



Commit To The C

Friday Update

CONN3CT is Coming!

Cochrane High is excited to share our new idea: CONN3CT.

Since the inception of our flexible learning environment, students have had the opportunity of choice. With CONN3CT, we have taken that choice and deliberately focused a thoughtful approach to delivering a flexible learning experience for students that is valuable and personal. With the shift to CONN3CT, it is our goal to begin a transformation and provide an experience for students that leverages their personal interests to Cochrane High Schools educational pillars.

Why CONN3CT?

The idea of CONN3CT came from the staff and students of Cochrane High and what we believe our flexible learning time should include. It was our intention to shape an environment built on our foundational pillars. These are the roots of Cochrane High School that are constructed around the 3 C's, Character, Commitment, and Community. Hence, CONN3CT.

What can you expect?

- **More Direction/Choice:** Cochrane High School will provide greater service to all our students by reimagining the role flexible learning allows. Leveraging student and staff interests into more meaningful learning opportunities that will enhance student experiences. Cochrane High School does believe academics are important and that hasn't changed with CONN3CT. CONN3CT can provide an authentic experience for both students and teachers when working together.

Cochrane High School also recognizes the demands of each grade level. Students in grade 11/12 have different realities than our 9/10

and as such can benefit from a more personalized flexibility. It is our commitment to ensure we provide this flexibility that meet the needs of our students.

The idea of CONN3CT for our grade 9/10 is focused around just that, connecting. As a school, we have noticed the struggles of our 9's transitioning into high school and through CONN3CT, we think there is opportunity to assist in those struggles. Providing various experiences such as speakers and workshops that lessen the effects of transitioning from middle to high school is our goal.

The CONN3CT opportunities surrounding our grade 9/10 will be organized more around deliberate focus opportunities combined with personal flexibility.

As we move forward, CONN3CT will become immersed in developing accountability to learning and self. We want our students to leave Cochrane High understanding the purpose and benefits of becoming a life-long learner.

- **Accountability and Commitment:** Students and parents will see a change to our attendance with CONN3CT. Coming second semester, students will need to sign up and attend CONN3CT or they will be considered absent. If the student does not sign up in PowerSchool the attendance will automatically default to absent and it will be kept on file and a phone call will go home. There will be growing pains and eventually the system will benefit our students.
- **More to come:** Cochrane High is committed to CONN3CT and all the possibilities it can have for our students. Although the changes are small this year we are planning on expanding the student experience in years to come.

If you have any questions regarding CONN3CT or need further information, please contact Cochrane High School.

Marine Biology Excursion

Where: Baja, California, Sur in Mexico
Date: Sunday, October 1, 2017 to Sunday, October 8, 2017
Cost: \$3800.00 per student (maximum of 16 students)
Parent Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

Parent Information Packages available NOW in Room 101. Students can pick up these packages at any time including over exam break.

Please feel free to contact either:

Ms. Stephanie Bennett (sbennett@rvschools.ab.ca) or

Mr. Jason Crawford (jcrawford@rvschools.ab.ca)

It's an outstanding hands-on experience to understand marine ecosystems.

CHS Ski & Snowboard

Get your own CHS Buff when you sign up for any ski trip(s) with the CHS Ski & Snowboard club.

Please see Mr. Rancourt for more information.

CHS Attendance Line & Attendance Policy

403.932.2542 Press 1 chsattendance@rockyview.ab.ca

Students Excused Absences

In order for an absence to be excused a parent must phone or email the school and inform us of the absence. Students must have a parent signature to sign themselves out.

<http://cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca/news/cochrane-high-school-attendance-policy-1>

CHS Blood Drive

CHS would like to involve all parents and students in our blood drive for the National Give Life Competition. Help us save a life!

<http://cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca/news/chs-blood-drive>

CHS Calendar

<http://cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca/calendar>

CHS Career Centre

COCHRANE HIGH SCHOOL FLEX TALKS

The following talks will take place in the Library from 1:20 - 2:10 pm. Students must sign up via their Powerschool. Registration is open two weeks before the talk. Attendance will be taken.

Cochrane Parents are also welcome to attend. Please email Mrs. Girard at kgirard@rvschools.ab.ca to register.

Please note, if there are not enough registrations, the sessions may be cancelled.

February 2, 2017

Visual Communications: Medicine Hat College

Come learn about Medicine Hat College's Visual Communications Degree (BAA-VC) which can be completed in three years (6 academic semesters and 2, 3 - 4 month work term placements which take place during the spring and summer breaks). Fine arts and design are viewed as integral parts of this program.

February 9, 2017

Wordpress Scholarship & Valedictorian Portfolio

Students must let Mrs. Girard know they are attending in advance, as a portfolio template must be created for each participant. Please bring your computer and necessary information as this will be a hands-on training session. Registration is required.

