

GRAD 2026 – MARCH UPDATE

We are pleased to honour our Graduating Class of 2026 with a Graduation Ceremony and Banquet on **Friday, May 29, 2026** at the Grey Eagle Event Centre.

GRADUATION THEME

What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

— Dr. Jane Goodall

GRADUATION CEREMONY – FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 – 9:00 A.M-12:30 P.M.

Seating is limited at the Graduation Ceremony, and we expect to be at capacity. Physical tickets are required to enter the event. Detailed ticket information was reviewed during the March 13 Warrior Connect. Graduands can request up to three tickets for their guests (the graduand does not require a ticket). On March 13, a Google Form was opened for graduands to indicate the total number of tickets they would like to request. The link to the form is in the Grade 12 Grad D2L shell and on the main Henry Wise Wood page. It is also accessible through QR Codes posted throughout the school and can be accessed [here](#). This form must be submitted by students and requires them to be logged into their CBE Google account. Ceremony ticket requests must be completed by **April 16**. We kindly ask that graduands only request the number of tickets needed. Tickets not allotted will be redistributed through a lottery system to families requesting additional tickets. Ceremony tickets will be distributed during Warrior Connect in May. The Graduation Ceremony will be livestreamed.

GRADUATION BANQUET – FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 – 6:00-11:00 P.M.

Ticket cost is \$115 including GST. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the program will commence promptly at 6:30 p.m. Detailed ticket information was reviewed during March 13 Warrior Connect and can be found on the website and the Grade 12 Grad D2L Shell. The online ticketing program will be open for sales on Friday, **April 24** at 12:00 p.m. Ticket sales are on a first-come, first-served basis. We anticipate this event to sell out.

FEES

- All graduands must pay their graduation **ceremony** fees online through PowerSchool or in person at the Business Office - \$72.00. This fee includes:
 - Keepsake grad gown, stole, cap, and tassel
 - Ceremony Program and certificate keepsake
 - Ceremony room rental/venue booking expenses
 - Life Touch Composite
 - Printing expenses
- All fees must be paid in full to purchase banquet tickets. Please ensure all school fees have been paid by April 16, and outstanding textbooks and library books have been returned

PARTICIPATION IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

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

- Confirm student name is on the initial and subsequent graduation lists posted outside the main office. A finalized graduation list will be posted in early May
 - A student must be within 5 credits, or one component, of their credential to be deemed eligible to participate in the Graduation Ceremony
 - A student may not be on the graduation list for one or more of the following reasons:
 - A student is short credits
 - A student is missing one or more items from their credential and has not discussed a plan to complete them with their counsellor
 - A student is currently not passing one or more courses necessary to achieving their credential
- Be registered in courses that enable them to complete their specific program by June. Program completion may include:
 - A High School Diploma – 100 credits
 - A Certificate of High School Completion – 80 credits
 - An EAL, ACCESS or PLP program OR

- Demonstrate they have created a plan with their Guidance Counsellor/Assistant Principal for completion of their program by the end of August (95 credits completed by end of June, with enrollment in a 5 credit Summer School Course/online course)
- Be a positive, contributing member of the Henry Wise Wood student body. Disciplinary issues or negative conduct may disqualify students from participating in the Graduation Ceremony and/or Graduation Banquet
- Students whose names are not on the list must see Ms. Deneau in the main office
- 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 stay informed. Grad information will be available online at <https://henrywisewood.cbe.ab.ca/graduation>.

Please note:

- Participation in the ceremonies is not an indication that the student will receive the Alberta Diploma. Alberta Education issues official Diplomas upon completion of the Alberta requirements for a High School Diploma.

BANQUET SPEAKERS

Applications for banquet speaking roles are currently being accepted through the Grad 2026 D2L Shell. The following positions are open for audition:

- Master(s) of Ceremonies
- Class Historian
- Toast to the Staff
- Giving Thanks

GRAD REHEARSAL – WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026 – 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 Grey Eagle Event Centre
- **Attendance is mandatory for all Grade 12 students including students on Period 4 spares**
- Grad gowns, stoles, caps, and tassels will be distributed at the end of the rehearsal

MISCELLANEOUS

Ceremony Suggested Dress

- Graduands will be wearing burgundy gowns and white/grey/black stoles with hats and tassels
- This is a formal event, so please dress accordingly. Dress pants, dress shoes, shirts, dresses, skirts, and blouses are acceptable attire. Suit jackets are discouraged, as they may be too warm
- Wear comfortable shoes with low heels as walking up and down the stairs will be required. Do not bring a purse or other items that require carrying
- Free graduation dresses, suits, and personal care items are available through the GRADitude Project for Grade 12 students in need of grad attire. The GRADitude Project registration form can be completed here: <https://youthcentral.com/graditude/>

School Sponsored Graduation Events

- Please be reminded that there are only two school-sponsored events – the May 29, 2026 Graduation Ceremony and the Graduation Banquet. Aftergrad activities or graduating class trips are not sponsored nor promoted by the school.