

# Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School

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Dear Grads and Parents/Guardians:

We appreciate your patience as we have been working to develop plans for the upcoming commencement and evening program for Grad 2023. We are very excited to be able to honour our grade 12 students in a special and meaningful way to celebrate their hard-earned accomplishments. The grad advisors and student committee have been working hard to create memorable graduation ceremonies. Here are the current grad updates:

- **Grad List-** This list will be accessible on April 3rd via the grade 12 Google Classroom that all students and parents were invited to at the start of the school year. It will also be posted on the grad bulletin board in the lower common area. Please check this list to ensure that your graduation status is correct. All students will be listed by their 6 digit student identification number.
- **Grad Package-** The grad package contains a grad gown, a cap and tassel, a grad sash, and a grad 2023 commemorative glass mug. All these items are yours to keep! These packages will be available for pick up in May. (More information to come.)
- **Sunday, May 28.** Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School is so grateful that we have this opportunity to celebrate our graduating class in person at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

**10:00 am** - Grads arrive at Edmonton Convention Center and line up. Doors open to Guests for mass and commencement

## **11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Commencement Ceremony**

The ceremony will be livestreamed as well as recorded and shared with families. This will allow others to be able to share in the special moment with the graduates, perhaps even allowing more relatives and friends to watch each graduate cross the stage. There is also time provided between the two events for graduates to celebrate with their families and friends in whatever fashion their family chooses.

The Commencement Ceremony Program will include the following:

- Grad procession. Grads must arrive no later than 10:00 am for alphabetization.
- Full Sunday Mass celebrated by Father Jim Corrigan from OLPH Parish
- Formal Speeches including Valedictorian Speech
- Presentation of Certificates and Turning of Tassels

**\*Please note:** Out of respect for the event and the graduates, attendees, and presenters, no late entry or early exit will be permitted during Mass / Commencement. There are washrooms available inside the hall, so entrance and exit will not be allowed after the Mass / Commencement ceremony begins.

## **2:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Opportunity for Family Plans**

**7:00 pm - 12:00 am - Evening Program and Dance at Edmonton Convention Center** (Doors will open at 6:45 pm)

The evening portion will consist of a short program that starts at 8:00pm, followed by a dance. There will be bar service as well as a custom food concession featuring hot and cold menu items.

The Evening Program will include the following:

- Grad March. Grads must arrive no later than 7:30 pm for grad march organization.
- Toasts (to parents, to grads, to teachers)

➤ The ticket allotments for each graduate are as follows. Tickets will be available for purchase online and this will also include selecting your table for the evening.

- **6 tickets for the Commencement Ceremony- cost of \$10** (The graduate does not need a ticket for this event)
- **5 tickets for purchase for the Evening Program and Dance- cost of \$25** (the graduate plus 4 guests)

We understand that this limits some families as to who is able to attend this special event and completely understand your concern. However, there will be no extra tickets available for purchase above and beyond the allotments. We have been working with the staff at the Edmonton Convention Center to ensure that we have appropriate spacing for all guests attending the event as well as work within our overall capacity limits. This requires a balance of numbers equitable for all of our Graduates and members of their families.

### **Ticket Purchasing**

- **What:** Tickets will be purchased digitally for both parts of graduation (morning and evening), in **two separate forms** online.
- **Where:** Go to the PowerSchool parent portal, under Forms and Fees, then Student Fees, then choose the Grad's account. The forms will appear at the bottom in two distinct squares.
- **When:** Tickets will be sold starting **MONDAY, APRIL 17th at 9am until FRIDAY, MAY 5th at midnight.**
- **Why:** The digital platform allows for personal choice in terms of table selection in the evening. However, the facility may need to adjust table placement at their discretion.

\*Please note that grad tickets will only be sold to students with no outstanding school fees.

If you have any further questions, please do contact us at [abigrad@eics.ab.ca](mailto:abigrad@eics.ab.ca). The grad advisors meet weekly on Wednesdays and we will respond to your queries after spring break as we are able during our weekly meetings.

Sincerely,

ABJ Grad Advisors- Kalay Dumont, Michelle Gau, Tracey Hurtubise, Michelle Pope, and Shelly Tyrkalo