



Chinook's Edge School Div. #73

News from OHS



November 2009

Canadian Student Leadership

Conference

Thank you to all the sponsors, supporters, billets and volunteers who helped make the Canadian Student Leadership Conference 2009 a tremendous success!

What a difference you have made!

As a result of the generous support we received from many national, provincial and local groups and the combined efforts of citizens of Olds and Cochrane of all ages, the 2009 Canadian Student Leadership Conference was a resounding success. The delegates who came from all across Canada appreciated the small-town hospitality and returned home with wonderful memories of this inspirational experience. The next host community of Montreal knows they have a tough act to follow because we have shown that it's not the size of the town, it's the spirit! Our committee, including the staffs, students, division office personnel, bus-drivers and parents in both host school divisions, worked very hard to put on the best event possible and we are very proud of the results. We know we could not have done it without the support of the following:

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We know there are others, too numerous to mention, who worked tirelessly to help out and we appreciate all that was done. You have helped us inspire others to volunteer and get involved wherever they are. Our Leadership group already has a lot of great new service and charitable projects on the go too! (Why stop now?)

On behalf of CASAA (the Canadian Association of Student Activity Advisors) and the 2009 CSLC Conference Committee, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Did you know that OHS:

- ✓ Offers two different programs to accommodate learning styles—a traditional delivery & a seminar based delivery program.
- ✓ Is consistently at or above provincial average in diploma & achievement exams.
- ✓ Is consistently above the provincial average for students completing grade 12.
- ✓ 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 a National 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.
- ✓ Host of the 2009 National Leadership Conference.
- ✓ Above provincial average in students qualifying for the Rutherford Scholarship.
- ✓ Awarded over \$120,000 in scholarships in the 2007-2008 school year.

A Message from the Superintendent-Achievement: Mr. Jim Gibbons

By many measures, Chinook's Edge is showing a strong trend of success. The most recent results in provincial achievement tests and diploma exams show Chinook's Edge is attaining consistent improvement across all subject areas in testing standards set by the Government of Alberta. In provincial achievement tests, our grade 3, 6 and 9 students attained a measure at or above the acceptable standard in nine out of 10 subjects. In five out of 10 subjects, a measure of excellence was achieved. Grade 12 diploma exams show Chinook's Edge at or above the acceptable standard in eight out of nine subjects, and at or above the excellence standard in two of nine subjects.

It is very gratifying to see so many of our students exceeding the standards set by the government. Of course, academic testing is just one way of measuring how well Chinook's Edge is doing as a division. Working together to achieve safe and caring school environments, creating greater access to technology in our classrooms, and providing diverse extra-curricular opportunities to our students are other examples of the many priorities we work to achieve each day at Chinook's Edge. I am proud that the results from our most recent satisfaction survey show that we are succeeding in these areas, as well. Ninety-three percent of students and 97 percent of parents feel welcome at school. Eighty-seven percent of students, 92 percent of parents and 94 percent of staff feel Chinook's Edge schools are safe and caring. Eighty-seven percent of students, 92 percent of parents and 97 percent of staff are satisfied with the overall quality of education offered.

Evidence of our success in reaching students is apparent in many areas, this makes everyone at Chinook's Edge very proud.

H1N Update

Many of our schools have experienced absentee rates higher than 10 percent recently, and a letter was sent home notifying parents. Although we are not assuming this illness is the H1N1 influenza virus, we are adhering to the protocols outlined in our Pandemic Preparedness Plan. Regular classes and activities are continuing in all our schools, so please be sure your healthy children are attending. However, it is important that you keep your child at home if they have influenza-like symptoms.

We are monitoring the situation in our schools very carefully, and the absentee rate at your child's school may require that we open the school's isolation room. An isolation room has been created and equipped with supplies at each school, and a number of attendants have been trained in isolation room protocols. If your child becomes ill at school, it is vital that they be picked up from the sick room or isolation room as quickly as possible to mitigate the spread of illness. We are also on this trying to curtail ill students from riding the school bus at the end of the day. If we are unable to reach you at the contact numbers on file, we will notify the emergency contact you have identified on your child's registration form. Please ensure the contact information we have for you is accurate and up to date, and contact your school if you need further information on this.

