

## GRAD 2019 – FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

*It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end. –Ernest Hemingway*

### GRADUATION CLOSING CEREMONIES – WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019 – 9:30 A.M.

- This year's ceremony will be held at The Corral at Stampede Park.
- There will be no classes at HWW this day. The school will be closed.
- There is no limit to the number of guests that may attend, as there is more than adequate seating. Tickets are not required for admission to the ceremonies.
- Graduands are expected to be lining up behind the stage at the Corral by 9:00 a.m.
- Graduands are required to wear their gown, stole and cap, and will **not** be permitted to walk the stage without them (these will be distributed at the grad rehearsal).
- Graduation ceremony costs are covered by the Grad Fees students paid in September.
- A professional photographer will be taking a photo of each graduating student as they walk across the stage. Guests will **not** be allowed to leave their seats to take photos during the ceremony. Pictures can be taken on the weekend prior to the ceremony and on the morning before the ceremony commences.
- Grad gowns must be returned immediately after the ceremony. There will be no opportunity to take photos at this time.
- All graduands and guests are expected to stay for the duration of the ceremony. Expected completion time by 12:00 p.m.

### GRADUATION BANQUET – WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

- This year's banquet will be held at the BMO Centre (Round-up Centre) – **Hall B**, Stampede Park.
- Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the programme commencing at 6:45 p.m.
- The decorative theme at the BMO Centre is "Pathway to the Stars".
- All graduands, parents and family members are welcome.

### GRADUATION BANQUET TICKET SALES AND DISTRIBUTION TIMELINE

- Cost is \$95 per person. Payment methods are by cash or cheque to Ms. McKay (payable to Henry Wise Wood High School) or by debit/credit card through the Business Office (payment receipt must be attached to the order form).
- Ticket sales: April 2 to April 11, in room 320, during lunch and after school.
- The ticket order form is a 3-carbon copy form. **PRESS FIRMLY** when writing, and submit all three copies attached, with payment or receipt, according to the dates below. Tickets will be sold alphabetically by contact person's surname:

Tues. April 2	Wed. April 3	Thurs. April 4	Tues. April 9	Wed. April 10	Thurs. April 11
A – I	J – Q	R – Z	Anyone who missed their alphabetical day		

- Tables seat eight people. The banquet ticket order form may be submitted with less than a full table; however, other parties may be added to fill the table. There are a limited number of tables of ten available. Before planning for a table of ten, please confirm availability with Ms. McKay. If two or more graduands sit at the same table, only one order form is submitted with full payment for the entire table.
- The contact person, a graduand, is responsible for submitting the order form with payment for their entire group. If more than one table of friends and guests want to sit near each other, submit all ticket order forms together with the total payment for all tickets. The contact person must keep the receipt in order to pick up the tickets when they are distributed in May (date to be announced).
- On the order form, please indicate the type of meal that each person would like to have. Also, please list any allergies that guests at the table have.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- The first draft of the Grad List will be posted outside the main office on April 9, 2019. This list determines who is eligible to cross the stage at the Graduation Ceremony. Students should check this list regularly to ensure your name remains on the list.
- Students whose names are not on the list must see Mr. Barile in the main office.
- Students must be registered in courses that enable them to complete their specific program by June 2019.
- Completion of programs include: a High School Diploma (100 credits), a Certificate of Completion (80 credits), an ELL, ACCESS or PLP Program.

## GRADUATION REHEARSAL – WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 – PERIOD 4 – 2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- The rehearsal will be held in the King Gym to review procedures and rehearse the entrance and exit process at the Corral.
- **All grade 12 students must attend the rehearsal.**
- Grad gowns, stoles and caps will be distributed at the end of the rehearsal.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- **Valedictorian:** TBD
- **Class Historian:** TBD
- **Masters of Ceremonies:** TBD
- **Toast to Staff:** TBD
- **Giving Thanks:** TBD
- **Banquet Programme Cover Contest:** Kaitlin Laine/Victoria Melts

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Valedictorian:

- Application forms are available in the main office on February 25, 2019
- There is an information meeting at lunch, March 5, 2019 in room 114 with Ms. Mawer
- Applications are due March 14, 2019 by 3:30 p.m. to Ms. Mawer. Late entries will not be considered.
- Auditions will occur on March 20, 2019 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. in room 114

### Banquet Speakers:

- See the application form on the Wise Wood Website for the list of speakers
- Applications are available on February 25, 2019 at room 206 or in the main office
- Applications are due to Ms. Jones (room 206) by 3:30 p.m. on April 3, 2019
- Auditions will occur on April 8-11, 2019

## QUESTIONS?

- Contact Jennifer Jones at [jrjones@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:jrjones@cbe.ab.ca).