

Grad Rehearsal 2026

Grads, please share this information with your parent/guardian. Thank-you.

TICKETS

Ticket allocations for each grad are posted on the grad bulletin board. Share with your parents/guardians. If you requested more tickets than you have been allocated, there is still a chance that some could be available on the night of the ceremony. If you have been allocated more tickets than you need, please return them to the office when you receive them. You will be given your ceremony tickets when you pick up your cap and gown and other grad items on the dates below.

If you are returning tickets on the night of the ceremony, please plan to give them to Mrs. Chant in the gym by 6:00. Tickets received in the gym are to be distributed in the gym between 6:00 and 6:15.

TIMELINE

Monday – Tuesday, June 15 & 16: Pick-up of cap-and-gown, tickets, and other grad items in the counselling office from **11:36 – 12:16, and 3:11 – 4:00**. Submit clothing and other items for dry grad at lunch in the main hallway to dry grad volunteers. Items must be in a bag that can be labelled with your name.

Friday, June 19

GRADUATION CEREMONY

5:30 pm	Reception in Caledonia Gym for grads and guests
6:00 pm	Doors open for seating of guests at the REM Lee Theatre
6:15 pm	Grad class photo in Gym bleachers
6:25 pm	All guests leave the Gym. Guests with tickets head to the Lee Grads line up in the gym for the procession to the theatre
7:00 pm	Grad ceremony commences
8:45 pm	Recessional, grads return gowns and stolls at the entrance to the Lee

NAME FORMAT AND PRONUNCIATION

Grad names are to be announced during the ceremony by Mr. Hollett. If you have a special format you want for your name, or if you want to clarify the pronunciation of your name, please see Mr. Hollett by Thursday, June 18.

FEES AND FINES

Students who need to return items to the library or pay fines or bills in the school office are required to deal with these matters before their ceremony tickets and other grad items will be released. You will be notified if you have outstanding fees or fines to pay before pick up days. Please bring the receipt of your payment when you come to pick up your grad items.

GUESTS ARRIVING AT THE LEE THEATRE

When guests enter the theatre, there will be grad ushers in the lobby helping direct guests to their assigned seats. Guests will be asked to inform the ushers of their ticket row (letter) and seat (number). Depending on where your assigned seat is, you will be informed which stair case you should proceed up. Once in the theatre, Row A is closest to the stage, while Row U is at the back of the theatre near the projection booth. Small numbers on the tickets are on the side of the theatre closest to Caledonia.

Grads who indicated by the deadline for submission of forms that they have guests who use a wheelchair or have limited mobility (difficulty with stairs) are asked to inform those guests about being admitted to the theatre through the side door. Please have one of your party report to the lobby and ask to have the side door opened.

Guests may keep their tickets as souvenirs. There will be ushers in the theatre with a seating list and map for those having difficulty finding their seats. Guests arriving late will have to wait to take their assigned seats until after the staff entry and grad processional are finished.

Fire regulations require that no guests stand or sit in the aisles and that there be only one person per seat (no children in laps).

LIVE STREAM ACCESS:

The ceremony will be streamed on YouTube. The stream will go live prior to the start of the ceremony, so it is recommended that you “link in” to the stream prior to the start of the ceremony at 7:00. The stream will be found on the REM Lee channel. The link to the REM Lee channel is <https://www.youtube.com/@r.e.mleetheatre1594>

CEREMONY EXPECTATIONS

The ceremony commemorates your graduation and represents Caledonia to your parents, other guests, and our community. We require that you “remain with the group” for this evening to ensure that the ceremony runs smoothly.

Male grads are asked to wear pants, not shorts under their gown.

No student who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol on the night of the ceremony will be permitted to take part, nor will they be allowed to attend the dry grad celebration following the ceremony.

During the ceremony, silence your cel phone and put it away, or give it to your parent/guardian until the ceremony is over.

Seated on the stage, you will be seen and heard by the audience. Thank-you in advance for paying attention to the speakers, performers, and other aspects of the ceremony.

After receiving your graduation certificate by Mr. Axelson, and receiving congratulatory handshakes from the administrative team, please pause at centre stage and look out at the audience so that your family and guests can take a photo.

At the end of the ceremony, grads are dismissed first in a recessional. You will proceed up the stairs and out the front entrance where you will drop your gown and stole at the numbered pillar that corresponds to the number you have in your white envelope. Hand your gown, stole, and the return slip to the ushers at that drop station.

There will be busses transporting you to the arena for the dry-grad party. A parent committee member will be checking for your bracelet before you load the bus. You will not be allowed to take extra belongings with you on the bus.

RECLAIMING GRAD CAPS

Grads traditionally toss their caps at the end of the valedictorian's speech. Caps left in the Lee will be collected and brought to the school. You can claim your cap at school June 22 – June 24.

