

CCHS GRADUATION PARENT INFORMATION

Thursday, February 1, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. on Campus East (cafeteria)



Class of
2024 

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Taatskioysis acknowledges Treaty 7 territory—the ancestral and traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy: Siksikaitsitapi as well as the Tsuu T’ina First Nation and Stoney Nakoda First Nation. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers, Ancestors, and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.



Prayer To Begin Our Meeting

**Lord, Eternal God,
we are about to begin our meeting
and we do so with the awareness
that without Your Divine Presence here
at the center of our meeting
and also within ourselves
our work will be empty.**



**Grace us with Your Wisdom and Vision;
gift us with Holy Humor and Humility
so that not only this meeting
but all our lives may be a meeting place
for your Kingdom.**

**We ask this † in the name of the Father, and of
the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,**

Amen !



CCHS GRADUATION: OUR GIFT TO OUR STUDENTS



May 7

Feather Blessing and Metis Sash Ceremony - Details to be shared by Ms. Fox and Mrs. Hoveling once established

May 10

Mass – Enmax - 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. (plan for 1 ½ to 2 hours)

May 11

Convocation Ceremonies – Enmax - 9:00 am. - 12:00 p.m. (plan for 3-3 ½ hours)

May 11

Grand March (with Grad Dance to follow) - Enmax - 7:30 p.m. (plan for 2 hours)

GRAD POLICY



To remain on the list of graduates of CCHS a student must have the following:

- Be eligible to complete 100 credits by the end of Quarter 4
- Have successfully completed RS 35 including the Faith in Action hours component AND 90 credits by the end of Quarter 3
- OR, Have a specialized program as part of an ISP.

GRAD FEES & COST

Please note: all outstanding school fees will need to be paid with grad fees! Please contact Mrs. Wilson if you require assistance.

Grad fees - \$160

Included in this fee are:

- all events (rental, production, mass, cap & gown/convocation, grand march)**
- cap & gown and stole rental (gown and stole must be returned)**
- sitting fees at Lifetouch**
- individual graduate ceremony picture and group Class of 2024 photo from Lifetouch**

Fees are due on March 17, 2024. Please ensure that you indicate graduate's height for grad gowns.

Additional grad costs include (optional):

- Grad hoodies \$46**
- Grad rings by Jostens – prices vary**
- Grad photos purchased from Lifetouch proofs (varies depending on your choice)**
- We do not foresee any additional costs from a school perspective.**

- **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Reimbursements for any individual/ personal reasons will not be provided.



So far...

- **Grad Information - on website -**
https://cch.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/graduation_information
- **Grad 2024 Google Classroom - most students have already accepted the invitation but please have them double check**
- **Grad Statements - submitted through RE 35 teachers/ classes**
- **Grad lists - have been posted and checked for correct names**
- **Grad Photos - have been booked and/or taken**

OUR GRAD PHOTOGRAPHER – LIFETOUCH CANADA – MARK ORENSTEIN IS OUR CONTACT





A Year to Remember

Get excited. Get inspired.
Get ready for grad pictures.

Prestige
Photography by Lifetouch

You only graduate once, your grad pictures matter.

As a part of the Lifetouch + Shutterfly family, Prestige Photography by Lifetouch is excited to help you celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event!



Step 1

Review your photo session options here and select your favourite.



Step 2

Visit prestigeportraits.ca to schedule the session that is right for you.



Step 3

Come prepared! Be sure to bring multiple outfits and props to your session.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT:

High School: Catholic Central High School

Portrait Sittings: 11.27.23-12.01.23,02.05.24-02.23.24,03.04.24-03.08.24

At Lifetouch Studio

Notes: Please come to your session 5 minutes prior to start time.

prestigeportraits.ca

If you have any questions regarding booking an appointment or what to expect please contact us:

780-437-2431

Grad Photos

Grad photo Deadline - March 15

www.prestigeportraits.ca



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Grad Photos

Prepare for your session:

We have the cap and gown and grad props

- Ladies - open neck shirt (tank top) hides under the gown
- Gents - A white shirt and tie looks great!

Bring a prop - sporting equipment (and uniform), musical instruments, books, artwork, etc.

- Pets - you need to bring a pet handler.

GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 7 is the Feather Blessing and Metis Sash Ceremony

REGULAR CLASSES until Friday, May 10

Friday, May 10, ALL GRADS must attend grad rehearsal and updates at 8:00 AM on Campus WEST.

Grad gown pick up following practice on Friday at Campus West.

The group grad photo is taken at this time 10:00 AM

Speakers for Mass and the Ceremonies go to Enmax to practice with the microphone.

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In working with the Enmax, we have determined that a stage will be set up facing north (concert/ half-ice set up).