At this time, it is also imperative that you consult with your doctor if you feel your child has an increased risk of complications that could arise from exposure to the H1N1 virus. Your doctor will need to forward information to your principal outlining their recommendations for any special response your child requires if they become ill at school.

Again, our intention is not to alarm you, but to provide all of our students and staff with the safest environment we possibly can during this time. We will continue to communicate directly with you when necessary, and invite you to visit our Pandemic Preparedness section at www.chinooksedg.ab.ca for information and links to further resources. A link to community clinics providing the H1N1 vaccine has been established on our site.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A Message from the Principal: Mr. Tom Christensen

As you know, the timetable this year was modified to provide for more flexibility for students by setting up five blocks instead of the traditional four blocks. This has allowed for more collaboration between staff and more students receiving the courses they request and has provided more time for students to get extra help from their teachers. Of course there are some issues we are working out, but generally we are pleased with the results with the schedule so far.

Another aspect to the timetable is the Quad system. Essentially, we have divided the students into four smaller learning teams for core subjects. This year this change will not be that obvious, but what it will mean is that next year they most likely will have the same teachers for their cores as they did this year. We believe that the familiarity with the teacher and the established relationship between parents and staff will help student performance.

There are a few dates to note this month. On Nov. 18th, this is our second Parent/Teacher interview this semester. These are on a drop-in basis and all interviews are in the West gym and lunchroom. On Nov. 26-28 the Festival of Trees will be in the Fine Arts and Multi Media Building. Friday evening is the auction for the trees and on Saturday from 1-4pm is a tea put on by the Olds High School Foods program.

Thanks for all of your support. Olds High School is able to do so much because of the support you provide and the talent of your students.

OHS Musical Notes

The OHS music department offers 11 courses with credits towards graduation. These include concert band, jazz band, choir and guitar. In addition, the percussion group STOMP is in its second year. And new this year is the pit orchestra, also under the direction of Mrs. Karri Anderson, for the drama club's production of *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Currently, nearly 120 students are registered in a music course at OHS, many in more than one.

The OHS Music Parents' Association supports the *entire* music program at OHS. This is done primarily through fundraising. Guest conductors and clinicians are brought in to enrich classroom learning. Instruments are also purchased, such as the class set of guitars, or replaced as need be, such as with our vibraphone last year. Traditionally, the Association also covers the costs of entry fees into festivals at both the local and provincial level. Our choir was able to compete in the provincial Kiwanis festival 2 years ago with the financial help of the Association. All of the fundraising is done to allow enriching opportunities for our student musicians, and to keep their costs as low as possible.

This past Friday we hosted "An Evening of Jazz with Tim Tamashiro". Tim was an elegant host, warm and relaxed, inviting the audience to participate and have as much fun as he did. His band, 2008 CBC Galaxie Rising Star Award winning pianist Chris Andrew, Rubim De Toledo from "Bomba" on bass, drummer Jim Johnson, and saxophonist Richard Harding, was the perfect accompaniment. From "Fly me to the Moon" to "What a Wonderful World", this consummate group of professionals put on a concert worthy of much bigger venues than Olds. We were so glad to have them as the headliner of our fundraising concert.

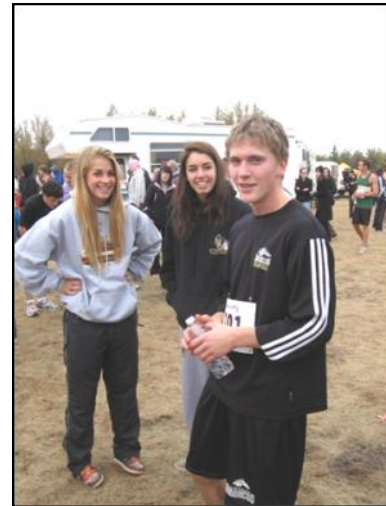
Our next OHS Music Parents' Association meeting is Wed. Nov 25/09 in the band room, at the CLC. We meet at 6:30. We invite all music families to join us and learn more about how we support the music programs at OHS.

For more information call Kathy at 403 507-8346

Cross Country 2009 Season Update

Oct 17th Casey Bateman represented Olds High at the Provincial Cross Country Race in Wetaskiwin. This was the second year in a row that Bateman competed at the provincial level. Casey came within seconds of his personal best time and finished in the middle of the pack of 112 runners in his category.

