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News from OHS-October 2009



Lead the Stampede!

Canadian Student Leadership Conference 2009

Wow! What a great ride!

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We're still resting up after the amazing experience we had serving as hosts for this national event but we don't regret one minute of extra work! We are so pleased with the way everything turned out and we owe a huge thank you to all the people who were involved! We heard nothing but good things about the Olds hospitality and are very proud of our school and community and that of our co-host, Bow Valley High in Cochrane.

It is hard to recap all that took place. We were very busy for the first few weeks of school as we worked through the final preparations; we learned a lot about deadlines, organization, priorities, communication and teamwork! It all paid off though as things came together better than we could've even hoped for – it didn't even snow until Sunday morning! Three of our student committee members, Gaige Weseen, Sarah Hunder and Phil Richard led the delegation on the pre-conference tour which was planned and implemented by Bow Valley High. We heard it was absolutely awesome; who wouldn't love the beautiful scenery of Banff and Kananaskis, the ropes challenge activities at Camp Chief Hector and the fascinating Royal Tyrell Museum in Drumheller?

The first bus of delegates arrived early from the Calgary airport on Tuesday at Deer Meadow School so we were scrambling to get our registration set up but we did it! All delegates were treated to a Western Cultural Celebration, (with special thanks to Sue Block), featuring square dancing, jigging, calf roping, lemonade, cotton candy, western photos sponsored by Lifetouch and delicious Panago Pizza and a huge Canada Cake for dessert!

After much practice and calculation, our CSLC 09 aerial photo turned out great! (Thankyou Mark McAllister and Ryan Block for all the hours you put in to organize this!) It was like a huge group hug before we followed the RCMP and our horsemen, CASAA President Brent Allen, first host of CSLC 85, Barry Sharpe and Julia McConney carrying the Canadian flag. The delegation entered the arena in the order of confederation with the exception of the host province, to raucous cheering! It was absolutely thrilling. Denis Patry, our town crier, opened the ceremonies, followed by Akina Shirt who sang O Canada in Cree, French and English for the first time at this event. Major sponsors and partners were recognized publicly, Ian Tyson (the speaker, not the singer) showed highlights of his cross-Canada tour of 25 high schools and Michael Carey entertained with some great country tunes, closing with Alberta Bound. The students then found their billet families and headed home for some much needed sleep. Thank you so much to all those who took in these student leaders; you are so appreciated by many. Thank you to our hardworking billeting committee of Corry Belsher, Jan Skaluba, Sneha Patel, Gayleen Roelfsema and Wanda Vandervelden.

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Leadership Conference Con't.....

Our capable transportation committee (Mr. Clapp, Mr. Beaudry, Mr. Naidoo and Mr. Christensen) got everyone where they needed to be and the bus drivers were treated to a lot of cheering! The rest of the week was filled with inspiring keynotes, practical and proven workshops for various leadership topics, entertainment and camaraderie. Students visited over 25 booths at the Trade Fair in the Cow Palace and one lucky boy from Ontario won the laptop donated by Staples! The rodeo was a huge hit for many, especially if they had never been to one (thank you Mr. Gallais and crew) and the beef on a bun sponsored and served up by the Olds Ag Society and the Kiwanis was delicious! We must also acknowledge the support of the Calgary Stampede Board including Treaty 7, who are the largest volunteer association in Canada; all delegates participated in the white hat ceremony so they have a great western souvenir. The visit to the zoo was also a highlight after hearing the inspirational Brian Keating from the Calgary Zoo Conservation Fund. Meanwhile Deer Meadow School students, staff and parents were treated to a presentation by our keynote Tyler Durman whose message of caring, belonging and kindness is relevant to all. Thank you to the many presenters who came and shared their messages and heightened awareness of many current issues for today's leaders. We know our delegates have returned to their respective schools and communities excited about taking action and making a difference!

