

GRAD 2019 – DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

The Grad 2019 Committee is currently in the early stages of planning for this year's Grad. The committee's primary responsibility involves the planning of the Graduation Banquet. The committee consists of the following staff members:

- Ms. Jones (Grad Committee Advisor)
- Ms. Belliveau (Grad Committee Advisor)
- Mr. Cancilla (Speech Coach)
- Ms. McKay (Banquet ticket sales and table designations)
- Ms. McGrath (Grad list, Programme preparation, ceremony organization and set up etc.)
- Ms. Mawer (Valedictorian Selection Committee)
- Ms. Renyk (Grad Video)
- Ms. Smith (Grad Gowns)
- Mr. Barile (Assistant Principal/Grad Advisor)

GRAD 2019 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following students will be representing the graduating Class of 2019:

Edwina C.	Clarissa F.	Fahreen M.	Nikhil S.
Sydney D.	Jennifer F.	Srushti P.	Edan S.
Janessa F.	Meadow H.	Shriya R.	Love U.
Noa F.	Quincci L.	Lavanya S.	

GRADUATION THEME

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

BANQUET PROGRAMME COVER CONTEST

The Grad 2019 Committee is looking for a Grade 12 Henry Wise Wood student to design the cover for the Banquet Programme. The successful submission will be awarded \$100.00 and the designer's name will be printed on the programme. The cover must reflect the graduation theme. Pick up an Information Sheet outside of room 206.

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

- This year's ceremony will be held at the Stampede Corral.
- There will be no classes at HWW this day. The school will be closed.
- Admission to the Graduation Closing Ceremonies is free. Parking fees will apply (more details to follow). All other costs associated with the ceremony are covered by the Grad fee students paid in September.
- There is no limit to the number of guests a graduand can invite to attend. Tickets will not be distributed as it is a large facility that can accommodate many people.
- 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.
- All graduands and guests are expected to stay for the duration of the ceremony.
- A graduation rehearsal will be held at the school on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019** (2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.) to review procedures and rehearse the entrance and exit process at the Corral. Attendance for all Grade 12 students is mandatory. Grad gowns, caps and stoles will be distributed at the end of the rehearsal.

GRADUATION BANQUET – WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019 – DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.

- The Graduation Banquet will be held at the BMO Centre with the programme commencing at 6:45 p.m.
- Tickets for the banquet can be purchased in April (more details to follow).
- Ticket prices have yet to be determined (approximately \$90-\$95/person).
- Graduands, families and close friends are invited to attend.
- All Grade 12 students in good standing are eligible to attend.
- Should there be a financial issue, please contact your student's Assistant Principal for assistance.

PARTICIPATION IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

To be eligible for participation in the Graduation Ceremonies, Grade 12 students **must**:

- Be registered in a program of courses that will enable them to obtain a minimum of 100 credits by the end of June 2019 and/or complete their program of studies. Eligible students will meet the Alberta Education Diploma requirements by June 2019 or demonstrate that they have an immediate plan for attainment of their Diploma. Students in ELL, ACCESS, and PLP are expected to have completed their 3-year program and/or have a teacher recommendation.
- Be a positive, contributing member of the Henry Wise Wood student body. Disciplinary issues or negative conduct may disqualify students from participating in the Closing Ceremonies and/or Graduation Banquet.
- Have paid all school fees and returned all outstanding textbooks and library books.
- Attend the graduation rehearsal held the Wednesday prior to the Graduation Ceremony.
- Confirm their name is on the grad list posted outside the main office during the month of March 2019.

Grade 12 students, who are **not** enrolled in classes second semester due to early completion, personal issues or extenuating circumstances, **must**:

- Get special permission from the principal to attend the ceremony. These students must also attend the rehearsal.
- Keep in contact with the Main Office or their Guidance Counsellor to be informed of dates and times for rehearsals and ceremonies. Grad information will be available online at <http://www.henrywisewood.com/graduation.html>.

Please note:

- Participation in the ceremonies is not an indication that the student will actually receive the Alberta Diploma. Official Diplomas are issued by Alberta Education upon completion of the Alberta requirements for a High School Diploma.

VALEDICTORIAN

The Graduating Class Valedictorian(s) are selected by a panel of judges (parents, teachers, students and Administration) that are reflective of the audience at the Graduation Ceremony. There could be one or two valedictorians depending on the candidates and the quality of speeches.

- Forms available in the main office **February 28, 2019**
- There is a meeting for all interested applicants on Tuesday **March 5, 2019 at lunch** in room 114.
- Applications are due on Thursday **March 14, 2019**. Late entries will not be considered.
- Auditions will occur after school on Wednesday **March 20, 2019** in room 114.

GRADUATION BANQUET SPEAKERS

- **Master(s) of Ceremonies** – The Master(s) of Ceremonies serve to keep the proceedings of the Graduation Banquet flowing smoothly. The Master(s) of Ceremonies will introduce and thank speakers, and will establish a rapport with the audience to lighten the mood of the evening. Additionally, the Master(s) of Ceremonies should be engaging and lively to keep the interest of the audience. Either an individual applicant or a pair of applicants will be selected.
- **Class Historian** – The Class Historian provides entertainment and insight at the Grad Banquet. The historian(s) will recap major events of the past three school years culminating in the high school experience of the graduating class. Major events at the school include sports activities, fundraisers, Fine Arts performances/presentations and any other notable happenings at Henry Wise Wood. Reference to the graduation theme should also be considered.
- **Giving Thanks** – Prior to dinner being served, a Grade 12 student will present a tribute of thankfulness.
- **Toast to Staff** – A Grade 12 student(s) will acknowledge and give thanks to the Henry Wise Wood High School staff.

Applications will be available in early March 2019 and auditions will occur in early April.