Great work Casey!!!!



Student Council

Student council members have been meeting bright and early for breakfast meetings at 7:15 am on Wednesdays due to the change in timetable. Thanks to parents for driving students to attend these meetings. The Halloween Havoc activities were a great success. Student council has an exciting mysterious event planned during the week of the 23rd... watch for details. Twelve Days of Christmas events are in the planning process. We are looking to keep some traditional events such as pictures with Santa, candy grams, Christmas trivia and the annual talent show. Some new events are Wonka Day, Christmas Angels Cash Bingo and Quad Color Day. Our most exciting event is collecting food for the food bank and Christmas gifts for Christmas Angels culminating with **Stuff a Bus** on the morning of Friday, December 11. CKFM 96.5 will be joining us that morning and community members are welcome to drop off donations at the school from 7:30 am – 9am. Food and gift donations will be stuffed into the bus and delivered to the foodbank Friday morning. Thanks to Mrs. Dorowicz and Leadership class for collaborating with student council to plan great events for OHS students and staff. Please support the annual Magazine Campaign. Go green and order on-line www.gsp.ca school code 32406. OHS students can win great prizes for selling magazines...2 tickets to Three Days Grace (courtesy CKFM 96.5). Ipod nano (Courtesy WalMart), cash and numerous other prizes.

“Strong communities include strong kids. We believe all kids should have the chance to run, skate, play, and grow.” Canadian Tire Jumpstart is a community-based charitable program that helps kids aged 4-18 participate in organized sports and recreation so they can develop important life skills, self esteem and confidence. Low income residents of Olds and surrounding communities can apply at Olds Neighborhood Place @ 403-556-7161. Limited subsidies up to \$100 per child are available before Nov. 15. A letter of reference is requested.



COMMUNITY KITCHEN Nov.27 (Fri.) & Nov.28 (Sat.) 2009 10AM—2PM.

Do you have a hard time making the food dollars stretch? Are you too busy to cook a healthy meal for your family? This group meets **once a month** to create meaningful connections with others while cooking 5-6 economic, freezable dinner entrées for the month. Individuals of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Cost \$5.00 per session for each person you cook for (for example, family of 4 = \$20 for 5 entrées each). Register now at Olds Neighborhood Place. 403-556-7161.

SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

In a supportive setting with other parents, our facilitator provides parenting education, child development information, strategies to deal with behaviors. This group is starting up and will meet twice a month. Time: To be determined. Call Olds Neighborhood Place for details: 403-556-7161.

SHARING CIRCLE

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Sharing Circle and learn Native Cultural teachings with Elder John Sinclair at Olds Neighborhood Place every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. For more information call 403-556-7161.

Making Connections as a UNESCO Associated School

Olds High School is recognized by UNESCO as part of its global network of schools that actively promote a culture of peace by following the UNESCO ideals of learning to be, learning to know, learning to do and learning to live together in the areas of Intercultural Education, Human Rights Education, Environmental Education and Education on Global Concerns and the role of the UN.

Olds High School will be hosting a Fair Trade Bazaar on November 18 from 2:30 – 8:30. Fair Trade is an economic initiative that ensures that producers receive a fair price for their products. Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade organization that gathers items from artisans from around the globe, will have a plethora of wonderful items for sale. The Interact Club will be selling items from Rwanda and the Town of Olds Fair Trade Committee will have a table set up as well. Join us to do a bit of Christmas shopping and find out what the Town of Olds is doing in the area of Fair Trade.

Olds will be welcoming 9 Mexican students for three weeks beginning on November 24. The students will be spending a few days a week at Olds High attending classes. Students, staff and student organizations will have the opportunity to practice their hospitality and broaden their cultural horizons.

Going to Copenhagen! UNESCO Denmark and the Denmark Dept of Education are hosting an International Youth Summit on Climate Change. They have invited and are sponsoring 3 students and a teacher from 20 countries to join them and OHS has accepted the Canadian invitation on behalf of Canadian UNESCO schools. Congratulations to Mitchell Neuberger, Peter Jakobsen and Kurtis Layden who will be representing our school and Canada at this conference in March. In preparation, these students will be conducting research in regards to Canadian issues related to climate change, which they will present at the summit.

