



Commencement Information



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What is a Commencement?????

A commencement celebration is an opportunity to celebrate **every student in the Senior class** and their academic journey and achievements.

Every student will walk across the stage, while a two-sentence blurb written by the student is read out loud.

The purpose of the commencement is to celebrate Grade 12 students and speak to their transition into the next chapter of their education and career journey.



When and Where is Commencement?

June 28th 3pm

at the

Hamilton Convention
Centre



Ceremony officially starts at 3:00pm





Number of Guests

Each student can invite 6 guests to watch the commencement ceremony!

If you have a guest that requires accessibility accommodations please inform Ms. Craven.

If you want to have more guests' contact the school and we will try to accommodate you!

Cost of Commencement

We have yet to figure out the commencement fee.

However, we do know there is going to be a fee for the commencing students.

More details to come.



Caps and Gowns

- 🎓 Students are given caps and gowns before commencement
- 🎓 Students must **arrive** to commencement **dressed** in caps and gowns
- 🎓 Students keep caps and gowns, they do not need to be returned
- 🎓 Caps and gowns price is yet to be determined, update coming soon



Parking

You must pay for parking!

There are few onsite parking locations, but majority of parking spots are outside of the convention center.





Photographer



We ask that your guests remain in their seats during the ceremony as there is a professional photographer at the commencement who will be taking photos of students.

Accessibility

- The hall where the commencement is happening is **on street level**
- If you park underneath the convention center there is an elevator
- There is a ramp that students cross to get onto the stage

Slideshow Information

Every commencing student has been sent an email requesting photos for a slideshow that will be presented at Commencement.

These are the photos we want:

Baby/Childhood
Photos

Current Photo of
you **now**

Photos during
your years at
DVSS
(sports, events,
etc.)

Consent

By you sending in the photos, it means you consent to your photo being viewed and you have confirmed consent with any others in the photos.

If you send in photos with other people (not just your self) you must make sure you have **their consent** as well.

Grad Bio's

When you walk across the stage at commencement, a short, personalized blurb about you that you submit will be read.





Grad Bio Guidelines

- The bios are written in the **3rd person**.
- You can use humour, but it has to be **school appropriate**.
- The bios will be **proofread and possibly edited** for length/content/grammar.

Ms. Lawson and Ms. Warren are happy to help you if you aren't sure about what you've written!



What to Write in Your Bio

- **GRATITUDE + WHAT'S NEXT = LOVELY BIO :)**
- A) Write one sentence showing appreciation for your supporters: it's nice to start with parents/guardians/family, but you may wish to add a quick mention of friends/teachers/a school memory.
- B) Write one sentence sharing what's next

If you wish to not submit a bio, a variation of "DVSS staff wish *name* well in their future endeavours." will be read.



Examples

Jessie would like to thank their parents for their support over the past 14 years of school. Jessie will be attending Mohawk College for welding in September.

Sarah wants to give a shout out to the volleyball team and thank Ms. Davidson for all of the hours she put into coaching. Sarah will miss her fellow Gryphons, but is looking forward to a Gap year to figure out the next steps of her life's journey.



End of Presentation Reminder #1!!

Fill out the Grad Bio Form that will be sent to you following this presentation.

Due Date: Friday June 3rd

* If you need change or update your bio that can be done *after* June 1st



End of Presentation Reminder #2!!

Fill out the Commencement Guest Form that will be sent to you following this presentation.

Prom Update

If you have any questions regarding prom forms or other details, contact

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Quick Review

- Commencement Ceremony Details:
 - **Hamilton Convention Center**
 - **June 28th**
 - Ceremony starts at 3pm, commencing students arrive at 2pm
- **6 guests per person**
- Caps and gowns supplied before hand and commencing students arrive dressed
- More details about cost to come
- Please send in your photos for the slideshow!
- Fill out Grad Bio form by June 3rd
- Fill out Guest Form

Thank you!