

DVSS Graduation Information – June 2016

The DVSS Graduation will take place on Wednesday June 29th at 4 pm. It will be held at Redeemer University College (777 Garner Rd E, Ancaster).

Parking can be found behind Redeemer.

We are not handing out tickets for guests but kindly ask if possible, to keep guests to about four as seats are limited and we must seat our graduates as well. If there are any mobility issues for guests, please let Lisa Dupuis know ASAP (ldupuis@hwdsb.on.ca) and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please note, due to space limitations at Redeemer, large groups of people may not be seated together.

We ask that grads arrive at 2:45 pm so we have time to get them dressed in caps and gowns and get lined up in order - they will pick up their gowns then - there will be signs, but usually the grads go upstairs to the area (halls and classes) above the auditorium to get set up.

The ceremony starts at 4 pm and doors will open to the auditorium about 3:30 pm so we have time to prep the space for guests - there's seating in various lounge areas and Redeemer has some nice garden areas in which people are welcome to stroll.

Redeemer is air conditioned. Just a tip, there are some great sight lines in the balcony areas too that people often forget about.

We hope to be no longer that 2 hours, but are looking at about 270 potential graduates - perhaps a snack before for everyone might be helpful :)

There is no reception after the ceremony as most people prefer to go outside on the lawn for pictures and to mingle a bit before going off to their individual celebrations.

Once the ceremony is over (and after the family photos) we'll need our grads to return the V-stole (gold coloured piece that sits around their shoulders and down their backs) and in return, they'll get their diploma, etc.

Students will have to submit a "read aloud" that will be read on their behalf as they cross the stage to receive their diplomas - about 140 characters - often students refer to a favorite memory from high school, or say where they are headed next year, or thank people - it can be funny as long as it's appropriate. The form for the "read-aloud" can be found here: <http://goo.gl/forms/rX9JZ156c81aLnY13>

If there are any other questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Dupuis at: ldupuis@hwdsb.on.ca Enjoy the night!