

Graduation 2023 Information Booklet



Calgary Board
of Education

William Aberhart
High School

When & Where

Grad Ceremonies: Tuesday, May 23, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Grey Eagle Resort & Casino

**Grad Reception
& Dance:** Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm
Grey Eagle Resort & Casino

NOTE: The events described in this booklet are the only Graduation events sanctioned by William Aberhart High School. There will be no alcohol served.

After-Grad activities and parties are neither sponsored nor sanctioned by William Aberhart High School or the Calgary Board of Education.

INTRODUCTION

Well it's almost here at last - **Graduation!** No matter what your feelings are about this occasion, it is one you will remember for years to come. This booklet is designed to answer the questions you have and supply helpful hints to make your graduation more enjoyable. Further information will be presented at the Graduation Rehearsal on **Thursday, May 18th** during the period before lunch (period 1)

Expectations:

- Although it is graduation, all students are still held to the same expectations and standards outlined in the [Student Code of Conduct](#). Any individuals who violate these policies will be asked to leave the ceremony or reception.

GRADUATION COMMITTEE

<u>Grade 12 Reps:</u>		<u>Grade 11 Reps:</u>	<u>Staff Advisors</u>
Phy Armstrong Zoha Ayyaz Zaahira Bidmus Cindy Li	Aneeqa Nayyar Camila Rodriguez Nathan Yuan	Shana Fu Julia Martin	Ms. F. Hudda Ms. J. Lemay Mr. L. Marshall Ms. F. Spalding

GRAD GOWNS

The ceremony fee covers the cost of the graduation robe, cap & v-stole. These will be distributed in school a week before the Graduation Ceremony. Remember to bring it with you at the ceremony on May 23.

GRAD REHEARSAL

- The Grad Rehearsal will take place on Thursday, May 18 at 10:25am-11:42am, the period before lunch (period 1) in the Main Gymnasium.
- All Graduating Grade 12 students must attend this rehearsal in order to participate in the Graduation Ceremonies.

VALEDICTORIAN SELECTION

Information Meeting: Monday, March 13 in room 301

Tryouts: Tuesday April 11 and Wednesday, April 12
(after school)

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Who:	You, your family and friends.
When:	Tuesday, May 23, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Where:	Grey Eagle Resort & Casino
Cost:	\$65.00 per graduate. Every graduating student needs to pay the \$65.00 to attend the Graduation Ceremonies. Please pay online or at the Business Office.

Doors Open:

- The doors will open at 8:30am for the guests.

Seating:

- The venue holds 2400 people. Maximum of 4 guests for each graduating student + the graduating student.
- Seating for guests is on a first come, first served basis.
- Guests in need of special accommodation seating (e.g., wheelchair seating, limited step seating, etc.) should contact Ms. Lemay at jolemay@cbe.ab.ca, at least a week prior to the ceremony, to reserve a seat.

What to Wear:

- Grad gowns are worn over clothing. Gowns are warm and it is recommended that you dress lightly (but appropriately) underneath.
- It is recommended to wear a light colored blouse or dress or a skirt (not full length) with comfortable shoes or a shirt and tie, dress pants and dress shoes. Do not wear a suit jacket or blazer (gowns are warm).

Arrival Time and Line-Up Location:

- **Time:**
 - ◇ Students should arrive early enough to park and remember to bring your graduation gown, cap and v-stole.
 - Wear appropriate footwear that is practical and comfortable.
 - Gowns do not have pockets for cell phones or purses, etc.
- **Line-up Location:**
 - ◇ Report to the Marshalling area by 8:15 am sharp!
 - ◇ Go directly to your line-up area and check in with the teacher staff, at which time you will receive your Reader Card.
- **Notes:**
 - ◇ Leave purses, coats, and other valuables with family or friends since there will be no secure place in the line-up area to leave them during the ceremony.

Processional:

- Students will process in two lines of pairs and will be led by Faculty Marshals to their seats.
- During the presentation of the diplomas, avoid any comments or cheering that would embarrass the Graduates or his/her family. Applause is most appropriate at the end of the section.
Please do not throw confetti or other on the grounds.
- This is a special day for you so make it special for others too.
- The Graduates will be crossing the stage in alphabetical order.

Photography:

- Students will have two pictures taken at the ceremony by a professional photographer:
 - The first photo of you will be taken on the stage as you shake hands with Mr. Sagriotis; and the second photo as you exit the stage
- Students will receive information via e-mail as to how they can purchase their photographs.
- Questions regarding photography should be directed to LifeTouch.

RECEPTION & DANCE	
Who:	You, your date, parents, family.
When:	Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Where:	Grey Eagle Resort & Casino
Cost:	\$120.00 per person (including taxes; be sure to bring tickets)

Before Getting to the Reception & Dance:

- Make sure you have your tickets to attend the Graduation Reception & Dance.

Doors Open:

- The doors to the venue will open at 6:30 p.m. for all guests.

Expectations:

- Dressy wear; but not necessarily formal.
- This is a non-alcohol event.
- Certain things need no real mention; courtesy should always be shown; certain language is obviously unacceptable as is behavior like drunkenness or displays of affection that might embarrass others.
- The reception/dance is a school function and the same guidelines apply as if the dance were being held in the school. You are responsible for the conduct of your guests who are not Aberhart students.
- Smoking is not permitted in the reception area.

The Reception:

- The reception is a special event set aside for you and your guests.
- The food station will start at 7:30pm and close at 9:30pm. Get your food, walk around, take pictures, meet up with your family and friends.
- There will be no assigned seating at the reception. However there are a few tables and chairs available for those that need to sit and there will be multiple standing cocktail tables.
- There will be 5 food stations and a dessert bar available from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.
- There will be tea, coffee, and soft drinks.

Purchase your Reception and Dance Tickets:

- All Graduates attending the reception must purchase their own tickets. Maximum of 4 tickets per graduating student. After the initial purchase, additional tickets may be available.
- Cost: \$120.00 per person (including tax).
- Ticket purchases are for Grads and their guest(s) only. Tickets are NON TRANSFERABLE.
- Ticket sales will begin April 11 until April 18.
- Parents/Guardians will be able to purchase the Grad reception & dance tickets online on your [MyCBE Account](#).

Collecting your Reception & Dance Tickets:

- *Information will be shared with you soon.*

CONGRATULATIONS! FÉLICITATIONS! ¡FELICIDADES!

If this booklet failed to answer any of your questions, don't hesitate to ask any Grad Committee member for help.
And remember,

Please have a Safe Grad!