

**DID YOU KNOW: THE MUSCLE THAT LETS YOUR EYE BLINK IS THE FASTEST MUSCLE IN THE BODY. IT ALLOWS YOU TO BLINK 5 TIMES A SECOND. ON AVERAGE YOU BLINK 15000 TIMES A DAY!!**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **October 10**  
**Thanksgiving**
- **October 11**  
**Parent Council @ 7:00 pm**
- **October 24**  
**Progress Reports**
- **October 27**  
**Parent Teacher Interviews**
- **October 28 Non Instructional Day**
- **October 31**  
**Division PD Day – No School**

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# October 2011

**INNISFAIL JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Principal's Desk: Staying Safe**



One of the primary goals at Innisfail Junior Senior High School is to keep our students and staff safe. Teaching and learning work best when our students and teachers are in their classrooms and desks, getting on with the tasks in front of them.

In order to keep them as safe as possible, we have numerous safety protocols in place to help reduce (and preferably eliminate) injuries to our students and staff.

One area that our division has really focused on is safety for those involved in extra-curricular and curricular activities. Please note that under no circumstances should a student ever transport another student (who is not a family member) to a school event (eg. Basketball games, gym class at the arena, etc.) Students who disregard this protocol may end up suspended from the school or event, so please ensure that your child knows about and follows this rule.

Finally, one area that we will really be focusing on this year is tightening up our discipline procedures, so that we cut back on the numbers of students who get hurt fooling around or when using contraband materials, like alcohol and drugs. Students have been informed that if they are found on the school premises under the influence, they face suspension or potentially expulsion from the school.

If you have any other questions regarding our safety procedures, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Wayne Pineau,  
Principal

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Our new and improved website is up and running. If you are not already getting the newsletter e-mailed to you then you can either view it on the website or subscribe to have it sent to you.

The website has a direct link to PowerSchool. If you have not already set up an account on PowerSchool please contact Val Bradshaw at [vbradshaw@chinooksedge.ab.ca](mailto:vbradshaw@chinooksedge.ab.ca) and I will get you signed on. Every student has also been given their own user name and password so they have the ability to see their grades or e-mail teachers etc. at any time.

School News is another great feature and that is where you will find the full listing from our Awards Ceremony as well as Upcoming Events, Online Homework and our Gym Schedule.



Fees have been mailed

out to parents.

We ask for your help in getting those paid as soon as possible. If you are having difficulties financially, we ask that you contact Mr. Pineau to make payment arrangements.

*Nerd Herd Club*

*Ms. Jessen and*

*Mr. Dale are inviting*

*all students to join*

*the Tech Head Club.*

*Meetings will be held*

*on Fridays in Room*

*124 @ 12:30. There*

*will be opportunities*

*for technical*

*competitions both*

*within and out of*

*school.*



## Applying the Principals of Quadratics and Trigonometry

The math 20-1 class had an awesome time in the 30 degree weather launching water balloons across the football field. The students were applying some of the principles of quadratics and trigonometry that they had been learning. Students launched the balloon, then mapped out the distance and height of the parabolic pathway until the balloon hit the ground. From that we obtained the data points and graphed the data to find out the quadratic equation of the flight of the balloon. Students could then use the graph to find the highest point the balloon travelled.



## Innisfail Campus Terry Fox Run



Friday, September 16 turned out to be a great day for the Terry Fox Run. Students were asked to bring a Toonie for Terry and then they along with staff walked and ran for 1 hour.

## Student Union October Events



1. Haunted House- Students Union would like to welcome all Parents, Staff and Students to view the "Spooktacular" haunted house on October 21 between the hours of 12:00 pm-3:15 pm in the Drama room, it's free for all to see!

2. Monster Mash Dance- October 21 starting at 7:00pm- 11:00 pm, best costume will win a prize.



# Senior Girls Volleyball CENAA Girls Volleyball



## October Volleyball Schedule

**October 11:** SR/JV Girls @ Wetaskiwin  
City Girls @ Delburne

**October 12:** City Girls Home Game vs. Lacombe

**October 14/15:** Senior Girls @ Ponoka Tournament  
JV Girls @ Rocky Tournament

**October 18:** SR/JV Girls Home Game vs. Rocky  
JV Boys @ DTHS  
City Girls @ LTCH

**October 20:** CENAA Girls Home Game vs. Bowden

**October 21/22:** JV Girls @ Rimbey Tournament  
JV Boys @ Eckville Tournament  
CENAA Girls Home Tournament

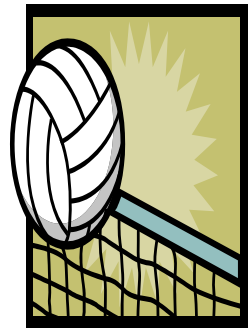
**October 25:** SR/JV Girls @ Sylvan  
City Girls Home Game vs. St. Thom

**October 26:** JV Boys Home Game vs. Lacombe  
City Girls @ Camille

**October 27:** CENAA Girls Home Game

**October 28:** Senior Girls Springbank Tournament  
JV Boys @ Lacombe Tournament

**October 31:** JV Boys @ LTHS



## Innisfail Golf Team

All student scores were higher than normal, and in the end we came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the Zone which is very respectable. Highlight of the day was Colby finishing with 3 birdies in the last 4 holes to end with a charge!!! While Ryan had never had anything larger than a double bogey. Also, Willie was sporting the plaid orange pants and shoes, and finally Rob was calm cool and collected the whole day!