All graduates and staff will use the “Player’s Entrance” for all events at the Enmax.

All guests (family and invited friends) will use the Enmax “public” north-facing doors (that would typically be used for hockey games or concerts). No guests will be allowed access to the floor as this would be reserved for graduates and staff.

The only time that we will invite families and invited friends to the floor would be **AFTER** the Grand March. The announcer will do so **after** the Graduating Class of 2024 is introduced. An invitation for guests to come to the floor for a dance (grad-parent and grad-family/ friend) and pictures will be announced.

GRADUATION MASS

Friday, May 10, 7:00 PM at Enmax

Grads arrive at 6:15 p.m. through the “Player’s Entrance” at Enmax. Grads will be lined up alphabetically.

Only grads and CCH Staff will be allowed in the lower concourse and floor.

Grads wear their gowns, but no caps. Appropriate attire underneath.

Cell phones should be left with a parent.

No gum.

Mass includes the grad candle lighting ceremony.



GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM at Enmax

Grads arrive through “Player’s Entrance” at Enmax at 8:15 AM and line up alphabetically in the lower concourse.

Only grads will be allowed on the floor and in the lower concourse. Parents, guardians, and guests are welcome to take a seat in the lower and upper bowls.

Grads will need their gowns and caps.

Suggestions: Boys – white shirt and tie; girls – v-neck t-shirt.

Grads should write their names in their caps – they keep these.

Again, no cell phones or chewing gum.



THE CONCLUSION OF THE CEREMONIES...

The hat toss.....

Gown Return –

**At the Enmax behind the
mainstage**

Please note:

**Students who do NOT
return gowns will be
responsible for the
replacement cost of the
gown (\$109 + tax)**



GRAND MARCH



Purpose: to celebrate the graduating class as a community of CCHS in their “finery”! It’s pretty cool to see them all cleaned up in their tuxes, suits, dresses/ gowns, traditional wear, etc.

Photos will be taken of the grand march by CCH staff for you to access after the weekend’s events.

Grand March will begin about 7:30 p.m. at the Enmax

Graduates are to arrive at 6:45 p.m. through the “Player’s Entrance”. Only graduates and staff will be on the floor during the Grand March.

Please cooperate with CCH staff to ensure this event is a pleasant experience for all.

PICTURE OPPORTUNITY AND DANCE



Transition from Grand March to Dance

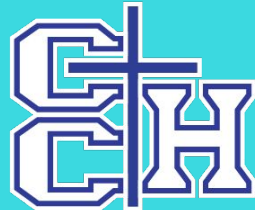
As there is a limit of the number of people permitted on the floor of the Enmax (where the graduates are), there will be directions provided to graduates in advance (in the Google Classroom) as to how guests will be invited to the floor for the parent/ guardian-grad dance, the special guest-grad dance, etc. There will be a series of dances and picture opportunities for graduates but we will need to be mindful of traffic and volume of people on the floor. Thank you for your patience as we work through the logistics!



GRADUATION LIVE STREAM

Our entire sequence of events - Mass, Convocation, and Grand March - will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend.

All of the links will be made available on our CCH Grad Website as we draw closer to the event.



ABOUT THE WEEKEND – SCHOOL EVENT

- **This is a school event; students/patrons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave.**
- **Students who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs prior to or during the Grand March will be asked to leave. There will be disciplinary action.**
- **The consumption of drugs or alcohol in the parking lot, in private vehicles, or during the viewing of the Grand March is prohibited.**
- **We have requested assistance from the Lethbridge Police Service to ensure this event remains safe and pleasant for all.**
- **CCH Staff and the name of the school has ZERO affiliation with Safe Grad. As such, any paraphernalia related to Safe Grad (t-shirts) should not have any CCH logos on it or our name.**

PARENTS CAN HELP ...

Ensure your child attends the Friday practice – preferably awake and aware.

Assist your child in keeping his/her gown, stole, hat, pin, and tassel together.

Ensure your child arrives on time for all events.

Assist your child in integrating grad celebrations with school attendance.

Treat all the rental facility with respect. Clean up after yourselves.

Adhere to the protocols established by the Enmax to work with us for this to be a joyous celebration that recognizes the milestone our students' lives.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...



About the grad list – contact Mrs. Ross or Mr. Collier

About grad photos – contact Mark Orenstein at LifeTouch or Mrs. Rhonda Sutter at CCH

About grad hoodies – Mr. New

About grad statements - Mrs. Polec or Mr. Vercillo

About any other aspect of grad – Mrs. Polec

FINAL THOUGHTS



Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.

Henry Ford

Don't agonize, organize.

Thank you for your help in making our students' graduation a meaningful event.