We got a kick out of the delegates who for the first time tried Taco in a Bag happily served up and sponsored by the Olds Rotary. The pancake breakfast sponsored by the Olds Coop was also fabulous and so everyone had a full tummy before heading out to do community service work. Mary Turner was the chairperson for the Community Service Projects that took delegates out of the conference site and into our community where they participated in a variety of activities including a food drive, a mom's timeout, a fundraiser, some sorting and collecting for the local food bank, tree planting, a living wall at the CLC, a museum visit, a seniors visit, some public communication interviews, letters to soldiers in Afghanistan, a peace mural, recycling (thank you Mr. Madore and committee) and more! The student delegates were very happy to leave Olds a better place than when they arrived as a payback for our hospitality.

The final banquet and closing ceremony were once again led by our student co-chairs, Amy Barnett, Ally Montgomery, Curtis Armitage and Kayley Reed. They were very comfortable with the mike in front of a crowd but the goodbyes were tearful! As far as the thank yous go, we're still busy trying to let everyone know how much we appreciate the support, but there are honestly too many parents, staff members, community groups and businesses to mention at this time! Our biggest fear now is that we will forget to acknowledge people who deserve the recognition but at the same time, we know that everyone helped because they wanted to be a part of this! We have been told by attendees that all the extra touches and the people who went out of their way to be helpful, made our event so special. However, in addition to all of these groups of volunteers, we would like to graciously thank Annalise Doolaege for the wonderful free trade coffee and the amazing hospitality in the mornings for our advisors, to the hardworking Posse crew including Christiana Weseen, Carol Rauw, Marlys Kaiser, Roxanne Knapp, Patrick Reed, Wendy Wiebe, Rhonda Armitage and Kathy Doyle and many more!

We definitely need to thank Deer Meadow School, Olds College, and CESD for all the support. We couldn't have done this without you! I am thrilled that we were able to pay it forward and support many charitable organizations including the foodbank, the Free the Children/Me to We Foundation, the Playing for Change Foundation, Ten Thousand Villages and our sponsor school in Rwanda. I am still in awe of what can be accomplished by a group of committed, capable individuals, and the leadership that was shown throughout the planning and implementation of this huge undertaking. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the student committee, the school staffs and the amazing citizens of Olds and Cochrane. Thank you truly is such a small word for the huge difference you have all made!

Sincerely, Sandra Dorowicz, Dorothy Karlson, and Janine Becker, Conference Co-Chairs, CSLC 2009.



A Message from the Superintendent

Jim Gibbons

Knowing that a safe school is the basis for learning, Chinook's Edge works very hard to create and maintain a variety of safety initiatives. Our Safety Manager has regular site visits at each of our schools to ensure both staff and structures meet the highest standards. Our staff is trained and comfortable with the division's Violence Threat/Risk Assessment protocols, our Pandemic Preparedness Plan, and our procedures for any type of emergency.

Following strictly to these measures, and many others, has created a culture of caring and trust in our schools. Our most recent data shows 93 percent of our students feel welcome at school, 92 percent state they are encouraged to do their best at school, 90 percent feel the school staff cares about them and 87 percent feel safe at school.

From breakfast programs to athletic leagues, and exciting clubs to engaging classrooms, our students are well cared for from the time they arrive to school to the time they go home each day. Everyone at Chinook's Edge is working to ensure we are a school division full of safe, happy, healthy learners.

Pandemic Preparedness

With the traditional flu season now upon us and news of outbreaks of the H1N1 virus in the media, I know we all share a heightened vigilance as to the situation in our schools. Chinook's Edge has a thorough Pandemic Plan, and staffs in each of our schools have been trained in how our division will address the situation if it progresses and requires our response.

An important part of our preparedness is the isolation room procedures which have been mapped out in every school. Your child's school has identified an isolation room and has trained school personnel specifically on attending to any student who requires the use of this room. If your child arrives to school with influenza-type symptoms, or if they become ill while at school, they will be assisted to the isolation room until you pick them up. If parents are not able to pick up their sick child, or if parents cannot be located, the student's emergency contact will be notified. Our goal is to reduce the risk of spreading the virus as best we can.

