine which courses you take in Grade 10.** Set realistic goals and keep up with your class work. Grade 9 is an important year of transition for you.

Your Grade 9 Program

- Students entering Grade 9 will be assigned to a teacher-advisor who will help with high school programming.
- All students will take Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science and Physical Education.
- Students will be registered in up to ten electives. Band and Choir are year-long courses and therefore, they each fill two elective spaces. If you choose one of these, you need to select four additional electives. If you select both Band AND Choir, you need to select two additional elective choices.





Homeroom groupings

Each Grade 9 student will be assigned to a homeroom. Your homeroom is not a location it is a group of students. All students in the same homeroom will remain together for all core subjects. Your homeroom will be identified by a number designation such as 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, etc.

Each homeroom grouping will have a unique timetable indicating the time and location for each class. Homeroom groups travel to different classrooms each period. For options, students will not remain in homeroom groupings. Timetables for electives are determined on an individual basis according to student requests.

Advisor Groups

Each Grade 9 student will be assigned to a teacher-advisor. Your advisor group will always meet in the same place, usually the teacher-advisor's classroom. Your advisor will be the same person for your entire high school career. Advisor groups are made up of students from all four high school grades. The group meets every day in a 12 minute class period specifically set aside on the timetable for such meetings.





Knowledge and Employability Program (K & E)

Students entering high school in grade 9 may have been in a Knowledge and Employability program in middle school or may qualify for this program upon entering Chinook High School.

This program is a hands on, skill based program designed to help students find employment. There is a work experience component, a curriculum based on practical experience and a certificate of completion which assists student in the world of work.

The Knowledge and Employability Program has a maximum enrolment and students who qualify or are interested in this program may contact Kevin Wood for more information.

Back to School Info

Please watch for future communication on school photos and grade 9 orientation.

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 1, 2020**. We will communicate the start time for Grade 9 students in the months to come.





The following course descriptions are provided as a preview of the topic and concepts covered in the Grade 9 curriculum.

Course Descriptions - Core Classes

English Language Arts 9

Included in ELA 9 class is a new program compulsory to all grade 9 students entitled foundations for high school. This program will run through the English block for one semester and will entail learning foundations for critical thinking, creativity and technology.

Math 9

Math 9 is a semester (1/2 year) long course. Classes will be held daily.

Science 9

Science 9 is a semester (1/2 year) long course. Classes will be held daily.

Social Studies 9

Social Studies 9 is a semester (1/2 year) long course. Classes will be held daily. Students will analyze the relationship between Canada's political and legislative processes and their impact on issues pertaining to governance, rights, citizenship and identity. Students will engage in historical thinking and critical thinking skills and concepts as they also explore issues of economics and their impact on quality of life, citizenship and identity in Canada and the United States.

* The format of the core classes may change.



Selecting Your Grade 9 Electives

General Guidelines:

The following guidelines are provided to assist students and their parents in selecting Grade 9 electives:

1. There are up to ten elective spaces for Grade 9 students.
2. Band and Choir will be offered as year-long options. Students who take band or choir will fill two elective spaces with each course. If you choose one of these, you need to select four additional electives. If you select both Band AND Choir, you need to select two additional elective choices.

On the Grade 9 registration form, students will be asked to indicate ten elective choices in order from first choice to last choice. Every effort will be made to timetable students into their top three choices but due to availability of space, some students may not get every elective they want.

The electives available to Grade 9 students include:

- Art
- Band
- Choir
- Computers
- Construction Technology
- Create and Innovate
- Dance
- Drama
- Environmental Science
- Fashion Studies
- Foods
- Forensic Science
- French
- Grade 9 Outdoor Education
- Guitar
- History Through MOVIES
- Ice Hockey
- Leadership
- Modern Languages
- Military History
- Modern Languages
- Pop Music
- Soccer
- Sports Management
- Sports Performance
- Yoga



Compulsory Courses

All students are required to take these courses.

Physical Education 9 (Compulsory Course)

PE 9 – Physical Education 9 is a compulsory course at Chinook High School. It is taught in combination with Health & Wellness 9 with 25% of the course being health and 75% PE. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a number of different activities including a variety of team sports as well as some individual pursuits.

