

# GRAD NEWSLETTER #2

March 2017



Hello parents and grads! The purpose of this newsletter is to review the events that are planned for graduation and to distribute necessary grad information. There is a lot of information in this newsletter *so please read it carefully*. There are also some very important forms to complete and return to the office. We encourage you to deal with these immediately. This information can also be obtained from the Olds High School website - [www.oldshigh.ca](http://www.oldshigh.ca)

## GRAD EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL GRAD MEETINGS

The next grad executive meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

- 8:45 a.m. – rehearsal
- 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Meet in the Red and Green quads - Cap and Gown distribution
- 7:00 p.m. – OHS Gymnasium - Cap and Gown Ceremony includes the Valedictorian address, Principal's address and presentation of grad certificates. Attendance at the Cap and Gown Ceremony is open to the public.
- Girls should consider the following recommendations for attire:  
Dress shoes (preferably dark) must be worn with the gowns. Only your legs will show below your gown. Also you may want to wear a V-neck shirt without a collar. Consider the grad cap when planning your hairstyle (we have extra caps that can be borrowed ahead of time for this purpose).
- Guys must wear dress pants, white shirt, tie and dress shoes with your grad gown.
- Grad Tea to follow Cap and Gown – OHS Commons

### Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

5:30-7:00 p.m. – Buffet Dinner (Alumni & Bell E-Learning)

- The buffet hot meal will be served at this time for grads and their “ticket holding” guests. Each grad is given 4 tickets as a part of the basic grad package; **please note one of the banquet tickets is for the grad.**

7:00 p.m. – Group Picture – (North Bleachers of gymnasium)

7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Evening Program, Grand March and Dance – Gym

- The evening program will begin @ 7:30 p.m. The program will consist of toasts and musical entertainment provided by members of the graduating class and an address by the guest speaker.
- The program will be followed by the Grand March.
- The Grand March will be followed by a demonstration dance that all grads will prepare for in May. This will lead into an evening dance with music provided by a DJ. The first two dances will be designated for parents and escorts and grads. The dance itself is an opportunity for grads to spend some time with their families and guests and you are encouraged to make the most of this special time.
- Other guests are welcome to watch the program, Grand March and dance.

## ***DANCE LESSONS***

Tom O'Neill has graciously offered to teach the students dance steps for a "demonstration dance" to be performed the night of grad. This has been a very popular part of grad during the last few years. **Grads must attend two or all of these dates:** May 17<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and/or May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. **EVERYONE MUST ATTEND THE REHEARSAL ON MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> IN THE MORNING.**

## ***TICKET AND INFORMATION FORMS***

**Ticket order form:** Four tickets are included with the basic cost of \$230. This \$230 is broken down as follows: \$100 for the banquet, \$130 for other grad costs i.e. grad gowns, decorations, DJ, etc. Please return this form to the school office by **MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>**. **Extra tickets MAY be available. Please read the ticket order form for more information.**

**Grad information form:** The information provided here will be used for a script to be read while students are receiving their certificates during the Cap and Gown Ceremony on Friday. These must be returned to the office by **APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>**.

## ***INVOICES***

Invoices will be mailed mid April. These invoices will include ticket costs, grad clothing and grad DVDs, pictures etc. The dollars earned from fundraising will be deducted from the total amount owing. **FULL PAYMENT WILL BE REQUIRED BY MAY 12<sup>th</sup>**. Banquet tickets will not be distributed until payment is made. Post-dated cheques or payments can be made for grad amounts owing prior to May 12<sup>th</sup>, but final payment must be made by May 12<sup>th</sup>. Payment can also be made through the school fee online payment system. (Please call the high school office if you need help with this).

## ***GRAD SHOW***

Due to diploma exams in April, there will be two shows on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Fine Arts Theatre, one show at 6:00 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> show at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for \$10.00 each, children 6 years and under free. Grads will receive \$8 grad credits for each ticket sold. Rehearsal dates are: Skits: Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00, Musical: Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. All performances will rehearse Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 4:00 until finished.

## ***FULL NAME CONFIRMATION***

It is important to us that we have the **correct spelling and full name** including middle name of each grad. To ensure this, we are asking students to come to the office and verify this information. Students will need to check in the office to initial if spelling is correct, or make changes if necessary. This needs to be done ASAP.