Update: The pandemic resources for School Administrators on the Alberta Education website outlines a significant change that we want to ensure you are aware of. The document was originally written on May 8, 2009 and was updated on September 18, 2009. It reads: "The protocol around the reporting of H1N1 cases in schools has been changed and schools will not be notified of individual cases of H1N1 in their students and staff as was initially done in spring 2009. As a result it is not recommended that School Authorities contact parents when individual or small groups of H1N1 are identified. Under a new protocol, whenever there is greater than 10% absenteeism due to illness in the school setting, public health will investigate and recommend preventive measures to the school. Public Health will work with the School Authority to notify the school community and to outline the appropriate preventive measures."

We stress the importance of frequent hand-washing and proper coughing etiquette (into your sleeve as opposed to your hand), and we request that if your child has influenza-type symptoms please do not send them to school. For information and resources, visit the pandemic section or our website at www.chinooksege.ab.ca. Our priority, as always, is the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

A Message from the Principal

Tom Christensen

Last week Olds High School and Bow Valley High School from Cochrane became the 23rd hosts of the National Student Leadership Conference. It was a huge event as 800 delegates from across Canada attended. The organization by Sandra Dorowicz, Janine Becker, and Dorothy Karlson of Bow Valley was absolutely amazing. Equally impressive was the support of the OHS community and the Town of Olds. I have never been more proud of Olds and the people. On September 19th, OHS celebrated the arts on Alberta Arts Days. Over 15 musical acts and several local artists made the event a huge success. Hundreds came to the Fine Arts and Multi Media Center to participate in the event. We were one of five premier sights for the provincial event and many community members attended the event. It was a great time to celebrate the Arts in Central Alberta.

On October 16-18 we will be hosting the "Goodbye to the Building" reunion. This event is open to all students who have graduated from the current building. It is meant to give those who attended here one last time to visit it before we move to the new school in the second semester. If you have attended OHS please drop in and enjoy a weekend of visiting and a trip down memory lane.

Diploma and Achievement exam results have been received. Last year's results were outstanding with OHS students scoring well above Provincial average in almost all categories of every subject. The overall average of last year's diploma exam results is the highest in OHS history.

The first Parent/Teacher interviews will be on October 22nd from 6-8:30pm. Interviews will be in the West gym and will be on a first come, first served basis. Next week, Interim reports will be sent home. If your child is currently missing work, has a failing mark or is underachieving an interim report will be sent home.

Thanks again for the support you give us. The students of OHS are a pleasure to work with.

Olds High School Weekly Schedule for 2009—2010

	First Operational Day of the Week	Remaining Days of the Week
Period One	8:45 to 9:45	8:45 to 9:55
Period Two	9:55 to 10:55	10:05 to 11:15
Period Three	11:05 to 12:05	11:25 to 12:35
Period Four	12:15 to 1:15	12:45 to 1:55
Period Five	1:25 to 2:25	2:05 to 3:15
Quad Groups PD & Planning	2:25 to 3:15	

Student Attendance/Lates

Please, Please Please!!!

Parents/Guardians—call in for your child’s absences or lates. If you cannot call during regular school hrs. leave a message on our voice mail @ 403-556-3391.

Cross Country Update

During the month of September our X-country team competed at both the Chinook’s Edge Divisional meet and County competitions. Both of these meets were held in Sundre where the weather was a balmy 32 degrees and 19 degrees respectively. *Results from the Divisional meet are as follows:*

- Grade 9: Courtney Schafer (7th) Krista Wilson (2nd) Carson Jorgensen (2nd)
- Grade 11: Marshall Ziegler (5th)
- Grade 12: Brenden Bullock (12th) Rodrigo Manzo Guzman (7th) Casey Bateman (6th)

At the County meet the team as a whole trimmed 2 min/6 sec off their race time. This huge improvement landed the following placements: Courtney (4th), Krista (2nd), Carson (1st), Brenden (10th), Rodrigo (8th), and Casey (4th). Five members of our team advanced to Zones in Canmore on Oct 7th.

The team proved they were not done obtaining personal best times as again a staggering 4min/21 sec were shaved off their collective team time established earlier at the County meet. Each member earned their personal best time despite some snow flurries and 2 degree weather. Each age category varied from 54 to 103 runners. Special recognition to Krista (10th place), Carson (1st place finish at zones for a second year in a row) and to Casey who will be representing our school at provincials on Oct 17th.