OHS Parent Council

With report cards out and our first evening of Parent Teacher interviews over everyone must be feeling a little more comfortable in and around the school.

The Parent Council held our first meeting of the year the end of October complete with a tour of the new Core High School, what a treat! As our move in date gets closer we will look forward to sharing this great educational opportunity with you!

Our Parent Council is pleased to announce that the Grade 12 Diploma exam schedule for Chemistry 30 and Pure Math 30 has been rescheduled, and will no longer be written on the same day. Thank you to all the Grade 12 parents, and to the Olds Parent Council who wrote letters indicating their concern for this proposed exam schedule.

Future events for the Parent Council include the Festival of Trees weekend held November 26 through 28. This includes a decorated Christmas Tree Auction on the Friday evening starting at 7:30 p.m., and tree viewing on

Saturday complete with musical entertainment by our High School Jazz band and tea served by our leadership students. All events are free to attend. Come and enjoy at the Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre.

Thank you to our parents who are already helping at various student initiatives including the "Somewhere in Time Decades Dance", the school magazine drive, driving for team games, and tournaments. You are amazing.

Our meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our meetings are open to all parents of students attending Olds Junior/Senior High. Come and hear about what is happening at your children's school. The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Monday November 23rd at the Bell e-Learning Centre of the Community Learning Campus! Come and take a look :)

Mary Turner, Olds High School Parent Council President

Mary.Turner@telusplanet.net or 556-7035 (home)

Olds Interact Club

The Olds Interact club is hosting a RAISE FOR RED benefit concert at the Fine Arts Theatre on Friday, November 20th.

Local youth musicians will be playing and all money raised will be donated to the Central Alberta AIDS Network (CAAN).

Information regarding HIV and AIDS will be on hand at the concert. The doors will open at 7:00 and prices are \$7.00/ticket for students and \$10.00/ticket for adults.

For more information please contact concert chairperson AMY BRAUN at 403-586-2855.

**List of musicians/bands playing include Phil Richard, Janeen Williamson, The Neverlasting Moment, Kids Playing Heroes and EVE'S REFLECTION as the headliner.

Counsellor Corner Louan Statchuk

Career Information Evening

Thanks to all parents and students who attended the Career Information Evening on November 4. Special thanks to all breakout session presenters.

Take Our Kids To Work

Grade 9 students participated in the Take Our Kids To Work Program on Wednesday, November 4. Thanks to all employers in Olds and the surrounding community for supporting this worthwhile initiative.

SET 2009 Conference

SET 2009 is a Science, Engineering and Technology Experience held on Saturday, November 28 at the University of Alberta. SET is open to grade 10 - 12 high school girls in Alberta who are interested in learning more about careers in science and engineering. During this one day event, girls will have the chance to:

Participate in some exciting lab demonstrations. Talk with women about their experiences and how they got to where they are today. Try out some hands-on lab activities. Learn about future opportunities with WISEST and more. During the day of the conference, there will also be a **Parent and Guardian Information Session**. This session provides a great opportunity for parents and guardians to meet with Science and Engineering Faculty representatives to discuss the University of Alberta, so please be sure to bring along your questions! Information and registration can be downloaded from www.wisest.ualberta.ca.

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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 extracurricular activities;

Interest in current national and community affairs.

The four sessions are held on

Session 01: February 21-27, 2010, **Session 02:** February 28 - March 6, 2010, **Session 03:** March 21-27, 2010, **Session 04:** April 18-24, 2010

Check the website www.forum.ca for details.

What am I going to Do?

As the year progresses, grade 12 students are exploring possibilities for their next year. Students may want to consider the following opportunities:

House of Commons Page Program

Each year, 40 students are selected from high schools and CEGEPs across Canada to come to Ottawa and work as Pages in the House of Commons. Pages have the opportunity to learn about the House of Commons while witnessing the legislative process first hand.

Those hired as Pages work on a part-time basis during their first year of study at one of the universities in the National Capital Region.

Applications must be postmarked no later than *Monday, December 7, 2009*. For more information check the website www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage.

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.

EF Tours Study languages and academic subjects abroad, to gain complete language fluency and official international diplomas for your career. Choose from a wide range of programs at over 40 schools in 15 countries, and combine your course with professional internships. For more information check the website www.ef.com.

