ST. JAMES COLLEGIATE
GRADE 12



GETTING CLOSE TO THE FINISH LINE!

Hello Future Class of 2027!

As we continue into Fall 2026, we want to share some important information as your child begins Grade 12 and works toward graduation in June 2027. This is an exciting milestone, and while there's a lot to think about, we hope this overview will help you and your family plan ahead, mark down key dates, and feel prepared for the year ahead.

With excitement from your Grade 12 Team,

Mr. Sorokowski (Vice-Principal & Grad Coordinator)
Ms. Lough (Guidance Counsellor)
Mrs. Boyko (Principal)
Mrs. Madrid (Safe Grad Parent Liaison)

GRADUATION INFORMATION

All graduation information will be located on our school website (**About Us > Grad**). Please ensure you continue to monitor your email and school Instagram for additional information.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Any scholarship information will be posted on our school website (**Programs & Services > Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries**). If students are requesting letters of reference, teachers/admin require a minimum of 3 days notice.

- Scholarships – awarded to students for strong academic achievement, volunteerism, and leadership
- Awards – given to students for academic success, leadership, or financial need
- Bursaries – provided to students with financial need; a financial aid application is required

Ms. Lough is available to help students navigate scholarships and post-secondary planning.

CONVOCATION

Convocation will take place during the morning on **Monday, June 28, 2027** at Victoria Inn & Conference Centre (1808 Wellington Ave). There is NO fee to attend convocation, but ***TICKETS WILL BE REQUIRED*** for each guest with a maximum number available per family. The ceremony will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

GRAD DINNER

The Grad Dinner will take place on the evening of **Monday, June 28, 2027** at the Victoria Inn & Conference Centre (1808 Wellington Ave). More information to come.

SAFE GRAD

Safe Grad is a **parent-organized** celebration held immediately after the grad dinner and dance. Its primary goal is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment for graduates to celebrate their achievements without the risks associated with unsupervised parties.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Grad Cap & Gown - $35.00
This fee covers the cost of the rental of the robe and stole. Grads get to keep their cap.

Dinner & Dance - Approx. $80-100 per ticket
We encourage grads to attend with their families and their friends! Ticket prices will be determined in the Spring, with fundraising efforts bringing down the cost of the tickets. The more we raise funds, the lower the cost of the tickets for everyone!

Grad Wear
Students will have the opportunity to order Class of 2027 gradwear following a design contest. **These purchases are all optional and individual.**

FUNDRAISING

To help bring down the costs of the dinner ticket, grad fundraisers will take place over the course of the year. Please keep your eyes and ears open as more information comes out in the fall. As noted earlier, the more we raise funds, the lower the cost of the tickets for everyone!

ESTIMATED SCHOOL-RELATED GRAD COSTS
GRAD DINNER TICKETS $80-100 / EACH
SAFE GRAD TICKET $15-25
GRAD PHOTO SITTING FEE $40
GRAD CAP & GOWN $35

ADDITIONAL CREDIT OPTIONS

Did you know that you can earn up to two additional credits outside of your regular courses through:

- Cultural exploration
- Volunteer hours
- Additional language studies
- Cadets
- Credit for employment

These options are a great way to recognize learning and experiences that happen beyond the classroom. For more information, please see Ms. Lough or Mr. Sorokowski

GRAD POWWOW

On **Thursday, May 27, 2027**, SJASD will hold a Divisional Grad Powwow. Students who have self-declared Indigenous identity will automatically be sent an invitation in the Spring.

SELF-DECLARATION

We encourage First Nations, Métis, and Inuit families to fill out their self-declaration forms as many opportunities, scholarships and experiences will come up over the year.

IMPORTANT NOTES

GRAD PHOTOS

Grad photos will be taken on **Thursday, February 4 and Friday, Februrary 5, 2027** (during exam week). There is a $40 sitting fee required due at the time of the photo shoot if you would like to order photos. Appointments are booked online approx. 1 month in advance. Retakes occur Friday, March 19, 2027.

STUDENTS WHO TURN 18

Once your child turns 18, the school can no longer legally communicate with parents about their school information. Students are called to the office after their 18th birthday and given the opportunity to provide consent for us to continue to communicate with you. *Please discuss this with them, as we believe parents and caregivers are instrumental to our partnership in helping students succeed!*

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

Students who require transcripts for post-secondary applications or scholarships will be able to request them in the fall. More info to come.

ALTERNATE GRADUATION PLAN

Students who have not met graduation requirements for June 2027 will work closely with school leadership, guidance and resource to develop an alternate graduation plan. Our team looks forward to work closely with families to help support the plans that will be developed. Students who are at risk of not graduating will be informed in January and February.