

Olds High School



November 2016



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 2014-2015 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.

Olds High School Drama Club presents:



November 25th 7:00
November 26th 7:00
November 27th 2:00
December 2nd 7:00
December 3rd 7:00
December 4th 2:00

Tickets available online at
www.oldskiwanis.org or at
the Olds High School's office
or call 403-556-3391

Assigned seating available at
the TransCanada Theatre

Tickets: Adults \$20
Students and Seniors \$10



Music and Lyrics by Lisa Lambert
and Greg Morrison

Achieving Success in Chinook's Edge



A Message from the Superintendent

The work underway in schools across our division is creating a positive impact for students, according to the most current Accountability Pillar report from Alberta Education. We are extremely focused on maintaining our high levels of achievement, and the latest results show continued excellence in school improvement, citizenship, education quality, and safe and caring schools. The number of Chinook's Edge students who are completing high school is already above provincial average and continues to rise.

We have also established a number of strategies to create upward momentum in certain areas to achieve higher results, as well. We are continuing to focus our efforts and attention on post-secondary transition rates, academic excellence and careers

work, and social and emotional outcomes, as we prepare each of our students for lifelong learning and the world of work. We are diligently tracking results and survey data, which involves students, parents and staff, to ensure our work is setting our students up for a lifetime of success.

Kurt Sacher
Superintendent of Schools

The Chinook's Edge Superintendent Team:
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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

We are at the halfway point of semester one with report cards being distributed on November 9, 2016 right before the fall break. While most of you use PowerSchool and there is a steady tracking of marks, we feel that it is still valid to have the report cards as checkpoints throughout the year.

On November 9 we will be holding our school Remembrance Day Assembly. It will be approximately an hour in length. Please feel free to attend if you would like. The Student Leadership group always do a good job of organizing the assembly.

The Drowsy Chaperone is taking to the stage the last weekend of November and

the first weekend of December. As always, it is a huge effort with over 50 students participating in the production. The Drowsy Chaperone is a Tony award winning play that has everything in it; comedy, great music, gangsters and, of course, a drowsy chaperone! Please come out and support the students. We guarantee an entertaining evening.

I would like to welcome Chelsea Pederson to the school staff. Mrs. Pederson has been a music teacher at Deer Meadow School for several years and we are excited to have her work with the OHS music program. Mrs. Pederson will be working with the band to get ready for the December 14, 2016 Winter concert. We

are excited to have Mrs. Pederson at Olds High School.

Last Wednesday was Parent-Teacher Interview evening. If for any reason you were unable to attend, please feel free to make contact with your child's teachers by email or phone. They will be happy to communicate with you.

Thanks for your support; we really appreciate it.

Tom Christensen
Principal



OHS School Council

Our last School Council meeting was held on October 24, 2016 in the conference room next to the office. Highlights were:

- The success of the OHS Accountability Pillar report, a report card for our school administered by Alberta Education. OHS is in the excellence category in a number of areas, such as education quality, safe and caring schools and school improvement.

- Diploma exam results were significantly higher than the provincial average.

- Current OHS results place us in the **top 3 of all public schools** in Alberta.

- The successful Indigenous Conference held at OHS on October 5, 2016.

- Awareness of the role of interim report cards. OHS Administration have a number of initiatives in place to help struggling students early in the year so they receive the help they require and do not fall behind.

Parent Council is a wonderful way to learn about what is happening in your child's school. The involvement of parents and guardians in the education system enriches the learning environment and directly contributes to student achievement and well-being. When you attend a School

Council meeting, the message to your child is "Your school is a positive place...I like to go there. Your school is important to me...I enjoy learning about what is happening with your education. Your teachers and administrators want the best for you... just as I do."

The next meeting will be on November 28, 2016 at 7 pm in the conference room next to the office. Bring your empty go-cup/mug and we will provide the tea and sweets. All opinions are welcome!

Lana Cissell
School Council Chairperson

School
Council

Come out to the next meeting: November 28, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the OHS Conference Room.

OHS Spartan Girls Soccer



The girls soccer team had another successful year. They placed first in the Drumheller tournament defeating teams from Strathmore, High River, and Drumheller. They placed third at zones, winning the bronze medal game 6-1 against High River. We will miss the following graduating players next year: Kindra Billings, Emily Mertens, Vanessa Mertens, McKenna Tyson and Breanna Wesen.

Spend Spring Break 2017 in New York City



New York, NY Spring Break 2017

There are some seats left for our Spring break trip to New York. You can see our itinerary at eftours.ca; our tour number is 1881876DM. If you're interested or would like more information please contact Ms. West at rwest@cesd73.ca or 559-2228.