Katimavik: Katimavik offers young Canadians an exciting experience that incorporates learning and volunteer involvement. It is Canada's leading national youth volunteer-service program.

During their 9 or 8 months with Katimavik, participants ages 17 to 21 live in three regions of Canada. They are involved in exciting volunteer projects in each community. For more information check the website www.katimavik.org.

Scholarship Information

Academic Excellence

The Academic Excellence Scholarship Competition offers over \$14 million in scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

To be eligible to compete for an Academic Excellence Scholarship, students must:

be in Grade 11 as of June 15, 2009 or be in Grade 12 as of December 15, 2009

have an award average of 80% or higher

plan to attend the University of Alberta in **September 2010**

Check the website www.ualberta.ca for details.

Scholarship Website

Check out the new website www.studentscholarships.org which allows students to register for numerous services. The matching service (available immediately after Free Registration) searches our database for everything that matches your profile. Another big time saver is the layout of the University Profiles we have included in our database. You will notice that there are quick links on each school's profile that will take you straight to the desired location on the Universities website. You can choose from the Universities Home Page, Admission Page, Academic Programs, Scholarships, etc. Our hope is that each student will spend much more time learning about the information they are interested in, instead of Looking for the information.

Reminder: All grade 12 students must meet with Mrs. Statchuk for a graduation credit check and post secondary interview. The scholarship binder can be signed out from Mrs. Statchuk. Please return the binder to Mrs. Statchuk **within 3 days** as other students are patiently waiting to borrow the binder..

Educational Liason Association of Alberta (ELAA) Counsellor Update Highlights

The following information summarized highlights from the Counsellor Update. High school students are encouraged to participate in Open House, Student for a Day and campus tour events. *Always check the website to confirm dates and details.*

University of Calgary

Information Evening March 23-25, 2010 (sessions with different faculties each evening) Guaranteed Scholarship Program (formerly Academic Scholars) – automatic admission scholarships that are renewable for a second year. Hundreds of other entrance scholarships are available, check the website for details. Deadline April 10, 2010

University of Alberta

Academic Excellence Awards based on grade 11 marks due December 15, 2009 for grade 12 students and June 15, 2010 for grade 11 students. Faculty of Nursing application deadline February 1, 2010

Early Admission Workshop Red Deer, November 28 \$1.1 billion campus expansion in progress

Faculty of Engineering guaranteed admission with an 80% average in the 5 required subjects

University of Lethbridge

Ninety percent of U of L programs are non-competitive and require 65% average for admission, Advanced Computer Science and Applied Math 30 can be used as an academic subject

Bachelor of Science in Public Health, only baccalaureate-level public health program in Alberta successful applicants are eligible for a \$4000 Public Health Entrance Award and up to \$1500 for a public health entrance scholarship

Information Session Holiday Inn 67th Street Red Deer November 25

Mount Royal University

University status as of September 3, MRU is a member of AUCC (Association of University and Colleges of Canada) which means that MRU graduates can now proceed to a Master's Program at any university

Degree Information Evening March 3, 2010 3pm-8pm

Open House November 14, 10am – 4pm

Over \$2 million available in Mount Royal Scholarships and Bursaries

Grant MacEwan University

University status as of September 24

Post Secondary Exploration Conference, March 14-16, 2010 Conference participants will explore the following areas: Career options, post-secondary scenarios, scholarships, bursaries and awards, post-secondary courses and life in residence

MacEwan Ambassador Program provides students with excellent opportunities for leadership development, college involvement and scholarship eligibility

Spring Open House March 6, 2010

Student for a Day November 30, February 2, February 26 and March 18

King's University College

Christian university that accepts all faiths

New green career opportunities, Bachelor of Science Environmental Studies and Business major

Pre-professional students will have a professor mentor for each area pre-med, pre-vet, pre-dentistry, etc. who will assist with students with their professional school application

Open House March 13, 2010

Student for a Day November 20, February 5, February 26, March 19

Canadian University College

Early Admission Tuition Scholarship (EATS) \$1000 if all paperwork is submitted by May 1

Academic, Athletic, Leadership and School Involvement Scholarships

Concordia University College of Alberta

Bachelor of Management Program now permits applicants to present either Pure or Applied Math 30 to fulfill the math requirement

