

March 10, 2022

Grade 12 Students and Parents

I know many of you have been wondering about grad...where, what and how. We finally have a plan that I am confident we can stick with or flex regardless of what is happening around the world in June.

Aimee Heilemann (our grad coordinator) and myself have been working with our grad committees as well as coordinating with our community partners. We have a plan for what I think might just be the greatest grad ever at PSC.

A big Thank You to the Ponoka Stampede Association for donating the Stampede grounds for Grad 2022, the Town of Ponoka for running the grad parade again and our 25 dedicated student members making up the 3 grad committees.

Info Items:

Country Gardens and Greenhouse Flower Fundraiser - flowers will be delivered the week after May Long Weekend. (weather permitting)

Grad Status - if students are not on track to graduate they will only be permitted to participate in the grad parade and the gala...not convocation. If you or your child do not know your grad status please reach out to Wendy Fessler (academic counselor) or Cody Baird (vice principal)

All school fees need to be paid prior to graduation. School fees can be accessed through the parent portal. If there are issues with payment please contact Nicole Berg in our finance department or myself, Kathy McTaggart to discuss a payment plan.

Theme: Rustic

Songs: students are currently voting

We are starting to collect pictures for the grad slideshow, please send photos to dick.j@wolfcreek.ab.ca

- We are seeking a baby photo and a childhood photo for each grad
- You may also send group photos if they include multiple graduates

Thursday June 2, 2022 - GRAD PARADE

- Town of Ponoka is hosting the 2nd Annual Grad Parade
- All Ponoka Graduates Welcome, you may have a non graduate driving, but other than that, this is graduates only
- We encourage graduates to wear their grad outfits (not mandatory)
- You may enter with a float, car, horse, bicycle ect
- A sign up sheet will go out closer to Grad
- Staging at the **arena** Thursday, June 2nd between 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- Parade begins at 6:00 pm (follows the Ponoka Stampede Parade route)

Friday June 3, 2022 - GRAD WALK, GROUP PHOTO & REHEARSAL

- Students only
- At approximately 2:00 pm all graduates need to be in the school theater
- Students will be given convocation gowns and caps (if you beaded your cap bring it), this will be taken home and worn the next day for convocation
- All graduates will walk through PSC, to the Ponoka Elementary School, through the PES and then to the Ponoka Stampede grounds
- At the Ponoka Stampede grounds students will do a rehearsal and group photo
- Any last minute decorating or jobs to be completed
- Wear walking shoes
- Men - wear a collared shirt, tie and pants
- Ladies - wear a shirt that won't show under gown
- Should be done by 4:00ish



Saturday June 4, 2022 - CONVOCATION & GALA

- Will occur at the Stampede grounds, main grandstand

Convocation

- Doors open at 10:15 am
- Graduates arrive by 10:30 am
- Convocation (cap & gown formal ceremony) begins 11:00am
- At the conclusion of convocation graduates & guests return home

Gala

- Doors open at 4:00 pm
- Gala begins at 4:30 pm with the introduction of PSC's Grade 12 students
- Gala program to follow
- Once the formal portion is completed there will be a "mix & mingle" - appetizers, non alcoholic drinks and chances for photos and congratulations
- This is the opportunity for our students to show off their gowns and suits

This concludes Grad 2022 - if families wish to book reservations or plan a dinner we should be wrapped up by 6:30ish