Principal’s Message

I am sure many of you found the month of September passed all too quickly. It is a very busy time for families as students enter a new school year and fall activities begin. Crescent Heights High School also experienced a very busy time as staff welcomed and settled over 1640 students attending our school for the 2016-2017 school year.

The first week of school at CHHS was focussed on assisting our students transition smoothly into the school year. Our grade ten students spent their first day with us learning about the school through a school assembly and time in their homerooms. They enjoyed a ‘Welcome To Your New School’ barbecue before heading home on the busses. Grades eleven and twelve each attended assemblies later in the morning and early afternoon and had the opportunity to reconnect with each other and staff. Each day for the remainder of the week, students met with their PRIDE teachers to ensure everyone received the assistance and information they required.

I should also mention that in support of our work with transitioning grade tens into a new school environment, seventy-five students attended math summer camp offered at Crescent Heights. Ms. Laplante, Mr. Freeman, and Ms. Saini provided instruction in the non-credit Math 10 Prep course for ten days in August. Student feedback has indicated the students felt the initiative has better prepared them for grade ten math-an outcome we are very pleased to report.

Students and coaches hit the month running with fall sports try-outs, team selections, and season games all taking place within the first two weeks. Congratulations to all students who participated in this process and good luck to the players and coaches of our fall teams: Girls Soccer, Junior and Senior Girls and Boys Volleyball, Junior and Senior Football, and Cross Country. Students are also encouraged to join one of the eighteen clubs currently being offered at Crescent Heights High School. With so much opportunity for student involvement in the school, our building is very busy with staff-sponsored student activities running from the early morning to late into the evening and frequently on the weekends.

A successful High School Orientation evening was held on Thursday, September 15, 2016, with many parents and students in attendance. Parents were given an overview of our school community and they were encouraged to maintain regular contact with teachers as student opportunities for success are enhanced through close collaboration between home and school. Parents then followed their children through a ‘day in the life’ experience. Parents accompanied their children through a regular Monday schedule, allowing parents to tour the school, meet their children’s teachers and learn about the miles their children travel between classes each day. Our local post-secondary institutions set up displays and were present to answer student and parent questions. Staff and parents alike enjoyed the opportunity to meet one another so early in the year.

Professional Development with staff is also up and running. We began our morning meeting together to examine the Calgary Board of Education’s Three Year Plan and discussed how the direction of the board influenced our work with students. Student engagement continues to provide the foundation for our work as we focus on task design, student involvement in assessment and the development of student ability to determine next steps for learning. Each team identified their goals for the year in their annual plans. Our direction this year looks a bit different as each team set goals that were smaller in nature and could be assessed at least four times this year. The intention of the smaller goals is to allow for more accurate data being gathered. The frequent gathering of data will allow teachers to assess the impact on student learning in a more timely manner and allow teachers to make adjustments as necessary.

As can be seen, September has been a lively time at Crescent. Thank you to the Facility Operators and Support Staff for their work in preparing our school for students’ arrivals. As well, thank you to the Student Services team for ensuring students are settled in classes and teachers are provided with student-support information. Thank you to staff for their enthusiasm, compassion, and care for students and for their engagement in studying best
instructional practice in order to move forward student learning. Lastly, thank you to our parent community for your support of your children and the school. As has been mentioned, we know students benefit when the home and school work together.
To the students of Crescent Heights High School – know that you are an important and valued member of our school community. We want to see you here every day. Work hard, stay involved in extra-curricular opportunities, have fun and always remember that you are capable of excellence. Strive for it each day. Have a great year!

J. Chapman-Brown
Principal

Socktober

Once again Crescent Heights will be supporting the ALEX centre in their annual “Gear up for Winter” campaign. The Youth Volunteer Corps will be accepting donations of NEW SOCKS and gently used mitts, hats, scarves and other winter items. New health and beauty items are also welcome. All items can be deposited in our donation bin in the main office or dropped off at the math office (room 227). Watch for our fundraising campaign throughout the month and support a wonderful cause.

Halloween Havoc

Halloween is just around the corner. Leadership is planning the annual Halloween Havoc event on October 31, 2016 from 12pm-1pm. We will have games, activities and a costume contest in the Student Center and a Haunted House on the stage. We encourage everyone to dress up and enjoy the fun.

2015-2016 (last school year) Refundable Security Deposit

2015-2016 (last school year) Refundable Security Deposit: If students did not pick up the refund cheques in past June please do it now at the Business Office. Cheques are expired in December and no replacement will be issued. Refund cheques are only available for those students who paid the deposit, returned all outstanding items and had no other fees owing. If students have already picked up the cheque there is no second one available.

Art Society

The Art Society/Club meets every Wednesday, from 3:40 to 5:00pm in the Art Studios (Rooms 154 & 155). Art Society is for any student at Crescent who is interested in visual arts and who enjoys making works of art, in a comfortable environment, with other students who have similar interests.
Students do not have to be enrolled in an art class to participate in Art Society.

Upcoming activities may include:

- Painting with watercolour and acrylic paints
- Creating unique bowls and dishes from clay
- Experimenting with unique drawing techniques
- Using found objects to construct creative creatures
- Painting and personalizing custom T-shirts

Stop by the Art Studios and see Ms. Yeates and Ms. Siemens to find out more about the Art Society here at Crescent.
Art 30

CONGRATULATIONS to 7 ART 30 students who had their sculptures displayed at the WESTERN SHOWCASE OF ART at this past summer’s Calgary Stampede. It is quite an honour to have their work included in this prestigious art event.

Alex M.
Alex received an honorable mention for his “Haida Spirit Dancer” made out of clay, wire and raffia.
From the Board of Trustees

Introducing the Legacy Award

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce a new award that recognizes CBE alumni who have made a difference, and we need your help to find these outstanding individuals.

The CBE Legacy Award celebrates public education. It will shine a spotlight on former students who live our beliefs - that a strong public education system is the foundation of our society, and the legacy of learning we create makes a world of difference for all of us.

Our former students positively impact our communities, our country and our world. Legacy Award recipients will embody the foundation they received during their education and represent the legacy of the CBE: preparing students for life, work and inspiring life-long learning.

Our alumni are leaders, entrepreneurs and difference-makers. They are artists, trail-blazers and dedicated volunteers. We want to hear their stories and celebrate their success.

We expect to present the CBE Legacy Award several times a year at public board meetings, with the first award presented this month. All award nominations will be reviewed and award recipients selected by the CBE Legacy Award Committee.

Recipients must:

- Be an alumnus of, or have attended, a CBE School.
- Be 18 years of age or older at the time of nomination.
- Exemplify at least one or more of the CBE Results:

**Mission**: has used high school as a foundation for continuous learning and success in life and work.

**Academics**: possesses the knowledge, skills and attitude required for academic success, and is effectively prepared for life, work and further learning.

**Citizenship**: has been a responsible citizen who is an informed and involved member of his/her community – locally, nationally, globally.

**Character**: possesses the character to do what is right, act morally with wisdom, and balance individual concerns with the rights and needs of others.

**Personal Development**: has acquired the skills, attitude and knowledge to achieve his or her highest potential.

Nominations must include a (maximum) 500-word statement of support.

To nominate an outstanding CBE alumnus, or for more information about the Legacy Award, please visit the CBE website at [http://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Pages/legacy-award.aspx](http://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Pages/legacy-award.aspx)