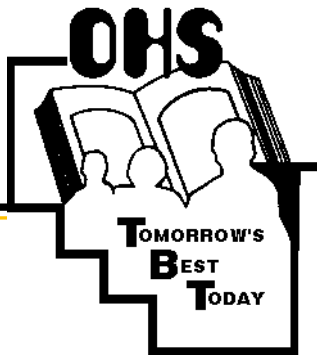


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# OLDS HIGH SCHOOL

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Grade 12 Parents and Students:

Congratulations! You and your child have survived eleven successful years of schooling. The final year is now here and I challenge you to take advantage of every opportunity to ensure you are well-prepared for life after high school. I hope you and your son/daughter have discussed possible options after graduation. Olds High School offers various services to grade twelve students and parents.

### GRADUATION CAREER CONSULTATIONS

All grade 12 students must complete the OHS graduation application form and meet with Mrs. Statchuk for a career consultation. Parents are strongly encouraged to be part of this meeting. In preparation for the career consultation you must:

complete the OHS Graduation Application form

update your My blueprint account, if you do not have a Myblueprint account go to

[www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca) and use the activation code **oldshs** to create an account

bring your current resume to the career consultation

Contact me to book your grad consultations in person, by email [lstatchuk@cesd73.ca](mailto:lstatchuk@cesd73.ca) or phone 403-556-3391 ext 4637.

### WHAT'S NEXT? PARENT-STUDENT INFORMATION MEETING

All students and parents (grades 9-12) are invited to attend an information evening in the Trans Canada Theatre, Fine Arts Building on **Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm**. The evening will include information how parents can assist their children with career exploration and post-secondary planning. The presentation will include a guided walk through the Apply Alberta website, My Blueprint, and other useful resources. Financial and post-secondary institutions, and representatives from other career resources will be available in the foyer before and after the meeting. With applications to numerous post-secondary institutions opening October 1, this evening will be designed not only for grade 12 students and parents but all grades. Bring a friend!

### MYPASS.ALBERTA.CA

MyPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for high school students. All students must create a myPass account to view and print diploma exam results, view their Detailed Academic Report (DAR), order transcripts and much more.

### POST-SECONDARY EXPLORATION

I hope you were able to attend the annual post-secondary review evening at OHS held in mid-September. I encourage you to explore post-secondary institutes by attending information sessions, Open House events, Preview Days or visiting as a Student for a Day. Dates and registration information can be found on institute websites and the Student Services Scoop in the monthly newsletter.

### CAREER INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

#### *CAREERS: Choosing a Direction WEBINAR*

Part of the Webinar **Wednesday** calendar, Alberta School Councils presents a one hour online session with *CAREERS: the Next Generation* at **9:30 AM** or **8:30 PM**, accessible through home computers, laptops or mobile devices.

Join CAREERS: The Next Generation to discuss the opportunities and realities that face youth as they seek pathways to explore careers. This webinar is the first of three that will provide a foundation for parents of youth in grades 8 to 12.

#### *CAREERS: Choosing a Career Direction*

This first webinar (Oct 5) will provide information on careers that will be in demand in 2023 and some programs that will help youth try out careers while in high school.

#### *CAREERS: Helping Youth Choose*

The second webinar (Jan 11) will bring resources to assist youth in identifying careers that may interest them.

#### *CAREERS: Supporting Youth Exploring*

The third in the series (April 12) will provide tips for parents on helping youth prepare for and gain a paid internship or work experience.

#### ***About the organization:***

CAREERS: The Next Generation is a non-profit organization raising youth awareness of career options and helping students earn while they learn through internship. Partnering with government, educators, communities, industry, parents and students, they introduce youth to rewarding careers and develop the skilled workers of the future. CAREERS believe introducing students to great career options in high school motivates them in school, grows their skills, expands their opportunities and ultimately creates communities with a large and diverse skilled workforce.

Blackboard Collaborate™ is the online platform we are using to present the webinar session.

*You will be provided an internet link in order to participate in the webinar that you have registered for.*

Register by clicking this link:

<https://casas.bbcollab.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013181&password=M.F29BE0924C434250AFEA25751B2308>

### CHATTER HIGH

Chatter High provides a daily 10 minute activity that allows students to discover post-secondary and career opportunities, build health & financial literacy. The site is ad-free, and it is useful for any parent, teacher or student. It also is no cost to the school or user. This engagement is done in the form of a 10 question informative quiz, where students are provided with a link to the exact web page where they can find the answer. Students and parents can earn points *which* can be



redeemed for prizes such as swag and a tuition credit at various post-secondary institutes. Get started by signing up at [www.chatterhigh.com](http://www.chatterhigh.com).

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The deadlines for scholarships range from October to September. Check out the scholarship directory under student services on the school website [www.oldshigh.ca](http://www.oldshigh.ca). Also, watch the newsletter for details of upcoming scholarships. An application form for the OHS awards and scholarships will be given to students in the spring and posted on the school website.

### CAREER ASSESSMENTS

Career Services at MacEwan University offers two career assessments (Strong Interest Inventory and Myers-Brigg Type Indicator). These assessments can help students gain clarity on their personality type and interests, which may aid their selection of program and major.

#### **Myers-Brigg Type Indicator (MBTI) and Strong Interest Inventory**

Cost - Prospective students and general public: \$60 per assessment

For more info visit [MacEwan.ca/CareerServices](http://MacEwan.ca/CareerServices).

### CAREER RESOURCES

Students and parents can access the *Alis* website [www.alis.alberta.ca](http://www.alis.alberta.ca) for the following:

- ✓ CAREERinsite including interest assessments
- ✓ In-depth occupational profiles
- ✓ Multimedia informational interviews
- ✓ e-Resume review service
- ✓ Scholarship information
- ✓ much more...

Apprenticeship information can be found on <http://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/>.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 556-3391 extension 4637 or [lstatchuk@cesd73.ca](mailto:lstatchuk@cesd73.ca).

I wish you fond memories in your final year at Olds High and success in the future.

Sincerely,

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