**** PE 9 is compulsory, please choose TEN electives and rank them in order of preference in the spaces provided. ** NOTE that Band and Choir will count as two elective requests each. If you choose one of these, you need to select eight additional electives. If you select both Band and Choir, these will be your only electives for the year.**





Elective Courses - continued

Art 9 – *supplementary fee \$25**

Art 9 provides an introduction to the art program at Chinook. This is a course that any student can be successful in no matter what previous art experience they have. Students will explore a variety of projects and mediums (drawing, paint, sculpture, mixed media, collage etc.). Each assignment focuses on one of the elements of art. Students will explore variety of techniques and gain confidence in their creative ability.

Band 9 - (*instrument rental if necessary is \$90/year or \$9/per month @ 10 months*)

Band takes up two of the ten option spaces available to Grade 9 students. This option promotes an improvement in music skills and knowledge, an increased ability to perform music, growth and strengthening of individual character, and cooperative social interaction.

Choir 9

Choir 9 is a year-long option. Choir takes up two of the ten elective spaces available to Grade 9 students. This option promotes an improvement in music skills and knowledge, an increased ability to perform music, growth and strengthening of individual character, and cooperative social interaction.

Computer Applications 9 - *supplementary fee \$10**

Students will learn the basic skills required for computer use at the high school level. In addition, students will explore Internet Guidelines and Safety, Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Digital Image Processing, Animation, Digital Presentations and Keyboarding.

Construction Technology 9 – *supplementary fee \$30**

Instruction and projects will involve using most of the power tools and machinery in the woodworking area.



Elective Courses - continued

Dance 9

An introductory study of dance in its various forms. During the class we will study, create, explore, experiment and discuss various styles of dance including: Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Body Percussion, and West African. We will deepen our knowledge of dance through a basic study of dance history, anatomy and improvisation. This class is a performance based class, with various class dances leading up to our bi-annual dance performance in the media centre. All levels are welcomed.

Drama Performance 9

Students will learn the basics of stage movement, improvisation, character development and the basic techniques of acting.

Environmental Science 9

This course will provide students with the opportunity to discover the Earth and Life Sciences, while exploring their local environment through scientific inquiry.

Fashion Studies 9 – *supplementary fee \$25 **

In Fashion Studies 9, students will be introduced to basic sewing skills, textile arts which includes crochet and knitting, and fashion illustration. These areas are just a start to the many of the courses offered in the high school program. Sewing experience may vary so students are encouraged to undertake new sewing projects that will develop their techniques.

Foods 9 – *supplementary fee \$25**

Students will explore the role of food, looking beyond consumption to production, visual appreciation, nutrition, meal planning economics and preparation. Students will learn about various skills in the cook trade. Through exploration students will explore their interests, passions and skills as they relate to the foods industry.



Elective Courses - continued

Forensic Science 9 - *supplementary fee \$10**

Through active learning, students will come to understand the scientific method by working through six different modules: Fingerprint Evidence; DNA Evidence; Blood Evidence; Trace Evidence - Particles Fibres and Marks; Handwriting, Ink, and Document Evidence and Case Studies. In each module there will be skill activities and case activities.

French 9 - *supplementary fee \$20**

French 9 is a course in which you will practice and study a variety of aspects of the French language, including: reading, writing, speaking in French and cultural activities.

Guitar 9 - *supplementary fee \$10**

This course is designed for students who want to learn to play guitar or continue to develop their knowledge and skills on the acoustic guitar. Students will learn about the history and fundamentals of popular music (blues, rock, folk and country). Topics covered include guitar maintenance, tuning, open chords, bar chords, and basic music theory. The goal is to give students the foundation for a life-long enjoyment of music and a desire to continue learning. Students will need to have a guitar at home so they can practice at least two hours a week.

History Through MOVIES

Are you a visual learner? Do you enjoy a good movie? Many great historical events have told their stories through movies. In this course we will watch and learn about some of these historical events by analyzing movies including topics such as the World Wars, the Holocaust, Slavery, Civil Rights, Japanese Imperialism, the French Revolution and much, much more!

