

Olds High School



December 2016

The Drowsy Chaperone



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.
- 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.
- One of three schools in Canada participating in NORCAN, a math education study with Canada and Norway.



Photos by Renu Mathew

Final Weekend!

Don't miss it.

Performances at 7 pm on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 as well as 2 pm on Sunday, December 4 in the TransCanada Theatre. Tickets available at the door or online at oldskiwaniis.org.

Proud of the Active Global Citizens in our Schools



A Message from the Superintendent

During this year of life-changing challenges in the world around us, our Chinook's Edge school communities have responded with an outpouring of generosity and goodwill that fills us with pride. When Fort McMurray faced the wildfire situation, our students, families and staff quickly got to work, organizing fundraising events and coordinating efforts to help ease the strife. This kindness continued in the months following, when some students were relocated into our schools to ensure their learning could continue. At the same time, some of our school communities were also welcoming Syrian refugees and many of our Chinook's Edge families were making personal commitments to showing these newcomers what safe and caring looks like. All the while we were helping each other, sharing acts of kindness large and small to support our neighbours, colleagues

and students who continue to be impacted by the economic challenges closer to home. Thank you for your many displays of caring and compassion. We wish everyone in our Chinook's Edge school communities a deep measure of peace this holiday season.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

Question for your Superintendent...

At Chinook's Edge School Division, we pride ourselves on transparent communication and service to all of our stakeholders. If you have a question for Superintendent Kurt Sacher, we have set up a link on our website to reach him directly. The 'Parents Matter Question Box' link is available under the 'Board' tab on our website at www.cesd73.ca. (The Question Box is not meant to replace the regular communications protocols at the school level. Thank you.)

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

Kurt Sacher
(Superintendent of Schools)

Wanda Christensen
(Associate Superintendent of Student Services)

Dr. Lissa Steele (Associate Superintendent of Learning Services)

Ray Hoppins (Associate Superintendent of People Services)

Shawn Russell (Associate Superintendent of Corporate Services)

Karyn Barber (Associate Superintendent of System Services)

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

As we approach the Christmas season, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for the support you provide to Olds High School. We are blessed to live in a great community; we have outstanding facilities and the students are exceptional. Recently I was looking at a diploma exams result site and last year only six public/separate schools in the province scored higher than our students. While we work through difficulties and it seems that sometimes they can do better, it is good to realize the achievements of our students.

This coming weekend is the last chance to catch The Drowsy Chaperone. I promise it will be one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year

for you. Our students display absolutely amazing talent and it is such a fun play. Congratulations to Rhonda West and the cast and crew for their outstanding achievement.

Our new band teacher, Chelsea Pederson, and her students are busy getting ready for the December 14 Winter Concert. It will be a great concert so make sure to put it on your calendar.

Finally, on December 2, we will be having our annual Christmas Talent Show beginning at 2 pm. It is a great tradition and parents are welcome to attend.

Good luck with all of the hustle and bustle of the season. Hopefully, we will see you

sometime at the school in the next few weeks. Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Tom Christensen
Principal



OHS School Council

Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings from the OHS School Council. We had a great turn out for our last meeting on November 28 and discussions were focused around:

- Interim reports and report cards.
- Exam prep schedules for the first semester exams. Much is being done so that students have extra time with teachers and can get the help they need before their final exams.
- NORCAN Committee planning for the upcoming conference, to

be held in the new year at OHS.

- Our replacement band teacher, Chelsea Pederson and the great work that she is doing with the students.
- Teenage depression and anxiety; a brief discussion was held.

We were pleased to have Abby and Daniel present on behalf of the Olds High School Leadership Class and learned about the many positive events that have been planned for all OHS students leading up to Christmas.

School Council is a safe place where you can ask questions and learn about what is happening in your child's school. We do not fundraise. We do recognize the value of parents and the community being engaged in the education of children. It is through School Council that all stakeholders have a means of participating in the decisions that impact student learning success.

Enjoy the Christmas season and all the best to you and your family!

