

Graduation Update December 7, 2021

Dear Grade 12 Parents

We are reaching out today to provide you with some information regarding this year's graduation commencement ceremony and banquet. Our current intention is a return to our traditional celebration, with a Commencement Ceremony planned at Corpus Christi Church for the evening of Thursday, June 9th, and a buffet style banquet planned at the Edmonton EXPO Center for the evening of Friday, June 10th, 2022. Should more stringent restrictions be imposed, we will be pivoting to a live streamed "student-only" commencement celebration similar to last year's that would take place in the school gym on the afternoon of Friday, June 10th.

The current restrictions at the church for June 9th, 2022 would not allow for any family members to attend as our grads and staff would have the church near capacity. However, we would be live streaming this event for all family members to view from home. Our hopes are that restrictions will be eased closer to that date so that we are all able to come together to celebrate our grade 12 graduands in church with one another. In speaking with our manager at the Expo Event Center for the June 10th banquet, they have indicated that they are taking part in the Restrictions Exemption Program and will require proof of vaccination or a negative test result from within 72 hours for entry if restrictions remain as they are. Masks would be mandatory when not seated and eating.

We are still awaiting our quote for food costs for the banquet and, as such, are unable to provide any definitive ticket prices at this time. However, we should be receiving this information in the coming weeks and hope to have the ticket price set by the beginning of Semester 2. We are confident that our banquet ticket prices will be no more than they were at our last grad banquet three years ago, when the cost per ticket was \$99. We have also attached the breakdown of the \$85 grad fee so that you are aware of what it will be providing to students. Students will be unable to pick up their grad gown package until this grad fee has been paid and they will be receiving these packages several days before the commencement ceremony.

Thank you for your patience with our planning for this year. As soon as we have more information, we will be sharing it with parents and students alike. We are excited to see all of our talented grade 12s cross the stage and also have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements together.

Regards, The Graduation Committee

Grad Fee Breakdown 2022

- a. Grad cap, tassel, gown, stole, and charm for students to keep.**
- b. Commemorative grad folder: Inside the folder is the student's grad photo and a certificate representing their high school diploma.**
- c. Printing costs for the commencement program: each graduate will receive three copies of the commencement program printed on card stock, in colour, featuring custom designed cover artwork from one of our talented graduates.**
- d. Commemorative Grad Composite Photo: A 11x17 copy of the entire graduating class.**
- e. A Grad 2022 mask to wear to the event.**
- f. A photo of the student on stage receiving their diploma folder.**
- g. As many decorations for the event as we are able to afford in our budget.**
- h. A photo booth and backdrop that we will have set up outside for students to use before and after the event (weather permitting).**
- i. Photographers for the event.**
- j. Snacks for students on the day of the event.**
- k. Any necessary sound or video equipment rentals.**
- l. A corrugated plastic lawn sign with the school design, and the student's name and photo on it to display in your yard or home. As with last year, we would like to arrange delivery of this by one of our teachers. We will likely be delivering these on the Thursday afternoon (June 2nd) before the (June 9th) Thursday night commencements ceremony and were hoping to keep it a surprise for students until grad week.**