



Grad 2025 Parent Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2025
6:00 pm
Bellerose Atrium



We know this is an important milestone in the lives of our Grade 12's and their families. Our Grad council has been working diligently to create a celebration that truly reflects what it means to 'Be Bellerose'. The day will be focused on celebrating our community, by honoring the past, celebrating the present, and embracing the future. We are certain that we have created a memorable graduation for our graduates and hope that all of our guests find moments of joy throughout the day.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION DATE/LOCATION

Saturday, June 14th, 2025

Time: *9:30 am

Edmonton Convention Centre (ECC)

Address: 9797 Jasper Ave, Edmonton

**Please note that the ceremony time has been adjusted to accommodate for the larger grad class.*

ABOUT THE BIG DAY

Graduation Commencement Ceremony:

The Grad Commencement Ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 14th from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm (+/-) at the Edmonton Convention Centre. Graduates are expected to arrive at ECC at 8:30am. **No tickets are required for the morning Commencement Ceremony**, and you are welcome to bring as many guests as you would like. This portion is general seating.

Orange Fountain Grad Video (optional) - June 14th

Alberta Legislature Grounds

10800 97 Ave NW, Edmonton

Orange Fountain on Location for Grad Video: 4:45pm

Group Photo on Legislature Stairs: 5:00pm

Graduation Banquet and Dance:

Doors open at 5:30 pm, and the Banquet begins at *6:30 pm. Grads will be lining up for the Grand March at 6:10 pm. **Tickets are required for the Banquet and Dance.** There is no limit on the number of tickets purchased. **There are NO refunds after tickets are purchased, so, please be certain of your numbers. If you are unsure if a guest can attend, it is best to hold off on purchasing that ticket at the initial ticket sales.**

Following the Grand March and dinner, the evening program will continue with speeches, grad video and then the dance.

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GRAD BANQUET TICKETS

Grad tickets go on sale **May 13th & 14th** after school. On May 9th, a Grad list (by student ID #) will be posted at the Front Office with all Grade 12 students listed - each student is drawn a random number that indicates which day they can purchase tickets.

Tables seat 8-10 guests per table. ECC will let us squeeze 11 if needed. Groups more than 11 guests will be seated at 2 tables. If you have fewer than 8 guests, it is likely you will be seated with another family.

Ticket cost is \$110/ticket. Each person attending this portion of the event, requires a ticket (including the Grad). A child ticket is

available at a reduced cost (\$30) for any child 12 & under and will be served a child meal. **Banquet tickets are non-refundable.**

Ticket sales will be after school in the Front Atrium/Office area as follows:

- **#1 - 192** - May 13 - starting at 2:30 pm
- **#193 - 384** - May 14 - starting at 1:00 pm

Students/parents will be called into the office in groups of 5-7 by random draw order number. Once called in, you will be able to select your table, identify any dietary restrictions and make the payment. Tickets must be paid in full at the time of table selection. We can not hold any seats.

****All outstanding fees must be paid in full and any overdue library books/textbooks must be returned, before banquet tickets can be purchased. Any accounts with an outstanding balance prior to the random draw, will automatically be assigned a random number greater than 192 (day 2 of Grad banquet ticket sales).****

If a student/parent misses their times or would like to purchase additional tickets, tickets will be available for purchase during lunch, in the Front Office from May 15th to May 29th. Tickets will need to be presented at the door for entrance into the Grad Banquet on June 14, 2025. Cash, cheques, debit cards and credit cards will be accepted.

The last day to purchase tickets will be **THURSDAY, MAY 29TH.**

GRADUATION CEREMONY REHEARSAL

There is a Mandatory Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal at **lunch on Friday, June 13th**. The rehearsal will take place here at Bellerose. Every Graduate walking the stage is required to attend. During the rehearsal, a walk through of the event will take place, important information will be discussed and Grad gowns will be handed out. Students, please make arrangements now to be available for this rehearsal.

