

GRAD NEWSLETTER#1 OCTOBER 2017

DATE - **Friday, May 25th**

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Cap and Gown Distribution (Green Quad)

7:00 p.m.

Cap & Gown Ceremony (Ralph Klein Centre/gymnasium)

Grad Tea to follow Cap & Gown Ceremony (Olds High School Commons)

DATE - **Saturday, May 26th**

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner (Alumni Centre/Bell E-Learning)

7:00 p.m.

Group Picture (North bleachers of gymnasium)

7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Program, Grand March, and Dance (Ralph Klein Centre/ gymnasium)

GRAD MEETINGS

The next grad executive meeting is November 14th @ 7 p.m. in the Commons. Future meetings will be set on a month to month basis. Please listen for announcements and reminders via phone outs from the school.

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 before December 22nd 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

A student registered in courses required for graduation outside of OHS, (e.g. correspondence, outreach) must be two-thirds through the course by April 6th, 2017 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.

GRAD FUNDRAISING – please see attached sheet for poinsettia, wreath and swag pick up dates.

- **Grad Show** - a talent and variety show
 - April 5th, 2018 (2 show times, TBA) at the TransCanada Fine Arts Theatre
 - entertainment provided by the grads
 - tickets sell for \$10.00
 - each ticket sold will equal \$8 student grad credit
- **Poinsettias** – grads receive \$5 grad credits for 6” pots, \$8 grad credits for 8”, 10” and centre pieces.
- **Wreaths** – grads will receive \$8 credit for each wreath sold
- **Swags** – grads will receive \$8 credit for each swag sold
- **Community Service Program** - students are awarded “grad hours” for volunteer work
 - one hour volunteered will be \$4 dollars credit
 - this project presents an excellent opportunity for students to gain exceptional volunteer experience which can be used to enhance a student’s resume, however, please understand the time commitment required and it must be pre-approved by Mr. Christensen

- examples from the past include: Olds Hospital, OHS Mentoring Program and OES Reading Program (Grade 12 year only)

- contact Mr. Christensen if you are interested in any of these Community Service programs

All grad credits will be subtracted from amount owing on your grad invoice that will be mailed out mid April.

COST and TICKETS

The cost of grad will be \$225. \$100 for 4 banquet tickets, \$125 will cover costs associated with technical support, cap and gown rentals, formal group picture and grad composite, grad folders, decorating etc.

If MORE OR LESS than four banquet tickets are required please indicate on the ticket order form which will be mailed out in February. If you are requesting more than four tickets your name will be put on a waiting list and you will be contacted once tickets become available. Please remember that one of the “four” tickets will be for the grad. Invoices will be mailed the end of April, with full payment due on May 11th, 2018. If you would like to put any money towards grad fees at any time, you are welcome to do so.

GRAD PHOTOS

This year grad photo appointments can be booked on line. Portrait dates start November 27th through to December 1st in the Multipurpose Room. To book an appointment visit www.lifetouch.ca/centralalberta. Select your school to be directed to the online booking site. Follow the instructions to complete your appointment booking. You will receive a confirmation email once your booking is completed and a reminder email 2 days prior to your appointment. If you cannot book online please call 403-356-9410 or toll free 1-866-948-1005 to help you with your booking. **We want all graduates to be included in the school composite, therefore, even if you are not ordering grad photos/package, you must make an appointment, sitting fee will be waived.**

Dressing for grad photos:

Graduation gowns and stoles will be supplied, as well as fresh roses for the girls. Girls are advised to consider the V-neck of the gown when choosing clothing. Boys are advised to wear a white dress shirt and tie. Wearing of the grad cap is optional for photos.

GRAD CLOTHING

Grad clothing is being ordered. Join the OHS Class of 2018 Google Classroom with the code lezzobi. Check OHS Class of 2018 Google Classroom for detailed procedures for the following tasks. Once grad clothing is ordered it will be delivered by early December. If anyone would like to pay for the clothing or put money towards grad fees, you are welcome to do so at any time. Grad clothing costs will be added to your invoice you will receive the end of April.

STUDENT SERVICES

If you are not receiving the “numerous” emails from Mrs. Statchuk regarding post-secondary information and opportunities, scholarships and other relevant topics, please email Mrs. Statchuk, lstatchuk@cesd73.ca Please check the Student Services Scoop in the monthly school newsletter and on the school website under “Student Services” for upcoming events, scholarships, and websites of interest.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The scholarship directory is available on the Olds High School website: www.oldshigh.ca under Student Services, Scholarships.

Grad Advisors: Tom Christensen, Gayleen Roelfsema, Kent Lorenz, and Louan Statchuk

If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the advisors at 403-556-3391.

This newsletter will also be on the high school website www.oldshigh.ca

Our hope with this process is that you printed off a list of who ordered from you when you added swags/wreaths/poinsettias to your online order. Please make sure that whoever is picking up the order has a list of how many of each item you need to pick up and names of who ordered them, so they can be delivered promptly.

Swag Pick Up

Swags will be ready to pick up:

Wednesday November 29th - (Last Names Anderson to Leatherdale).

Wednesday, December 6th - (Last Names Martens to Zumbuehl).

These can be picked up all day at Lofty Designs. These swags are not individually wrapped and must be handled with care. (East on highway 27. Take the second right after the overpass & follow the signs). **You must stick to your assigned pick up date.**

Please be sure to personally thank the customer for supporting the grad class of 2018.

Thank-you for your cooperation.

Poinsettias and Centre Piece Pick Up

Poinsettias must be picked up **Friday December 8th** between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Olds College Greenhouse. To find the greenhouse use the north entrance into the college, go through parking lot #9 to the entrance joining the Land Sciences Building (#3) and the Greenhouse (#3a). When you pick up your poinsettias:

- You will meet some volunteer parents who will help you. Follow their directions!
- Deliver the plants the same day you pick them up. The less they are handled before you get them to your customers, the better.
- **You must have a warm vehicle to put the plants in. They freeze easy. Do not put them in the back of a truck or in a cold vehicle.**
- There is limited parking immediately outside the loading doors. Have patience and work on a first come first served basis. To make things go quickly and smoothly, help the people in front of you load their poinsettias.
- If the customer is not home on the day of delivery, take them into your house and give them some TLC. It may be a wise thing to call your customers ahead of time to let them know you will be there on the 4th.
- Please be sure to personally thank the customer for supporting the grad class of 2018.

Wreath Pick Up

Delivery will be **Wednesday, December 6th**. Wreaths will be picked up in the entrance of the East doors of the High School between 11:00a.m and 3:00p.m. The process will be similar to the poinsettia pick-up.:

- When you get a wreath, it must be put in a plastic bag with a bow and decorations.
- It is recommended you keep the wreaths cold. You do not need to have a heated vehicle to deliver them.
- If you sold more than (8) wreaths, you will receive them in a rather large box. It will not likely fit in the trunk of a car.
- Deliver them as soon as possible. If the customer is not home, take the wreath home and keep it in a cold place until you can deliver it. The pine needles will begin to fall off if the wreath is not handled with care.
- Be sure to thank the customer for supporting the Grad Class of 2018.

Call the school if you have any questions or concerns or comments. Your input will be appreciated.