



Sherwood Secondary School

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Dear Sherwood Grade 12 Students:

April 24, 2023

Plans for our Commencement Ceremony are rapidly taking shape and I hope that this letter will provide you with the needed information to prepare for this important event. The arrangements for the day are outlined below.

There is a mandatory ceremony and gown fee of \$55 that is to be paid through School CashOnline. To ensure we have space for all participants to share this event, each student will receive up to **3 Commencement Ceremony tickets for guests, if needed.** Tickets are available for pick-up in the Guidance Office, beginning **Monday May 15th** (before and after school, during lunch and breaks between classes only). The fee must be paid before tickets can be picked up. **All tickets must be picked up by Friday May 26th.** No student will be denied entrance to the ceremony due to lack of finances. Privately let your Guidance Counsellor know if there is a need and we will help.

Due to the size of our Grade 12 cohort, additional tickets will not be available. The ceremony will be live streamed for those unable to attend.

- 1. Commencement is Wednesday June 7, 2023.** The ceremony will be held at Carmen's (see map on back of ticket for parking directions) at 3:30 p.m. Participating students should arrive at Carmen's **no later than 2:30 p.m.** When you arrive, report to the assigned waiting area. You **MUST** remain in the assigned waiting area until the procession begins.
- 2.** All grads crossing the stage must wear full graduation regalia (cap and gown). If you have not paid the \$55 fee through School Cashonline, you will need to place your gown order directly with Gaspard and pay for additional shipping costs (approximately \$25 - \$30). Please speak with Mr. Gocentas **before** ordering.
- 3. Students must pick up their gowns at the school on Monday June 5th or Tuesday June 6th.** Further details will be posted on the announcements closer to the date.
YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO BRING YOUR GOWN ENSEMBLE TO THE HALL.

The Commencement ceremony is a formal event. Thank you for honouring this significant celebration by wearing **appropriate attire**. Please leave purses and handbags with a family member or friend. Also, all phones must be on silent mode.

Information regarding diploma and transcript pick up will be communicated on the Sherwood website, www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood once available.

Please also note that the ceremony will last approximately 3 hours and we ask all graduates and guests stay for the entire time. We look forward to welcoming you at Carmen's for this very special occasion.

Yours truly,

W. Gillis
Principal