

Grad Parent Meeting Agenda - April 24th @ 6:30

Opening Prayer and Welcome - Kari : 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

Treaty Land Acknowledgement - Kari

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

Grad Week Schedule:

Mass - Mrs. Bowie - Tuesday, May 28 at 9 am St. Augustine School:

Grads to meet in the library at 8:30. It begins at 9:00 am in the main gym. It is a whole school Mass. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Mrs Archibald will be helping them with their gowns and stoles.

Mass will be led by Father Gary Laboucane.

Grade 12 Retreat - Mrs. Bowie - after Mass:

Mass is part of the Grade 12 Retreat, all grade 12 students are to participate. After Mass, students will be bussed to Gull Lake center for a day of engaging activities, beach time and time to connect. Lunch will be provided. We will return at 5:00 p.m. Students will need to bring appropriate gear to be active outside and at the beach (runners, sandals, towels, bathing suit, water bottles, sunscreen etc).

Permission form for this event will be on School Cash. There is no additional cost.

Commencement Set Up - Mrs. Shimp - Thursday, May 30th - 12:30-3 pm –

Grads will be building the stage, setting up chairs and decorations in the gym for Friday. There will also be a Walk through of the ceremonies to prepare students for the flow of Commencement and Banquet. Attendance is mandatory for this.

Commencement Ceremony - Mrs. Shimp - 9 am - 11:30 ish. - Friday, May 31st

Grads meet in the library @ 8:30 am to collect their caps & gowns prior to commencement. Ceremony begins at 9:00 am sharp. Following the ceremony the gowns and sashes should be returned to the library. The caps & tassels are yours to keep. Smart Photography will take photos of each Grad as they receive their scroll.

Students will receive a 5x7 of their "Grip n Grin" (the photo receiving the scroll from the Principal) and an 8x10 of their formal group photo. These usually arrive in late June.

Formal Group Photo - time and location TBA

Banquet - Mrs. Archibald - Friday, May 31st

Doors open at 5 pm with mocktails available to purchase. Supper & program will begin at 6:00 PM. Grads 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 - Ms. Davidson

Clean up will take place on Saturday morning, June 1, from ____ 10 - 12 . Many hands make light work. All grads are expected to come help.

Other Information:

Banquet Tickets - Mrs. Beier - Cost \$35 / ticket

As part of our ticketing process, parents or guardians are kindly requested to complete this [Guest Ticket Request form](#). Note that each parent or guardian can complete this form and purchase tickets via their [SchoolCash](#) account. The deadline to complete this form is April 28th.

Guest banquet tickets, at a cost of \$35 per ticket, will be added to SchoolCash based on the completion of this form. All the tickets you request will be made available to purchase on SchoolCash by May 1st. The deadline to pay for your requested tickets is May 15th. Once the May 15th deadline has passed any tickets not yet purchased will be considered not required and be removed from SchoolCash. After May 15th any requests or changes will be considered but not guaranteed.

Tickets will be delivered to your child on May 27th - 28th and will be required for presentation at the door.

This information was sent out via messenger April 22/2024

Grad Fees Letter from Kari emailed via messenger April 22/2024

The Graduation fee for the 2023-2024 school year has been set at \$67. This fee partially covers expenses associated with graduation convocation and banquet. It includes the graduate's banquet meal and such things as decorations, cap & tassel, gown and sash use and a convocation picture etc.

Town of Ponoka Grad Parade: Thursday, May 30th – in the evening, more information to be shared closer to the date.

Yearbook:

Yearbooks are currently available through school cash. We do not order extras so ordering before the middle of June is important if you want this keepsake.