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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. I teach in block 5 and 1B this semester. Please contact me to book your grad consultations in person, by email lstatchuk@cesd73.ca or phone 403-556-3391 ext 4637. **Sign up for Google Classroom Class of 2019 Class Code jqhsce.**

WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE? PARENT-STUDENT INFORMATION MEETING

All students and parents (grades 9-12) are invited to attend two-part information evening including breakout sessions on **Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm in the Commons**. The evening will begin with a presentation regarding post-secondary options, admission and averages, common admission questions, institution updates and scholarships. Representatives from financial and post-secondary institutions will be available before, during and after the meeting.

Breakout sessions **thus far** include:

- Financial sessions
- How to use your post-secondary institution student portal
- Apprenticeship/Dual Credit/Careers: The Next Generation
- Learning Clicks Exploring www.alis.alberta.ca (hands-on session)
- What do students and parents need to know about post-secondary education?
- What are the career opportunities in Business? CPA
- How can MyBlueprint help me in Career Planning?

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. See GC for details.

POST-SECONDARY EXPLORATION

I hope you to attended our annual post-secondary review evening in mid-September in the Commons. 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 on GC.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The deadlines for scholarships range from October to September. Scholarships will be posted on the Class of 2019 GC. The information on the scholarship directory under student services on the school website www.oldshigh.ca will slowly be transferred to Google Classroom. Also, watch the newsletter for details of upcoming scholarships. An application form for the OHS Awards and the Woodrow Judkins Scholarship will be given to students in the spring and posted on the google classroom.

CAREER RESOURCES

Students and parents can access the *Alis* website 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...

Numerous print resources and a job board are available at the Alberta Works office (just off the Commons). We encourage you to visit them. Apprenticeship information can be found on <http://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/>.

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

Sincerely,

Louan Statchuk

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Student Services Guidance Counsellor

