



# Kate Andrews High School

## Grad 2020 Information



Everyone at Kate Andrews High School looks forward to celebrating your high school graduation with you and your family! While this occasion is still many months away, the following information will help you plan for this event.

Please note: Many schools charge a Grad Fee, that is a flat fee to each student to cover the cost of facility rental, decorations, and other services that are used during the day of Grad. Kate Andrews does not charge a Grad Fee, as we fundraise through the vending machines in the lunch room to cover these costs. The only cost that is passed on to Grads and their families is the cost of the banquet tickets for each person's meal.

### There are two main activities for your graduation:

- The **Convocation and Awards Ceremony** at the College Drive Church. This is a formal ceremony to recognize the accomplishments of each graduate.
- The **Graduation Banquet** at the Coast Hotel. The evening activities provide a time for graduates to share and celebrate with their peers and families. There will be a banquet, program, and slide show production.

### There are four planning groups that work hard to make your graduation day outstanding:

- **KAHS Staff Grad Committee** consisting of Robyn Baraniecki, Kim Alexander, Kristy Darby.
- **KAHS Awards Committee** consisting of Arlene Arroyo, Ron Terakita, Mike Gibson, Jo-Anna Meurs and Kristy Darby.
- **Student Grad Committee** - these meetings are open to all grade 12 students and are held throughout the year starting in the spring.

### Important Dates: Mark Your Calendar!

Oct/Nov	Grad Hoodie purchases (if class desires)
Feb (Early)	Grad Tassel purchases (watch for more information)
Feb (Last Week in Feb.)	Grad photos with Lifetouch in drama room (Exact Dates TBA.)
Beginning in April	Student Grad Committee meetings begin
May 1 deadline	Baby pictures need to be brought into the office or emailed to <a href="mailto:robyn.baraniecki@pallisersd.ab.ca">robyn.baraniecki@pallisersd.ab.ca</a> (Pictures will be returned to students)
May 1 deadline	Eligibility for FNMI status at convocation
May 25- 29	Purchase Grad Banquet Tickets through School Cash Online. Tickets will be available at \$40 per ticket. A maximum of 8 tickets per grad.
June 9-11	Convocation ticket pick up at lunch hour in Room 212. <b>There is no cost for convocation tickets.</b> A maximum of 7 tickets per grad. <b>(This is so that family can be guaranteed a seat at the church.)</b>
June 24	Grad Rehearsal at College Drive Church. All grads must be in attendance.
June 25	Grad Convocation and Banquet

# Requirements for a High School Diploma:

To earn an Alberta High School Diploma a student must meet the following requirements:

***Earn a minimum of 100 credits, and***

***Complete and meet the standards of the following courses:***

- English 30-1 or 30-2
- Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
- One of: Mathematics 20-1, 20-2, or 20-3
- One of: Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20, or Physics 20
- Physical Education 10
- Career and Life Management (CALM)
- 10 Credits in any combination from Career and Technology Studies (CTS) or Fine Arts or Physical Education (beyond PE 10), Second Languages, or Registered Apprenticeship Program.
- 10 Credits in any 30-level course IN ADDITION to English 30-1 or 30-2 AND a 30-level Social Studies course. Courses may include Science 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Math 30-1, 30-2, or 30-3, Art 30, Drama 30, Music 30, Info Pro 30 modules, Com Tech 30 modules, Foods 30 modules, Fashion Studies 30 modules, French 30, Work Experience 35.
- The final 24 credits required can be from any combination of 20 and 30 level courses not already accounted for.



## Graduation Checklist

- All diploma requirements have been met.
- Grad photos with Lifetouch (Last week of FEB. Official Dates TBA). Online booking in the new year. \$40 sitting fee.
- Baby pictures have been submitted by May 1.
- Purchase Graduation Banquet tickets on School Cash Online from May 27- June 5 only. Printed receipt online will be the only issued tickets.
- Convocation tickets available for pickup June 89-11 at lunch hour in Room 212.
- Graduation Rehearsal. Wednesday, June 24 at 1:00pm.
- All fees have been paid and all textbooks are returned by June 24.
- Convocation and Awards Ceremony. Thursday, June 25 at 1:00pm. Doors open at 12:45pm. Graduates arrive at 12:15pm.
- Banquet Ceremony. Thursday, June 25 at 5:30pm. Graduates arrive at 5:15pm.

# CONVOCATION CEREMONY

## Graduation Convocation and Awards Info

Convocation tickets are free of charge, each grad will receive a maximum of 7 tickets (the graduate does not need a ticket) for their family and friends to attend the ceremony. Graduates must meet the requirements for an Alberta High School Diploma, have all school fees paid, and books returned to be able to participate.

Graduates will enter to be seated in the first few rows of the sanctuary seating.

Guest seating (family and friends) will be in the remaining sanctuary seating; seating is limited, so those with a convocation ticket will be seated first. Those without a ticket will be allowed in after ticket holders have been seated.

Lifetouch is the official photographer and will take pictures of each grad receiving his/her diploma. As a gift from Kate Andrews High School, the individual and group photographs will be provided to each graduate.

