

Henry Wise Wood High School - Home of Artists, Scholars and Champions
GRADUATION 2026
December Newsletter

The Grad 2026 Committee is currently in the early stages of planning for this year's Grad. The committee consists of the following staff members:

- Ms. Jones (Grad Committee Advisor)
- Ms. Belliveau (Grad Committee Advisor)
- Ms. Little (Grad Committee Advisor)
- Ms. Thompson (Grad Committee Advisor)
- Ms. Smyth (Principal/Grad Advisor)
- Ms. Deneau (Assistant Principal/Grad Advisor)
- Mr. Cancilla (Valedictorian Selection Committee, Speech Coach)
- Ms. Renyk (Grad Video)
- Main Office Staff (Grad list, Programme preparation, ceremony organization, set up etc.)

GRAD 2026 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following students represent the Graduating Class of 2026:

Ali A.	Zoe E.	Sofia I.	Ogo N.	Arianna T.
Lilith A.	Sidney E.	Kienna K.	Mohith S.	Jimmy Y.
Aydin A.	Sara H.	Karissa M.	David S.	
Santosh B.	Maya H.	Laiba M.	Shubhi S.	

GRADUATION THEME

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

— Jane Goodall

ARTWORK CONTEST

The Grad 2026 Committee is looking for a Grade 12 Henry Wise Wood student to design the artwork for Grad 2026. The successful submission is awarded \$100.00, and the designer's name will be printed on the artwork and displayed at the Graduation Banquet. The cover must reflect the graduation theme. Contest information is available on the school's website at <https://henrywisewood.cbe.ab.ca/graduation>.

GRADUATION CEREMONY – GREY EAGLE EVENT CENTRE – FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 – 9:00 A.M.

Graduands can request up to three guest tickets with the potential for additional tickets if availability permits. Graduands do not require a ticket. Graduands must request ceremony tickets via an online form, which will be available in the second semester. Please note, ceremony tickets are distributed during Warrior Connect in May, and physical tickets **are** required for admission to the ceremony. The Graduation Ceremony will be livestreamed. Further details will be announced as they become available.

GRADUATION BANQUET – GREY EAGLE EVENT CENTRE – FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

Banquet Ticket sales will take place in April. Please ensure all school fees are paid prior to ordering tickets in April. Detailed information will be shared in Semester 2.

VALEDICTORIAN

The Graduating Class Valedictorian(s) is/are selected by a panel of judges (teachers, students, and Administration) that are reflective of the audience at the Graduation Ceremony.

- Forms are available in the main office and on the school's website by Wednesday, **February 11, 2026**
- There is a meeting for all interested applicants on Wednesday, **February 18, 2026, at lunch** in room 102

- Applications are due on Wednesday **February 25, 2026**. Late entries will not be considered.
- Auditions will occur after school on Wednesday **March 4, 2026**, in room 102

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. **The initial graduation list is posted.** 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 of 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
- Have paid all school fees and returned all outstanding textbooks and library books
- Students whose names are not on the list must see Ms. Deneau in the main office
- Grade 12 students **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.

We look forward to honouring and celebrating our Henry Wise Wood High School Graduating Class of 2026. Further information will be provided in upcoming newsletter updates.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR GRAD 2026 INFORMATION?

Important grad information is communicated using a variety of platforms including the Wise Wood website, Grad 2026 D2L Shell, Instagram, Wednesday Warrior, School Messenger, student educbe email, and Warrior Connect. Stay informed to ensure requirements/requests are tended to and essential information is not missed. Please note grad gown heights were collected in Warrior Connect in November.