

CHINOOK HIGH SCHOOL



Grad 2020 Information

Everyone at Chinook High School looks forward to celebrating your high school graduation with you and your family! While this occasion is still many months away, the following information will help you plan for this event.

There are two main activities for your graduation:

- The Grad Gala and Dance will take place at the University of Lethbridge gymnasium. The evening activities provide a time for graduates to share and celebrate with their peers and families. There will be a banquet, program and dance complete with a big screen slide show.
- Convocation occurs in the Chinook High School gymnasium. This is a formal ceremony to recognize the accomplishments of each graduate.

There are two planning groups that are working hard to make your graduation day outstanding:

- CHS Staff Committee
- Student Grad Committee - these meetings are open to all grade 12 students and are held throughout the year

Grad Parent Info Night

We will be hosting a Grad Parent Info Night in January to familiarize parents with the grad gala ticketing process and review details on Convocation and graduation requirements. Please watch for communication on the date and time.

GRADE 12'S



Important Dates - Mark Your Calendar

Now through Nov 30	Convocation fees available to be paid through SchoolCash Online (\$55 - subject to change)
Oct 14-Nov 1	Hoodie purchases through School CashOnline
Dec 2-13	Grad photos with Lifetouch
March 1-15	Purchase Grad Gala Tickets online. Tickets will be available at \$55* per ticket. (*ticket cost subject to change)
March 20-30 (earlier if tickets sell out)	2 nd round of Grad Gala Tickets available for sale online IF extra tickets are available after the first round. Available on a first-come, first-served basis.
March 1	- Baby pictures need to be emailed to your Advisor. You may also bring in a hard copy. - If you did not have grad photos taken by Lifetouch, email (chs@lethsd.ab.ca) a digital copy.
May 6 & 7	Grad Gala ticket pick-up at flex in the front foyer.
May 8	Student Grad Committee to set up U of L gym in the afternoon.
May 8	Grad Gala
June 18	Pick up caps and gowns (8am-12noon) - All books need to be returned and school fees paid in order to pick up your items.
June 19	Convocation

Grocery Coupon Fundraiser - Pay Down Your Grad Fees!

Chinook High School Parent Athletic Council provides you with the opportunity to earn money towards your son or daughter's grad fees by purchasing gift cards for local stores through Chinook. The value of these coupons is dollar for dollar. The business we purchase from gives us a return on our purchase above the face value of the card. We take that return and place 75% of it in your account. The other 25% of the return goes into a general school account which is used for addressing students needs.

How It Works:

- Purchase the cards online through the CHS website
- Pick the cards up a week later from us
Order & pick up dates are listed online
- The return is then calculated and credited to your son/daughter's account. *For example, if you purchased \$1000 this month and the return from the business is 10% (\$100), you get \$1000 in coupons and \$75 in your son/daughter's account. The remaining \$25 goes into the school account.*

We sell Save On Foods (10.5% return), Safeway (8% return) and Superstore (5% return) cards.

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Requirements for a High School Diploma

To earn an Alberta High School Diploma a student must meet the following requirements:

Earn a minimum of 100 credits

Complete and meet the standards of the following courses:

- English 30-1 or English 30-2
- Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
- One of: Math-20 Level
Mathematics 20-1, Mathematics 20-2 or Mathematics 20-3)
- One of: Science—20 Level
(Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20, or Physics 20)
- Physical Education 10 (3 credits)
- Career and Life Management (CALM) - (3 credits)
- 10 Credits in any combination from Career and Technology Studies (CTS) or Fine Arts or Physical Education (beyond PE 10), Second Languages or Registered Apprenticeship Program.
- 10 Credits in any 30-level course **IN ADDITION** to English 30-1 or 30-2 **AND** a 30-level Social Studies course. Courses may include Science 30 (Chemistry 30, Biology 30, Physics 30), Math 30, Art 30, Drama 30, Music 30, Info Pro 30 modules, Com Tech 30 modules, Foods 30 modules, Fashion Studies 30 modules, Languages 30 (French 30, Spanish 30), Work Experience 35.
- The final 24 credits required can be from any combination of 20 and 30 level courses not already accounted for.

Parents/Guardians

Please contact your son/daughter's advisor early if you have questions about requirements and their progress in meeting these requirements.



Gala Info

Gala Tickets will be sold through School Cash Online March 1-15, 2020 for \$55 per ticket (ticket prices at time of printing are unconfirmed). At time of print, we hope to be able to offer up to **four tickets per graduate (this includes the graduate's ticket)**. If there are available tickets remaining, a second round will open online March 20-30. These remaining tickets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis online only. Please note the system will automatically close when tickets are sold out and may not be available until March 30.

