



## *Sir Winston Churchill High School Graduation 2026*

*Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>*

***This newsletter contains very important information about your Graduation Rehearsal, Ceremony and Reception. Please read ALL information!***

Sir Winston Churchill High School will be celebrating the Graduating Class of 2026 on **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. Graduation is a special rite of passage and we honour this occasion with a Graduation Ceremony in the morning. On **Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will be hosting a Graduation Prom in the evening.

In order to be eligible to participate in graduation activities, Grade 12 students must be registered in a program of courses that will enable them to complete the credits required to obtain an Alberta High School Diploma by the end of June 2026. Students who do not have the possibility of meeting these requirements, or who stop attending before completing these courses, **will not be eligible** to participate in the Graduation Ceremonies.

The Grad List is located in Student Services. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their name is on the Grad List by the deadline – **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. Graduation Fees are also due by April 8<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be sent home after this date to any student who will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. If your name does not appear on the list, please schedule an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor as soon as possible.

The minimum requirements for receiving an Alberta High School Diploma are:

- English 30-1 or 30-2
- Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
- Science 20 or 24 or Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 or Physics 20 or 10 credits in Science (Science 14 plus Science 10 completed)
- Math 20-1, 20-2 or 20-3
- Physical Education 10
- Career and Life Management
- 10 credits in CTS, Fine Arts, Second Languages or PE 20 or 30
- 10 credits in 30 level courses, in addition to English 30-1/-2 or Social Studies 30-1/-2

***Students should not assume that they will be allowed to participate in the Grad Ceremonies simply because they are in Grade 12. If you have any questions, please contact your Guidance Counsellor.***

### **Graduation Rehearsal:**

- There will be a mandatory Grad Rehearsal presentation for all graduating students on **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> during Period 1 (8:50 – 10:10 am).**
- Students will receive important information at this rehearsal about the Grad Ceremony and Reception and are required to attend.

### **Graduation Ceremony:**

- The Graduation Ceremony for Grad 2026 is on **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** at the University of Calgary – Jack Simpson Gymnasium.
- Students should arrive **no later** than 7:45 am to ensure that they are in alphabetical order and lined-up by 8:15 am. **The ceremony will begin promptly at 8:30 am.**
- Please note that the Ceremonies are almost 3 hours long and may be difficult for small children to sit through. No graduate will be allowed to leave until the Ceremony has ended and all guests are expected to be respectful and wait until the Ceremony has finished before leaving.
- All students participating in the Graduation Ceremony will be expected to wear a grad gown and cap with tassel.
- Grad gowns and caps will be distributed **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> after school** in the cafeteria. Students will need their Student ID card to pick up their gowns.
- The gowns will be collected immediately after the closing of the Graduation Ceremonies.

**\*\*Please note: Due to capacity concerns, all guests attending the Graduation Ceremonies MUST have a ticket. More information will be provided soon – please watch for updates.\*\***

More information about the Grad Ceremonies will be provided to students during the Grad Rehearsal.

### **Graduation Prom:**

This year, we will be holding the Graduation Prom at the Westin Hotel on the evening of Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. All graduating students and guests will require a ticket to attend the prom. The maximum number of tickets that Grads will be able to purchase is TWO (2). Tickets will be sold online through Rycor (PowerSchool) for \$115. This is a non-profit event. Please watch announcements for updates.

### **Schedule:**

Doors Open	7:00 pm
Dance	7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

**There will be appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks available at the Prom throughout the night.**

### **Purchasing Tickets:**

- The “first round” of ticket sales will be for all graduating students to purchase ONE ticket if they wish to attend the reception. **Tickets will be sold from Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.**
- The “second round” of ticket sales will be available for graduating students to purchase an extra ticket for a guest. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis until tickets run out. **Extra tickets will be sold from Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> (unless they sell out before May 20<sup>th</sup>).**

**Ticket will be sold through PowerSchool using Rycor. More information will be sent out to families in April about the process to purchase tickets.**

Students are encouraged to purchase their tickets during the FIRST ROUND of sales to avoid disappointment.

**\*\*Please note: This is not a sit-down dinner and banquet. It is a reception and dance for the Grads to enjoy with their peers.\*\***

### **Outstanding Fees**

- Only graduating students with NO OUTSTANDING FEES are eligible to purchase reception tickets. If you attempt to purchase tickets online and are restricted from doing so, please visit the Business Office.

### **Important:**

- **Tickets are non-refundable and no tickets will be sold after the May 20<sup>th</sup> deadline**
- Parking information will be shared at a later date
- The Grad Reception & Dance is a non-smoking and non-alcoholic event
- All bags and purses of SWC Grads and guests will be subject to a security check.
- Students and guests will not be allowed to leave and re-enter the banquet hall during the event.

**You MUST be on the guest list in order to gain entrance to the Graduation Prom. You CANNOT purchase a ticket at the door.**

**\*\*IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER ARE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE\*\***

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Grad Gown Measurements in Business Office: Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Grad List Deadline: Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Online Grad Reception & Dance Ticket Sales: Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Grad Rehearsal: Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> during Period 1 (8:50 – 10:10 am)
- Grad Gown and Cap Distribution: Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> after school
  
- **GRADUATION CEREMONY 2026: Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - Ceremony will begin promptly at 8:30 am. Please arrive no later than 7:45 am.
  - All Guests must have a ticket to attend.
  
- **GRADUATION Prom: Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**
  - Doors open at 7:00 pm. Dance will end at 11:00 pm.
  - All Graduates and Guest **MUST** have a ticket to attend.