



Tuesday, May 30th, 2023

Dear Grade 12 Families,

We want to remind everyone that banquet tickets are only on sale until Friday! Information about ticket sales is below, as well as new information about grads submitting last words and a photo to be shared as they cross the stage at the ceremony.

Ceremony Form: Last Words and Baby Photo

The grad ceremony is soon approaching and we will need a few things to prepare for the ceremony. Please visit this link to fill out the form: <https://forms.office.com/r/xWq9FuZPeP> (students need to be logged in through school/district account to access).

The following will be submitted in the form:

- Last words: what will be read aloud as the graduate crosses the stage
- A baby photo. It is a Carson tradition to include your baby photo as part of the grad ceremony. This is separate from the baby photo you may have submitted to yearbook. Please have one ready to upload or send it to me directly through Teams.

This form is due on June 9th but please submit as soon as possible! See Mr. Kwan with any questions.

Graduation Banquet

Monday, June 26th at the Westin Bayshore from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Tickets will be on sale online through School Cash Online until June 2nd. The ticket price will be \$150 per ticket (including grads). There will be no restrictions on the quantity of ticket sales, and they are non-refundable.

Banquet table arrangements are organized by the Grad Committee and here is the step-by-step process:

- 1) Families purchase tickets online. Graduates are allowed to invite 'plus ones,' so there is no limit as to how many tickets each family purchases.
- 2) Graduates and family members decide who they will sit with. Tables each seat 8-10 guests. Groups smaller than this amount will be merged thoughtfully.
- 3) The graduate will then fill out a form with the **first and last name of each person** for whom a ticket was purchased for on their receipt. (*see attached form).
- 4) Seating with friends and family should be organized before coming in to pick up tickets. Graduates are encouraged to sit with their families.
- 5) Students must bring their **printed receipt as well as the attached form** to the ***area outside counselling*** to choose their seats and tables ***during tutorial*** starting Monday, June 5th, through to Friday, June 9th. Students must come with any peers they wish to sit with to select their tables and pick up their tickets.
- 6) Tables are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and require the submission of a paper receipt and a completed form.





On the day of the event, we ask that graduates gather in the lobby at 6:30pm for a photograph and that all guests be at their tables at 7:00 pm. The formal program includes speeches, dinner, and dancing. Please note that this is a dry event and that there is no alcohol permitted prior to arrival or during this event for all guests. Additionally, there are no in and out privileges or refunds for those not granted entry or asked to leave due to alcohol or substance use. Given that the Banquet is a school event, all Carson Graham Code of Conduct expectations apply. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Dinner will be a buffet with gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian, and dairy-free options. If any guests have a severe food allergy, please email [Suzette Dohm](mailto:Suzette.Dohm) so she can forward the information to the Bayshore.

Graduation/Convocation Ceremony

Tuesday, June 27th at the Orpheum Theatre at 7:00pm

Grads will need to be at the venue one hour before the ceremony begins wearing their gown as the gown is their ticket into the event. Grads will enter through the Granville Street entrance.

Guests will enter through the Smithe Street entrance. The entrance doors will open 30 minutes before the ceremony. Tickets for the event for all guests will go on sale online from May 15th to June 10th. Tickets will be \$10 each and can be purchased on [School Cash Online](#). There will be no restrictions on the number of tickets sold. Students need to bring their online receipt to the **area outside counselling** at lunch June 13th and June 14th to pick up a hard copy of tickets for the ceremony.

For the ceremony, tickets will be sold at the door for \$15 (cash only). If you have guests that need seating accommodations, please contact [Suzette Dohm](mailto:Suzette.Dohm).

Please note that for those families whose student accounts are not in good standing, graduates will be unable to pick up tickets. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have to [Jennifer Harman](mailto:Jennifer.Harman).

Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal

There will be a mandatory Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal on **Friday, June 16th at 11:00 am** in the large gym. Students will be called down to the large gym at 11:00 and any grade 12s with a study block need to make sure that they are in attendance. We will be reviewing very important details with the grads that will allow for the ceremony to run smoothly.

Caps and gowns will also be handed out at the rehearsal. All fees must be cleared on [School Cash Online](#) prior to students receiving their cap and gown. Caps & gowns are distributed early to ensure families have several opportunities to take pictures prior to grad.

Grads are asked to bring \$2 (or more) to the rehearsal towards a grad gift that will be given in their name.

Best Regards,

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