



Olds High School



April 2017

OHS Students Perform at Kiwanis Music Festival



During the week of March 15-17, 2017, the OHS Bands & Choir performed at the Olds Kiwanis Music Festival, which included the Grade 9 Band, Senior High Band, Senior Jazz Band and Senior Choir. All groups did amazing with the bands scoring in the Excellent category and the Choir receiving "First Class Honours" and recommendation for provincials. The Senior Choir will be awarded a scholarship and will perform at the Grand Concert on April 4, 2017 in the Trans Canada Theater at 7 p.m. Please come and enjoy all the best of the Kiwanis Music Festival of 2017.

Did you know that Olds High School:

- Is consistently at or above provincial average in diploma & achievement exams with a 96.1% acceptable rate for diploma exams and an 90.6% acceptable rate for achievement exams.
- Is consistently above the provincial average for students completing grade 12 with an 92.2% completion rate.
- Runs 36 different clubs or teams to enhance life outside of the classroom—these include athletics, fine arts, & global awareness.
- Offers a wide range of complementary courses for students to choose from.
- Has a strong affiliation with the community to offer RAP and Green Certificates.
- Is recognized as an International UNESCO School for the work done in creating a culture of peace & non-violence.
- Is affiliated with Olds College to offer programs not available in traditional high schools.
- Was the host of the 2015 Provincial Leadership Conference.
- Is above provincial average in students qualifying for the Rutherford Scholarship with a 69.7% eligibility rate.
- Awarded over \$112,000 in scholarships in the 2015-2016 school year.
- Is a provincial leader in high school redesign.
- Is one of three schools in Canada participating in NORCAN, a math education study with Canada and Norway.

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Strong leadership sets students and staff up for success



A Message from the Superintendent

Chinook's Edge ensures effective leadership structures are in place at every level of our school division, because we know this priority creates success in our school communities. Our teachers have the most direct impact on student success, so we make certain there are a number of opportunities for these leaders to collaborate, share best practices and work toward meaningful improvement in their classrooms. Guiding them are our skilled school leadership teams of Principals and Vice Principals, who themselves share a strong network of collaboration and support.

Our Central Office Leadership Team is frequently called upon to share details of our approach

with other learning professionals, because these methods of advancing growth and success have proven to be highly successful. Our school division has exceptional leaders who want to continue advancing the strategies that support growth at every staff level. Leading each initiative is our Board of Education, whose vision and openness allows our division to continue moving forward with quality learning that impacts every student in our care.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent

The Chinook's Edge Superintendency Team: (accessible by calling Division Office at 403-227-7070 or toll free 1-800-561-9229):

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Parents Matter! Your Trustee is always available and happy to hear from you. Visit the Board section of our website at www.cesd73.ca for their individual contact information. Superintendent Kurt Sacher can be contacted directly from the Board section, as well.

Mission

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

Vision

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.



A Message from Our Principal

Just as March is a transition month in terms of seasons, it is also a transition in schools. We are beginning to look at budgets and timetables for next year while at the same time beginning the last quarter of the current school year.

On March 2, 2017 we hosted Diversity Day. This was well received by all students and staff as we examined the diversity that makes up our modern societies. The guest speakers were very impressed with the maturity of OHS

students and how receptive they were to their stories and lessons.

Thank you to those who completed the government survey that was distributed last month. The data collected is helpful in setting our plans for the year.

Finally, we have had some distinguished visitors at Olds High this month. Last week the Deputy Minister of the Province of New Brunswick made a special visit to the

school and we also were visited by the Chilliwack, BC school division. The first week of April, as part of the NORCAN project, we will host students from Ontario and educators from Ontario and Norway. Each of these experiences serves to expose us to new ideas and better our education practice.

Tom Christensen
Principal



OHS School Council

Ever wonder what planet your kids are from and why you have trouble relating to them? This last meeting, the school council discussed many ideas that help us relate better to our teenagers. One was a video on YouTube by Simon Sinek called "Millennials in the Workplace". We concurred that whether millennials are in high school or at work, they are a different generation and require an understanding of how they process things, due to the introduction of technology. If you have 18 minutes, check it out...or even better, watch it with your child!

We want to congratulate those who worked on Diversity Day. It was a success and we need to recognize the good work going on within our building to the same end. Of our First Nation, Metis and Inuit population at

OHS, we graduated 100% of students that started with the school in grade 10. Our FNMI students take a significant amount more academic programs compared to other schools and proved that they can write well above the provincial average on diploma exams and grade 9 achievement exams, some in the category of excellence! We are very proud of this!

Other items discussed were upcoming student registration for quads, Band and CPF Olds reports, as well as the CLC Governance Team report. We were brought up to speed on dual credit programs and the NORCAN project. Thanks to a very creative and capable administration, we are on track with our budget, a difficult thing to do with educational cut-backs.

Next meeting, April 24, 2017, we have decided to explore the Olds High School Shop, courtesy of our tour guide and shop teacher, Doug Shaw. We will meet at the office at 7 p.m. and walk over together. If you would like to go there directly, parking is by the greenhouses at the College. Join us to see an area of the school we often don't get access to.

