



GRAD PARENT NEWSLETTER

Grad CELEBRATION

Early June -TBD

Grad Mass: Time TBD

June 22, 2024

Rehearsal: SJHS, 1:00 pm

June 27, 2023

Graduation stoling & ceremony: SJHS

Fieldhouse, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Graduation banquet & dance: Westerner

Exhibition Hall, 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

Tickets will go on sale in the spring.

Please contact abby.kaun@rdcrs.ca with
any questions

GRAD MERCH

**OPEN FROM
NOVEMBER 15 - MAY 15**

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Grad Photos

**EVERY GRAD NEEDS TO HAVE THEIR
PHOTO TAKEN!!**

Graduation Photos are scheduled to happen March 4-14th at the school. **Online appointment bookings will open in February**, notifications will be sent out.

The standard \$40.00 session will be 30 minutes and you will receive between 16-20 images. If you want a yearbook photo only, with no option to purchase photos, please book a free standard session.

GRAD SERVICE PROJECT

Each year the graduating class of SJHS leads a school wide, year long service project to bring awareness and support to local non-profit organizations.

This year we proudly support the Morning Star Program through Catholic Social Service

Morning Star supports vulnerable women in Red Deer and the surrounding communities by working to address their most critical and immediate need. Morning Star's drop in centre provides a safe place for women to get off the street, to use laundry and shower facilities, and access other basic necessities as needed.

PARENT SURVEY Q&A

Can we have a dance at the banquet?

Yes! We are planning a dance to follow the Banquet & Grand March. This will be held at the Westerner Exhibition Hall.

Why are we not using the Peavy Mart Centrum for the ceremony?

We are not quite big enough! Graduation ceremony expenses (ceremony, facility, gowns, certificates, etc.) are paid for through the school budget and grad fees. The more grads - the higher our budget.

Will there be a safe/dry grad?

This is not a school-affiliated event. An event such as this will need to be completely parent-led.

Are there any opportunities for me to get involved?

Yes! We are always looking for parent volunteers to help with grad and other grad activities. Reach out to abby.kaun@rdcrs.ca and she will provide some additional information.

GRAD ACADEMIC INFORMATION

What is a myPass Account and why do I need one?

myPass is a self-service website for students provided by Alberta Education. All students require a myPass account so they can:

- Order official transcripts
- View Detailed Academic Report (DAR)
- View progress towards high school diploma
- Update their personal information

I want to see if I am on track to graduate. How do I check my credits?

Create a myPass account to see your most up to date credits on your Detailed Academic Report (DAR). The current grad list is emailed out to students and parents monthly and physically posted outside the SSC. If students check their myPass account and have concerns about grad tracking, please email trevor.reinhart@rdcrs.ca and a grad credit check can be verified. Students who are at risk to graduate will receive frequent communication and monitoring to redirect their grad tracking.

How do I apply to post-secondary institutions?

Students planning to attend a post-secondary institution in Alberta apply through the Apply Alberta website. Be prepared to pay the required (non-refundable) application fee with a credit card. Prior to applying, it is wise for students to check the post-secondary's website for application date deadlines.

Students applying out of province will be required to follow the instructions from the institutes website. Please connect with Mr. Reinhart if you are attending post secondary in the United States.

How do I apply for Student Loans?

Applications for student loans don't open until the spring prior to your post-secondary attendance. You must be accepted into a program prior to applying.

My post secondary institution or a scholarship is asking for my high school transcripts.

If you apply to a post secondary institution in Alberta, your official high school transcript will automatically be sent to the institute from Alberta Education. They may ask you for an unofficial transcript which you can access from myPass for free as your Detailed Academic Report.

For all other requests for official transcripts, students can order these through their myPass account. There is a \$10 fee for each request and Alberta Education will send your official transcript directly to the out of province post-secondary institution or the scholarship organization.

How do I know if I have the right courses or marks to get into a post-secondary program?

Post Secondary institutes will have this information on their websites. The best place to start is at the institute as the requirements and entrance averages can change. Keep in mind that minimum averages posted on the website are minimums, and institutions usually enter students with the highest averages for competitive programs (it is usually stated if the program is competitive). Students with the minimum average will therefore not be offered a seat in the program, or will be waitlisted for this program due to high applications competing for entrance.

I have way more questions. Where can I get more help and information?

Career information is a huge topic and not everyone goes to school after graduation! Grade 12 students are strongly encouraged to book a career appointment with Mr. Reinhart. Parents are more than welcome to request information to best support your grad!

GRAD FEES

\$50 PAYABLE AT THE
OFFICE

CELEBRATION TICKETS

AVAILABLE SPRING
2024

SUBMISSIONS

BABY PICTURES
STOLING, TEACHER
HEIGHT FOR GOWNS
SPRING 2024