The team also had members who came out to run purely for the exercise but did not compete in any of the meets. A special acknowledgement to Alicia Adams, Anika Reynar, Anita Kan, Sean Harnack and Clarke Harvey.

Pictured to the right is Rodrigo Manzo Guzman, our exchange student from Mexico. Rodrigo participated in both the Divisional and County meets. Although he qualified for zones, due to specific age requirements Rodrigo was not allowed to compete at zones.



OHS Parent Council

October News

The CSLC 2009 is now over, with a huge vote of thanks to many many individuals who spent countless hours over the last few months organizing and planning this event!

Thank you to the Olds High School parent council who took on the Hospitality Room for the conference. Well done parents and guardians! The coffee and goodies were well received by all who came by!

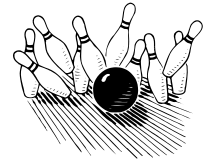
Our council's mandate is to provide information and input to and from parents and school staff; our council is not involved in fundraising. Grade representatives from each of the 4 years represented at the school are an important part of our council. This year we will continue to focus on innovative programming for our students, and

in providing current updates and progress on the construction of the new CLC buildings and the plans for our students involvement at the new campus.

Our Parent Council meeting for the month of September was cancelled due to our commitment with the CSLC, however our meetings will resume on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Bell E-learning Centre. Come to our meeting and take a look at our new space! Our meetings are open to all parents/guardians of students attending Olds High. Our next Parent council meeting will be held on Monday October 26th, 2009.

Mary Turner,
Olds High School Parent Council
President
Mary_Turner@telusplanet.net or
556-7035 (home)

SCHOOL FEES are due November 15, 2009. Thank you to those who have already paid. Invoices will be mailed soon. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, Visa, Mastercard, or Debit. Payment arrangements can be made by contacting Wendy Clark at (403) 556-3391.



Spare Time Bowl

Attention Olds High School
Students

Free Shoe Rental

\$3 Games

Fridays from 8-10pm

(Enquire about our YBC Program)

Ph: 403-556-7172

Anxiety Parent Support Group

October 27th, 7:00—9:00 pm

An information based support group for parents who are caring for a child who experiences Anxiety. Focus will be on positive sharing, education, support and solutions.

Location: A Gathering Place

5021 Ross St. Red Deer

**Please RSVP to Jody at 341-4399 or email
Kathy at w2w_info@telus.net**



Attention Europe 2010 Travelers!

There will be a general meeting on October 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre at the Fine Arts Center. If you can not make this meeting, please have someone come in your place to give and receive the information required. There are less than 170 days until we leave!!

Rhonda West

Counsellor Corner –Louan Statchuk, Guidance Counsellor

Grade 12 Meetings

Grade 12 students must meet with Mrs. Statchuk for a credit/career consultation. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Green Certificate

Green Certificate is an apprenticeship-style farm training program. Students can earn numerous high school credits for learning farm skills in the following areas: cow/calf, dairy, feedlot, field crop, irrigated field crop, sheep, swine and beekeeping. The morning induction meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, Oct, 22 @ 7:30 AM** in the OHS library. All students and parents must attend. If you are interested contact Mrs. Statchuk.

Post-Secondary Review Evening-Note venue change!

Students, parents and community members are invited to attend the annual Olds High School Post-Secondary Review evening held at **Olds High School West Gym on Tuesday, October 20 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** Representatives from numerous post-secondary institutions across Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan will be available to provide information to students and parents.

Olds College

Olds College Discovery Day is **October 16.**

Students will get an in-depth look at life on campus, spend time in a typical classroom, meet instructors and students, find out about campus housing, learn about financial assistance and get step-by-step instructions on how to apply. Students can register on-line at www.oldscollege.ca/discoveryday or see Mrs. Statchuk.

University of Alberta Rural Discovery Day

November 14, 10:00am-4:00pm. Check the institution website for details.