University Entrance Scholarship Program is a *renewable* scholarship valued at \$1000-\$3750 per academic year for high school students with 75% average or higher for students entering Arts, Management or Science

Concordia Alumni Mentorship Program (CAMP) students are matched with a mentor in their field of study

CU@ Concordia student exploration day February 26 and April 1

Spring Open House March 6, 2010

Red Deer College

134 seats will be available in first year BScN for fall 2010, deadline March 1, 2010

Practical nursing program is first qualified first accepted

RDC offers the only locksmith apprenticeship program in Canada

Building on Excellence Scholarship is a \$1000 award available to students entering a full-time post-secondary program with an average of 85% or higher in 5 grade 11 or 12 subjects

The Student For a Day for Performing Arts Programs are as follows:

Acting Nov 27, 2009 | Feb 5, 2010 | March 26, 2010

Motion Picture Arts Nov 24 & 25, 2009 | Feb 4, 2010 | March 26, 2010

Music Nov 27, 2009 | Feb 5, 2010 | March 26, 2010

Technical Production Nov 27, 2009 | Feb 5, 2010 | March 26, 2010

SAIT Polytechnic

95% graduate employment rate

SAIT requires additional criteria besides high school marks such as a Career Investigation Report for several programs

Materials Technician is a new three year apprenticeship program at SAIT

Open House February 5 and 6, 2010

Check out the new deli and bakery in the new Professional Cooking training facility, Professional Cooking is now a two year diploma

www.furtheryourpassion.ca now has a special link for parents

Lakeland College

Tuition Travel Bucks for students travelling more than 100 km from their permanent home for a campus tour of either Lakeland College's Vermillion or Lloydminster campus

www.lakelandcollege.ca/virtualtours offers new 360° campus views

Academic Excellence Scholarships from \$1500 - \$3500 based on grade 11 marks for university transfer, business, education assistant, and environmental sciences programs

Most programs are first qualified, first accepted so applying early is very important

NAIT

Info Week February 8-11, 2010 consists of evening sessions in each program

Career –in-a-Year Expo March 13, 2010

Flexible pathway options (multiple majors, full-time, part-time, and e-learning) offered in Bachelor of Business Administration Degree

Grade 12 media or fine arts high school course can be used in place of Math, Social or Science requirement in the Radio and Television Diploma

New four-month co-op option offered (between first and second year) in the Engineering Design and Drafting Program

Medicine Hat College

Bachelor of Nursing Program, in collaboration with University of Calgary, now offered entirely on Medicine Hat College Campus will now accept 82 first year students requiring 85% average

\$9.4 million EnCana Power Engineering Technology Centre opened in October

MHC has numerous stepping stone programs such as education assistant to early childhood diploma to Bachelor of Education Elementary

Open House January 28, 2010

Student for a Day January 18-20 and 27-29, 2010

Olds College

The majority of Olds College programs are first qualified, first admitted so it is important to apply early

Women Building Futures and Olds College have partnered to fill an employment gap in Alberta's construction industry by offering a women-specific intake of the Heavy Equipment Operator Program

Land and Water Resources now has a Rural Land Use Planning Major

Equine Science applications now require a work experience verification form rather than a work experience evaluation form, minimum requirement of 150 hours

Preview Days November 27 (Horticulture, Land, Business and Fashion); January 15 (Animals and Agriculture); February 12 (Horticulture and Land);

March 19 (Trades, Business and Fashion)

The new equestrian riding arena on campus opens January 2010

Open House April 10, 2010

Bow Valley College

Veterinary Office Assistant Certificate prepares graduates to provide effective office administration in an animal-related environment

Three intakes in September, January and May dates differ by program

Career Exploration Day, March 5, 2010

Grand Prairie Regional College

Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Technician Program on Fairview Campus

Fitness Leadership Diploma specializing in Older Adult Fitness and Wellness Specialization

Computer Games Expo February 2010

Science Open House December 4, Spring Open House March 25, 2010

Student for a Day March 15-19, 2010

DeVry

Passport to College high school students can take 4 free DeVry classes on-line which may be used towards a DeVry degree program or transferred to another institution

DeVry offers five scholarships of \$9000 for every high school in Alberta

Lethbridge College

50th Anniversary Early Entrance Scholarship offers fifty \$1000 scholarships based on grade 30 level marks in core classes as of the end of January

