



WEST KILDONAN COLLEGIATE

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To the West Kildonan Collegiate Graduates/Families of 2020:

This letter is intended to provide finalized detailed information for graduates and families regarding the 2020 Convocation being held with two separate ceremonies on **Friday, September 11th at Rainbow Stage** in Kildonan Park. To adhere to public health guidelines, we have organized our graduates into two convocation cohorts.

Ceremony 1: 6:00 p.m. for grads in the following (TAG) Teacher Advisor groups:
Ms. Bui, Ms. Grouette, Mr. Henrich, Mr. Poworoznyk, Mr. Wallace

Ceremony 2: 8:00 p.m. for grads in the following (TAG) Teacher Advisor groups:
Mr. Brasca, Ms. Kammerlock, Mr. Gysel, Ms. Martin, Ms. Shapiro, Ms. Wilson

We anticipate the ceremony to last no longer than 1 hour. For us to do this safely and efficiently we need your cooperation; please note the following information:

Graduates need to come to the school on Wednesday, September 9th between 3:30 and 6:00 to pick up their Grad gown (cap if needed), Invitation tickets, and the required Covid-19 Health Screening forms. Please wait (socially distanced) behind the school gym until you are directed inside the gym.

Each Grad will receive a **maximum of 4 tickets** for parents/family guests as occupancy limits are strictly enforced.

Family groups and their child/graduate must **arrive together** for entry and **sit together** during the ceremony. Venue staff will assist with seating which will be arranged with an empty row and 4 open seats between family groups to maintain social distancing.

Each graduate and their family guests must complete and submit a **Rainbow Stage Covid-19 Health Screening declaration Form** before entry (see attached as there are restrictions as to who may not be allowed entry based on the questionnaire). This form must be **filled on the day of Convocation** and just prior to entering the venue. Completed forms will be submitted to staff as you enter.

The 6:00 group may begin arriving at 5:15 for entry. Entry will be through the front box office doors. Maintain at least 2 metres of social distancing in the park as you arrive/gather to enter. Have your completed Covid-19 Health Screening forms ready for submission. At the end of the ceremony grads will return their gowns as they exit with family immediately through the side doors. Be sure to avoid gathering/mixing with the second grad cohort arriving as you make your way home.

The 8:00 group should arrive no earlier than 6:30 and avoid gathering/mixing with the first cohort exiting the venue. Entry will be through the front box office doors. Maintain at least 2 metres of social distancing in the park as you arrive/gather to enter. Have your completed Covid-19 Health Screening forms ready for submission. At the end of the ceremony grads will return their gowns as they exit with family immediately through the side doors.

The Ceremony will consist of a few introductory welcomes, speeches and the Valedictorian address. Following this, each graduate (by TAG) will be called to line up socially distanced. Grads are then called individually to the stage as their citation is read aloud and to receive their well-earned diplomas from Mr. Kowalchuk. A photographer will be there to capture this moment and photos will be sent to families free of charge at a later date.

Manitoba Health has advised that non-medical masks can play a role in reducing the transmission of COVID-19. Wearing nonmedical masks is an additional personal practice that can help to prevent the infectious respiratory droplets of an unknowingly infected person (the wearer) from coming into contact with other people. With this advice we recommend that all attendees wear a mask as part of our approach in providing a healthy environment.

We are looking forward to this special day and continue to be grateful for the health and well-being of our families.

On behalf of the staff of West Kildonan Collegiate

Howard Kowalchuk