

## LAST Grad Synervice before Rehearsal & Ceremony

June 2024

Good evening graduates & families!

Mrs. Ronson here with one final message about our upcoming Grad Rehearsal & Graduation Ceremony happening this week.

\*Note that this message will also be emailed for you to review and posted to sjconline.ca under Student Services-> Grad Information.

1. Graduates are reminded that they **MUST** attend the Grad Rehearsal on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Sanderson Centre, beginning promptly at 9am and will be finished by noon at the latest.

A few important reminders about the rehearsal:

- (i) Absolutely ***no food or drinks*** are permitted in the Sanderson Centre auditorium. This includes reusable or travel drink containers.
- (ii) You do not have to dress up for rehearsal – comfy clothes are acceptable.
- (iii) Give yourself enough time to find and pay for parking around the Sanderson Centre so we can begin promptly at 9am. Credit card is the fastest and easiest way to pay for parking.
- (iv) Car pool if you can.
- (v) Students are asked to use the **'Heritage Hall' entrance** located off Darling Street to enter for rehearsal. You will see glass doors here and staff inside will direct you to the auditorium.

2. Now for the actual Graduation Ceremony happening on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Please listen carefully to the following:

(i) Graduates **MUST ARRIVE** for **6pm** and will enter by the 1<sup>st</sup> Entrance Door on Darling Street. Once inside they will make their way to the Rehearsal Hall to check in at the sign-in table, pick up their grad gown and stole and then make their way to the downstairs lobby to line up for their procession.

(ii) Graduates must remember to bring their **WHITE PASS** to enter the night of the ceremony.

(iii) Please ensure each of your 3 guests have their embossed **PINK GUEST PASS**. I cannot stress this enough – guests will not be permitted to enter the Sanderson Centre without a **PINK GUEST PASS**. We must adhere to the fire code regulations in place at the Sanderson Centre and we cannot allow someone to enter without a guest pass. We kindly ask that you respect the policies in place for this special event and bring your guest pass to enter.

(iv) All guests of the graduates will be required to enter through the Main Entrance doors located on Dalhousie Street. \*Note that this is different from the entrance the graduates will use. Doors will be open to guests at 6pm.

(v) Once inside, guests will make their way into the auditorium – there is no assigned seating once inside – it is first come first serve. However, guests are kindly asked to respect any reserved seating signs as these seats or areas are reserved for guests with accessibility concerns or staff working at the event.

(vi) Sanderson Centre attendants will be giving each family (not person) 2 copies of the evening's program. Please share your two copies amongst all family members in attendance. If there are any leftover copies of the program – they will be left in a basket near the doors to enter the auditorium.

(vii) The Graduation Ceremony will begin promptly at 7pm and will be approximately 2.5 hours in length. All guests and graduates are expected to remain the entire duration of the ceremony.

(viii) Grads may keep their green grad gown and stole. These will not be collected after the ceremony.

(ix) Finally, once the ceremony has completed, all guests and graduates must exit immediately as the Sanderson crew and St. John's staff will begin the clean-up to ensure we are out of the building by our contractual time.

Thank you and I will see you the graduates at rehearsal Wednesday morning 😊

