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## Grad 2023 planning has begun! Here is some info to get us started!

**When is grad?** PSC grad is always the first weekend in June. This year it will fall on **Saturday, June 3rd, 2023**. Make sure you save the date! Grad celebrations begin Monday May 29th, that includes the Town of Ponoka Graduate Parade, Thursday, June 1st. Grad walk and rehearsal Friday, June 2nd.

**Where is grad?** Grad will be held at the Ponoka Arena this year. This is a space that offers an indoor setting (incase of poor weather) and is also large enough to accommodate all of our grads / guests.

**How is Grad paid for?** Every grad is charged a \$100 Grad fee. This goes towards things such as your gown rental, a grad cap, a grad tassel and your diploma / photo booklet for grad day. PSC students help fundraise everything else! Below is a list of fundraising opportunities that we will be doing and the more money we raise as a group - the more we can do for your grad!

- **County Gardens and Greenhouse fundraiser** - Each grad will be given an order form where they simply raise funds and sell flowers. The flowers are delivered to the school and you help hand the flowers out to the people you sold them to. Watch for the order forms January, orders will be available the week surrounding May Long Weekend.
- **Bake sales** - Make some treats at home with your friends and family, and we sell them at the school. This brings in a ton of money for our grad program! First one is December 13th
- **Post New Years Bottle Drive** - In the past grads have done a bottle drive after the holidays. This is an easy fundraiser and is over quickly. We are confirming the bottle drive dates, with the expectation to hear from them by the end of the week.

### What do I need to know before Grad?

- **School Fees** - All school fees must be paid prior to purchasing a banquet ticket. Grads with outstanding fees will not be allowed to participate in the banquet.
- **Be eligible for graduation** - You need to be on track with your credits / grades. We will be making grad lists to help inform you if you are not on track to graduate.

**How do I stay connected with grad events?** The best way is to follow our grad specific social media! Follow us on instagram @ponoka\_grad2023 or speak to our grad planner

Aimee Heilemann

**Things to start thinking about:**

Scholarship packages will be coming out at the end of the first semester, so please start thinking about your scholarship resume!

Volunteer opportunities include our Charity Checkstop on Dec 7th and Stuff-A-Bus on Dec 8th fundraisers for Santas Anonymous. These would be perfect additions to your scholarship resume!

**2023 Grad Logo:**



**Grad Committee:** This group would meet regularly and make the majority of the decisions about grad. If you'd like to be involved with that group, we hope you selected "Yes count me in" on your last grad survey; however, please speak to Mrs. Heilemann if you missed that opportunity and want to be a part of the committee.

**Decisions to make soon:** After Christmas we will be selecting a grad theme, motto and song! Please start thinking about what you'd like to submit for ideas.

**Grad photo dates:** Grad photos are scheduled for February 9th / 10th. Note that February 10 is a PD day so there is no school, but students are still able to come in for their booked time slot on this day. Stay tuned for a sign up sheet to book your appointment slot! Even if you do not plan to order grad photos, we do require every grad to take a photo so that we can have your picture on our hallway grad class photo, and so that we can include one in your graduation / diploma package.

**How can my parents help?** There will be plenty of fundraising events that your parents can get involved in, our grad committee is student led though. We will need support from them decorating, fundraising and with dry grad as well.

**Contacts for grad:** If you have grad specific questions you can always email [aimee.heilemann@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:aimee.heilemann@wolfcreek.ab.ca) or [cody.baird@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:cody.baird@wolfcreek.ab.ca) (or just stop and see us).