

Class of  
**2026**

# GRADUATION NEWSLETTER

April 2026

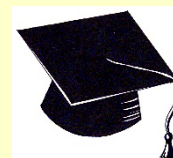
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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Graduation Dinner Ticket Sales** (Eventbrite)  
Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to  
Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- **Convocation Rehearsal**  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 1:30pm  
(in the gym)
- **Convocation**  
June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (RBC CC)  
8:30am - 11:00am
- **Graduation Dinner & Dance**  
June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (RBC CC)  
5:30pm - 9:00pm
- **Grand March** (prior to dinner)  
at 6:30pm
- **Safe Grad**  
June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (RBC CC)  
10:00pm - 3:00am  
Check-In between 9:00 pm  
and 10:00 pm.
- **Safe Grad Tickets**  
Parents will be selling Safe  
Grad tickets Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
to Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> during the  
lunch hour in the school's  
front foyer.

## It's Graduation Time...

As graduation is fast approaching, we are sending out a newsletter with information on important dates coming up in the next few months and reminders for any last-minute preparations for the big day.



## Cap and Gown Reminder

Cap and Gown fees were to be paid as part of your student fees, collected by Cash Online, in September. If you did not pay for your cap and gown, this is the last call for graduates to order their cap and gown to be worn at the Graduation Ceremony. It is important to note that all graduates attending the convocation must arrange for a rental gown in advance. The fee includes a gown, vee stole, a souvenir hat and tassel, and a professional photograph. Please visit School Cash Online at <https://sjsd.schoolcashonline.com/> to make your payment. If you are not attending the Graduation Ceremony, please see vice principal Ms. Tyler.

## Grad Credit Check Reminder

Students must complete 30 credits, including mandated provincial credits (e.g. Grade 12 English, Math, & PE). It is each student's responsibility to ensure that they have a minimum of 30 credits with all necessary graduation requirements.

School Counsellors will review individual credit checks according to students' last names: Ms. Blankenborg (A - C), Ms. Pope (D - K), Ms. Vermesse (L - Q), and Mr. Tackie (R - Z).

*Don't forget to bring your ID. All participants will be required to show a government-issued photo ID (driver's license or passport) when entering Safe Grad.*

## Safe Grad – Monday, June 29, 2026, 10:00 p.m.

York Ballroom – Main Floor – South Building  
RBC Convention Centre, 375 York Avenue

**Safe Grad Parents will be selling tickets the week of June 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> in the front foyer at the school.**

YOU MUST BRING COMPLETED GRAD, GUEST, AND MEDICAL FORMS BEFORE YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS. Safe Grad forms will be available in the office if you did not receive your paper copy. Please review all rules and regulations for Safe Grad.

Safe Grad is organized and supervised by the parents of graduating students and will be held at the Convention Centre following the dinner and dance. Manitoba Liquor Laws apply to Safe Grad – students must be 18 years of age to purchase alcohol. All participants will be required to show a government-issued photo ID (driver's license or passport) when entering Safe Grad. We expect that students conduct themselves appropriately, continuing to preserve our school's good reputation in the community.

### Check-In and Wrist-Banding

\* Participants must enter Safe Grad by 10:00 p.m.

\* Participants must be picked up by 3:00 a.m.

## Convocation Rehearsal – Friday, June 19, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

**Graduation rehearsal for all graduates will occur in the school gym.**

This is mandatory for all grads to attend. You will be given specific directions regarding the procession, seating and general procedures at the Graduation Ceremony.



*We advise you to download the paybyphone app on your phone if parking at a meter or [hangtag](#) app to pay at any Impark lot. Keep in mind that the Graduation Ceremony may exceed two hours.*

## Graduation Ceremony – Monday, June 29, 2026, 7:45 a.m.

**GRADUATING STUDENTS:** at 7:45 a.m., you must arrive at Hall "D" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, RBC Convention Centre, and report to the marshalling area. Grads who have not yet received their cap and gown will pick it up here. This is where the graduates will line up alphabetically for the processional.

