

Class of 2023—Important Information

Commencement vs. Graduation

2023 Cohort vs. Potential Graduate

All grade 12 students who entered grade 9 in 2019 are known as the 2023 cohort or the Class of 2023. All grade 12 students of the 2023 cohort are eligible to participate in this year's Commencement Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, June 13 at The Grand Olympia Banquet Centre.

If you wish to participate in the ceremony, you must purchase a graduation gown—no students will be eligible to walk across the stage without a gown.

There may be students participating in the Commencement Ceremony who have not met all their diploma requirements—and that is ok. While we encourage you to complete everything before the end of the year to receive your diploma, some students may be returning to Glendale in September to complete these requirements. Because your courses are not yet complete, there will be no awards presented at the Commencement Ceremony, nor will they be included in the distributed program.

All the following requirements must be met in order to receive your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (which will be available for pick up in July):

- You must have earned a minimum of 26 credits by the end of semester 1
- You must be scheduled to take the remaining courses needed to complete the 18 compulsory credits and 12 optional credits for a total of 30 by mid-term semester 2
- You must have submitted documentation of 40 hours of community volunteer activities by May 1, 2023
- You must have successfully completed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy requirement or be scheduled to take the literacy course in semester 2.

We are very proud of the commencement ceremony we provide for the Glendale community. It takes countless hours of planning and preparation to run this event and requires funds as well.

As a result, there is a fee of **\$60** which covers the expenses of the following:

- grade 12 student breakfast
- gown, cap and tassel purchase
- Commencement Ceremony program
- tickets and invitations
- music and flowers for the ceremony
- ceremony facility rental
- post-ceremony reception

This price includes three guest tickets for each grade 12 student. However, this year, because we have moved the location of the commencement ceremony, the number of guests you want to bring is **unlimited**—you just need to pay \$5 for each additional ticket after the three already included. Should you be unable to pay the fee in full or part, please contact Ms. Miminis in the Student Services department or call 905-560-7343 ext. 4659.

Class of 2023 Checklist

Task	Due Date	Notes
Graduation photos appointment	March 6-10 & 20-24— bookmygrad.ca GLH	Booked online through Edge Imaging; need to have a grad photo taken to be included in the grad composite; placed in grad folder with diploma; sitting fee is \$35
Order grad gown and pay grad fee	April 1—April 21 last day—NO EXCEPTIONS!	A gown must be worn in order to participate in the ceremony; all payments must be made through school cash online \$60
Student survey, awards and scholarships—students will self-nominate through Form	April 11—April 30 CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR LINK!!	Grade 12 Student Survey and Awards profile forms are available through the HUB and will be sent via email—while everyone can participate in the ceremony, awards are only for students receiving an OSSD in June
Valedictorian nominations	April 5-12	Nomination forms will be available through Ms. Miminias—must be a student receiving their OSSD
Ticket sales for PROM	TBD	Tickets will be sold for \$80 through school cash online
Grade 12 assembly and breakfast	April 26—period 2	Assembly in the cafeteria for commencement info and valedictorian speeches; breakfast to follow
Valedictorian speeches and voting	April 26	Speeches will take place in the cafeteria and voting will take place in the main office at lunch after the speeches
40 hours of community involvement	May 1	All completed community involvement hours must be submitted to the Guidance Office
Prom Project	April 29	At Sir Winston Churchill; 9-4 pm; by appointment only—listen to announcements for more information
Commencement Ceremony	Tuesday, June 13 TIME: for students at 5 pm START TIME: for guests 6 pm	CEREMONY!! To be held at Grand Olympia—includes 3 guest tickets; additional tickets are available at \$5 each and can be purchased on April 26th in cash at the grad breakfast
PROM!!	Monday, June 26	PROM will be held at Waterfront Centre; Behaviour Expectations and Guest Contract