

Graduation Information 2022

This year's Grad will be a TWO-day event -Friday, May 27thth & Saturday, May 28th,2022.

Wednesday, May 25th: at 4:00pm: All Grads come to the ice rink for their rehearsal/information session on how the two day event will work.

Following the rehearsal, around 5pm, we would like to have parents come to help with the set up. With a lot of people, this takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour only.

If anyone has a forklift they are willing to donate and run, that will make the moving of tables and chairs so much easier! Please contact us if you are willing to help.

FRIDAY, May 27th: Cap and Gown Exercises start at 4:00 p.m. sharp at the Ice Arena. Students and parents are to arrive at 3pm! Grads will go to the SMALL arena doors, all others guests are to go through the main arena doors.

SATURDAY, May 28th: Park Picture will be at 4:00pm (Sharp) at the Confederation Park (Weather Permitting). It is suggested that you go to the park EARLY to take family/friends photos!! A lot of people tend to go around 3:00 pm for this. Immediately after, we will all make our way back to the ice arena where the Grads will line up with their walking partners for their grand entrance. There will be a program, dinner and short dance to follow at the Ice Arena.

General Information:

Grad Hoodies/Sweatshirts:

If your Grad is wanting a hoodie/sweatshirt, they can be purchased at Moonlight Graphics downtown between November 8th-15th. Sample sizes will be available in the store for the Grad to try on. Moonlight Graphics is across the street from the Subway restaurant (5307 48th. Ave-Taber)

Grad Rings:

There will be a representative at the school on Thursday, November 25th. from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. If your Grad is interested in ordering a Graduation ring or jewelry, please feel free to go to www.jostenscanada.com to place your order if you miss the in-person ordering day.

CAP AND GOWN PHOTOS:

LifeTouch will be doing our Cap and Gown photos between February 7-10th at W.R MYERS. In December, a school messenger will be sent home to tell the Grads they are able to log in and choose a date/time. Sessions will be 30 minutes long and are \$40 (sitting fee, access to all proofs as well as park photo) This is to be paid at the time of your session. Cash/debit/credit are all an option.

Please remember to wear a dress shirt and tie, or a scooped neck shirt so that nothing shows under the gown.

If you are not interested in paying the sitting fee, we ask that each Grad still gets one photo taken (free of charge). This photo will be used for the yearbook, the wall composite and the slide show at the Graduation banquet.

Baby Picture Slideshow:

Grad 2022 would like to have a slideshow prepared for the banquet. We will need 3-4 pictures ranging from baby or toddler to early elementary, middle school and high school. Your cap and gown picture will also be placed at the beginning of the sequence. If you have any group photos (pictures taken with multiple students in the grad class), we would love to use those as well! You can submit these photos through email to:

lori.pickerell@horizon.ab.ca OR- feel free to bring them to the school office to be scanned. PLEASE make sure to write the Grad's name on the back of the photos so they can be returned. Photos need to be handed in no later than **Tuesday December 14th**.

Banquet and Ceremonies Information:

- Friday exercises: you can have 8 people (NOT including your Grad) sitting at your table, and then as many guests as you would like to come sit in the stands up top. (you do not need tickets for the stands)
- Saturday Banquet: each Grad can purchase up to 8 tickets to the dinner. These 8 people (including your Grad) will be able to sit at your table for the evening/supper part of the program.

For the FRIDAY ceremony, it is important to have everyone arrive at 3pm. There are a lot of people that are coming to this event, so the earlier the better!

NOTE: IF you only purchase 4 tickets for the banquet, please remember that you will only have 4 spaces for the cap and gown ceremony on the floor for Friday as well: **your ceremony and banquet numbers must be the same**. Banquet tickets will go on sale Monday, March 14th, 2022 and will be available for purchase until Thursday, April 14th, 2022.

Tickets can be purchased through SchoolCashOnline, or paid at the Myers office directly. (Payment arrangements can also be made in the office)

Table Selection:

Starting on Wednesday, May 4th, Grads and/or parents will be able to come into the office and choose their table location.

If you have a person that is needing an outside table (ex: in a wheelchair), please be aware of this when choosing your table.

Please have your school fees paid or arrangements made, by the time you pick your table!

Orange/Grapefruit Fundraiser:

This year, we are asking all grads to sell FIVE full boxes of oranges/grapefruits. This money will go directly to the fundraiser itself.

After that, the Grad either pays the full \$200.00 Grad fee, or sells more fruit! ANY full box sold after that will deduct \$8.00 off of your Grad fee. If a Grad sells 25 boxes (PLUS the initial 5), their fees will be completely covered.

Any other amounts sold-we will deduct from the \$200 fee. We will send out a letter with the amount owing once the fundraiser is complete.

The fundraiser starts right away! All orders MUST be in by no later than DECEMBER 14th/2021. (Order forms are attached)

Fruit will arrive at the peak of the season-sometime in mid to late January.

THE GRAD WHO SELLS THE MOST ORANGES/GRAPEFRUITS WILL WIN \$100!

It is important to remember that YOU (the Grad) MUST deliver the product to your customers-they do NOT come to the school to pick them up!

EXTRA:

Volunteers!

We would love it if we could have someone find us a forklift for unloading on Wednesday and loading back up on Sunday. This makes a HUGE difference in time for all of us.

We also need as many parents/grads as possible to come the Sunday after grad to help load everything back into the semi and trailer!

This is an easy job with lots of hands!! We donate money to a local non-profit group and have them come in after the banquet/dance on Saturday and clean up EVERYTHING!

When we come on Sunday, all we need to do is pack/fold everything up and load it back into the truck. We just need hands to help put everything away. The more we have on Sunday, the faster it will go!! We start at 12:00pm and usually are done by 1:30pm

If you are curious as to what exactly the grad fees cover, here is a list of the major items that this money goes towards:

Cap and Gown Rental-from Gaspard

Table Cloths

Large Stage rental

Chair rentals

Table Rentals

DJ and Sound

Keepsakes

Flowers for Friday exercises

Programs

Decoration rentals

Diplomas/Covers

Security and Clean up

Rental of Civic/Arena

Awards

Invitations

Curtains around arena

Grad video

This is a big day for the students and their families and we want to make it as special as we can for the graduates, if you have suggestions, questions or concerns please feel free to contact Scott Petronech, Greg Bowes, Lisa Astalos or Lori Pickerell at any time. 403-223-2292 or email us at:

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Grad Deadlines & Events

Tuesday, December 14th – Deadline to hand in your orange/grapefruit order forms. Deadline to email or drop off Baby/Elementary age pictures for slideshow.

Monday, February 7th - Thursday, February 10th- Cap & gown photos in W.R. Myers Library (Booked online through Lifetouch Photography).

Monday, March 14th - Banquet tickets go on sale.

Thursday, April 14th-Last day to purchase banquet tickets.

Wednesday, May 4th - Graduation Ceremony/Banquet table selection starts at 8:00 am in the office. First come first serve. **Reminder:** All grad fees, school fees and banquet tickets must be paid for before you can select your table.

Wednesday, May 25th- Grad Rehearsal at 4:00 pm sharp. Parents are asked to come at 5pm to help with set up.

Friday, May 27th - Cap & Gown ceremonies: 3:00pm -Grads meet at the small ice arena)
Ceremonies start at 4:00 sharp.

Saturday, May 28th - Park picture will be at 4:00 sharp at Confederation Park. Please arrive early for family/friend photos. Immediately following the photo please head to the arena for the Grand march and program. Dinner and dance to follow.

Sunday, May 29th- Clean up starts at 12:00 pm. Will take approximately 1 hour. Parents and Grads please help.