

# Graduation 2019

## Information Sheet

**Grad Verse**                      *Blessed by God to be a blessing* from Genesis 12:2

**Grad Ceremony**                Thursday, June 27th at 2:30pm  
Bethany Chapel  
3333 Richardson Way SW

**Grad Banquet**                    Markin MacPhail Centre at Canada Olympic Park  
88 Canada Olympic Park Rd SW  
Doors open at 6:00 pm

**Grad Day Timeline**

2:15 pm	Arrive at Bethany Chapel
2:30-4 pm	Graduation Ceremony
4-5 pm	Dessert Reception for all
5-6 pm	Opportunity for photos. There will also be a Photo Booth at the banquet location that graduates and their families may use until the dinner begins.
6-6:30 pm	Travel time to banquet at Markin MacPhail Centre
6:30 pm	Banquet dinner will be served shortly after 6:30pm



### General Grad Information

- You will receive an email invitation for graduation. There are **NO** paper tickets required for any part of the graduation festivities.
- There is no cost to attend the graduation ceremony.
- Reservations are required for the graduation banquet; cost of the banquet tickets is **\$80** (for graduates, parents and all other guests)
- Banquet tickets are available for purchase **NOW!** Tickets may be purchased using cash, cheque, credit or debit cards from the Business Office.
- Banquet tables hold a **maximum of 10 people (no exceptions)**. Ideally we would love it if graduates were able to share a table with a friend/another graduate as the venue itself can only accommodate 40 tables and there are 39 graduates in total. Each graduate student is **guaranteed the opportunity to purchase 5 banquet tickets**.
- Families are encouraged to request another family to share a table, or to be seated next to when tickets are purchased. A seating chart will be posted at the banquet and on Mrs. Simmonds's website.
- Special dietary concerns/requests should be indicated at the time banquet tickets are purchased.
- **Deadline for banquet ticket purchase is Friday June 7th 2019.**

## More Information for Grad Day

- Grads **MUST** attend the graduation ceremony rehearsal: **2pm, Wednesday, June 26, 2019** at Bethany Chapel. The rehearsal will take approximately 1 hour.
- Graduates normally arrive at the ceremony dressed in their grad dress/suit/tuxedo. Graduates will then be required to put on the CCS graduation gown and stol (both are to be returned following the ceremony).
- Graduating students are expected to be at the church **by 2:15pm**.
- Doors to the church sanctuary will open for guests **at 2:15pm**. Seating is first-come-first serve; pews will be reserved for graduates and CCS staff.
- There will be a small coffee/tea/punch and dessert reception at the church following the graduation ceremony. This is a non-ticketed free event. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Banquet room doors **open at 6:00pm**. A punch will be provided and the Photo Booth (donated by the Calgary Christian School Society) will be available for photos. Dinner will be served shortly after 6:30pm. Please be on time!
- Dinner will be followed by a short program that typically includes thank-yous, presentations and slideshow. The dance begins at the conclusion of the program. Parents/guests are encouraged to stay for the first 2 songs because they are designated as father-daughter and mother-son dances.
- Although a number of students may have reached the age of 18 years old by graduation day, there will be **no tolerance for alcohol or cannabis or other recreational drugs at the graduation banquet and dance**.
- Any after-grad celebrations are **NOT** an official part of the CCS graduation. This activity would be organized and run by a group of students and their parents. CCS staff is not permitted to assist with this activity in any way.
- Parents should email a baby photo of their graduate to be included in the slide show at the banquet, please email those photos to **TBA**. **Deadline** for submitting this photo is Senior Project/Fine Arts Night **May 21, 2019**.

## Other Things to Note

- Graduates need to be measured for their graduation gowns by **March 22, 2019** (before spring break).
- Graduation photos take place **April 10-12, 2019** at the school. Following an information session with the photographer, graduates will sign up online for their photo appointments.
- Charlene Foster, Academic & Career Counselor, is available to answer questions graduates may have about university/college, scholarships, etc. She can be contacted at [charlene.foster@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:charlene.foster@pallisersd.ab.ca) or 403-771-4391.
- Graduates and/or their parents can read about all things related to graduation on Mrs. Simmonds's website and clicking on the Graduation tab. Any and all handouts given to graduates regarding graduation can be found there.
- A Google Classroom has been created for Grade 12 Senior Projects where graduates can find all information related to Senior Projects. Parents may join this classroom, ask your graduate for the code.
- The CCS Awards Chapel is **June 7, 2019** at the Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church.
- Grad committee is preparing a slide show for graduation. Please submit photos you have from K-grade 12 (school events, sports, field trips, etc) to **TBA by May 21, 2019 (Senior Project Evening)**.