

Grad 2023
Application for Class Valedictorian

The Graduating Class Valedictorian(s) are selected by a panel of students, teachers and administrators as judges. The graduation committee has decided on the following quote by Anne Frank to guide the speeches:

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

This year the process and timeline will be as follows:

February 15

- ✓ Application forms are available in the Main Office

February 22

- ✓ Important meeting for all interested applicants at lunch in Room 102

March 1

- ✓ Submit the following to Mr. Cancilla by **email** (rwcancelilla@cbe.ab.ca)
***Late entries will not be considered.**
- ✓ Complete applications including:
 - introduction questions
 - valedictorian speech in written format
 - Please have your name and page number at the top of your application.
 - Please hand in one PDF document

March 8 Auditions

- ✓ Candidates will audition after school. Please show up to Room 102 promptly at 3:35 p.m.
- ✓ To maintain the integrity of the panel and the process all students are required to audition on March 8th.

The candidate must:

- be a member of the graduating class
- have an overall average of 80% or higher
- be comfortable speaking to a large audience
- demonstrate citizenship and contribution to the school and community

In your application, please provide a response to the following questions:

1. List your involvement in and outside of the school focusing on the academic and extracurricular roles you have established over your three years at Henry Wise Wood. This includes committee work, sports teams, clubs, community service, academic accomplishments and notable challenges.
2. Why do you want to be class valedictorian?
3. Why do you believe you will be an effective and successful valedictorian?

Please attend the meeting on **February 22** at lunch in Room 102. Questions and the expectations of the actual valedictorian speech and the competition details will be clarified. Good luck to everyone deserving and interested!

The following rubric will be used to assess your speech.

Content

- The idea(s)/topic(s) within the speech is/are interesting, engaging and thoughtful.
- The organization of the speech captures and holds our attention and brings a sense of appropriate closure.
- The speech considers and appeals to the entire audience.

Presentation

- There is effective engagement (eye contact, expression, voice projection) with the audience and confident fluency in the delivery of the speech.