

# WILLIAM ABERHART HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2016 INFORMATION BOOKLET

*“I cannot change the direction of the wind,  
but I can adjust my sails to always reach  
my destination.”*

*Jimmy Dean*

**NOTE:** The events described in this booklet are the only Graduation events sanctioned by William Aberhart High School. There will be no alcohol served.

**After-Grad activities and parties are neither sponsored nor sanctioned by William Aberhart High School or the Calgary Board of Education.**

Please read this booklet thoroughly. Included is important information regarding times, places, and expectations. Further information will be presented at the Graduation Rehearsal to be held on Tuesday, May 24 during the period before lunch (period 2) in the School Gymnasium. All Graduating Grade 12 students must attend this rehearsal.

## **Introduction**

Well it's almost here at last - **Graduation!** No matter what your feelings are about this occasion, it is one you will remember for years to come. This booklet is designed to answer the questions you have and supply helpful hints to make your graduation more enjoyable.

## **2015 - 2016 Grad Committee**

Elizabeth Lee, Jonathan Leeder, Mackenzie Murray, Emma Meyer,  
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Mr. L. Marshall, Mrs. F. Hudda, Ms. J McNeil,  
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## **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**Who:** You, your family and friends.  
**When:** Wednesday, May 25, 9:00 am - 11:30 am.  
**Where:** Stampede Corral, Stampede Park

The exercises are a formal affair. Men should wear dress pants, shirt and tie. For comfort, a jacket should not be worn beneath the gown. Summer weight clothes are preferable as it can get warm with the grad gown. Women should wear street length dresses. Summer dresses or skirts are appropriate. Wear appropriate shoes that are practical and comfortable. You will be wearing a blue graduation gown, which is to be picked up no later than 8:30am at the coat check.

No ticket is required for entry. Stampede Corral holds over 3000 people. If seating is required for handicapped guests, the press boxes will be available. Please contact Ms. Belhumeur at 289-2551 ext. 7489 to reserve a press box.

Arrive at the Corral early enough to park, pick up your graduation gown, name tag, and get in line by 8:30 a.m. for the procession. There is a \$14.00 parking fee, but you can also request a full day re-admittance ticket, \$20.00. REPORT to the Marshalling Area at 8:30am sharp!

This is a special day for you so make it special for others too. During the presentation of the diplomas, avoid any comments or cheering that would embarrass the Graduand or his/her family. Applause is most appropriate at the end of the section. Please do not throw pennies or confetti in the Gymnasium or on the grounds.

The Graduands will be crossing the stage in alphabetical order.

A professional photograph will be taken of you as you receive your diploma, and will be given to you free of charge.

## Banquet & Dance

**Who:** You, your date, parents, family.  
**When:** Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.  
**Where:** BMO Calgary Roundup Centre, Stampede Park  
**Cost:** \$80.00 per person; buffet meal (be sure to bring tickets)

This is a formal affair. Men should wear dress pants and a jacket or blazer, a suit, or a tux. For women, either a short or long dress is appropriate.

A \$14.00 fee is charged to park on the grounds of Stampede Park.

The banquet and associated program is a special event set aside for you and your guests. It is traditional that Graduands sit with their parents. Don't abandon your parents - be sure to introduce them to your friends. It is a nice gesture to buy your date a corsage/boutonniere. Ask your date the color and style of the gown/suit and then the florist can help select a suitable flower.

There will be lots of opportunities to take photos at the banquet.

Please be polite and attentive during the after-dinner program, and follow directions given by the chairpersons. Remember to remain seated if you are being toasted; stand if you are toasting others.

The meal starts at 7:30pm prompt. Please be at your assigned tables at that time. If you are being picked up by a limousine, and you want to enjoy the full program, arrange the pick up time to be after 11:00 p.m.

If you don't have a date, stay for the dance anyway! The dance is for everyone in the graduating class. In fact, dates are not obligatory. Don't chase away your parents when the dance starts - they may like to party too.

Certain things need no real mention; courtesy should always be shown, certain language is obviously unacceptable as is behavior like drunkenness or displays of affection that might embarrass others. The banquet/dance is a school function and the same guidelines apply as if the dance were being held in the school. You are responsible for the conduct of your guests who are not Aberhart students.

Smoking is not permitted in the banquet area.

### **Grad Gown Rentals After Grad For Photographs**

Grads all had the opportunity to have their grad photos taken and should have received their proof packages by now. In the past some students or parents have requested a grad gown and v-stol so they can either have photos retaken since they did not like their first proofs, or perhaps they want some more family photos taken. Although students do have a brief opportunity after the ceremonies for photos, we have purchased some robes and v-stols so students can have new photos taken at their convenience. If you wish to borrow a gown and v- stol a deposit check of \$100 is required payable to William Aberhart High School. This will not be processed if the gown and v-stol are returned in good condition. Please contact Ms. McNeil in room 327 to sign out a gown and or purchase a cap and tassel. Please return the gowns by Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Conclusion**

If this booklet failed to answer any of your questions, don't hesitate to ask any Grad Committee member for help.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

And remember,

**Please have a Safe Grad!!**