Anyone, **including graduates**, planning to attend the gala must purchase a ticket. Please know that **the graduate may bring up to three guests**. Gala tickets will be distributed to students during the first week of May during flex in the front foyer.

When you purchase your tickets, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions (i.e. vegetarian, observing Ramadan), mobility restrictions (wheelchair, oxygen tank) or accessibility concerns by emailing Chantel at chantel.tillsley@lethsd.ab.ca no later than April 30, 2020.

Assigned Seating

When you buy a ticket, you buy a seat at a table. Your assigned seats and table number will be indicated on your tickets and the seating charts will be displayed at the gala. We appreciate your understanding as we seat 1300+ people at the gala and endeavor to accommodate all the guests in a fair and equitable way.

Grad Gala Friday, May 8th, 2020

University of Lethbridge Gymnasium
4:30pm-11:00pm
Banquet, Program & Dance

Grad Gala Banquet and Dance

Friday, May 8th at the University of Lethbridge

4:30pm Grads and guests arrive for the mix and mingle on the U of L track (upper level, enter by Tim Hortons). No tickets are required for the mix and mingle.

5:30pm Grads assemble in alphabetical order

5:30pm Guests present tickets and enter the gym for seating by table number. Guests without tickets are invited to view the Grad entrance from the track. Only ticket holders are allowed in the banquet seating area.

6:00pm Grads are announced and enter gym for seating

7:10pm Banquet dinner service begins

8:00pm Program begins (speeches and recognition)

9:00pm Dance begins for all Grade 12 students, families and guests

11:00pm Dance ends



Convocation Info

Convocation tickets are free of charge, each grad will receive **6 tickets (the graduate does not need a ticket)** for their family and friends

to attend the ceremony. Graduates must meet the requirements for an Alberta High School Diploma, have paid their Convocation fees and had a cap/gown ordered to be able to participate.

Graduates will enter to be seated on the gymnasium floor by advisor group.

Guest seating (family and friends) will be in the bleachers; limited floor seating will be available. Staff will be seated on the stage.

Lifetouch is the official photographer and will take pictures of each grad receiving his/her diploma and/or handshake.

Parents/Guests are asked to remain seated during the convocation as there is no area available for personal photographs.

Chinook will be streaming convocation online live to accommodate those unable to attend. Look for the web link on our website closer to convocation.



Convocation Friday, June 19, 2020

Chinook High School Gymnasium
4:00pm
Grads arrive at 3:15pm

Convocation

Friday, June 19, 2020

in the Chinook Gymnasium

3:15pm Grads assemble at the school by Advisor group

4:00pm Convocation begins

6:30pm Conclusion of Convocation

Due to the formal nature of this ceremony, all grads and families should expect to stay until the entire program is over.

Because there is limited space in the gymnasium, the Convocation ceremony will be live-streamed. The link will be available online prior to the event at www.chs@lethsd.ab.ca.

Grade 12 students who have met the requirements to receive a high school diploma can participate.

All fees need to be paid prior to Convocation. All textbooks and library books need to be returned in order to avoid delays at cap and gown pick-up.

Please be aware that the outlined events are the only school sanctioned graduation events.



Convocation Photo Information



Lifetouch will be taking photos at Convocation. All photos will be available for preview and purchase online.

Lifetouch offers one complimentary 5x7 of the handshake photo for every grad.

The entire event is photographed, including peripherals, so the grads and their parents have options to add those images to their order. All images are posted online and offer an extensive array of additional opportunities to purchase.

How do I order?

Visit **www.lifetouchevents.com** and enter the password provided to you on the Convocation program. All orders are placed online.

On-line security measures

Lifetouch is committed to the privacy wishes of their customers. The proof preview section of their website contains **no names** corresponding to any of the photos. The photos are simply displayed in the order which they are taken and orders are placed using a number, not a name.

Lifetouch Contact Information:

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Graduation Checklist

- ☐ \$55 Grad Convocation fees have been added to your account. These fees are due November 30.
- ☐ Height measurement & head circumference provided to Advisor for gowns and caps in November.
- ☐ All diploma requirements have been met.
- ☐ Grad photos with Lifetouch (December 2-13, 2019). Online booking is now available.
- ☐ Purchase Grad Gala tickets (March 1-15, 2020)
- ☐ Baby pictures and grad photos have been submitted to your Advisor (by March 1st) .
- ☐ Purchase second round tickets March 20-30, 2020.
- ☐ Grad Gala ticket pick up May 6 & 7
- ☐ Grad Gala May 8 - 4:30 -11:00pm (dinner at 6:30pm)
- ☐ June 19: Grad gown pick up from 8:00am-12:00pm in the Conference Room. Please note this will be the only time that you will be able to pick up gowns.
- ☐ Convocation June 19, 2020.



