

## GRAD 2025 – MARCH UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that we will be honouring our Graduating Class of 2025 with a Graduation Ceremony and Banquet on **Friday, May 30, 2025** at the Grey Eagle Event Centre.

## GRADUATION THEME

*Reach high, for stars lie hidden in you. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.*

— Rabindranath Tagore

## GRADUATION CEREMONY – FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025 - 9:00 A.M-12:30 P.M.

Seating is limited at the Graduating Ceremony and tickets are required to enter the event. Each graduating student is guaranteed three tickets for their guests (the graduand does not require a ticket). On March 7, all graduands will have the opportunity to indicate the total number of tickets they would like to request. This process will be completed via a Google form link located in the Grade 12 Grad D2L shell. Ceremony ticket requests must be completed by April 17. Tickets not allotted will be redistributed through a lottery system to families requesting more than the three guaranteed tickets.

## GRADUATION BANQUET – FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025 - 6:00-11:00 P.M.

Ticket cost is \$115 including GST. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the program commencing at 6:30 p.m. Detailed ticket information will be reviewed during March 7<sup>th</sup> Warrior Connect and can also be found on the website and the Grade 12 Grad D2L Shell. The online ticketing program will be open for sales on Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 a.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 - \$70. This fee includes:
  - Keepsake grad gown/stole/cap/tassel
  - Program and certificate
  - Ceremony room rental
- Please ensure all school fees have been paid by April 17 and outstanding textbooks and library books have been returned
- All fees must be paid in full to purchase banquet tickets

## 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 on April 14, 2025
  - 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 have 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 ELL, 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
- Have paid all school fees and returned all outstanding textbooks and library books
- Students whose names are not on the list must see Mr. Barile 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 actually 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 speakers will soon be available on the school website. The following positions are open for audition:

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

Applications are due **Wednesday, March 12**

**GRAD REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 - 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**
- Grad gowns, stoles, and caps 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 stairs will be required. Do not bring a purse or other items that require carrying

**School Sponsored Graduation Events**

- Please be reminded that there are only two school-sponsored events – the May 30, 2025 Graduation Ceremony and the Graduation Banquet. Aftergrad activities or graduating class trips are not sponsored nor promoted by the school.