Ice Hockey 9 - *supplementary fee TBA*

Ice Hockey 9 is predominately a skill-building course that incorporates hockey drills and game like conditions to facilitate skill development in the game of ice hockey. Some classroom instruction but most of the course is spent on the ice at the ATB Centre. All players are required to have full equipment for safety reasons.

** electives and elective fees subject to change.*



Elective Courses - continued

Leadership 9

This course will allow students explore the basic principles of leadership and evaluate their own personal leadership characteristics and qualities through various projects and initiatives. In Leadership, students will learn practical skills in teamwork, decision-making, organization, communication and service.

Military History

In this course, students will study the evolution of Canada's military and its use, within various eras and events throughout the nations' history. The course will look at the changing face of warfare throughout time and how the Canadian people have viewed the ideas of military intervention. Ethical and moral considerations of military use will be examined and the relationship between politics and military in Canada (with comparisons to other regimes from countries around the world) will be analyzed. Timeline of events for this course include:

Early: The American Revolution, the War of 1812,

20th Century: Boer War, World War 1, World War 2, Cold War Years, October Crisis, Oka Crisis, Gulf War, Yugoslavian Ethnic Cleansing, Rwanda Genocide,

21st Century: Afghanistan War, Libyan Civil War, and a look into how the country has evolved in regards to peacekeeping.

Modern Languages 9

This class is a brief introduction to Spanish and Italian, where students will discover new cultures and learn basic conversational words and phrases.

Outdoor Education

Love the outdoors? Or have you always wanted to try it out? In this course you will learn how to set up tents, start fires and survive in the outdoors. Depending on the weather, we'll try to be outside as much as possible. We'll end the course with a daytrip either in the coulees or out in the mountains.



Elective Courses - continued

Rock & Pop 9 – *supplementary fee \$25*

This class is designed for students to deepen and broaden their musical experience by working in combos with other students that share their interest in music. Students will be encouraged to sing and play one or more instruments (electric guitar, bass, drums, and keyboards). The expectation is that students will already have had some previous experience and will be motivated to do individual practice. Some students may wish to take Guitar 9 before taking this class. The class will explore the basics of Rock and Roll and will also encourage students to pursue their own musical interests.

Soccer 9 – *supplementary fee TBA*

This class is open to all levels of soccer players from beginner to advanced. Skill development will focus on various soccer related drills and activities as well as some scrimmage and mini game simulations. The goal is to have fun and incorporate some skill development and exercise.

Sports Management 9 – *supplementary fee \$25*

This option will focus on the management of different sporting events, including field/court set-up and officiating, as well as an introduction to injury care and athletic taping.

Sports Performance 9 – *supplementary fee \$25*

This is a movement based course that focuses on multi-sport fitness and athletic training. The course fee includes training apparel.

Yoga 9

This class will be an opportunity for students to support healthy living through postures, stretches and meditation. No previous yoga experience required. Mats and blocks provided.

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Co-Curricular Program

(some events may vary due to student interest and staff expertise)

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Grade 9 participation

ATHLETIC TEAMS

Football

Volleyball

- Girls' Varsity & Junior

- Boys' Varsity & Junior

- Grade 9 boys and girls

Basketball

- Girls' Varsity & Junior

- Boys' Varsity & Junior

- Grade 9 boys and girls

Badminton

Baseball

Curling

Badminton

Cross Country

Golf

Track & Field

Triathlon Club

Rugby

- Girls' Varsity & Junior

- Boys' Varsity & Junior

Softball

Wrestling

Intramural Activities

Sports Events Assistant:

- Gate Supervision

- Scorekeeping

- Linesman

- Other duties

SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

Drama Productions

"Arts Alive and Well"

Winter Concert

Spring Concert

Dance Productions

SPECIAL EVENTS

Basketball & Volleyball

Tournaments

Student Broadcast Network

City Track and Field Meet

Academic Awards Night

Graduation

Chinook 101

Yote Day

MISCELLANEOUS CO-CURRICULAR

Art Club

Board Game Club

Boys Only Fitness

Chess Club

Chinook TV

Creative Writing Club

Dance Club

FNMI Club

Games Club

Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)

Girls Only Fitness

Interact Club (Rotary Club)

Jazz Choir

Kaze Cosplay

L A City Limits

Magic Club

Robotics

Spanish Club

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Travel Club

Vigorous Club

(Health & Wellness)

Yearbook Club





2020-2021 School Fees

(Subject to Change)

General Fees:

Student Resource Fee

\$40.00

- Locker rental
- Student identification card
- Support for clubs, teams
- Event pass (allows free or reduced prices in order to access events at Chinook, Winston Churchill and LCI (excluding Fine Arts Productions)

In addition there may be supplementary fees dependant on elective courses selected and optional items such as a yearbook (\$42).