Prairie Baseball Academy is housed at Lethbridge College

New residence building opens September 2010 with 109 rooms

Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD)

Only art school in Canada that has a residence option, ACAD students can apply to SAIT residence

ACAD introduces a mandatory laptop program starting fall 2010, students must own or lease a laptop

Fall 2011 prospective students must submit their portfolios in a digital format

ACAD is the only art school in Canada that belongs to the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) which will allow ACAD graduates to continue in a Master's program anywhere in the world

Open House and Portfolio Days February 5 and 6, 2010, students may bring in their portfolios in progress for feedback

Prairie Bible College, Prairie College of Applied Arts and Technology, Prairie School of Mission Aviation

Preview Days November 21, March 6, April 10, May 1, June 5

Prairie School of Mission Aviation trains pilots for private, commercial and mission flights

EMT-P (paramedic) and business administration programs available for fall 2010

NorQuest College

Alberta's largest community college with the largest Practical Nurse and Health Care Aide education programs in Canada

More than 97% of NorQuest grads find employment

Open House February 20, 2010

Student for a Day offered monthly, application fee waived if you attend these events

We are on the web!
Wwww.oldshigh.com

Study Guides for Grades 9-12– Core Subjects

OHS orders study guides for students twice per year but parents can order study guides at any time through Castle Rock (LRC) anytime during the school year.

To order at your convenience please call 780-427-5775.
Visa is accepted.

SCHOOL FEES: Invoices will be mailed shortly. Fees are due November 15, 2009. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, Visa, Mastercard, or Debit. Payment arrangements can be made by contacting Wendy Clark at (403) 556-3391. If you need to know your child's fees, please contact the school

Important dates to remember:

Nov. 18th — Parent/Teacher Interviews #2

Nov. 20th—Non-instructional Day—no school

Nov 23-27th—Grad Pictures

Dec. 23/09th—Jan. 5/10—Christmas Break

Grads:

There is a web link that gives students information on the ring days and links them to Jostens website so they can design their rings. The link is:

<http://www.messagefromjostens.com/OldsJrSrHSGraduationRingDisplayandOrderDays>



Exciting Yearbook News!

The 2010 Yearbook is FULL COLOR...and we need your help!

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.



Discover Canada without even leaving your living room!

Olds, October 15, 2009 – That's what Katimavik, Canada's leading national youth service program, has to offer if you become a host family between November 20th and 29th, 2009. Our organization is presently looking for families who are willing to host Katimavik participants aged 17 to 21 from across Canada. Here is your chance to get to know a young person who is presently volunteering in your community while introducing them to your way of living!

As part of the Katimavik program, participants stay with a host family of the region in order to better understand their reality and culture. For some participants, this is also an excellent opportunity to benefit from a full-fledged linguistic immersion. This precious experience will be filled with discoveries for both your family and the participant(s). Each host family will receive a subsistence allowance for the host period.

How can you become a billeting family?

Contact us at (403) 791-1160 and we will be happy to discuss opportunities with you! Each family that hosts a Katimavik participant receives a stipend to offset costs.

Katimavik is in Olds

The Katimavik group arrived in Olds on September 27 and will live in the community for the next three months, before heading to Lévis, Quebec to continue their nine-month program. The group is comprised of six women and four men who are living in a house rented by Katimavik and are supervised by a project leader who lives with them. These young participants are working five days a week at local non-profit organizations including Town of Olds, Mountain View Museum, Olds Institute, Olds Agricultural Society, Prairies to Peaks, Olds Jr/Sr High and Olds College.

About Katimavik

Katimavik promotes civic engagement and fosters sustainable communities through challenging national youth service programs. Since 1977, Katimavik has enabled nearly 30,000 Canadians to be involved in more than 2,000 communities throughout Canada. Participants between the ages of 17 and 21 live with 10 other youth from across the country in 2 or 3 communities. They commit to 6 or 9 month programs where they volunteer 28 to 35 hours a week for a variety of non-profit organizations. Youth also benefit from Katimavik's structured learning program that focuses on the development of lifelong personal, professional and social competencies in the areas of civic engagement, healthy lifestyle, cultural discovery, official languages, communication, environmental stewardship and project coordination.

For further information on Katimavik please visit www.katimavik.org or visit our blog at www.gokatimavik.com

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