I would like to take a moment to thank our OHS School Council Secretary, Sylvia, who generates the minutes for every meeting. You know the saying, "If you want something done, ask a busy person"; it certainly applies to Sylvia. She is extremely efficient and we thank her for her work.

Next meeting: April 24, 2017. Hope to see you there!

Lana Cissell, Chairperson

The logo for the School Council. The word "School" is written in a large, black, sans-serif font. A yellow pencil is positioned diagonally across the end of the word "School". Below "School", the word "Council" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

Come out to the next meeting: April 24, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the OHS Conference Room.

OHS Interact Club Fundraising Banquet

The 7th Annual Olds High School Interact banquet was again a huge success and your kind donations helped make it possible. With your help, OHS Interact students were able to raise just over \$4000 toward their causes.

Our goal this year was to raise both awareness and financial support for the Hope For Mountain View County Kids (www.hope4MVCKids.org) program. This wonderful organization is volunteer driven and is mandated to offer both support and financial aid to any family in the county whose child may be experiencing a medical crisis. Support can range from small items like costs for parking or transportation to large expenses like adaptive equipment or rehabilitation. Interact members were honored to have a large number of board members and

families who have benefitted from the organization in attendance and we so appreciated the informative and very touching presentation given by the board chairperson and family members.

Our second fundraising goal was to complete our commitment to the Gowns for Grads and Tuxes Too. We began supporting this program last year with the goal of offering free or low-cost options for formal wear for graduates throughout the school division and beyond. The program is self-supporting but we are in the process of setting up a permanent storage space for the gowns and tuxes that are donated.

Since it's inception, the Olds Interact Club has benefitted from the continued support and guidance of the Olds Rotary Club. Each year, Olds Rotary has spon-

sored up to six students to attend leadership camps and they work hard to support the Interact student initiatives.

We were successful in our fundraising because of very generous donations from both individuals and local businesses toward our raffle table items and we are indebted to the fantastic bakers who donate each year to make our dessert auction such a success.

A more detailed advertisement will be placed in the local paper recognizing the many contributions made.

Thanks again for helping our club and being a part of this wonderful community we live in.



Thank You

Opportunities for French Immersion Students

1. Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP)
 - * No previous work experience necessary
 - * There is an eligibility criteria
 - * Jobs can be full OR part time basis

2. DELF

The exam portion of Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)
 * CEFR is organized into 6 reference levels. It encompasses what a learner can do in:

1. Reading 2. Listening 3. Speaking 4. Writing
- * A Level is Basic - A1- Breakthrough A2- Waystage
 - * B Level is Independent - B1- Threshold B2- Vantage
 - * C Level is Proficient User - C1- Proficiency C2- Mastery
 - * Self-Assessment Grid

* Is becoming an **INTERNATIONAL STANDARD**

3. University of Calgary Study Abroad — Study and work abroad program.
4. www.myworldabroad.com — A variety of choices and destinations.
5. www.goabroad.com
6. Interexchange AuPair in South France—Nannying in Southern France.
7. Allianz Global Assistance — \$2500 Scholarship to travel abroad.
8. OSEF (Organisme de Sejours Educatifs Francophones)

Summer Exchange Programs 1 month in Europe and 1 month in Canada

School Programs 9-11 week exchanges European students come to Canada August - November, Canadians go to Europe February - April

9. Experiences Canada — Grade 7 and 8 exchange with volunteer chaperone, CPF Olds, EDMS and community support. Growth for students outside the classroom. Commitment and Application process.



Spring Fling

Because of our volunteer service to Spring Fling in the past two years, OHS Leadership has been selected as one of the charities for Spring Fling 2017. We are excited and humbled by this opportunity! It reminds us that there are many benefits to giving...we often receive much more than we give.

Each Spring Fling charity must sell tickets for the event. We are encouraging OHS community and our generous supporters to buy tickets and attend the event on April 20, 2017.

Why should you buy a ticket for Spring Fling?

Tickets are \$100 (a \$25 increase from previous years) however your \$100 ticket will give you the following:

1. Roast Beef supper
2. Guest Speaker Danielle Lappage, 2016 Olympian, Olds High School Alumni
3. The entire ticket price \$100 will go toward the charities. The meal and venue are donated. Therefore, you can receive a tax deductible receipt for your ticket purchase. Receipts will be given through ORE (Olds Regional Exhibition). Tickets can be purchased at ORE or contact Mrs. Statchuk,

This morning the grandparents of one of our leadership students purchased 2 tickets but will not be able to attend the event. We are so grateful for the generosity of our Leadership student families ❤️

4. There will be door prizes for ticket holders.

5. A vote for your charity of choice, which we know will be OHS Leadership . 🗳️

The more tickets we sell, the greater chance the votes will be in our favour. The goal of Spring Fling is to sell 100 tickets minimum and each charity must sell 10 tickets. The more tickets we sell the greater the proceeds.