Cap and Gown may be picked up on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the school. It is the responsibility of the grad to keep their cap and gown in good condition for convocation.

THERE WILL NOT BE STORAGE FOR BAGS, so please leave bags, purses, etc., at home or with parents to ensure security.

**PARENTS / GUESTS:** The Convocation Ceremony is in Hall "C," the City View Room, and begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Guests should arrive well before 8:30 a.m. as seating is unassigned (capacity 1500), and graduates are encouraged to invite guests. Parking is available in outdoor lots on York and Edmonton and underground at the RBC Convention Centre parkade. The Graduation Ceremony will conclude at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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## Graduation Dinner and Dance

Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with Grand March @ 6:30 p.m.

York Ballroom – Main Floor – South Building

RBC Convention Centre, 375 York Avenue

### Purchasing Tickets

Please visit the Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate website ([www.sjasd.ca/school/sturgeonheights](http://www.sjasd.ca/school/sturgeonheights)) for the link to Eventbrite ticket sales. There is no limit to the number of dinner tickets each grad may purchase. **Please order your tickets through Eventbrite from Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM to Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 PM, 2026.**

Tables are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis on the Interactive Map. This feature can help grads and their guests to choose a table close to the stage or near friends.

Tickets will NOT be available after June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**The ticket cost is \$90.00 each. EVERYONE ATTENDING THE DINNER, INCLUDING GRADUATES, MUST PURCHASE A TICKET.**

### Food Allergy/Vegetarian Meal Option

Please indicate if you prefer the vegetarian meal option and have any food allergies that the RBC Convention Centre needs to be aware of when purchasing your tickets on Eventbrite. If this step is not completed, you will be served the regular meat option.

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*Tables seat a maximum of 10 guests per table. Tables with fewer than ten guests will be seated with other guests.*

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### Some Things to Remember

RBC Convention Centre rules state that large bags and decorative canes such as those with top hats or other items perceived as potential weapons will not be allowed into the dining hall. Only purses are allowed into the dining room.

The graduation Dinner and Dance will be at the RBC Convention Centre, on the main floor of the South Building in the York Ballroom. The dining room doors will open at 5:30 p.m. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU BRING A PAPER OR ELECTRONIC COPY OF YOUR TICKETS! Assigned table numbers will be indicated on tickets.**

The Grand March will take place at 6:30 p.m. The Grand March is where all parents and guests are seated while the grads form a procession through the dining room. This is a perfect photo opportunity for family and friends. After the Grand March, at approximately 6:45 p.m., dinner will be served. Coffee, tea, and water are available at your table. A complimentary soft drink bar is also provided. The evening will proceed with speeches and a dance.

The Graduation Dinner and Dance will be alcohol-free as per school board policy. The Dinner and Dance will conclude at approximately 9:00 p.m. The school's responsibility will end at this time. The Convention Centre will not provide change rooms for students attending Safe Grad. The Convention Centre will require approximately 45-60 minutes to change the York Ballroom over to the Safe Grad event. Grads can enjoy the photo ops in the Lobby and check-in to receive their wristband for Safe Grad during this time.

## The Menu

(As selected by your student graduation committee):

### SALAD

#### ***Caesar Salad***

*Crostini, and Parmesan Crisp*

*(Dressing contains Anchovies)*

### ENTRÉE

#### ***Balsamic Glazed Chicken Breast***

*Cheddar and Chive Mashed Potatoes,*

*Baby Carrots and Broccolini*

### DESSERT

#### ***Volcano Chocolate Cake***

*with Mocha Cream*

### GLUTEN-FREE VEGAN ALTERNATIVE ENTRÉE

#### ***Miso Marinated Portobello Mushroom Carpaccio***

*with Bok Choy, Sweet Pepper, Wild Rice,*

#### **Alcohol-Free Event:**

As per school board policy, the Graduation Dinner and Dance will be alcohol free. The Dinner and Dance will conclude at approximately 9:00 p.m. The school's responsibility will end at this time.

