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Graduation Day at a Glance – Quick Guide

(This is a tentative schedule please be aware that the times are NOT in stone.)

MCHS Graduation – Friday, May 17th – Francis Winspear Centre

- 1 - Winspear Doors open – light snacks available – cheese, crackers, dessert, fruit **2:00**
- 2 – All Grads need to be at Winspear - Grads pick up gowns for photo opportunities with friends and family **2:30**
- 3 - Theatre Opens for seating (main floor will be filled first then second floor) **2:30**
 - There are no bad seats in the theatre so there is no need to line-up
- 4 - Grads line up **2:45**
- 5 - Processional **3:00**
- 6 – Program **Be prepared for the potential of a 3 hour program.** **3-5:30**

***No rush photography during commencement – professional photographer will be taking photos of diploma presentation for purchase. You can, however, take photos from your seats.

Important Information:

- 1 - Ticket sales: **Apr. 29th to May 3rd at noon** - \$30/ticket – MCHS front office.
 - Under 2 years of age free – lap sitting – NEED ticket for fire regulations.
 - Over 2 years of age need a ticket
 - Grads need to purchase a ticket
 - **ALL** school fees need to be paid prior to grad tickets being purchased
 - **Cash Only** for tickets – saves all parties from paying service fees
- 2 - Evening for the Grads – June 14th at MCHS – spaghetti dinner/dessert for GRAD only 6PM to 7PM – autograph book signing – 7PM – one date can join the Grad for a dance from 7 to 10PM.
- 3 - **Please have your graduate email in a baby picture and grade 6ish picture for the slide show – email to ozipkor98@g.sacrd.ab.ca .**
- 4 – **Mandatory** Grad Rehearsal – May 16th
 - 11:00 AM - BBQ – sponsored by Pleasant Homes – no charge
 - 12:00 – 2:45 – try on gown – rehearsal at Morinville Cultural Centre
 - Grad Composite Photo taken after Grad Rehearsal
- 5 – Students have all been given two forms that need to be filled out prior to Spring Break – one form is the grad gown sizing form and the other is their intentions for after graduation that will be read as they cross the stage – Grad quote for the yearbook needs to be emailed to ehartman@gsacrd.ab.ca by Apr. 4th

More Information – In-depth Version

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We have 33 school days left until GRAD...which is exciting and ominous at the same time. There is much work to do for everyone, to make this happen. Students have a lot of learning and course work to complete, in addition to the preparations necessary to ensure that each student is ready and prepared to graduate.

Grad List:

Students who are in good academic standing (passing their courses and maintaining punctual and regular attendance) are placed on a Grad list. A student's placement can change over the course of the school year depending on the successful completion of or failure to successfully complete their courses, changes in attendance patterns, etc. Students who do not meet the academic and attendance requirements are placed on either the *probationary* or *working towards probation* list.

- a. Students who are failing a course in second semester, failed a course from the first semester that would be required to complete their program and/or credit count in semester 1, or who are not maintaining regular attendance in their courses are placed on the *probationary* list.
- b. Students who are at risk for not having the required courses for high school completion requirements prior to the end of the school year and/or who have chronic concerns surrounding their attendance and punctuality are placed on the *working towards probation* list. These would typically be students who may need to complete a number of Grade 11 courses in their Grade 12 year and who may have a low credit count upon entering Grade 12.

Student Conduct:

Students must adhere to the expectations of the school and follow the roles and responsibilities laid out in the student handbook. Failure to do so could impact the students' graduation privilege.

Attendance:

If a student has more than a **20%** absentee rate for the school year they will not be permitted to participate in Graduation exercises.

Assignment Completion and Alternative Program Delivery (I-learn, Alberta Distance Learning Center Modules, Extended Learning Program - XLP):

Students need to ensure that they are up to date with their assignments, attending classes on a regular basis, and be on track for completing the required courses for their high school program.

As of **Apr. 23, 2019**, Students in scheduled/dedicated courses (e.g. English 30-1), students must be:

- i. Successfully completing (passing) the course.
- ii. Be up to date with their course work.

For students who are completing courses via alternative delivery methods (I-Learn, Alberta Distance Learning Center) and self-paced courses (Reflections, ISC Rooms, XLP), they must:

- i. Have 85% of their course work completed **by Tuesday, Apr. 23, 2019**.
- ii. Be successfully completing (passing) their course work.

Students who are failing to meet the academic/conduct/attendance requirements will not be eligible for participation in Graduation ceremonies. If students are not in the process of successfully completing their courses, they need to meet with their teachers to develop a learning plan to support the successful completion of their courses. Students who are not meeting the requirements will not be eligible to purchase tickets, until the requirements are met.

Student Fees

All outstanding school and district fees must be taken care of prior to a student's name being released to the Graduation List and tickets permitted for purchase. If a family is unable to cover student fees, please contact the school to make alternate arrangements to assist.

Graduation Tickets:

All Grad tickets will cost \$30 (Grads need to purchase a ticket as well). The seating is general admission seating. There are no bad seats at the Winspear Centre. Grad tickets will go on sale Apr. 29th, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily. Final sale date will be Friday, May 3rd from 8:00AM till NOON so we can give final numbers to the Winspear.

Tickets must be paid for in CASH, no exceptions (to avoid any service charges).

Ticket prices have to cover the cost of a number of different items, which include:

- Venue hall rental
- Gown room for students
- Venue insurance and liability
- Meal (dessert reception)
- Security (venue contractual requirement)
- Emergency medical staff (venue contractual requirement)
- Audio visual service
- Sound system (separate from AV)
- Decorations

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