University of Calgary Open House

October 24, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NAIT Open House

October 2 & 3, 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SAIT Open House

October 30 & 31, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mount Royal University

November 14, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Check the institution website for details.

Take Our Kids To Work

All grade 9 students will participate in the Take Our Kids To Work Program on **Wednesday, November 4.** Information and permission forms have been sent home with grade 9 students. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Statchuk at 556-3391 or lstatchuk@chinooksedge.ab.ca.

Shad Valley

Shad Valley is a four week summer enrichment program. Students spend a month living in residence at one of our host university campuses across Canada. The program is offered to students currently completing grade 10, 11 or 12. A generous financial awards program consisting of numerous scholarships is in place to support student participation. With a focus that includes the sciences, technology and entrepreneurship, the program provides an academically stimulating, mind expanding adventure for top well-rounded students. Students will also enjoy recreational activities and the opportunity to explore local attractions. Application deadline is December 9, 2009. For more details visit the website <http://www.shad.ca>

Scholarship Information

Loran Awards

The Loran Award is to recognize outstanding high school graduates who demonstrate character, promise of leadership and strong commitment to service in the community. Renewable for up to four years, valued up to \$16,000 per year. The deadline for sponsored applications is October 20. For details check the website www.loranaward.ca or call 1-866-544-2673 or see Mrs. Statchuk for an application form.

The TD Canada Trust Scholarship for Community Leadership rewards students who have shown leadership in the areas of local employment programs, environmental cleanup, support group creation, and family services initiatives.

Scholarships are open to students across Canada who -

- Are in their final year of high school, or CEGEP (in Quebec)
- Have demonstrated outstanding community leadership
- Present a minimum average of 75%

For more information visit the website <http://www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship/> or a TD Canada Trust Branch. Deadline is **October 30, 2009.**

Wendy's Classic Achiever Scholarship

Wendy's Classic Achiever® Scholarship Program exists to recognize Canadian students like you who excel in academics, extracurricular activities and community service. Deadline is **November 2, 2009.** For more details visit the website

<http://www.wendysclassicachiever.ca>.

Badminton

Starting Friday, Oct. 9th continuing on throughout the 1st semester we will be having badminton from 3:30-5pm in the East gym. All students and community members welcome to attend at no cost.

Important dates to remember:

October 22nd — Parent/Teacher Interviews 6-8:30pm in the West Gym

October 23rd—Student picture retakes-order forms in the office

November 2nd — PD Day—no school for students

November 6th — Report Card #1

November 11th—Remembrance Day—no school

We are on the web!
www.oldshigh.com



This School's Out Forever!!

GOOD BYE TO THE BUILDING REUNION

This coming weekend, Oct. 16-18, 2009

All former students and staff

Be an integral part of the opening ceremonies, write on the gym walls, spray paint the street, dance to the music you loved, relive memories and mostly, make connections, new and old, with people you love....and more!!

www.ohsgoodbyereunion.com

Willy Wonka Drama Production

The Drama Club's production of Willy Wonka is well underway.

The students have been working hard with stage and music practices, but now we need some help. If you can sew, build, paint, or have donations of costumes, fabric or building supplies then **we need you**. We can use as much (time and/or materials) or as little as you can spare.

We have strict rehearsal schedules, but can be flexible otherwise. Please contact Rhonda West if you can give us a hand at 507-7765.



THE KEY Study Guide Order Form

Course Subject Name	Quantity	Price	Total
Math 9		\$16	
Social Studies 9		\$16	
Science 8		\$16	
Language Arts 9		\$16	

Student's Name: _____

Total Number of Books Ordered _____ **x \$18 =** _____

Please enclose payment with order. All orders must be prepaid with cash, cheque, Debit, VISA, or MasterCard. All orders must be in by November 1st.

Exciting Yearbook News!

This year our yearbook is going FULL COLOR!

There are several things to keep in mind regarding YOUR yearbook.

Place your yearbook order with your school fees. If you pay prior to December 31, 2009, you get a discount.

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school events, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 400006090 and password: yearbook
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 6/1/2010.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

Sincerely,
Yearbook Adviser and the 2010 Yearbook Staff.

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.