



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE
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Graduation 2018

Parent's Guide

Congratulations! Your son or daughter is graduating! This Parent's Guide has been assembled by parent volunteers to give you an overview of your child's Grad Activities at STMC.

This Guide will be uploaded to the STMC website –www.stmc.bc.ca. PLEASE NOTE – as dates and times are set for various events, these details will be included in the on-line Parent's Guide.

Each year a grad committee is formed by parents to organize activities for STMC Graduates. While this group of will serve as the central hub of organization, more ideas and volunteers are very welcome! The more parent involvement, the lighter the load and the better the experience for everyone! The following parents have volunteered to be on the grad committee and lead the various events:

Grad Committee:

Co-Chairs:

Sandy Shein & Pam Hackett

Treasurer:

Marika Wasaznik

Grad Mass Reception:

Teresa Yang & Aida Moniz

Grad Breakfast:

Shar Hayek & Laura Fridfinnson

Commencement Reception:

Sarah Cepeliauskas & Sue Lashmore

Pub Night:

Cheryl Chan

Dry Grad:

Cedric Vaz

GRAD ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

We strongly suggest that you mark these dates in your calendars!

GRAD MASS RECEPTION – THURSDAY MAY 24, 2018 @ 7:00PM

A Grad Mass will be held at Our Lady of Mercy at 7455 10th Avenue in Burnaby, (right behind STMC on the corner of 10th Ave and Kingsway). Directly after Mass, a reception will be held in the STMC cafeteria for all grads and their attending, where light refreshments will be served. It is a lovely ceremony that you are strongly encouraged to attend.

This event will be coordinated by grade 12 parents, (including the purchase of food, decoration, etc.), but will be run on the day by grade 11 parents so that grade 12 parents can enjoy the event with their grads. The Grad Committee funds this event.

TEAM LEADER: Teresa Yang & Aida Moniz

GRAD BREAKFAST – THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2018 @ 8:30AM

The Grad Breakfast is held in the STMC cafeteria and is open to all graduates and teachers. A scrumptious, catered breakfast is served. Graduates do not have to wear their uniforms but are asked to come dressed in 'dress-casual' attire – no jeans, sweatpants or shorts. Parents are not invited to this event.

This even will organized and run by the Grade 12 parents, (including organizing the caterer, decorating and serving). The Grad Committee funds this event

Team Leaders: Shar Hayek, Laura Fridfinnson

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018
@ 5PM

Commencement is the formal graduation ceremony, held at Massey Theatre in New Westminster. This is organized by STMC staff and not part of the grad committee's responsibilities. This is for all graduates, parents and families to come together and celebrate your child's official graduation. Each grad will be given 2 reserved tickets for seating. These can be used by any members of your family. Additional seats are available on a 'first-come, first served' basis (not reserved) and are located in the higher section of the theatre.

Massey Theatre: 735 Eight Ave. New Westminster. Parking is limited so we recommend that you leave enough time to secure parking.

The Grad Committee order and funds the Grad caps and tassels that serve as a keepsake for the graduates. We will be ordering these in May.

COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION – WEDNESDAY JUNE 27, 2018

Following the commencement ceremony, graduates and families are invited to a reception held in the STMC cafeteria. This reception represents the chance for people to socialize more informally after the formal program. This reception includes sweet and savoury snacks, and hot and cold drinks.

The Commencement reception will be coordinated by grade 12 parents, (including the purchase of food, decorations etc.), but is to be run by grade 11 (or other) parents so that grade 12 parents can enjoy the event with their graduates.

TEAM LEADER: Sarah Cepeliauskas & Sue Lashmore

GRAD DINNER & DANCE – THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018

This is organized by STMC staff and is not part of the grad committee's responsibilities. This is for all grads, parents and staff to come together and celebrate your child's graduation.

Date: Thursday, June 28th, 2018

Location: (to be confirmed)

Schedule:

6:00 – 6:30 – Reception

6:30 – 7:00 – Grand March

7:00 – 9:30 – Dinner Buffet

9:30 – 01:00 – Dancing

Tickets: Starting at \$110 (subject to change) per person attending, depending on date purchased. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of May and may be purchased through Mr. Muise. There is a limit on the number of tickets per student. Any student wishing to purchase more than five (5) tickets must see Mr. Muise to check for availability. Please note GRADUATES must purchase a ticket.

Table assignments: When students bring their money in to pay for their tickets, please let Mr. Muise know the names of the people attending and who they are sitting with. Students sometimes sit with their parents, sometimes with friends and parents sit as a group elsewhere. It is up to you! Any grad who does not tell Mr. Muise their table arrangements, will be put in tables by him. Tables' sizes are 7 to 12. Tables consisting of less than 7 people may have additional people added to them.

IMPORTANT NOTE **All bookings at the Hotel Vancouver are subject to change/cancellation until three months before the actual event, so it is possible that the date and/or the venue may change.

Parents purchase tickets for themselves and the Graduate(s).

DRY GRAD – THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH – FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2018

The Dry Grad is NOT a school-sponsored event. It is hosted by volunteer STMC parents. This event is coordinated by Grade 12 parents, (including booking venue, organizing food and party rentals, securing volunteers, etc.), but organization and supervision on the day of the event is handled by Gr. 11 parents.

The Dry Grad is an event organized by the Grad Committee to provide a safe and alcohol free party for the graduates to have fun and socialize with their fellow graduates. Dates are welcome to attend for a small fee of \$20.00. Dates must be approved by Mr. Garland in advance. The Grad Committee funds this event.

The Grad Committee hires buses to safely transport all graduates to the Dry Grad.

Location: 8 Rinks Complex - Burnaby
Time: Approx. 12:00am to _____ (END TIME STILL TO BE DETERMINED)

DRY GRAD CAPTAIN: Cedric Vaz

FUNDRAISING FOR GRAD EVENTS

Now for the fun part! As you can see by the events listed above grad is a special time with many events and activities...and expenses! In the past, it has involved a lot of fundraising. For the past two years, the PA has collected \$250.00 from each graduate to cover the majority of these expenses. This means we only need one really successful fundraiser!

We are planning to hold a Pub Night to bring together grad families and their friends and to raise the remainder for the funds. In past years, the Pub Night was a highlight for parents and raised upwards of \$15,000! We need a dynamic team to plan this event.

TEAM LEADER: Cheryl Chan

If you have an idea or a way to contribute – please let us know! Previous years STMC families involved with catering have donated or provided low cost food for the receptions and Dry Grad while other families provided a break for costs like tenting. Anything like this is very welcome and appreciated!

Please remember, any Grad activities and fundraising events are subject to change at this time and are subject to the approval of the STMC Administration.