



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I want to say what a pleasure it has been to be reunited with our amazing students! We are also very happy to welcome Kayla Myers back to her position as student counsellor and Stacy Tinant has joined us to provide guitar and other music instruction. Welcome Stacy!

Change brings challenges and our teachers have certainly risen to the challenge of taking over some of the online courses. A huge thank you to them for their ongoing efforts! We have much to learn, so we are using our growth mindsets to ensure success.

This newsletter will touch on some “need to know” items, relay some opening week highlights and inform you of some awesome upcoming events. Our school calendar is attached to the email. Please keep it for your records.

Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol

As part of Chinook’s efforts to ensure the safety of students, the division has partnered with local authorities to sign a Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol. As part of the protocol, many Chinook staff members have engaged in training to assist them in identifying students who may pose a threat to themselves or others. Maverick has five staff members who have received training and are familiar with the protocol. Please see the attached letter from Kyle McIntyre for information on how to access additional information on the division website.

Parent & Student Access to Maplewood Information System

The majority of Chinook Schools offer parents access to the Maplewood Information System. Both Chinook Cyber School’s and Maverick School’s online courses have gradebooks separate from the Maplewood system. If you are wanting an update on your student’s progress you can login with them or call the school. The gradebooks within the online courses show completed assignments, marks and comments shared with students.

Opening Days & New Belief Statement

Students arrived on Sept 4th and created our new belief statement. See below. Policy review will be ongoing every second Friday until complete.

Belief Statements 2018 - 2019

At Maverick School We believe in using Control Theory and Growth Mindsets to ...

- create a unique, safe and sober environment*
- ensure the right to feel empowered and accepted in a community of judgement free sharing, mutual respect and maturity*
- honour diversity in oneself and others and through this ensure inclusion*
- instill laughter, encourage fun and generate good times*

The students did a fantastic job of identifying the type of school they want Maverick to be this year. Congratulations students!

Maverick's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Our 25th anniversary celebration will take place at the school on the afternoon of Friday, October 12th. I am pleased to extend an invitation to all of you to attend! The celebration will feature speeches from dignitaries, former & current staff members, and of course, our past and present students. We also plan to have some spoken word or music performances as part of the program.

Krista is collecting more of our "Maverick Rewind" stories. Please visit our Facebook page to see what our past students gained from their time at Maverick. We love finding out "where they are now"!

Please join us for this come and go event. Coffee, tea, juice and cake will be shared!

Parent Open House & Student Led Conferences

Our fall Parent Open House event will take place on **Tuesday, November 20th**. We will be encouraging students to join parents in attending. The event will kick off with our traditional **chili dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.** Most importantly, parents and students will have opportunity to meet one-on-one with teachers for a progress report. As the number of parents wanting to meet with teachers can create some time constraints, I'm asking for teacher meetings to be limited to ten minutes with a maximum time of 15 minutes allocated per student. If you are unable to attend on the 20th or would prefer a longer conference, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange for a meeting on a different date. Our teachers are always willing to accommodate your schedule as we truly believe the school & home partnership is a most important piece of the student success puzzle!

Maverick School Community Council

I would like to schedule our first School Community Council meeting for Wednesday, September 26th. Serving on the council involves attending four to five meetings over the course of the year. Members are also welcome to attend two annual SCC forums hosted by Chinook School Division. At the forums a delicious roast beef dinner is served followed by general information about SCC endeavors within our division. It is also an opportunity for parents to provide feedback to our board and senior administrators on many topics of concern. Our Maverick council meetings take place on Wednesday over the noon hour so that attendees may enjoy a hot meal while in attendance. The schedule for meetings will be set once council members are identified.

If you have some time, energy and awesome ideas to assist in making Maverick an even better school...please join our SCC!

Extra-curricular Offerings for Students:

Thank you to our dedicated staff members for creating these extra-curricular opportunities for students!

- S.O.S. (Maverick's Gay Straight Alliance) meets every other Tuesday at noon (Colin facilitating)
- Writer's Guild meets every other week at noon (Scott facilitating)
- Alternating Yoga/Meditation Monday third period (Marnie facilitating)
- Bi-monthly Wednesday Afternoon Group (Kayla facilitating)
- Alternating Friday mornings 10:45 to noon: Gal's Group/Guy's Group
- Support Group meets every Friday at 11:30 to discuss students' concerns & questions in relation to addiction (Megan Hanna, Addictions Services & Kayla facilitating)
- Outdoor Education adventures (Scott, Tanner and Krista providing leadership)
- Meal on Wheels delivery – Tammy & Marnie facilitating
- Video Game Club – Noon hour play as well as tournaments Friday at noon (Colin facilitating)
- Music lessons from contracted teachers: Glenna Switzer and Stacey Tinant
- To promote wellness for our students, Maverick SCC has purchased passes for Maverick students to visit **BodyFit** gym or the **Aquatic Centre**! Students can simply visit the facility and sign in as a Maverick student to use a free pass.

Thank You to...

- Innovation Credit Union** for donating \$1300 towards our nutrition program. Funds were donated from the staff members' dress down Friday fund.
- Blender's Music** for providing two season passes to the concert series for student use
- WW Smith Insurance** for providing five student tickets to the Queer Song Book Orchestra

Important Dates & Coming Events

09/10 – Control Theory 30 instruction begins

09/26 – Career Expo at SCCHS

09/26 - SCC Meets at noon

09/28 – Maverick celebrates **Orange Shirt Day**

09/29 – Blenders Concert “Northern Beauties”

10/03 – Tammy & Colin accompany students to Saskatoon to tour the U of S

10/04 – SCC New members Forum

10/05 – *No School for Students due to School Based PD Day*

10/08 – *No School for Students due to Thanksgiving Holiday*

10/09 – Blender’s Concert “Colin Linden”

10/12 – Maverick’s 25th Anniversary Celebration

10/19 – Blenders Concert “Whitehorse”

11/03 – Blenders Concert “JJ Shiplett”

11/09 – Remembrance Day Ceremony/ Control Theory 30 Instruction Ends

11/12 to 12/16 – Art Flex Week with numerous visual art workshops

11/19 – Social Studies 30 instruction begins

11/20 - Parent Night & Student Led Conferences Chili dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

11/30 – *No School for Students in lieu day for Parent Teacher Conferences*

11/30 – Blenders Concert “The Treble”

12/03 to 12/06 – Maverick’s White Ribbon Campaign (Men working to end men’s violence against women)

12/20 – Please mark your calendars now to attend our annual Christmas Banquet!

Donations Appreciated

Often times we are asked what types of items people could donate to help out our school programs. The main area for which donations would be very much appreciated is our nutrition program, so I’ve asked Alisa to compile a list of the most popular items of consumption! If you are able to help us out with any of the following, we would be most appreciative!

Coffee, tea, creamer, granola bars, cereal (not too sugary), canned goods (soups, spaghetti, etc.), Eggos, yogurt, fresh fruits and veggies, milk, cheese slices, sandwich meat, pasta, bread, bagels, muffins, and condiments. As you know...they eat anything and everything! 😊

We could also use some good quality winter wear (mitts, toques, scarves, boots, and jackets)

**PLEASE VISIT OUR MAVERICK SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES &
PHOTOS OF ALL OUR AWESOME EVENTS!**