Supplementary Fees

(Subject to Change)

These fees assist with the cost of materials:

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| • Yearbook | \$42.00 <i>Optional</i> |
| • Art 9 | \$25.00 |
| • Construction Technology (Shop 9) | \$30.00 |
| • CTS Computer Applications | \$10.00 |
| • Fashion Studies 9 | \$25.00 |
| • Food Studies 9 | \$25.00 |
| • Forensic Science 9 | \$10.00 |
| • French 9 | \$20.00 |
| • Guitar 9 | \$15.00 |
| • Outdoor Leadership | \$TBD |
| • Rock & Pop 9 | \$25.00 |
| • Skill Development | \$25.00 |
| • Sports Performance 9 | \$25.00 |
| • Band (instrument rental if necessary
\$9/per month @ 10 months) | \$90.00 |
| • School I.D. Card Replacement | \$ 5.00 |

Deferral or Waiver of School Fees:

Parents may apply to pay fees on an instalment plan due to economic difficulties, or in exceptional cases school fees may be waived. In either case, parents must contact the school business manager prior to the start of the school year.





Bell Times (Subject to Change)

A warning bell rings at **7:55 am** and the first class begins at **8:00 am**. Each bell after signifies the end of one class and the beginning of the next class. Flex/lunch start time is to be determined. The school day ends at **2:55 pm** to allow time for busing.

Busing

Westside students living more than 2.4 km from Chinook may be eligible to ride the yellow school buses from route W1 – W12. Maps are posted on the bulletin board outside the office and on the school district website at www.lethsd.ab.ca. If you are still not sure please ask in the office to see if you qualify to ride the bus.

Northside and Southside Students living more than 2.4 km from their boundary school are eligible to receive a city bus pass paid for by the school district. If you live on the **south side** of the city your boundary school is LCI, so you **must live more than 2.4 km from LCI**. If you live on the north side your boundary school is Winston Churchill, **you must live more than 2.4 km from WCHS**.

Lockers

Students are assigned lockers and locks according to advisor groups. Students are expected to use the lockers they have been assigned. Please do not change or share with other students as you are responsible for your assigned lock, locker and the contents.

We do not allow personal locks. Do not share your lock combination with anyone!



Flex Time

What is Flex time? Flex time is a block of time in the school day or school week when students have the opportunity to make decisions to guide their learning in areas of need or interest.

Currently there are two consecutive flex blocks where teachers offer office hours and students are able to take advantage of personalized learning opportunities. Flex time is when a lunch hour would typically occur.

Some of this time will be structured and you will be required to be in a certain place at a certain time and some of it will be unstructured, where you can eat and visit (or leave, as long as you are back on time). Some appropriate choices for Flex time would be academic self direction or clubs ...

The Learning Commons

The Learning Commons is a multi-use space where you can come to learn, get extra support, or just relax with a good book and some friends. The space includes a café neighborhood, MakerSpace, comfy seating area, as well as new collaborative work spaces. Students have access to a wide range of books, eBooks, as well as online research sites, data bases and creative media opportunities. In addition, our students can also access one of our 38 computer stations, headphones, or one of our 30 iPads. The Learning Commons is a safe space where you can be yourself while connecting with other students, and teachers.

Chinook's Learning Support services are located in the Learning Commons. It is available for ALL students. This includes: study skills, tutoring, time-management, exam writing skills, audio exams and other accommodations, and distance learning. The Learning Commons also acts as a public forum for students to display works of art, writing, poetry, and musical talent.

We are eager to adapt and respond to evolving circumstances and needs of our Chinook community.

Learning Commons hours: (Jacquie – Teenbrarian & Informationist)

Monday-Thursday 7:30 – 3:30

Friday 7:30 – 12:30

Learning Support hours: (Dave, Heather & Lauren)

Monday – Thursday 8:00 – 3:00

Friday 8:00 – 12:00

****additional learning support hours available as needed**



For the Parents



Did you know ...

