

# CCHS GRADUATION PARENT INFORMATION

Monday, February 2 @ 7:00 p.m. on Campus East (cafeteria)



# 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 5

**Feather Blessing and Metis Sash Ceremony - Details to be shared by Ms. Fox and Mr. Gilbert once established**

## May 8

**Mass – visit[Lethbridge.com](http://Lethbridge.com) Arena - 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. (plan for 1 ½ to 2 hours)**

## May 9

**Convocation Ceremonies – visit[Lethbridge.com](http://Lethbridge.com) Arena - 9:00 am. - 12:00 p.m. (plan for 3-3 ½ hours)**

## May 9

**Grand March (with Grad Dance to follow) - visit[Lethbridge.com](http://Lethbridge.com) Arena - 7:00 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 2026 photo from Lifetouch**

**Fees are due on March 2, 2026. 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](https://cch.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/graduation_information)**
- **Grad 2026 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 – Luis Hernandez IS OUR CONTACT



Prestige  
Photography by Lifetouch



## Congratulations, Class of 2026!

Schedule your grad picture session today.

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!



**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT:**  
**Catholic Central High School**  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> to Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026



**LOCATION:** At the Sandman Hotel, 421 Mayor Magrath  
Dr. S- Lower Ballroom

Online Booking Site - **Prestige Booking**

Search by Postal Code – **T1J 3E5**

**Notes:** Please come to your session 10 minutes prior to start time

If you have any questions regarding booking an appointment or what to expect please contact us:  
(587) 200-2791



# 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

**Tuesday, May 5 is the Feather Blessing and Metis Sash Ceremony**

**REGULAR CLASSES until Friday, May 8**

**Friday, May 8, 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  
visit [Lethbridge.com](https://Lethbridge.com) Arena to practice with the microphone.**

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In working with the [visitLethbridge.com](http://visitLethbridge.com) Arena, 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 [visitLethbridge.com](http://visitLethbridge.com) Arena.

All guests (family and invited friends) will use the [visitLethbridge.com](http://visitLethbridge.com) Arena “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 2026 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 8, 7:00 PM at [visitLethbridge.com](http://visitLethbridge.com) Arena**

**Grads arrive at 6:15 p.m. through the “Player’s Entrance” at [visitLethbridge.com](http://visitLethbridge.com) Arena. 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 9, 9:00 AM at [visitLethbridge.com](http://visitLethbridge.com) Arena**

**Grads arrive through “Player’s Entrance” at [visitLethbridge.com](http://visitLethbridge.com) Arena 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 [visitLethbridge.com](http://visitLethbridge.com)  
Arena 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 7:00 p.m. at the [visitLethbridge.com](http://visitLethbridge.com) Arena

**Graduates** are to arrive at 6:15 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.



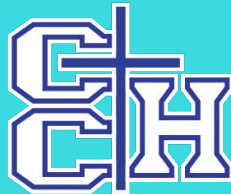


# PICTURE OPPORTUNITY AND DANCE



# Transition from Grand March to Dance

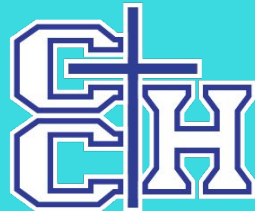
As there is a limit of the number of people permitted on the floor of the visitLethbridge.com Arena (where the graduates are), there will be directions provided to graduates in advance (in the Google Classroom) as to how guests will be invited to the floor for the parent/ guardian-grad dance, the special 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. Students will be permitted to invite two guests down to the floor at a time. Please move closer toward the stage as you come down onto the floor to alleviate any possibility of a bottle-neck.



# 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 [visitLethbridge.com](http://visitLethbridge.com) Arena 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 Mr. Hansen**

**About grad photos – contact Luis Hernandez 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.**