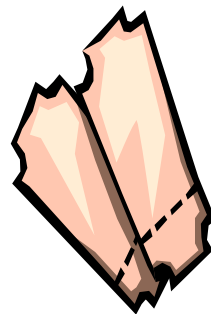


This newsletter summarizes information shared with graduates who attended the graduation ceremony rehearsal on Thursday, June 1, 2017.

Graduation Ceremony Tickets:

Each graduate who has met all graduation requirements (including 40 community service hours, required credits and settled all accounts with the school [including \$ owing, books owing, etc.]) and paid the graduation ceremony fees will receive their grad ceremony invitation along with **2 or 3 guest tickets** (*hopefully 3*) when they pick up their gown (see below). Each guest attending the ceremony will require one ticket to be admitted to the ceremony (regardless of age). Lost tickets will not be replaced. Siblings of this year's graduates who signed up to work as ushers at the ceremony will not require a ticket. There are **no other/extra tickets available** for the ceremony. Graduates or their parents must pick up the graduation tickets at the gown pick up times indicated below.



Grad Gown Pick Up: June 27 and June 28, 2017

Gowns will be distributed at the school prior to the ceremony. Graduates are asked to pick up their own gowns from the **IB Office (room 113)** on **Tuesday, June 27 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.** **OR Wednesday, June 28 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.** Each graduate is responsible for picking up their own gown during one of the listed times, hanging the gown in advance to remove any creases, keeping the gown clean, and bringing it to the ceremony on the night of Wednesday, June 28. If someone else is picking up the graduate's gown and tickets, the person must have a written note from the graduate (detailing who is allowed to pick up their gown and tickets and signed by the graduating student).



Graduation Ceremony: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at Burlington Convention Centre

The graduation ceremony will be held at **Burlington Convention Centre, 1120 Burloak Drive, Burlington.** **Graduates are to arrive by 5:45 p.m.** and report to the **Tyandaga Board Room** (2nd floor). Guests and family members are to wait outside

before and after the ceremony; please do not wait in the foyer before or after the ceremony. The designated doors to the hall will open around 6:20 p.m. Guest seating will be located in the centre aisles behind the graduates. Seating for guests is on a first-come basis (one seat per person per ticket). Contact Miss Rolland for any handicapped seating requests for guests before Friday, June 23. All who will be attending the graduation ceremony are reminded that **NO FOOD or DRINK** may be brought into the hall. Photography will be permitted from the side aisles in the designated areas during diploma distribution portion of the ceremony. Guests are to ensure the aisles are clear to allow movement of graduates during the diploma distribution —please do not block anyone else's view or the flow of graduates during the ceremony.



Parking at Burlington Convention Centre (BCC):

There will be limited parking in the BCC parking lot due to construction on their site. Three other parking lots will also be available:

- 1100 Burloak Drive (access off Burloak Drive)
- 5575 North Service Road (access off North Service Road)
- 5500 North Service Road (access off North Service Road)

What to Wear Under the Grad Gown to the Graduation Ceremony:

Graduates will be wearing a **blue** grad gown (similar to what you wore for the grad photos in April) during the ceremony that will cover the graduate from shoulders to knees with a small opening at the neck. Friends and family will see the graduate's **FACE, NECK AND FEET** as they go to the front to receive your diploma from the Principal. Wear **comfortable dress shoes**. For your best appearance,

- **ladies** should consider wearing a **white-collared shirt** below their gown or an open-necked top (just like at the photos in February).
- **gentlemen** are asked to wear a **tie with a white collared shirt and dress pants**.

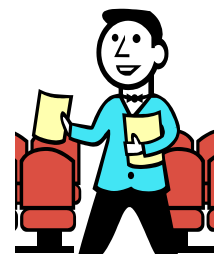
Remember it will probably be very warm--**wear cool and comfortable clothing (e.g. short sleeves)**. Graduates are not to carry any other items with them during the ceremony (except the flowers provided to you). Leave your personal belongings (jackets, purses, MP3s, cell phones, etc.) with your families before checking in at the Tyandaga Board Room.

After the Ceremony:

Family members are asked to wait for their graduates in the main hall or the foyer or outside. Graduates will have time to take all photos with family and friends in the hall. After the ceremony, graduates are to report back to the **Tyandaga Board Room** (2nd floor) to pick up their diplomas, composite photos, etc. Graduates are to **TAKE** their grad gown with them after the ceremony. All SHSM and IB candidates must return the stoles.

Student Ushers:

Student ushers are siblings of this year's 2017 graduates. A sibling can be either a current STA student or a recent STA graduate. Student usher duties may include: helping with ticket collection, distributing ceremony programs, and other duties as needed prior to, during and after the ceremony. Thank you to all the students who volunteered for this year. All student ushers are to report to the **Tyandaga Board Room** on June 28 along with their graduating sibling(s) **at 5:45 p.m.** They will stand at the back of the hall once the ceremony begins. Student ushers will not require a ticket to attend the ceremony (freeing one ticket for other family members). Dress code for student ushers is school uniform OR dressed up civvies (with comfortable shoes for walking around). Student ushers will be contacted by Mrs. Leggat by June 19 to confirm their roles.



Congratulations Class of 2017!