Lethbridge School District uses PowerSchool to strengthen its communication between the school and home. Using the Parent Portal, parents and guardians can now access information online regarding their child's grades and attendance.

Download PowerSchool Mobile today on your Apple or Android device to stay connected. The same app can be used by both, parents and students. You'll have real-time access to attendance, upcoming assignments, grades and more.

School Cash Online

As Chinook High School does not accept cheques, School Cash Online is the perfect alternative as it's an easy and safe way to pay for your child's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for school fees, yearbook, performance tickets, Chinook clothing and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and make the payments online. We accept many different payment forms so check it out at www.chs.lethsd.ab.ca.



All fees can also be paid in the school office. We accept debit, Visa, Mastercard and cash.





Frequently Asked Questions ...

Is it true that students call teachers by their first name?

Yes, we are on a first name basis with our students.

Can I bring my cell phone to school?

Yes, you can but it must be turned off and out of sight while in class.

Did you say Media Centre?

Yes, Chinook High School has a Media Centre (Theatre). The Media Centre seats 350 people on upholstered chairs on a sloped floor. If you would like a visual and are familiar with the Yates Memorial Theatre in Lethbridge it would be safe to say that our Centre is a slightly smaller version of the Yates.

What is the student busing situation for the school?

The Busing policy of Lethbridge School District #51 has not changed. Any high school student can attend any high school they choose, providing there is room at the school they choose. A student who lives within 2.4 kilometres of LCI, Winston Churchill or Chinook will not be provided busing to any school. A student who lives more than 2.4 kilometres from their neighbourhood school (South Lethbridge - LCI / West Lethbridge - Chinook / North Lethbridge - Winston Churchill) will be provided with either a City Bus pass to a school that is not their neighbourhood school or a Yellow bus service to their neighbourhood school. School bus route information and maps can be found on the Lethbridge School District website at www.lethsd.ab.ca.

What does the gym look like?

Our gym is over 14 000 square feet. If you are familiar with most other high school gyms it is safe to say that Chinook's is 40% to 50% larger. For example, we have 3 volleyball courts side-by-side where most gyms have two. Our gym seats 1200 people in the bleachers and comes equipped with event lighting which means the courts are brighter than the lights over the crowd when a game is being played.



Frequently Asked Questions ...

Is there a cafeteria?

We have a full service cafeteria. Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch but there is a full service cafeteria on site.

Can I wear my hat?

Hats are permitted in the school. Some teachers may ask that you remove them during class. Hats are removed for some assemblies and when we play O' Canada.

Are we allowed to go to lockers between classes?

Yes but you are still held accountable if you are late for class.

Does Chinook have a closed campus?

No....we have an open campus, which means that students may leave campus at flex (lunch time) or if they have a spare (only some Grade 11 and 12 students have spares).

Can we use backpacks?

Yes.....students are permitted to carry books to class in backpacks.

Does Chinook have a dress code?

Yes.....we expect students to be neat, clean, modest and presentable. Students with inappropriate clothing will be asked to go home and change or immediately alter their clothing to acceptable standards.





Frequently Asked Questions ...

Is there access to school computers?

Yes you will have a school email account and many teachers will expect you to use computers in your classes. The Library contains computers for individual study and research. Appropriate use of computers is expected. Gaming, MSN and inappropriate web sites are off limits. All student log-ins are monitored by our computer system administrator.

Can I try out for school teams and clubs?

Yes we have lots of Grade 9 sports teams, lots of clubs and activities, and room on students' council as well. There is so much to do; the hard part is deciding what you like best!





Our Logo is made up of more than meets the eye ...

- Train Bridge
- Symbolic Coal
- Symbolic Wheat
- Sun/Moon
- Old man River
- Rocky Mountains
- Coulees
- Snow on the Leeward side of Coulees
- Coyote
- Stars for our bright stars at night
- Chinook Arch
- Entrance to the Galt Coal Mine



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If you want to buy cool Chinook-branded clothing, come see the Business Manager in the office, or check out the Spirit Wear link on our school website!

