

Grad Parent Meeting Agenda
General Information Sheet
February 26, 2020 - 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer and Welcome: Loving heavenly Father,

We come to you this hour asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together or our graduation preparations. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of community, joy and enthusiasm.

Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

All communication and updates will be done via the school website, REMIND and student meetings. Check the "Graduation" tab found under "Students." Information is posted as it becomes available.

Grad Photos

All students should have booked their Grad photos with Lifetouch. Lifetouch will take formal & casual photos on March 16-18 in the Primary Project room. If you are unable to keep your appointment contact Lifetouch ASAP, there will be a limited number of studio appointments available. Jason has done a presentation and provided each grade 12 with a brochure outlining the process for Grad photos. More information can also be found at: lifetouch.ca. There is a \$50.00 fee which is due at the time of the sitting and payable to the photography company. A set of proofs are included in the fee and ordering instructions should you wish to purchase are provided. As well, Lifetouch will take individual "Grip & Grin" photos during commencements and a group photo on Friday. These will be provided to each graduate at no additional cost.

We strongly encourage students to use Lifetouch for their Grad photos as these are provided to the newspaper, used for yearbook, included in the frames composite and used in additional advertising. We can not guarantee that photos taken from another source will be included in these.

Banquet Tickets

Each graduate is allowed to purchase up to 5 guest banquet tickets. This year the estimated cost is \$33.00 each however the final amount will be determined after the menu has been set. The graduate does not need a ticket. Guests will be required to present tickets at the door.

Your allotted 5 tickets will be available for purchase at the beginning of April. April 21-27 any allotted tickets not purchased will be made available to other grads on a first come first serve basis. Should you wish to be notified if more tickets are available or have more questions, please email claudette.beier@starcatholic.ab.ca or call the school office at 403-704-1155 to be put on the waiting list. Please note that we have always been able to accommodate ticket needs for our families.

The final date to purchase tickets is April 27, 2020. Ticket purchases can be made directly through SchoolCash.

Tickets will be delivered to the graduating students in early May.

Grad Fees

Grad fee for the 2019-2020 school year has been set at \$85 and includes the banquet ticket for the Graduate. Invoices will/have been distributed with outstanding fees. All School Fees must be paid for students to participate in the Grad banquet.

Decorating & Rehearsal

Parent Helpers Required (1-2 people) to assist with setting up the lights **Wed. May 6** during the day. If you are able to help or would like more information contact Donna by email donna.horlock@starcatholic.ab.ca or by phone 403-704-1155.

Decorating & rehearsal will take place on **May 6** beginning at 3:00 PM. Grads are expected to help & parents are greatly appreciated! ALL GRADS are required to attend as we will be doing a walk-thru during this time.

Commencement

Thursday, May 7: Grads will meet in the library @ 6:30 PM to collect their caps & gowns prior to commencement. Ceremony will begin at 7:00 PM. Following the ceremony the gowns and sashes should be returned to the library, the caps & tassels are yours to keep. Parents are welcome to take photos prior to or after the ceremony. Lifetouch will take photos of each grad as they receive their scroll.

Mass

Friday, May 8 at 1:00 St. Augustine Church: Grads to meet in the church basement at noon. The formal group photo will be taken afterwards - location yet to be determined. Mass practice and walk through will occur during school hours and attendance is mandatory.

Banquet

Doors open at 4:30, mocktails will be available to purchase beginning at 5:00 PM, Supper & program will begin at 6:00 PM. Grads to meet in the library at 5:30 for Grand March. Dance will follow the banquet & program for grads & their families. Only those with purchased banquet tickets will have access.

Clean -up

Clean up will take place on Saturday morning, May 9, from 10-12 . A yummy breakfast of waffles with whipped cream & strawberries , hashbrowns and bacon will be served afterwards. Many hands make light work. There is a gym booking for 1:00 PM so everything **MUST** be finished by noon!