

Graduation 2017

Wednesday May 24

General Information about the Ceremonies: Stampede Corral

- The Ceremony is the formal, serious aspect of your Graduation Day. It is the time when your parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends join with you in the celebration of your successful completion of twelve (or more) years of schooling.
- You do not need invitations to get in. There are over 3000 seats on a first come, first serve basis. Doors into the Corral for your guests opens at 8:30 a.m. **Parents are not permitted to enter before 8:30**
- Parking is \$15.00 per car. Park in Lot #3. Ask for a \$20 full day pass if you are coming back to the banquet during the evening. Wheelchair guests are allowed to sit in the reserved Box located on the north side of the Concourse. Please book with Ms. Belhumeur (289-2551 ext. 2505)
- Throwing of confetti, pennies, etc., is not permitted.
- Plan to arrive at the east end of the Corral no later than 8:00 a.m. so you can pick up your gown and accessories. Enter by the west doors of the corral, turn left, and follow the signs. Map of Stampede Park attached to the end of this message.

Graduation Gowns

- Go to the Gown area, east Concourse, where there will be people to hand out your gown, v-stalls, and Grad Caps.
PLAN TO BE THERE BY 8:00 AM
- Girls: a white blouse shows best under the gown, but it is up to you. Full length skirts do not look as good under the gown. Wear short or medium length skirts. Shoes that you can walk in are a good idea.
- Guys: a shirt and tie are preferred, but do not wear a jacket as it is very hot under the gowns.
- Bare feet, casual sandals, slippers are not permitted. Please do not be chewing gum.

Processional Procedures

- Report at 8:00 sharp to the appropriate part of the Concourse to get in order for the Procession. There will be teachers helping you get in alphabetical order. The English and Spanish Program Grads will line up in the southeast concourse, and French Program students will line up in the northeast concourse. Parents and guests are not permitted past the curtained off areas.
- Pick up a name card from the teacher standing by the first letter of your last name hanging up on the walls of the hallway. The cards are numbered. **Hang on to these cards.**

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU LINE UP IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER AND STAY THAT WAY TO FOLLOW THE ORDER OF THE PROGRAMS AND TO AID THE PHOTOGRAPHERS TAKING YOUR PICTURES AS YOU WALK ACROSS THE STAGE.

- Please remind your parents that a professional photographer will be taking your photo as you receive your folder, and as you leave the stage; and a 5" X 7" print will be offered to you for purchase. We are asking your parents and guests NOT TO COME TO THE FRONT TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OR TO COME DOWN ONTO THE MAIN FLOOR OF THE CORRAL.
- The Name Card, which was given to you as you lined up, is to be presented to an Assistant Principal reading the names (English Program students A – Z by Mr. Wesley followed by the Spanish Program students by Ms. Rowlandson, The French Program students A - Z by Mr. Fournier) as you walk across the stage. Do not misplace!
- Once the processional starts moving, please remain in line.
TEACHERS WILL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROW, BUT DO NOT SIT DOWN.
EVERYONE WILL REMAIN STANDING FOR THE SINGING OF “O’ CANADA”
YOU WILL BE TOLD WHEN TO BE SEATED
- A teacher will Signal to you when it is your time for your row to stand up, and then proceed to the stage. There are the two groups, first the English Program students with surnames A to Z, followed by the Spanish Program students with surnames A to Z. The second group will be the French Program students with surnames A to Z.
- Following the directions of the teachers, you will proceed to the Marshalling area to the right of the stage. You will be given instructions when to proceed up to the stage and present your name card as your turn comes. You will walk down to the front of the stage to Ms. Annis-Johnson, who will present you with your GRAD Folder, and shake her hand. As you are shaking hands, look towards the photographer and smile!

THE FOLDER WILL BE EMPTY, ONE SIDE IS FOR YOUR PHOTO AND THE OTHER YOUR PERSONALISED INSERT THAT YOU WILL PICKUP WHEN YOU LEAVE THE STAGE.

You will keep walking towards the other members of the platform party, and shake their hands also.

- Continue your journey across the stage and go down the stairs opposite to the ones you came up. You will be directed back to your seats by the Marshals. Follow their Instructions. Immersion students will pick up their certificates at the back of the stage on the way down. And all students will receive the Grad Inserts when they leave the stage.
- The ceremonies can get pretty long if people start to applaud after each grad walks on stage, so please refrain from applauding until after the end of the whole section. Please share this information with your friends and relatives.
- At the end of the program, after Ms. Fournier has given brief closing remarks, it will be time for the Recessional. We follow the same process as when we came in, except in reverse. The platform party will lead from the stage, followed by the teachers, followed by the students, beginning at the front. Please remain seated until your row is told to stand and proceed. The Recessional will be lead back into the Concourse, where you can take pictures.
- The Robes and Accessories have to be returned within 15 minutes after the Recessional because they have to be put back in order. Please do not leave the building with your gown.
- Please be pleasant and cooperative when teachers urge you to return your gowns.

Banquet and Dance: BMO Centre Stampede Grounds

- The reception begins at 6:30 p.m.
- There is a \$15.00 charge to park inside the Stampede Grounds. Park in lot 10 or 11.
- There is a drop off area in front of the building for limos.
- Please be seated at your tables by 7:15 so that we may begin the "Program".
- Dinner will be served at 7:30 promptly. The food is better when it's hot. The Grad Committee members who are chairing the proceedings will remind you to be seated so that we may begin.
- Before we eat, there will be a brief welcome and a moment of reflection.
- After dinner there will be several toasts and speeches. Please be courteous throughout. Remember to stand if you are toasting, and sit if you are being toasted. Save your beverage for this purpose.
- After the program is finished, the dance will commence. Please plan to stay for the dance.

**Enjoy Your Special Day, and have a
Safe Grad!!**

FINDING YOUR WAY THROUGH STAMPEDE PARK

