

GRAD NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2007

DATE - Saturday, May 31st, 2008

VENUE - Main Ice Surface, Olds Sports Complex

FORMAT

- 9:30 a.m – 10:30 a.m. *Cap and Gown Distribution (on the auxiliary arena)*
- 10:30 a.m.- *Cap & Gown Ceremony*
- 12:30 p.m. - *Grad Tea – Concourse area of the arena (also at this time the grad gowns need to be returned to the auxiliary arena)*
- 5:00 p.m. - *Group Picture*
- 5:30 p.m.- *Buffet Dinner*
- 7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. *Program, Grand March, and Dance*

GRAD MEETINGS

All graduating students and their parents are welcome at all executive meetings. The executive meeting dates are as follows:

- ☺ *Parent & student grad executive meetings will be monthly. Meeting dates: November 13th, February 12th, March 11th, April 15th and June 11th. A general meeting for all grads and parents is May 13th*
- ☺ *These meetings will be in the school library at 7:30 p.m.*
- ☺ *We really encourage any grads to come and be an active part of the decision making for their grad !!!!*

FUNDRAISING

Below are listed the major fundraisers:

- ***Poinsettias*** - supplied by Olds College Greenhouse
 - sold for \$14.00 each
 - one poinsettia sold equals \$4 dollars credit
 - pick up at Olds College around December 12th
- ***Wreaths*** - (fresh spruce) - supplied by Veronica Reist
 - sold for \$26.00 each
 - one wreath sold equals \$8 dollars credit
 - pick up date will be announced
- ***Swags*** – (fresh pine, locally made)
 - sold for \$33.00 each
 - each swag sold will be between \$4 & \$8 dollars credit
 - pick up from the school November 28th and December 5th
- ***Grad Show*** - a talent and variety show
 - March 27th and 28th
 - entertainment provided by the grads
 - tickets will sell for \$5.00, each ticket sold will equal \$4 dollars credit

- **Community Service Program** - students are awarded “grad hours” for volunteer work
 - each hour worked will be \$4 dollars credit
 - this project presents an excellent opportunity for students to gain exceptional volunteer experience which can be used to enhance a student’s resume, however, please understand the time commitment required
 - two opportunities are being coordinated: Olds Elementary School Reading Program or volunteering at the Olds Hospital
 - contact Mrs. Statchuk or Miss Vandervelden if interested in participating in any of these Community Service Programs

Students participating in fundraising activities or any community service programs will receive a credit to the grad’s account to offset the costs of grad, including the grad basic fee, grad show DVD or grad clothing.

COST

The grad committee has not developed a final budget yet, but the cost per grad will be approximately \$230 to cover costs associated with grad which includes four banquet tickets, arena rental, cap and gown, decorating etc. If less than 4 banquet tickets are required please indicate on the ticket order form which will be mailed out in February. NO extra tickets are available. Guests with tickets will be seated with the grad at a table on the main ice surface. Please remember that one of the “4” tickets will be for the grad. Invoices will be mailed in early May.

Attendance at the afternoon ceremony does not require a ticket and is open to the public. **LIMITED SEATING IS AVAILABLE ON THE MAIN FLOOR DURING THE MORNING CEREMONY. EACH FAMILY WILL HAVE 2 SEATS ONLY ON THE MAIN FLOOR.** Persons wishing to “view” the evening program and grand march are welcome to be seated in the bleacher sections without a ticket.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student wishing to participate in the graduation ceremonies at our school must be expected to qualify for a high school diploma by the end of his or her graduating year. A student must be registered in a minimum of “30 credits” at Olds High School during Grade 12 in order to participate.

A student registered in courses required for graduation outside of OHS, (e.g. correspondence, outreach) must be halfway through the course by April 17th before his or her name can be added to the grad list. Students registered in a Special Project as part of the 30 credit requirement or 30 level requirement must be completed by the end of Semester 1. 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. If unsure of grad status, please check with Mrs. Statchuk.

GRAD PHOTOS

Portrait dates are November 27th thru November 30th, during the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. at the school.

Appointment Times – A Lifetouch representative will be at the school November 15th and November 16th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the front foyer to schedule individual portrait sittings.

Portrait Sitting – Your portrait sitting will consist of 14-16 color proofs combining both traditional (cap and gown) and contemporary or casual photographs. A portrait sitting fee of \$30.00 is payable by cash or cheque to Lifetouch at the time of your sitting. You have the option of “WITH” image enhancement, \$39.00 or “WITHOUT” image enhancement, \$30.00. (Image enhancement is a subtle application of make-up to even out your skin tone and soften any shine from the reflection of our studio lights. We will not change your appearance but enhance your portrait quality.)

NOTE: The \$30.00 sitting fee includes an 8 x 10 color composite of the entire class in cap and gown and an 8 x 10 group photo of grads in formal attire taken the night of grad.

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO HAVE LIFETOUCH TAKE YOUR GRAD PICTURE, YOU STILL NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO ENSURE YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE CLASS COMPOSITE PICTURE AND IN THE YEARBOOK.

Dress:

Graduation gowns and stoles will be supplied, as well as fresh roses for the girls. Girls are advised to consider the V-neck of the gown when choosing clothing. Boys are advised to wear a white dress shirt and tie. Wearing of the grad cap is optional for photos.

Proofs:

Students can get their proofs on December 19th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the school. At this time the student will receive a coupon which can be used on the order date January 8th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at the school. At this time they can order their photos. Orders can also be made by phone or by mail. If you miss the November grad photo days you can have your photo taken on retake day, February 12th.

GRAD CLOTHING

We have an approved logo and a student committee. Clothing samples will be available to try on next week. Russell athletic wear including hoodies and sweat pants will be available to order. Yoga pants and jackets will also be available this year.

GRAD NEWS BOARD

Grads please remember there is a lot of information on the grad board upstairs at the school. It is updated constantly, so please check it often.

COUNSELLOR CORNER

Guiding Youth Workshop – Parents and students are invited to attend the Guiding Youth workshop with a dynamic career consultant, Kristen Cumming on November 14 @ 6:30 pm in the OHS library. The workshop will provide practical advice for parents as they “guide” their children with career planning.

Post-Secondary Review Evening – Students, parents and community members are invited to attend the annual Olds High School Post-Secondary Review evening held at Student Alumni building at the Olds College on Monday, November 19th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Representatives from numerous post-secondary institutions from across Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan will be available to provide information to students and parents.

Post-Secondary Plan – Students and parents are strongly encouraged to visit potential post-secondary institutions for information on open houses or student for a day activities. Check websites for details !!

Scholarship Information- The scholarship binder is being circulated among Grade 12 students. Please return the binder to Mrs. Statchuk after 2-3 days as other students want to sign it out. New scholarship information is continuously arriving and the binders need to be updated.

Grad Advisors: Tom Christensen, Gayleen Roelfsema, Wanda Vandervelden, Louan Statchuk and Meaghan Reist. If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the advisors at 556-3391.