Graduating Class of 2027 – Important Information

Graduation is a memorable event recognizing your time and effort in school!

GRADUATION DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23rd

There are three main parts to graduation.

- ✓ **Graduation Ceremony (Convocation):** Convocation is a formal ceremony where you receive your diploma. You are expected to wear a cap and gown.
  (Club Regent Event Centre - 1425 Regent Ave W)
  - Your cap and gown MUST be ordered and paid for in advance through School Cash Online. ***($30 due in January)***
  - ALL guests attending the Graduation Ceremony must reserve tickets in advance through School Cash Online. ***(No fee - March)***
    - Convocation Tickets will be given to the Grad during Cap & Gown Pick Up Day ***(June)***

- ✓ **Graduation Dinner:** This is an opportunity to celebrate with your family and friends at a dinner organized by the school.
  (Victoria Inn - 1808 Wellington Avenue)
  - **The school and YOU are responsible for the Graduation Celebration Dinner. Tickets are estimated between $85 - $95/person depending on fundraising.**
  - The Grad must also purchase a ticket for the dinner.
  - Dinner Tickets must be purchased on School Cash Online ***(March)***
    - *Table Reservation Form* ***(March)*** must be filled out <u>before</u> Table Reservation Day ***(May)***

- ✓ **Safe Grad:** This is the parent planned and supervised "party" following the Graduation Dinner. *You must attend the Graduation Dinner to attend Safe Grad.*
  (Victoria Inn - 1808 Wellington Avenue)
  - **We will need your parent/guardian to volunteer.**
  - The first Safe Grad Parent Meeting is on Thursday September 24th at 6:30. **All parents of graduating students are encouraged to attend.**

Join Grad Committee!

The Grad Committee is made up of any students wanting to help plan the Graduation Celebration Dinner. This includes choosing a theme, colours, meal, music, speeches etc. Please listen to announcements to join!

– see Mrs. Mymryk and Ms. Peters

Important Graduation Information:

Transportation Assistance: John Taylor Collegiate offers transportation to and from Club Regent Event Centre. The shuttle picks up and drops off families at John Taylor Collegiate. If this is something your family is interested in, please make sure you fill out the *Transportation Assistance Request Form.* ***(March)***

Graduation Ceremony (Convocation) Tickets: There is no fee to attend the Graduation Ceremony, but all guests require a ticket to enter. Tickets must be reserved through School Cash Online. ***(March)***

Graduation Ceremony Cap and Gown fees: This must be ordered in your specific size (regular / full fit). Cap and gowns are mandatory for attending the Graduation Ceremony.
$30 rental fee to be paid on School Cash Online ***(January)***

- Students will receive a cap, gown, & V-stole. All three pieces **MUST** be brought by the student to the Convocation Ceremony. We do not have any back-up pieces for students to borrow. ***(June)***
  - Pick up will be **Monday June 21st, 2027** from 9AM-11AM at JT in the Front Link
- After the Convocation Ceremony, the Grad **MUST** return the gown and v-stole to the Staff Members set up at the tables before they exit.

Grad Wear / Piper Wear: This is your opportunity to get your 2027 Grad Wear!! Design and ordering take place in October with delivery in December.

- An email will be sent out with a link to purchase if you choose.

Grad Photos: These images of your graduating class hang in the hallway and appear in the yearbook.

- There is NO fee for students to have their graduation photo taken for our composite that will hang proudly in the JTC halls for years to come.
- If you wish to have a formal sit down, with multiple poses with the potential to order your own personal grad photos- there will be a sitting fee (estimated $30-$35).

Photo Dates: February 16th – 19th, 2027 / Retakes April 15th & 16th, 2027
An email will be sent out with a link to schedule your Grad Photo Appointment.

Graduation Ceremony write up: This is read as you receive your diploma at the Graduation Ceremony. ***(March)***

- A QR code will be posted around the school for Grads to scan & complete the online form. Grads **MUST** use their school email address to access.

Graduation Celebration Dinner tickets and table reservation: To attend the Grad Dinner, tickets must be purchased through School Cash Online. The Grad must also purchase a dinner ticket. ***(March)***

- Please make sure to fill out the *Table Reservation Form* (An email will be sent out with the form link in March). This form includes information about meal selection & allergies, as well as number of seats needed.

Table Reservation: Will be done in **May** during the lunch hour.
To reserve your seats, you must have the *Table Reservation Form* submitted & provide proof of payment when the Grad comes to reserve the seats.

- Tables can hold a maximum of 11 people, but there is no limit on the number of guests.
- Students wanting to sit with other students must come together to choose their table.

Grade 12 Indigenous Grad Coach: If you have self-identified as Indigenous on your school registrations, our Indigenous Grad Coach Cherie Stroppa is available to help your student navigate their final year with confidence, purpose & pride. ***(all year)***

Together, they will focus on:

- Exploring career pathways & post-secondary options
- Identifying scholarships & bursaries to support future opportunities
- Assistance in citizenship application for Metis & First Nation students
- Invitation to the Divisional Pow Wow

Grad Pow Wow: Each May SJASD holds a Divisional Grad Pow Wow. Students who are self-declared will automatically be sent an invitation in the Spring.

- Check out @SJASD_INDIGENOUS_SUCCESS on Instagram for more information.
- Held at Sturgeon Heights Collegiate- 2665 Ness Ave

Grad Walk: Grads have an opportunity to walk through the halls of their old Elementary & Hedges Middle School. Sign up information will come out end of May. Grad Walk takes place at the end of June.

Gowns For Grads: Is a volunteer-run organization. Gowns for Grads collects donations of formal gowns, evening bags, & jewelry which are re-distributed to Manitoba High School Diploma graduates, or Mature Student Diploma graduates, who are facing financial challenges. Every student deserves to enjoy their grad day.

- Contact our Grade 12 Guidance Consoler <u>before</u> February if you are interested in this service.

Safe Grad application and tickets: If you are planning to attend Safe Grad (the party after the Graduation Dinner), you must apply and purchase tickets in advance. ***(May)***

- **The Grad (& Guest) must attend the Dinner to attend Safe Grad**
- This is organized by a parent committee
- Because the school cannot provide your contact information to the Safe Grad Committee without consent, there will be a form emailed out that we ask you to complete if you would like to receive communications about what is planned & how to get involved. By completing the form, you consent to the school sharing the information you have entered with the Safe Grad Committee Chairperson.
- The Grad (and guest) MUST be signed into Safe Grad by a parent, and signed out.

An Important Graduation Dates & Other Information Document will be sent out in March with specific dates and information.