Gowns4Grads

The Olds High School Interact Club would like to thank the many students and community volunteers along with several local businesses who worked and contributed to make this second annual gala event a success.



This project was started on a volunteer basis by Karen Grudeski. Over the past several years, the program has been able to support not only male and female grads in Chinook's Edge School Division, but to offer support to programs in Whitehorse, Yukon; Mexico and other towns in Alberta.

In 2016, the OHS Interact Club decided to offer their support by assisting with the formation of an annual gala and by doing some fundraising to help offset the costs of storing, cleaning and subsidizing the gown costs. The club also wanted to ensure help would be available for male grads to subsidize the cost of formal wear if needed.

Our vision is that this gala will be a "kick off" to the grad season and a chance for grads to begin considering their purchasing choices. We hosted our second gala on Thursday, October 27, 2016 with the help of over 50 volunteers and several local businesses.

Many OHS staff members and Chinook's Edge Family Wellness workers joined with parents to help the 50 teen volunteers get ready and manage the show. In addition to taking on modeling duties, many of our teens volunteered to help in the lobby area, to assist with dressing the models and to drive around and pick up the food donations from local businesses. Karen Grudeski was able to bring in her team of talented seamstresses the next day to assist students who were making purchases and the event was a great success. We have sold or gifted over 20 gowns this year and we have more available as well as some suits if students are looking.

Again, thank you to everyone who donated their time and talent to make the evening a success. The OHS Interact club is committed to offering continued support to this valuable program. If you have any questions, please contact Tane Skotheim, Family School Wellness worker for Olds High and the OHS Interact Club staff advisor.



HELLO FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS!


Featured Resource... eBooks

As an OHS student, you have access to three different eBook sites where you can browse through hundreds of thousands of eBooks!

Chinook's Edge Destiny (Central Library) - Sign into Destiny and change the material type to Electronic Book and search for the title or subject you'd like. (Fiction & Non-Fiction)

Ebook Central and EbscoHost—Both are located on the Library webpage under Books on the Olds College website. You will have a few steps to follow before you can download eBooks for the first time. Instructions are on the website. (Non-Fiction Only)




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 The Learning Commons

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.

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. Grade 12 students 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 and 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.



Lieutenant Governor's SPIRIT of Vimy Contest

A new initiative called the SPIRIT of Vimy, is a contest for youth aged 14 to 24 in-

spired 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, Resiliency, 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!

Forum for Young Canadians

The "Forum experience" brings students between the ages of 15 and 19 to Ottawa for an intensive academic adventure that immerses them in the exciting world of national politics and public affairs. Eligibility criteria includes the following: sound academic performance; social and leadership skills; participation in extra-curricular activities; and

interest in current national and community affairs.

The three sessions are held on in February and March.

Check the website www.forum.ca for details.

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Important Dates to Remember

November 9 — Report Cards distributed
November 9 — Remembrance Day Assembly
November 10-14 — Fall Break
November 11 — Remembrance Day
November 25 — Collaborative Day (No school for students)
November 25, 26, 27 — The Drowsy Chaperone
November 28-30 — Grad Photos
December 1-2 — Grad Photos
December 2, 3, 4 — The Drowsy Chaperone
December 9 — Collaborative Day (no school for students)
December 14 — Winter Band Concert
December 26-January 6 — Christmas Break
January 9 — School resumes

★★★★★
"If I could give this play six stars, I would."
— SHANNON BOGALICHUK, THE STAR PHOENIX, SASKATOON


★★★★★
"Mark it down. Get your tickets right away."
— COLIN MACLEAN, EDMONTON SUN

★★★★★
"It's hard to say which is better — her script about a reluctant veteran's return to Juno Beach or her twin performances as a 10-year-old girl and 80-year-old man."
— JOHN THRELFALL, MONDAY MAGAZINE, VICTORIA

★★★★★
"Jake's Gift is the most theatrically pure show I have ever seen. So well fleshed out are her characters, so instantaneous are her transitions that it feels like an ensemble show."
— KATE NICHOLSON, CBC WINNIPEG

jake's gift

The moving story of a WW2 veteran's reluctant return to Juno Beach
written & performed by Julia Mackey | directed by Dirk van Stralen



celebrating
10
Years

7 pm • Monday, November 7, 2016
Bowden Grandview School
2238-21 Ave Bowden AB, ToM oKo
Tickets: \$20.00/Adult and \$10.00/Student

Tickets may be bought at Main Office: Bowden Grandview School • Bowden Reddi Mart
Or, Contact Miss Ashley Sinclair or Mrs. Heather Sinclair at 403-224-3250
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