

CHINOOK HIGH SCHOOL



Grad 2024-2025 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 their 12 years of school. There will be a program, dance, appetizers for grads and their plus ones, 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 throughout the year

Grad Parent Info Night

We will be hosting a Grad Parent Info Night during parent/teacher interviews October 24 from 7-8pm to familiarize parents with the grad gala ticketing process and review details on Convocation and Graduation requirements.

GRADE 12s



Join the planning - it's your last year of high school! All Grade 12s are invited to be part of the Student Grad Committee. We meet every Wednesday at flex 1 in room 212 to plan



Important Dates - Mark Your Calendar

November 25— December 13	Grad photos with Lifetouch
December/ January	Hoodie purchases through SchoolCash Online
February 13	Deadline to order yearbook. Which can be purchased through SchoolCash online for \$50 or in person from Zak
February 28	Deadline to pay Convocation fees through SchoolCash \$40
March 3-18	Purchase Grad Gala Tickets online.
March 24-April 11 (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. Ticket sales close April 11, 2025
February 3 - March 3	- Baby pictures need to be emailed/teams 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.
April 14 - 21	Seating requests for grads
April 30	Grade level assembly: mod 2 into flex
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 9	Grad Gala
June 19 & 20	Pick up caps and gowns (8am-3:30 pm) - All books need to be returned and school fees paid in order to pick up your items.
June 25	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

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. *Please see our site for more information. Click the Parent + Student Resources tab - Important information - Grocery Card Information*

We sell **Save On Foods (5% return)**, **Safeway (2% return)** and **President's Choice (1% return)** cards.



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 Social Studies 30-2
- One of Math at the 20 Level which could be; 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 English 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 child's advisor early if you have questions about requirements and their progress in meeting these requirements.

Grad Gear



Grad hoodies will be available to order through SchoolCash Online. We hope to have available by Christmas. Please keep an eye out in the Weekly for more info.



Gala Info

Gala Tickets will be sold through School Cash Online **March 3-18, 2025.**

- **\$50 for graduates**
- **\$40 for +1**
- **\$10 for guests** (Up to a max of 8 tickets)

If there are available tickets remaining, a second round will open online **March 24-April 11.** 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 after April 11.

Anyone, **including graduates**, planning to attend the gala must purchase a ticket. Please know that **the graduate may invite a + 1.** This person will be invited to the floor once the program is completed to join in the dance and enjoy the appetizers. Gala tickets will be distributed to students during the first week of May during flex in the front foyer.

Please let us know if you have any mobility restrictions (wheelchair, oxygen tank etc...) or accessibility concerns by emailing Duane at duane.piper@lethsd.ab.ca no later than **April 30, 2025.**

Seating

Graduates will have the opportunity to request seating with fellow grads. Parents and guests are f-c-f-s in the stadium seating. When the 1st dance begins, parents/guardians and +1's will be invited down.

Grad Gala Banquet and Dance Friday, May 9th at the University of Lethbridge

5:00pm - 6:00pm Mix and mingle on the U of L track (upper level, enter by Tim Hortons). No tickets are required for the mix and mingle.

6:00pm - 6:20pm Grads assemble in alphabetical order on lower concourse.

6:20pm Welcome!

6:25pm - 7:05pm Grads are announced and enter gym for seating

7:10pm - 8:00pm Program begins (speeches and recognition)

8:30pm Dance begins

8:45pm Dance begins for all Grade 12 students, families and guests

8:45pm Appetizers for grads and their +1's

11:00pm Dance ends



Grad Gala Friday, May 9, 2025

University of Lethbridge Gymnasium
5:00pm-11:00pm
Program & Dance

Convocation Info

Convocation tickets are free of charge, each grad will receive **4 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 Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Chinook High School Gymnasium
1:00pm
Grads arrive at 12:15pm

Convocation

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 in the Chinook Gymnasium

12:15pm Grads assemble at the school by Advisor group

1:00pm Convocation begins

3:30pm 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.

Grad Portraits with Lifetouch

Grad Portraits are set for **November 25 – December 13, 2024**. These are booked directly online directly through Lifetouch at www.prestigeportraits.ca

There is no 8-digit code, students/parents can search by Province and City (Alberta and Lethbridge) and use the grads first and last name. Sittings are 30 minutes and \$40 with 16-18 proofs. These include all the traditional cap and gown portraits as well as 6-8 casual images done with a change of clothing, sports equipment, musical instruments, books or whatever props student wish to bring to individualize their sitting (no weapons please).

Lifetouch accepts 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 780-437-2431.



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 meet graduation requirements.

Sign up for MyPass using your personal email, NOT your school email. Send our admin assistant in the office a Team's message with your email address and then follow this link for step by step instructions:

<https://chs.lethsd.ab.ca/download/301871>

Apply for a Social Insurance Number if you don't already have one.

Talk with your advisor, Duane, Amanda (student support) 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 Amanda or Duane for assistance if needed.

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

GRADE 12 CHECKLIST

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 Weekly 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.

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!



GRADE 12 CHECKLIST

February/March

- If you have not applied to a post-secondary institution, but wish to attend one next fall, make an appointment with your advisor or Amanda 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.** Go to : [Alexander Rutherford Scholarship | Alberta Student Aid](#). Use the table below to understand the award amounts you may be eligible for depending on the year you completed high school.

Grade/Average	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
75% - 79.9%	\$300	\$500	\$700
80% +	\$400	\$800	\$1300



GRADE 12 CHECKLIST

May/June

- Meet with your advisor or Duane 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.studentaid.alberta.ca

- 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. Amanda and Duane can assist with this process.

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



Graduation Checklist



- Grad photos with Lifetouch (**November 25-December 13, 2024**). Online booking is now available.
- \$40 Grad Convocation fees have been added to your account. These fees are due **February 28, 2025**.
- All diploma requirements have been met.
- Purchase Grad Gala tickets (**March 3-18, 2025**)
- Baby pictures and grad photos due have been submitted to your Advisor (by **March 3rd**) .
- Purchase second round tickets **March 24-April 11, 2025**.
- Height measurement & head circumference provided to Advisor for gowns and caps in **April 2025**.
- Grad Gala ticket pick up **May 6 & 7**
- Grad Gala **May 9 - 5:00pm - 11:00pm** (appetizers for grads and +1's served at 8:45pm)
- June 19 + 20** : Grad gown pick up from 8:00am-3:30pm in the Conference Room. Please note, that al school materials need to be returnede first (textbooks, sports jerseys, etc...)
- Convocation **June 25, 2025**.

Notes: