

GRAD NEWSLETTER#1 OCTOBER 2020

FORMAT OF GRAD IF COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS FOR GATHERINGS ALLOW UP TO 500, WITH CHANGES AS NEEDED.

DATE - Friday, May 28th

5:30-7:00 p.m. Cap and Gown Distribution (Red and Green Quad)

7:00 p.m. Cap & Gown Ceremony (Ralph Klein Centre/gymnasium)

Grad Tea to follow Cap & Gown Ceremony (École Olds High School Commons)

DATE - Saturday, May 29th

5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner (Alumni Centre)

7:00 p.m. Group Picture (North bleachers of gymnasium)

7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Program, Grand March, and Dance (Ralph Klein Centre/ gymnasium)

IF CURRENT COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL IN EFFECT, GRAD WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 29TH, FOLLOWING THE FORMAT OF THE 2020 GRADUATION PROGRAM.

GRAD COMMUNICATION

Grade 12 students please be sure you have joined the EOHS Class of 2021 Google Classroom. This was set up last spring for course registration. This Google Classroom will be used for all grad communication. Class code: **rmk6xpj**

GRAD MEETINGS

Dates will be posted on Google Classroom as well as through emails and announcements.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student wishing to participate in the graduation ceremonies at our school must meet the following requirements:

- ❖ qualify for a high school diploma by the end of his or her graduating year
- ❖ be registered in a minimum of 30 credits at École Olds High School in his/her Grade 12 year
- ❖ due to the restrictions of Covid the student and parent grad consultations will occur via Google Meet once Mrs. Statchuk returns from medical leave. Check Google Classroom for updated information.

A student registered in courses required for graduation outside of EOHS, (Career High School) must be 2/3 completed by April 9th, 2021 before his or her name can be added to the grad list. The grad list will be updated as the year progresses. A final list will be prepared after spring break. Students are responsible for ensuring that their grad status is maintained throughout the year and until the time of graduation.

GRAD FUNDRAISING – please see below for poinsettia, wreath, swag and sign pick up dates.

- **Poinsettias** – grads receive \$5 grad credits for 6.5” pots, \$7 grad credits for Christmas Tropical Planter or Christmas Centrepiece
- **Wreaths** – grads will receive \$7 credit for each wreath sold
- **Swags** – grads will receive \$7 credit for each swag sold
- **Wooden Signs** – grads will receive \$5 credit for each sign sold
- **Fair Trade Coffee** – grads will receive \$5 credit for each ¾ lb sold

➤ **Community Service Program** – Grade 12 year only – cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

All grad credits will be subtracted from amount owing on your grad invoice that will be emailed out in April.

COST and TICKETS

The basic cost for grad is \$150. This basic fee will cover costs associated with technical support, cap and gown rentals, formal group picture and grad composite, grad folders, decorating etc.

Due to possible Covid restrictions, we are not sure about a banquet at this time. If there will be a banquet, tickets will be approximately \$35. Grad information forms and ticket order forms will be emailed in February.

GRAD PHOTOS NOVEMBER 30TH TO DECEMBER 4TH

The website link and instructions to book your grad photos are posted on Google Classroom. We would like all graduates to be included in the school composite, therefore, even if you are not ordering grad photos/package, you must make an appointment; sitting fee will be waived, **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RELAY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER THAT YOU JUST WANT A PICTURE FOR THE YEARBOOK.**

Dressing for grad photos:

Graduation gowns and stoles will be supplied, as well as fresh roses for the girls. Girls are required to wear a scoop or v-neck shirt. Boys are advised to wear a white dress shirt and tie. Wearing of the grad cap is optional for photos.

GRAD CLOTHING

Grad hoodies are being ordered the end of October and will be delivered before Christmas. If anyone would like to pay for the clothing or put money towards grad fees, you are welcome to do so at any time. The hoodie cost will be added to your invoice you will receive in April.

Grad Advisors: Tom Christensen, Gayleen Roelfsema, Kent Lorenz, Louan Statchuk

If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the advisors at 403-556-3391.

This newsletter will also be on the high school website www.oldshigh.ca

Our hope with this process is that you printed off a list of who ordered from you when you added swags/wreaths/poinsettias to your online order. Please make sure that whoever is picking up the order has a list of how many of each item you need to pick up and names of who ordered them, so they can be delivered promptly.

Swag Pick Up (deadline to order Nov 9)

Due to Covid restrictions we are having three pick up dates, to keep groups smaller for pick up. If all 200 swags sell, we may add another pick up day. Please check Google Classroom for updated pick up information.

Wednesday, December 2nd - (Last names: Adair to Gunderson),

Thursday, December 3rd - (Last names: Hanna to Murphy)

Wednesday, December 9th - (Last names: Ogloff to Zwart).

These can be picked up all day at Lofty Designs. These swags are not individually wrapped and must be handled with care. (East on highway 27. Take the second right after the overpass & follow the signs). **You must stick to your assigned pick up date.**

Please be sure to personally thank the customer for supporting the grad class of 2021.

Thank-you for your cooperation.

Poinsettia Pick Up (deadline to order Nov 9)

Poinsettias must be picked up **Friday December 4th** between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm from the Olds High School entrance of East doors. When you pick up your poinsettias:

- You will meet some volunteer parents who will help you. Follow their directions!
- Deliver the plants the same day you pick them up. The less they are handled before you get them to your customers, the better.
- **You must have a warm vehicle to put the plants in. They freeze easy. Do not put them in the back of a truck or in a cold vehicle.**
- There is limited parking immediately outside the loading doors. Have patience and work on a first come first served basis. To make things go quickly and smoothly, help the people in front of you load their poinsettias.
- If the customer is not home on the day of delivery, take them into your house and give them some TLC. It may be a wise thing to call your customers ahead of time to let them know you will be there on the 7th.
- Please be sure to personally thank the customer for supporting the grad class of 2020.

Wreath Pick Up (deadline to order Nov 9th)

Delivery will be **early December**. (Delivery updates will be posted on Google Classroom). Wreaths will be picked up in the entrance of the East doors of the High School between 11:00a.m and 3:00p.m. The process will be similar to the poinsettia pick-up.:

- When you get a wreath, it must be put in a plastic bag with a bow and decorations.
- It is recommended you keep the wreaths cold. You do not need to have a heated vehicle to deliver them.
- If you sold more than (8) wreaths, you will receive them in a rather large box. It will not likely fit in the trunk of a car.
- Deliver them as soon as possible. If the customer is not home, take the wreath home and keep it in a cold place until you can deliver it. The pine needles will begin to fall off if the wreath is not handled with care.
- Be sure to thank the customer for supporting the Grad Class of 2020.

Wooden Sign Pick up (deadline to order Nov 9th)

Delivery will be **Monday, December 7th**, from the school office between 10 am & 4 pm.

Fair Trade Coffee (deadline to order Nov 9th)

Delivery will be **around December 15th**, (pick up from the school), check Google Classroom for exact delivery date.