Lana Cissell
School Council Chairperson



Come out to the next meeting: January 30, 2017 at 7 pm in the OHS Conference Room.



Former Olds High Student (Grad 2010) Taylor Laut is doing her Masters in Genetic Counselling at Sarah Lawrence College in New York and came back to share her knowledge and experience with current Biology 30 students.

Spend Spring Break 2017 in New York City

The deadline to sign up for our Spring Break trip to New York is coming up. If you'd like more information please contact Rhonda West, or to see our itinerary please visit eftours.ca and enter tour number 1881876DM.



Olds High School Interact Club

International Student Potluck

The Olds High School Interact Club is hosting its 4th Annual international Student potluck dinner on THURSDAY, December 8th.

As a club, we want to encourage international awareness and partnerships. We believe this needs to start within our school and are looking forward to an evening of fun and building friendships. Interact members will be hosting the potluck and invitations are being sent to all international students. OHS students who are interested in participating are encouraged to approach one of the executive members or the staff advisor listed below.

We want to use a part of the evening to share more about Interact and to introduce to and build awareness of in the future.

We will share information, have dinner and host or some fun games and activities. If you have questions about this event or are interested in attending you can talk to either:

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| Daniel Charchun | - | Event Organizer | 780-284-3627 |
| Brooklyn Basawa | - | Event Organizer | 403-586-2503 |
| Tane Skotheim | - | Staff Advisor | 403-586-8277 |

Please “save the date” and come out to learn more about our club

Olds High School Interact – International Potluck Committee



The Foods program is seeking donations of plastic containers for students to take their recipe results home in. Clean containers such as yogurt, sour cream, ice cream pails, restaurant take home containers, etc. are all appreciated.



HELLO FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS!

Warm wishes for
the Holiday Season.
See you all in 2017!
From the Learning
Commons Team

We had our visitors from Mexico
stop by the Learning Commons and
leave some notes on The Wall, dur-
ing their tour!

If you **LOVE...**

Eleanor & Park, try these



This Song Will Save Your Life

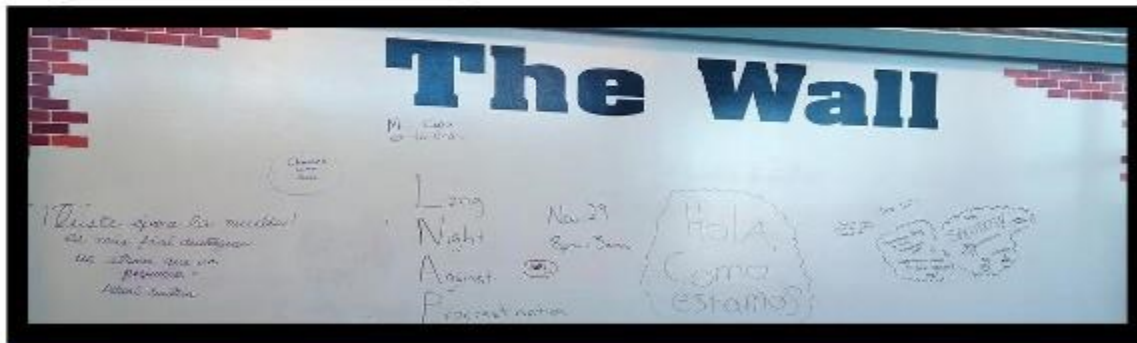
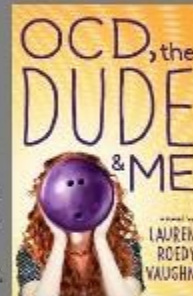
by Leila Sales


This insightful novel details the cruel poli-
tics of high school, but also the power of
music to bring people together. The pro-
tagonist's voice is charming and her jour-
ney is one many teens will relate to.

OCD, the Dude, and Me

by Lauren Roedy Vaughn

Danielle Levine has yet to get a handle on her
frizzy red hair, plus sized body, or the fact the
essays she wrote for English were raunchy
enough to land her in a special education class
to learn "social skills". Things change when she
meets a boy named Daniel, who also just so
happens to be obsessed with *The Big Lebowski*.