## Cross Country Running

### Grade 9 Girls

Emily Lucas – Silver Medal Winner (Missed the gold medal by a meter.)  
Amy Severston – 6th place

### Grade 8 Boys

Josh Gette – 7th place out of 250 runners

## Teacher Advisory-What is it?

On the new schedules is one block a week labeled TA, which stands for Teacher Advisory, but what does it really mean? In practice TA is like a regular class because all students are expected to attend and the teacher takes attendance. Also, actual curriculum will be worked on in some sessions of this block as all senior high students will earn **at least one credit** and all junior high students will be covering some of the health outcomes for their respective grades. Topics to be covered include decision-making, study skills and career exploration which are all hands-on and practical.

You might ask, 'But what does that have to do with building a cardboard boat?' or 'Why is my 8th grader in a class with grade 11's and 12's?'. Well, the goals of Teacher advisory are loftier than just covering curriculum. By placing the students in mixed grade groups and by allowing them to complete fun projects, with no grade attached, they have the opportunity to become part of a team; a team that hopefully will become like a family for them within the school. Teambuilding, school spirit, peer mentoring, and an overall increased sense of belonging are some of the goals that TA is trying work on for students.

The purpose of TA is also for each student to develop a trusting and respectful relationship with one teacher that will last through their high school experience. This teacher will work with the students to develop their own learner profile, to set personal goals, and to challenge themselves as they grow into leaders within their group. This teacher will get to know their students well enough to recommend scholarship nominees, or give a quality job reference. They will also help in identifying problems that otherwise might be missed. This TA teacher will be the best teacher for a parent to go to when a student is struggling with things like social issues, classroom expectations or decision making. The teacher will not have all the answers but will be able to direct you towards resources and guide the parent in advocating for their child.

Still not sure what TA is all about? Ask your child. Some will give an enthusiastic response about what they are doing, while others may only mumble or complain. This is a new program and teachers, students and administration are learning together as to what will work best. The overall goal is more meaningful communication and an improved sense of community in the school. We ask for your support as parents in encouraging your child to come on Friday mornings and put their energy into what could be the best hour of their week. Also, if you are interested in helping out with bigger TA activities and can offer even one hour on a Friday morning please call the school or e-mail Mrs. Clark at [lisaclark@chinooksedge.ab.ca](mailto:lisaclark@chinooksedge.ab.ca)



**Parent Teacher Interviews are on October 27 from 4-5 and 6-9 pm. Please drop by the SGA to talk to your child's teachers. Interviews are not scheduled they are drop in.**





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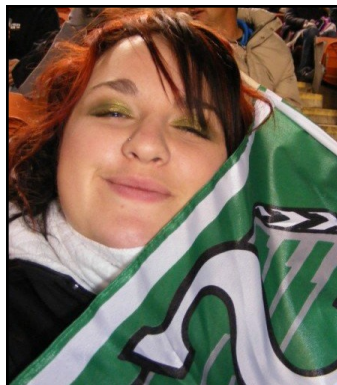
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#### **Career Corner**

Grade 12's will soon be able to sign up for graduation evaluation appointments with Ms. Fulton who is being mentored into the Guidance Counselor role by Mr. Riewe. On October 18<sup>th</sup> all grade twelve's will receive a Grade Twelve Student Information Handbook that includes an application to graduate and lots of great information about applying to post-secondary schools and accessing scholarships and bursaries. This is a booklet worth reading through with your child. If your student is not in attendance on this day please encourage them to pick one up. Applyalberta.ca is the newest and easiest way to apply to post-secondary schools in Alberta and your grade twelve student can begin filling out their application immediately on this website. If students or parents have any questions about career choices, post-secondary options or about current standing in relation to high school graduation please feel free to come in to the Student Services Office in Room 126 and talk with Ms. Fulton, Mrs. Harrington, Off-Campus Coordinator or Mrs. Clark, Career Assistant. Parents wishing to visit on a specific topic or with their child can call to make an appointment.

#### **Welcome Chana Berg**



**2010/2011  
Yearbooks are in  
and ready to be  
picked up.**

Bonjour! My name is Chana Berg and this is not only my first year at IHS, but my first year of teaching! I am a recent graduate of University of Alberta, from Campus Saint-Jean where I received my BEd with a major in French and a minor in Math. I am very excited to start off my career at IHS and be closer to family! I love Halloween and have a special place in my heart for all things zombie related. This year I will be teaching FLA, Social Studies, ELA and Junior High French. If you have a question about French, please do not hesitate to come by my room! The door is (almost) always open... #156

## **Achieving success in our safe and caring schools**

### **A Message from the Superintendent**

Knowing that a school is safe is a key foundation for a quality learning environment. Chinook's Edge works very hard to create and maintain a variety of safety initiatives. For example, our Safety Manager has regular site visits at each of our schools to ensure staff, structures and processes meet the highest standards. Our staff are trained and comfortable with the division's Violence Threat Risk Assessment protocols, our Emergency Response Plan, and our procedures for dealing with a variety of emergent situations.

Our commitment to ensuring that safety is everybody's business has helped to create a culture of caring and trust in our schools. Our most recent data shows that 92 percent of our students feel welcome at school, 89 percent state they are encouraged to do their best at school, 87 percent feel the school staff cares about them and 86 percent feel safe at school.

From breakfast programs to athletic leagues, and exciting clubs to engaging classrooms, our students are well cared for from the time they arrive to school to the time they go home each day. Everyone at Chinook's Edge is working to bring our Mission and Vision to life by ensuring we are a school division full of safe, happy, healthy students and staff.

**Kurt Sacher**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

#### **Mission:**

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

#### **Vision:**

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.