

2024 Grad Meeting
Sept 26, 2023 @ 7pm
OLMP High School Commons

Prayer (DM)

Heavenly Father,

We trust in you and your plan for our graduates this year. We thank you for blessing them during their years at OLMP with wisdom and community. We ask you to meet our students where they're at this year and to remind our students that you know the plans you have for them and their futures. Cause them to turn to You for wisdom and guidance in all things, and listen to their prayers.

Amen

Communication: (DM)

Google Classroom (students)- [lpeyzl2](#)

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Academic & Financial Standing: (JR)

From OLMP Handbook:

To participate in the Cap and Gown ceremony students must meet the following requirements:

- be **eligible** to obtain requirements of an *Alberta High School Diploma, Certificate of High School Achievement, or Certificate of High School Completion*
- Must have completed Religion 15, 25 & 35
- Regular attendance of enrolled classes
- All school fees are paid by April 30th
- These requirements will be reviewed:

- February 1st: Administration will send a letter home to students at-risk of not graduating.
- **April 30th**. Required courses must be at a **minimum of 50%** at this time.

Students who are failing required courses **may not be eligible** to participate in the ceremony and activities. **Students are responsible** to make sure that they meet the requirements for graduating using their Powerschool account.

If your child does not meet the academic requirements, they are still able to participate in the potential banquet.

*School fees must be paid and academics must be in good standing in order to purchase tickets/participate. They will be sold through powerschool and will need to be picked up by the grad)

What is covered by grad fees? (DM)

- Donation to church as our venue
- Gown rental and purchase of caps and tassels
- Diploma Covers
- Lifetouch sitting fee

Venues & Dates: (DM)

Friday, May 31th @6pm- Evening- Liturgy of the Word and Cap & Gown @ St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

- No charge for tickets but there will still be a limit to the amount of guests
- Donation out of grad budget (\$500)
- Nave seats 680 (optimistically, 53 grads)

Saturday, June 1st- CRE is tentatively booked (no deposit yet)

- From Admin- Parents will have to take on the responsibility of overseeing and planning the banquet this year (insurance purposes, etc..)

Grad Portraits: (DM)

- **Friday, March 1, 2023-** This is a non-school day. A booking link will be sent out a month in advance.
 - No group photos 😞
 - Unfortunately, no pets
 - One prop and one change of outfit (ex. grad dress or casual outfit)
 - 15-20 proofs
 - Boys wear shirt and tie underneath cap and gown and girls wear a scoop neck or v neck
 - Lifetouch provides the cap and gowns for these photos
- The ‘sitting fee’ is covered with school fees. We ask that all grads get a portrait taken, even if they are not planning to order (we would like all photos of grads)
- Retakes date TBD- the cost is included in initial sitting fee BUT might have to travel to Edmonton studio

Grad Rings (DM)

- Presentation from Jostens on Friday, September 29- in Ms. Music’s classroom at lunch
 - rings can be purchased until the end of the year.
- www.jostens.com
- angela.moore@jostens.com

Grad Wear (DM)

- Student Grad Committee will look at designs and we can do a power school campaign

Tasks for Students: (DM)

- Baby photos
- Ideas for music, theme, speakers
- Yearbook/Booster info
- Most Likely To's
- Form grad committee
 - We will have a committee meeting Wednesday, October 4 at lunch in Ms. Music's room
 - Committee will help make decisions regarding all things grad related, liaise with parent committee, rally their peers, etc..

From Mr. Stang

- Wanting to gauge interest in an overnight faith retreat to a Fransican retreat house in Cochrane, AB
- Focused on preparing for one of life's biggest transitions
- Cost details TBD, possible sponsorships to bring down costs
Parents are generally yes; Kids are maybe

Other comments/questions/notes:

- (1) What is reason for switch in dates?
 - (a) New date conflicts with Jaywalkers Jamboree and Under the Lights Tournament on June 1st.
 - (b) Past date was the same weekend as the Comp.
 - (c) CRE had scheduling conflict with May weekend.

Parent Committee Volunteers.....

Chair/Secretary: TBD

Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Asher LaGrange

-Bank account is already set up; Can be transferred to new member

Liason (coordinates interest from students): Lana Froehler , Tracey Welke

Decorating (liason with venues): Kate Rogers