The \$10000 will be divided three ways among the charities, \$5000 to the charity with the most votes and \$2500 to the remaining charities.

Spring Fling funds will be used to fund two unique projects that will benefit all OHS students. The projects will be announced during "the Pitch" at Spring Fling.

This unique event showcases our close-knit community. Being involved and supporting this event helps our youth see the impact and value of coming together as a community to support each other. There may be a little FUN had by all!

We hope Spring Fling 2017 will fit into your plans. It will be a memorable night, certain to make our community stronger.



School fees were due on November 30, 2016. There have been mailouts, emails and phone calls to families with outstanding fees. This reminder is the last one. ALL OUTSTANDING FEES will be sent to collections as of May 30th; outstanding fees will not be sent to collections if you have spoken to Wendy in the office and have made payment arrangements or if you are waiting for approval of a school fee waiver. Call Wendy if you have any questions.



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book of the Month



Sea of Shadows

By Kelly Armstrong

In the Forest of the Dead, where the empire's worst criminals are exiled, twin sisters Moria and Ashyn are charged with a dangerous task. For they are the Keeper and the Seeker, and each year they must quiet the enraged souls of the damned.

Only this year, the souls will not be quieted.

Ambushed and separated by an ancient evil, the sisters' journey to find each other sends them far from the only home they've ever known. Accompanied by a stubborn imperial guard and a dashing condemned thief, the girls cross a once-empty wasteland, now filled with reawakened monsters of legend, as they travel to warn the emperor. But a terrible secret awaits them at court—one that will alter the balance of their world forever.



LIBRARY HOURS		
DAY	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday	7.30 a.m.	10.00 p.m.
Tuesday	7.30 a.m.	10.00 p.m.
Wednesday	7.30 a.m.	10.00 p.m.
Thursday	7.30 a.m.	10.00 p.m.
Friday	7.30 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Saturday	11.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Sunday	2.00 p.m.	10.00 p.m.

Student Services Scoop

Parent Contact

If you are interested in being part of the OHS Parent Contact List which will include emails from Mrs. Statchuk regarding scholarships, post-secondary opportunities for your son/daughter, helpful websites, career planning, and other relevant information, email Mrs. Statchuk at lstatchuk@cesd73.ca

RAP Student/Parent Information Meeting

Any students interested in the Registered Apprenticeship Program must attend the information meeting on April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Commons. Students must have a parent in attendance with them. Application forms are online at www.tfaforms.com/4606911 and must be submitted electronically. Please bring your cover letter and resume to Mrs. Tschoumy for final approval by April 8, 2017. After you have final approval, you may upload the documents and submit your application online.

Career Expo

Central Alberta Career Expo is a one day event where professionals in various trades, occupations and professions will demonstrate and explain a variety of careers and provide attendees with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in that career. Over 90 different careers will be showcased, in-

cluding Trades and Health careers. Plan to visit Career Expo on April 27, 2017, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Red Deer College. For more information check out their website: www.nextgen.org/careerexpo. We encourage students and parents to attend this event.

Grade 9 to 10 Registration for 2017-2018

All grade 9 students will receive quad and grade 10 class registration information and forms on April 3, 2017. The grade 10 registration form must be returned to the office by April 15, 2017. A parent information meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Trans Canada Theatre.

Grade 11 and 12 Registration for 2017-2018

Present grade 10 and 11 OHS students will receive registration information this month. Online registration will be at the end of April.

PARTY SAFE Program

Your grade 10 student will be attending the PARTY Safe Program (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth) on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Olds Hospital, Heartland Funeral Home, and the Olds High School /Olds College Campus. The PARTY Program is a preventative program aimed at grade 10 students, encouraging positive choices for the teenage

years. Permission forms will be given to grade 10 students and are due to the office by April 13, 2017.

Scholarship Update

All scholarship information and application forms are sent to grade 12 students through the Class of 2017 email list. Students need to be checking their emails frequently so they do not miss out on scholarship opportunities.

Alexander Rutherford Scholarship applications can be completed at <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/applying-for-funding/how-to-apply/>

Reminder to grade 12 students to apply for the following local scholarships:

- **Mountain View Credit Union** due April 30, 2017. Applications available at www.mvcu.ca/PersonalAdvice/Education/Scholarships/
- **Woodrow Judkins** due June 15, 2017. Application forms will be on the school website and must be handed in to Mrs. Statchuk.
- **AON Consulting** (for members of the Alberta Federated Gas-Cooperatives) due August 30, 2017



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Important Dates to Remember

April 3 — Grad Show

April 10 — RAP Student/Parent Meeting

April 11 — Grade 9 Parent Meeting (for parent/guardians of current grade 9 students)

April 13 — Report Card #3

April 14 — Good Friday — no school

April 17—21 — Spring Break — no school

May 3 — PARTY program for Grade 10 Students



Grad Show 2017
Monday, April 3, 2017
Trans Canada Theatre
Two performances - 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Tickets available starting March 20 for \$10 each. Children 6 and under free.