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LIBRARY HOURS		
DAY	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday	7:30 a.m.	12:00 a.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	12:00 a.m.
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	12:00 a.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	12:00 a.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.

The computer lab is open 24/7, 365 days a year

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

Grad Application

A personal career consultation with Mrs. Statchuk is a service OHS provides for all grade 12 students and parents. Students in grade 12 received their Detailed Academic Report (DAR) and a graduation application form at the general grad meeting on October 4. Students are asked to bring an updated resume with them for the career consultation. Mrs. Statchuk is available in blocks 3, 4 and every second day in block 2. **Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their son/daughter.** To book your career consultation contact Mrs. Statchuk at lstatchuk@cesd73.ca or 403-556-3391 ext 4637.

Dual Credit Second Semester Opportunities

OHS students have the opportunity to enroll in dual credit courses in several disciplines in semester two. Students will earn both high school and post-secondary credits. See Mrs. Tschoumy for details and an application form. Courses are offered in the areas of Hospitality and Tourism, Meat Processing Certificate, Environment and Agriculture, Heavy Oil and Gas and Child Development.

NEW Dual Credit Opportunity in Agriculture Equipment Technician is being piloted through CESD, Olds College and Western Equipment Dealers'

Association.

Lieutenant Governor's SPIRIT of Vimy Contest

A new initiative called the SPIRIT of Vimy, is a contest for youth aged 14 to 24 inspired by this important milestone in our history. The goal of the contest is to foster a greater understanding in Alberta for the role Canada played in that pivotal battle, as well as the sacrifice of the Canadians who served at Vimy Ridge. The contest invites entrants to submit an original creative piece inspired by the battle in a format of their choosing (video, artwork, writing, etc.). Successful submissions will reflect six traits closely associated with Canada's 1917 victory at Vimy Ridge. Those SPIRIT traits are

Sportsmanship, Perseverance, Integrity, Resilience, Inspiration and Teamwork.

Prizes will be awarded at the first annual SPIRIT of Vimy awards ceremony in April 2017. Although the website is in English our judging panel is qualified to evaluate both French and English submissions.

Note: monthly bonus draws for a \$200 Staples gift card begin at the end this month as an incentive for early submissions!

Scholarship Information

As we are moving into the second half of the year there are many scholarship deadlines approaching quickly. Scholarship information is continually emailed to all grads and parents. Also check the scholarship directory on our school website.

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award

Terry Fox Humanitarian Awards are open to graduating secondary level students and those currently studying towards a first university degree or diploma in a Canadian post-secondary institution.

Award recipients must meet the following criteria:

Involvement in voluntary humanitarian work

Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.

Undergraduates studying towards their first university degree or diploma at a Canadian post-secondary institution in Canada.

Maintain a satisfactory academic standing and continued involvement in voluntary humanitarian and community work.

Deadline is February 1, 2017. More info at <http://terryfoxawards.ca>.

What are you going to do next year?

If a student is not planning to attend a post-secondary institute next year, here are other opportunities to consider:

Canada World Youth

If you're between the ages of 17 and 29, Canada World Youth offers you the opportunity to become an active player in community development in Canada and overseas. For more information check the website www.canadaworldyouth.org.

Agriventure

Agriventure offer a unique opportunity for young people aged between 18 and 30 to travel and work within agriculture, horticulture and home management in the following 8 countries out of Canada: New Zealand, Australia, United Kingdom (UK), Europe (Denmark, The Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Germany), and Japan. Since 1965 more than 28,000 young people have been on the trip of a lifetime with lifelong benefits and friendships. For more information check the website www.agriventure.info.

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Important Dates to Remember

December 9 — Collaborative Day (no school for students)

December 14 — Winter Band Concert

December 26-January 6 — Christmas Break

January 9 — School resumes

January 31 — Semester Break



**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from the
Staff and Students
at
Olds High School**