

CHS Graduation 2019 - Communiqué #1

Community ~ Character ~ Commitment

Dear Grade 12 Students and Parents,

Welcome back to your final year at Cochrane High School! In addition to the [Cochrane High Grad Handbook](#) (click on link) for 2019, I will be sending out regular updates regarding *all things grad* through *Communiqués*. This document will be mass emailed to all G12 students and parents, as well as being posted on our Cochrane High website for future reference. I ask that parents and students take the time to read through the Grad Handbook as everything you will want answers for can be found in this document.

The staff of Cochrane High will be working together to help our G12 students have a memorable experience culminating with their High School Graduation 2019! We are excited for each of you.

I just wanted to remind you of a few upcoming events - so please mark your calendars!

~ Graduation 2019 ~
May 25, 2019 at the Telus Convention Centre

~ Mandatory Grad Meeting ~

- [Thursday, Sept. 20th 2018 CHS Gym](#)
- Time: 6:00 pm
- All G12 students and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Important information will be shared - and key people will be introduced including our new Guidance Counselor and Career Advisor.
- There will be a number of Post-Secondary institutions set up in the snake pit after the meeting. Feel free to ask questions and collect information.
- *** In preparation for this meeting, *ALL G12s* are asked to make sure they have an active [MyPass Account](#) (click on link) through Alberta Education.

The image shows a sign-in interface. At the top, it says "Sign In with". Below this are three buttons: "GOOGLE" (red), "MICROSOFT" (blue), and "GOA DOMAIN" (grey). Below these buttons is a horizontal line with "or" in the center. Underneath the line are two input fields: "Email" and "Password". The "Email" field has a person icon on the left. Below the "Email" field are two radio buttons: "Sign in with password" (selected) and "I'm new, sign me up!". To the right of the "Sign in with password" radio button is a link that says "Forgot your password?". Below the "Password" field is a green "SIGN IN" button.

STEPS

- ** Use your PERSONAL Email address (not @rvs.ab.ca). If you use gmail, click on the 'Google' button
- Click on "I'm new! Sign me up"
- You need your **ASN (Alberta Student Number - 9 digits)**; not to be mixed up with your Cochrane High ID)
- An email will be sent to your email. Open it - you will be sent a link. Click on it and you will be asked to enter a PIN. This can be issued over the phone - CALL Monday - Friday 8:15 - 4:30. This person will walk you through the rest of the process over the phone. It's that EASY!

My Pass Help Desk **780 - 427 - 5318** **Prompt 1**

~ Regarding Baby Pictures ~

- Every year, we ask our graduates to send in one baby picture (jpeg). Pictures should be emailed to chsgrad@rvschools.ab.ca. Please include the **student's name (last/first) in the subject line**. Example: SMITH Joe (Baby Picture). This helps us keep track and organized.
- Deadline for submission is **Monday, November 26th 2018**.

~ Grad Committee Application ~

- Calling all Grade 12 Students! If you are interested in becoming a part of the Grad Committee for 2019 please complete the Application Form and hand in to Ms. Lyons by **Monday, October 22, 2018 by 3:30 pm**. Please refer to the Grad Handbook for details. Meetings will be held on Fridays after school from 1:35 - 3:00 (approximately).
- An Application Form is attached for your convenience.

~ Grad Introductory Questions ~

- Each year, graduates are asked to submit responses from a list of questions made available. The purpose is to create formal introductions that are read out loud as each graduate walks across the stage during the Morning Ceremony. This truly adds a sense of community and personalization to our ceremony - and continues to be well-received.
- Graduates are asked to spend some quiet time when perusing the (many) choices before deciding which *two* or *three* questions to answer/submit. Some students find it helpful to talk with their parents/teachers before making their decision(s).
- Questions are attached and will also be posted on our Cochrane High site.
- Deadline for Submission: **Wednesday, December 19, 2018**.

~ Grad Professional Photos and Gown Sizing - LifeTouch ~

- Our photographers from LifeTouch will be available to take professional Graduation photographs of Cochrane High students on the following dates: **December 10 - 14** and **December 17 and 18**.
- All photos by appointment only. This will take place in our Learning Commons.
- At the same time, students will be measured for height in order to order the proper gown size for graduation.
- More information to come!