## ***"BE SMART, BE SAFE" Program (risk awareness program)***

There will be a **MANDATORY** Grad assembly May 18<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, just before the long weekend. This assembly will cover trauma and preventing risk related injuries.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

A student wishing to participate in the graduation ceremonies at our school must meet the following requirements:

- ❖ *qualify for a high school diploma by the end of his or her graduating year*
- ❖ *be registered in a minimum of 30 credits at Olds High School in his/her Grade 12 year*
- ❖ *complete a grad application form and participate in a career consultation with Mrs. Statchuk (parents are encouraged to attend this career consultation with their child) Contact Mrs. Statchuk through email to book an appointment, [lstatchuk@cesd73.ca](mailto:lstatchuk@cesd73.ca)*

*A student registered in courses required for graduation outside of OHS, (e.g. correspondence, outreach) must be two-thirds through the course by April 7<sup>th</sup> before his or her name can be added to the grad list. The grad list will be updated as the year progresses. A final list will be prepared after spring break. Students are responsible for ensuring that their grad status is maintained throughout the year and until the time of graduation.*

**IMPORTANT GRAD INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE BEING SENT BY MRS STATCHUK. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING THESE EMAILS PLEASE SEE MRS. STATCHUK IMMEDIATELY.**

## **GRAD CLOTHING**

Grad clothing summaries are on school fees now which can be paid before grad. Please keep in mind if your student fundraised these amounts will be credited to the invoice that will be mailed out in April.

## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

The Scholarship directory is available on the Olds High School website: [www.oldshigh.ca](http://www.oldshigh.ca), under Student Services, Scholarships.

## **YEARBOOK**

*Have you purchased a 2016/2017 yearbook for your graduating child? Now is the time to check, as the last day to order is April 28<sup>th</sup>. How about a grad surprise? Personalize the cover for them, with their name, slogan and up to 4 icons! Forms are available at the office.*

This newsletter and all the forms are on the Olds High School website: [www.oldshigh.ca](http://www.oldshigh.ca)  
Any other questions about grad please call Tom Christensen, Gayleen Roelfsema, Kent Lorenz or Louan Statchuk 403-556-3391.

*“What lies behind us and what lies  
before us are tiny matters compared to  
what lies within us.”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson*

TICKET/DVD ORDER FORM

GRAD NAME \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please indicate which grad events you are participating in.

Cap and Gown Ceremonies.....YES.....NO

Banquet.....YES.....NO

Evening Program.....YES.....NO

2. Is your child in a blended family situation (this information is required to make sure your family gets the appropriate number of tickets) YES or NO. If yes please call Debbie at the school regarding your tickets.

3. Each grad has been allotted four banquet tickets. Out of the 4 tickets allotted to each grad, ONE MUST BE USED FOR THE GRAD. How many of these four tickets would you like reserved? \_\_\_\_\_

4. There may be a limited number of extra banquet tickets available to purchase, if you would like to reserve more banquet tickets, how many would you like \_\_\_\_\_? (up to a maximum of 4 extra tickets). We will contact you if these become available and \$25 will be added to your invoice for each extra banquet ticket ordered. Requests for extra tickets WILL NOT BE TAKEN after May 13<sup>th</sup>.

5. Are you aware of any special seating requests (i.e. sitting with another grad family or wheelchair access) or special dietary requests for the banquet at this time?

6. We will be sending out grad announcements via e-mail, so you will be able to print off as many as you require. To do this we will need an e-mail address to send you the document file. If you do not have an email account, please have your grad use their e-mail account from the school. (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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| 7. Grad Show DVD (\$40)  | YES | NO |
| 8. Grad Day DVD (\$40)   | YES | NO |
| 9. Still Pictures - (\$30) DVD of 500 plus edited pictures of 2 day grad | YES | NO |
| - (\$20) 8x10 collage picture of all grad partners                       | YES | NO |
| - (\$40) Purchase both the DVD & collage (save \$10)                     | YES | NO |

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

PLEASE FILL OUT "ALL" AREAS OF THIS FORM, BE CREATIVE !! THIS WILL BE READ DURING THE CAP AND GOWN CEREMONY FRIDAY NIGHT.

Grad's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

(including middle name)

Son/Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_

Plans for next year:

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School highlights: (please include highlights from any Olds schools attended, please do not include "parties")

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