March 15, 2017

University of Alberta - Registration 101

If you have applied to the University of Alberta, this is a must attend. A representative will be here to walk you through the course selection and registration process so you can plan your schedule and be ready to hit "Register" on your registration date. Computer and registration are required.

For more information please visit the following link

<http://cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca/guidance-services/career-centre>

To book an appointment with Mrs. Girard, Career Centre, please visit:

<https://kgirard.youcanbook.me/>

CHS Cobra Gear

Cobra Buff \$15.00 each

Hoodies \$35.00 each

Sweat Pants \$30.00 each

Cobra gear is available for purchase at the school office.

CHS School Council for 2016/2017

School Council Meeting February 6, 2017 7:00 pm

<http://cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca/school-council>

CHS School Emergency Program

A Guide for Parents and Guardians

http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/assets_parents/RVS-Parent-Summary.pdf

CHS Exam Schedule January 2017

<http://cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca/news/exam-schedule-january-2017>

CHS Facebook

Cochrane High School is now on Facebook, please like our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Cochrane-High-School-304643509892868/>

CHS School Fees & School Cash

The 2016/2017 school fees have been posted to School Cash Online, please visit the following link <https://rockyview.schoolcashonline.com> to view and pay fees.

CHS Graduation 2017 Important Information & Dates

<http://cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca/publications/grad-2017>

CHS Guidance

Reminder from Guidance:

Semester Two is fast approaching, please book an appointment with your grade counsellor to make scheduling changes for semester two.

2017 RCMP DEPOT Summer YOUTH CAMP

The two camps will be held from August 7 - 11 & August 14 - 18, 2017.

Applications that are not completed properly will not be accepted.

The closing date for applications is March 1, 2017.

Application Requirements:

- students in grades 11 and 12 (16 - 19yrs old)
- excell in academics
- prowess in leadership
- physically fit
- interest in policing

Successful candidates will have an all-expenses paid trip to Depot in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Please see Mrs Girard or Ms. Tiemstra for more information.

Diploma Exams

January and June Diploma Exam dates are provided on the school website. April and August rewrite exam dates are also provided. Please note that not all diploma exams are offered for rewrite for the April sitting. Students must register for a rewrite using the MyPass system.

January 2017 Diploma Exam Schedule

<http://cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca/news/2017-january-exam-schedule>

June 2017 Diploma Exam Schedule

<http://cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca/news/june-2017-diploma-schedule>

April 2017 & August 2017 Rewrite Diploma Exam Schedule

<http://cochrane.rockyview.ab.ca/news/rewrite-diploma-exam-schedule-april-august-2017>

Guidance Appointments

To book an appointment with Ms. Tiemstra, grades 11 & 12, please visit:

<https://stiemstra.youcanbook.me/>

To book an appointment with Dr. Lupart, grades 9 & 10, please visit:

<https://mlupart.youcanbook.me/>

CHS Leadership

Hoops for a Cure
Wednesday, February 1, 2017
Junior Varsity & Senior Varsity Boys Basketball Teams
CHS vs Springbank High School
6:00 pm & 7:45 pm
Admission by Donation
Raffle Draw

All proceeds from this night will go to cancer research. Please wear purple, the color of all cancers.

Cochrane Classic Hockey Game
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
CHS vs Bow Valley High School
Spray Lake Sawmills Family Sports Centre
4:00 pm
\$2.00 Admission
Raffle & Prizes

Proceeds from this event will support the Cochrane Activettes, please come out and cheer on our grade 12 students.

“C” Cobra Chocolates

CHS Leadership is selling “C” Cobra Chocolates. They are \$5.00 each and are available for purchase at the office.

CHS Music

The CHSBPA has created a public space for parents which includes newsletters and current fundraisers.

For more information please visit The CHSBPA Parent Sharing Folder [here](#).

CHS Performing Arts Spring 2017 Musical - *Fiddler on the Roof*

This year, CHS is excited to perform the well known musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Watch for production updates.

CHS Student Parking

Parking passes have been issued. Students will now only be able to access the Cochrane High student parking lot with a valid 2016 - 2017 parking pass.

CHS PowerSchool

Please click on the following link to check your child's marks and attendance. <https://ps.rockyview.ab.ca/public/home.html>

If you are unable to login to the Parent Portal please contact Mrs. Lawson at plawson@rockyview.ab.ca or 403.932.2542 ext. 4408.

CHS & Cobs Fresh Bread

Please mention Cochrane High School at your next visit to COBS Fresh Bread and they will donate 5% of your purchase back to the Learning Support Programs at CHS. Thank you for your support.