GRADE 12 CHECKLIST

This is a general checklist to help guide you through this year. Please check with specifics when making your post-secondary plans.

Let's face it – the earlier you know what's coming up, the more prepared you'll be to SUCCESSFULLY tackle the tasks that lie ahead.

So here are some guidelines to help you stay organized during your grade 12 year.

September

- ☐ **Check the Alberta High School Diploma Requirement to make sure you have all the courses you need to graduate this year.**
- ☐ **Students should check with their Advisor to ensure they are on track to meeting graduation requirements.**
- ☐ **Apply for a Social Insurance Number if you don't already have one.**
- ☐ **Talk with Mamta (Career Practitioner) and parents about career and post-secondary choices.**
- ☐ **If you are not considering post-secondary education directly after high school, get all information you may need for the future. Examine what other options are open to you, determine what you need to do to achieve your goals. If joining the workforce or traveling for a year is a plan, get all the information you will need to apply for post-secondary in the future.**
- ☐ **Request information from schools (including financial aid/housing).**
- ☐ **Contact schools for Open Houses and Student for a Day Programs.**
- ☐ **Begin to work on admissions applications – see Mamta for assistance if needed.**

Register with www.studentawards.com for scholarship opportunities. Check out other scholarship opportunities (companies, institutes, other sponsors).

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September Continued

- ☐ Make an application for any programs that are open and have competitive entrance (limited seating).
- ☐ Check the monthly scholarship updates, scholarship websites to see what scholarships have deadlines this fall (this can be found in the Daily or in the Newsletter on our website, under Career Centre).
- ☐ Keep this checklist – **you have deadlines to meet!**

October/November

- ☐ **APPLY! APPLY!** Check your calendar, many institutions have moved their application date to October!! Make sure you apply early to guarantee yourself admission. If you are offered a seat in a program you can always decline.

TIP: Most of these application forms can be completed and submitted online! Apply Alberta is a great place to start. It is an online application system that will let students apply to one or more post-secondary institutions and authorize transcript transfers between participating institutions in Alberta.

You should know:

If you plan on living in residence on campus and have not yet applied for housing, apply now. Often accommodations are offered on a first come, first serve basis.



GRADE 12 CHECKLIST

December/January

- ☐ Continue to check available scholarships.,
- ☐ Check out diploma Exam Prep seminars if you need help preparing for an exam in a particular subject.
- ☐ Check your email for updates from institutes, make sure you respond to all requests.
- ☐ Continue to work hard!

February/March

- ☐ **If you have not applied to a post-secondary institution, but wish to attend one next fall, make an appointment to discuss options. Deadlines are approaching.**
- ☐ **Students should check back with their Advisor to ensure they are on track to meet graduation requirements and set up a grad plan if they are not on track.**

April

- ☐ You may receive conditional acceptance (this means you are currently enrolled in the correct courses and achieving the entrance average but your final acceptance will depend on June diploma marks).
- ☐ Make final decision- send deposit to the institute.
- ☐ If waitlisted contact admissions to check on the status of your application.
- ☐ Attend interviews if required.
- ☐ Apply for the Rutherford Scholarship - **no more deadlines, apply online anytime – once you have been accepted by your preferred post-secondary institution.**

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May/June

- ☐ Meet with Mamta with any questions or concerns about post-secondary. Some programs may still be accepting applications.
- ☐ If you have accepted admission offers from more than one post-secondary school, make a firm decision on which school you will attend.

TIP: to help you decide, evaluate what's important to you for example; location, class sizes, programs offered, student services, graduate employment rates, etc.

Apply for Financial Aid www.alis.gov/ab.ca/studentsfinance

- ☐ Check to make sure your final transcript(s) are being sent to the school(s) you are planning to attend.
- ☐ Study for finals.
- ☐ Register for classes! Many schools allow you to pick your courses and tailor your first year. Joanne and Mamta can assist with this process.

**Congratulations high school graduate!
Good luck on an exciting and successful future!**



Grad Gear



Grad gear will be available to order through School Cash Online from **October 14 to November 1**. See info in the Daily.



Grad Portraits with Lifetouch



Grad Portraits are set for December 2-13, 2019. **These are booked directly online directly through Lifetouch at www.lifetouch.ca/southernalberta.**

Sittings are 30 minutes with 18-20 proofs as well as the services of an "experience enhancement artist". These include all the traditional cap and gown portraits as well as 8-10 casual images done with a change of clothing, sports equipment, musical instruments, books or whatever props students wish to bring to individualize their sitting (no weapons please). Lifetouch accepts cheques, Visa, Mastercard, debit and cash for the sitting fee.

Pictures will be taken at the Lifetouch Studio at 1021 3rd Ave S (please note the new address). For more information please call the Lifetouch Studio at 403-327-2658.