GRAD GOWNS

Grads will be able to pick up their grad gowns from the school during our **mandatory rehearsal** on Friday, June 13th. Grads must bring or wear their cap, gown and stole to the ceremony. Grad gowns and stoles must be returned immediately following the morning commencement ceremony. Drop off site is the COAT check just outside hall A by the side of the escalator. A fee of \$140.00 will be assessed for gowns lost or not returned.

SPEAKER NOMINATIONS

Please remind your Grads that the deadline for the nominations of banquet speakers is May 5th at 9:00pm. Voting will occur on Thursday, May 8th and Friday, May 9th.

Nominations include: Toast to the Parents & Reply, and Toast to the Staff & Reply.

GRAD BABY PHOTOS

Grad baby photos should be submitted to the [Grad Baby Photo Form](#). **The deadline is Friday, April 11th.**

GRAD PHOTOS & VIDEO

We hope that all students have had the opportunity to have their graduation portrait taken. We ask that all grads have their photo taken, even if they don't plan to attend the grad. ***Note: Pictures taken by other photographers will not be accepted for the yearbook or composite or if you have chosen not to have a picture taken at all.***

Retakes: April 1-3, 2025

Graduation Portrait Contact Information

Smart Photography
#5 10121 82 Ave
Edmonton AB T6E 1Z5
T. 780.944.0800 / E. info@smartphotography.ca

COMMENCEMENT FEE

If you have not already done so your student's \$110 commencement fee can be paid on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. The commencement fee is used to cover the cost of such things as grad gown rental, caps, tassels, stoles, diploma covers, diplomas, programs and printing, the rental of the venue for the morning commencement, audio/visual recordings of the event, decorations, and the list goes on.

GRAD FUNDRAISING

The grads have done an outstanding job with fundraising this year with **over \$7325** in profits and are not done yet, THANK YOU! Thank you to all of you that participated in our many fundraisers.

Current Fundraiser:

Indeygo Fundraising (Cookie Dough). We are raising dough with Indeygo. Each pouch of the scoop and bake dough makes 48 cookies and is available in 11 flavors.

Deadline to order: Friday, April 11, 2025

Order delivery: Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Future Fundraising:

Salisbury Greenhouse Gift Cards (The Enjoy Centre). These gift cards make great gifts for Mothers Day, their classes they offer or your very own outdoor plants. The cards are available in \$25, 50, 100 & 250 denominations.

Fundraiser starts: April 14, 2025

Deadline to order: May 1, 2025

Order Pick up: May 9, 2025

Year Long Fundraisers:

Bottle Depot - Campbell Park Bottle Depot - drop off your empties and let the bottle depot know you would like to support the Bellerose Graduating Class of 2025.

Viva Tan Beauty Boutique - \$5 from every spray tan will be donated back to the Grad class

Boston Pizza - Bring any Northern Alberta Boston Pizza original receipt to the school and the graduating class will receive 5% of pre-tax receipt amounts.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1-3 - Grad Photo Retakes

April 11 - Baby Photos Due

April 11 - Deadline to submit Cookie Dough order forms

April 11 - Senior Shirt Day & Rock, paper, scissors, BEADS??

April 14 - Salisbury Greenhouse Fundraiser Begins

April 29 - Cookie Dough pick up

May 1 - Salisbury Greenhouse Fundraiser due

May 2 - B-Town Chow Down

May 5 - Banquet Speaker Nominations due

May 8 - Senior Sunset

May 9 - Graduation Ticket Sales Random Draw Posted

May 9 - Salisbury Fundraiser Orders Arrive

May 13 - Graduation Banquet Ticket Sales - #1-192

May 14 - Graduation Banquet Ticket Sales - #193-384

May 15 - Grad Yearbook Notes or Quote due

May 15 - Finalized Grad List (all academic requirements due)

May 29 - Last day to purchase Grad Banquet Tickets

June 13 - Mandatory Grad Rehearsal at Lunch

June 3-6 - Grad Activity Week

June 6 - Year End BBQ