



CAP & TASSEL DRIVE-IN CEREMONY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. On June 9, the Government of Alberta announced changes to restrictions related to Stage 2 of the relaunch efforts. Stage 2 is set to begin on Friday, June 12. How does this impact the plans for graduation?

While limitations on indoor and outdoor gatherings have been reduced, the restrictions on group gatherings are still such that a traditional Graduation Ceremony is not possible. As well, with only one week of notice, it is not feasible for a reorganization of the entire event due to a wide number of factors. We will be proceeding with the Cap & Tassel Drive-In Ceremony as planned; however, we are happy that we can increase the number of graduates and family members who are able to be outside of their vehicles at one time, while still following required physical distancing. This should increase the celebratory atmosphere and allow our graduates to feel more united.

2. Can I bring more than one vehicle?

No, it is expected that each graduate may only bring one vehicle into the parking lot. Additional vehicles will be turned away.

3. Can I arrive in a limo or other high-occupancy vehicle?

No, it is assumed that each graduate will arrive in a car, truck, SUV, or minivan.

4. What if I don't have access to a vehicle?

We will make accommodations for these situations. Please phone the main office at 780-792-0012.

5. What do I wear?

You are welcome to wear an outfit that is comfortable and appropriate given that you will be wearing your gown on top.

6. What do I need to bring with me?

You should be wearing your gown and carrying your cap (with tassel attached), stole, and paper diploma. You will collect these items during the pick-up on June 18 from 12 pm – 3 pm.

7. Do I have to return any of the items that I pick-up on June 18?

You will have to return the green & gold stole immediately after you participate in the Drive-In Ceremony. The cap, tassel, gown, and all other items are yours to keep.

8. Can I stay behind and take photos with my friends?

No, due to the public health restrictions that require physical distancing, it is not feasible to have students from various families mingling closely for photos. We ask that out of respect for the distancing guidelines, families do not stay behind on school property for photos.

9. Can my family members take photos when I cross the red carpet?

Yes. By all means, family members are invited to take photos throughout the event so long as they do not impede the professional photographer or the efficient flow of the event.

10. Can I decorate my vehicle?

Yes, by all means! In fact, we encourage this.

11. Can we honk our horns to celebrate our fellow graduates when they cross the red carpet?

We ask that you refrain from doing this out of respect for our nearby residential neighbours.

12. I have many family members who want to see me graduate. What can I do?

While we cannot permit more than one vehicle per graduate, no matter the situation, we are happy to report that the event will be live-streamed on our website. This means that family members who cannot come in your vehicle can watch safely from home.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

The Cap & Tassel Drive-In Ceremony will take place outside of the main entrance of the school. Please note that all organizational elements of the ceremony are in direct response to the public health guidelines that we are required to follow. Please read **all** of the information below to help ensure a safe and enjoyable celebration.

- A. One vehicle per graduate will be permitted to enter the parking lot. Families are asked to bring only those family members with whom you've been isolating. Additional vehicles will be turned away.
- B. Please arrive 15-minutes before your scheduled time slot. You **must** enter the parking lot from the north entrance located on **Parsons Creek Drive**.
- C. Parking Lot Attendants will be on hand to usher vehicles into designated parking stalls.
- D. Each graduate and their family members must remain in their vehicle until otherwise cued by our Parking Lot Attendants. When you are outside of your vehicle, please do not mingle with other families. Physical distancing guidelines must be followed.
- E. Graduates will be cued in order of parking stall assignment. Families are asked, if possible, to remain for the entire duration of your assigned time slot, which is 45-minutes in length. If you must leave sooner, please check with a Parking Lot Attendant.
- F. Parking Lot Attendants will approach your vehicle when it is time for your graduate to enter the waiting zone. All family members are permitted to join the graduate in the waiting zone.
- G. When it is your graduate's turn to cross the red carpet, **one** or **two** family members will join their graduate. Additional family members will be led to a designated location in front of the staging area so that they have a perfect view of the celebration.
- H. After the graduate's name is announced, the graduate will cross the red carpet along with their **one** or **two** family members. One family member will place the stole around the graduate's neck, while the other family member will flip the tassel on the cap. Congratulations! You've now graduated.
- I. A professional photographer will be on deck to take a photo of each graduate and the family members with whom they walked the red carpet.
- J. After the photo opportunity, the graduate and their family members will be directed back to their vehicle. On the way, graduates will be asked to drop their stole in the designated bin. The cap, gown, and tassel are theirs to keep.
- K. Parking Lot Attendants will usher the vehicles out of the parking lot at the appropriate time. Please use the south entrance located on Powder Drive.

Families are encouraged to bring water and snacks to enjoy in their vehicles during the celebration.