Parents/Guests are asked to remain seated during the convocation as there is no area available for personal photographs.

## **Graduation Convocation and Awards**

**College Drive Community Church**

**Thursday, June 25, 2019 @ 1:00pm**

Grads arrive @ 12:15pm

Doors open at 12:45

*Class*   
*Of*  
**2020**

**A Class of 2020 GROUP PHOTO will be taken prior to the ceremony inside the church sanctuary. Grads must be at the church no later than 12:15pm or will not be included in the class photo.**

**Each Grad will receive a copy of the group photo.**

## Convocation Ceremony

**Thursday, June 25 at College Drive Church**

*(2710 College Drive S, Lethbridge)*

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| <b>12:15pm</b> | Grads assemble for Class of 2020 photo                      |
| <b>12:45pm</b> | Doors open for seating for those with a convocation ticket. |
| <b>1:00pm</b>  | Convocation and Awards Ceremony begins                      |
| <b>3:00pm</b>  | Conclusion of Ceremony                                      |

## Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 24  
at College Drive Church  
@ 1pm sharp

All graduates must be in attendance.

usually takes just over an hour if everyone is on time.

# GRAD BANQUET

**Thursday June 25, 2019**

**Coast Hotel  
5:30pm**

**Grads must arrive by  
5:15pm**

## Assigned Seating

When you buy a ticket, you buy a seat at a table. Your assigned seats and table number will be indicated by seating charts displayed at the doors of the Coast Hotel. Due to limited space in the banquet room, we appreciate your understanding as we endeavor to accommodate all guests in a fair and equitable way.

## TICKETS

Banquet tickets will be sold through School Cash Online from **May 25-29 only** for **\$40 per ticket**. A maximum of 8 tickets per graduate are available for purchase (*this must include the graduate's ticket*).

**Anyone, including graduates, planning to attend the banquet, must purchase a ticket.**

If there are family circumstances which require additional tickets, please contact Ms. Alexander (Kimberly.alexander@pallisersd.ab.ca)

**Banquet tickets will not be printed.** Your ticket is your receipt from School Cash Online. You can bring your receipt with you, or we will also have a list printed, with table numbers at the ceremony.

When you purchase your tickets, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions, mobility restrictions (wheelchair), or special seating circumstances by emailing [kim.alexander@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:kim.alexander@pallisersd.ab.ca) no later than June 3rd.



## **Grad Banquet Ceremony**

- 5:15pm Grads must be in the basement banquet rooms to line up for entrance.
- 5:30pm Guests with purchased banquet tickets should be sitting at their assigned tables.
- 5:40pm Ceremony begins and grads enter in a grand march.
- 5:45pm Banquet dinner service begins
- 7:00pm Program begins (speeches and recognition)
- 9:00pm Program concludes

# Grad Portraits with Lifetouch



**Grad Portraits are in February (the end of February, dates are still being finalized with Lifetouch)**

Online signing up to book appointments will be available in the new year. Students should listen for announcements and watch the website/newsletter for booking to open. Sittings are booked directly through Lifetouch Photography at [www.lifetouch.ca/southernalberta](http://www.lifetouch.ca/southernalberta)

Sittings are 30 minutes with 18-20 proofs. These include all the traditional cap and gown portraits as well as 8-10 casual images done with a change of clothing, sports equipment, musical instrument, books, or whatever props (within reason – weapons or extremely large props are not permitted) students wish to bring to individualize their sitting.

A sitting fee of \$40 is required at the time of your appointment. Lifetouch accepts cheques, Visa, Mastercard, debit, and cash.

Each graduate must have a grad portrait done for the school composite, whether or not they intend to purchase a photo package. The sitting fee of \$40 is waived for those who will not be purchasing photos. In this case a quick 5 minute or less session will take place so that the grad will have a grad photo in the yearbook and in the composite for the portrait wall. If this is your wish, please let the office or Lifetouch know.

For the cap and gown portrait, it is mandatory that males wear a shirt and tie. Lifetouch will have some on hand, if you are unable to bring your own. It is recommended that females wear a scoop-neck top due to the V-neck of the gown.

Pictures will be taken at Kate Andrews High School in the drama room. If a grad is unhappy with their grad photos, Lifetouch will set up retake days at their studio in Lethbridge.

For more information, please call the Lifetouch Studio at 403-327-2658 or Kristy Darby at Kate Andrews High School at 403-345-3383.

## BABY PICTURES

As part of the slideshow presentation, a clear baby picture of each graduate must be brought to the office or emailed to [robyn.baraniecki@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:robyn.baraniecki@pallisersd.ab.ca) no later than May 1.

Please ensure baby pictures and emails include the graduate's name.

## Grad Gear

*Students should listen for announcements and watch social media and their email for further information regarding Grad Gear (i.e. hoodies, tassels, etc.)*

## FNMI Recognition

If your graduate qualifies for First Nations, Metis, or Inuit status, please contact the office or email [robyn.baraniecki@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:robyn.baraniecki@pallisersd.ab.ca) no later than May 1.