

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GRAD 2017

When is Grad?

School Closing Exercises (Grad Ceremony): Friday, May 26, 2017 at 9am at the Stampede Corral

Grad Banquet and Dance: Friday, May 26, 2017 at 6pm at the BMO Centre

Questions About the School Closing Exercises (Grad Ceremony)

1. How do I participate in the School Closing Exercises (Grad Ceremony)?

You must be on the FINAL GRAD LIST to be eligible to participate in the School Closing Exercises.

2. How do I get on the FINAL GRAD LIST?

To be on the FINAL GRAD LIST the student must meet the following criteria by MARCH 3, 2017:

- You must be registered in a program of courses that will give you the minimum number of 100 credits, including the five required courses needed to earn an Alberta High School Diploma. Please check with Student Services if you are not sure.
- You must have paid your Grad Fees of \$30.00. Please check with the Business Office if you are not sure.
- You must have submitted your Grad Gown size. Please check with Mrs. Chaudhry if you are not sure.

3. How many Ceremony Tickets can I get?

During the first distribution round each student on the FINAL GRAD LIST is entitled to 3 complimentary Ceremony tickets.

During the second distribution round each student on the FINAL GRAD LIST can purchase as many tickets as they need for \$1.00 each (until we run out of tickets).

4. Does the Graduating student need a Ceremony Ticket?

No, if their name is on the FINAL GRAD LIST the ceremony is for them and they already have a reserved seat.

If their name is NOT on the FINAL GRAD LIST then yes they must have a ticket because they are coming as a guest and WILL NOT be participating in the Ceremonies.

5. How do I get Ceremony Tickets?

The first distribution round is Tuesday, May 9, 2017 to Thursday, May 11, 2017. Each student on the FINAL GRAD LIST will go to the appropriate room (designated by their last name and to be announced later) between 11:50am and 12:05pm ONLY to get your first 3 tickets.

The second distribution round starts Monday, May 15, 2017 to Thursday, May 25, 2017 (or until we run out of tickets). Each student on the FINAL GRAD LIST will go to the designated room(s) between 11:50am and 12:05pm ONLY to purchase as many tickets as they need for \$1.00 each.

6. Do I have to attend the School Closing Exercises (Grad Ceremony)?

All students on the FINAL GRAD LIST are eligible to participate in the School Closing Exercises but do not have to if they do not wish to. If you are NOT planning to attend then please let Mrs. Chaudhry or Mrs. Williams (in the Math Office) know that you will not be attending so that a Grad Gown is not ordered for you.

7. How long does the Ceremony last?

The Ceremony usually lasts about 2 to 2 ½ hours. ALL students are required to remain for the entire ceremonies. Since the Banquet and Dance is the same day I do not recommend booking any hair, nail, etc. appointments until 1pm at the earliest. It will be closer to noon before you are out of the Corral and out of the parking lot able to get to an appointment.

Questions About the Grad Banquet and Dance

1. How many Banquet and Dance Tickets can I get?

During the first round of ticket sales each Grade 12 student will be limited to 2 tickets each.

During the second round of tickets sales each Grade 12 student can purchase as many tickets as they need (until we sell out).

2. What happens if the tickets sell out and I do not have any?

Unfortunately you do not attend the Banquet and Dance. Round one of ticket sales is the **ONLY** time to guarantee that each Grade 12 student has the opportunity to purchase a ticket for themselves and one guest. If you do not purchase these 2 tickets at this time then you run the risk of not getting any tickets at all which means you DO NOT attend your own Grad Banquet and Dance. **YES WE DO SELL OUT.**

3. Do parents and other guests come to the Banquet and Dance?

Absolutely. The Banquet and Dance is open to all Grade 12 students and their families. Many parents and family members attend the Banquet and Dance every year.

4. Does the Graduating student need a Banquet and Dance Ticket?

Yes, the Grad fee paid only covers the cost of the Ceremonies NOT the Banquet and Dance.

5. How do I get Banquet and Dance Tickets?

Go to the Main Office **after Spring Break** and pick up an ordering package, read through it carefully and follow the instructions for ordering.

Round 1 of ticket sales begins online Tuesday, April 4, 2017 12pm and ends Sunday, April 9, 2017 11:59pm. During this round each Grade 12 student will be limited to 2 tickets only. This will guarantee that each Grade 12 student has the **opportunity** to attend their Banquet and Dance with one guest. This is the **ONLY** time each Grade 12 student will be guaranteed that a ticket is **available** for them and one guest to purchase. If you do not purchase these tickets during this time then they are put into the general pool for sale in Round 2 and you are no longer guaranteed tickets.

Round 2 of ticket sales begins online Monday, April 10, 2017 12pm and ends Friday, April 21, 2017 5pm (or sooner if we sell out). During this round each Grade 12 student can purchase as many tickets as they like (first come, first served as long as tickets are available).

6. What if I am having financial problems and purchasing tickets may be a problem?

You MUST see Mrs. Williams (in the Math Office) as soon as possible to discuss your options. This must be done WELL BEFORE the website opens or there may not be anything I can do for you.

7. Where can I find the online link to order Banquet and Dance tickets?

Go to the Main Office after Spring Break and pick up an ordering package, read through it carefully and follow the instructions for ordering. The URL is found in the ordering package.

8. What if I do not want to order tickets online?

Ordering online is the best way to get tickets. Otherwise you must see Mrs. Williams (in the Math Office) as soon as forms are available to discuss your options. **You will still have to enter your information online otherwise you will not have tickets.** Please see Mrs. Williams before attempting this.

9. Do I have to attend the Grad Banquet and Dance?

No you do not have to attend the Grad Banquet and Dance. It is open to all Grade 12 students and their parents and family.

10. Can I just attend the Grad Dance and NOT the Banquet?

Yes, dance only tickets are available and can be ordered online as well. Pick up an ordering package from the Main Office after Spring Break, read through it and follow the instructions for ordering. The URL is found in the ordering package.

11. How late does the Banquet and Dance go?

The DJ is paid to play until midnight but we will shut the event down earlier if most people leave. The DJ gets paid the full amount whether they play for an hour or three hours. Get your money's worth and stay for the evening.