

Centennial High School Graduation 2026 Information Package

Graduation Ceremony and Banquet
May 15, 2026



INTRODUCTION

This booklet has been designed to help you and your parents/guardians prepare for the events of graduation. Most of you already know the basic rules of etiquette; however, you may want to use this booklet as a guide or reference. Its purpose is to help, advise and most importantly, contribute to making your graduation one of the most memorable events in your life. Please share this information with your parents/guardians. Note, all communication related to graduation (ceremony and banquet) will be communicated to students during Period 2 classes and then posted to our school website. Should you have a spare during Period 2, please go to the Learning Commons to receive information during the designated classes to receive graduation information.

GRADUATION VOCABULARY

Ceremony:	The graduation exercises at Centennial High School are for the purpose of officially recognizing your twelve years of public school education.
Graduand:	A student who is about to graduate.
Processional:	The process of entering the graduation venue.
Recessional:	The process of exiting the graduation venue.

GRADUATION PHOTOS: ONLINE BOOKING PROCESS

Graduands can start booking their appointments and secure a spot by simply clicking on the link below. **Just pick Alberta and Calgary on the Province and City drop down** and Centennial High School is on that list.

<https://prestigeportraits.ca/>

GRADUATION CEREMONY (MORNING EVENT)

The ceremony is an important part of your graduation. This is an event in which your family, friends, teachers, peers and community will formally recognize and celebrate your success. It takes place in the designated ceremony and banquet location at **Grey Eagle Event Centre on Friday, May 15, 2026 at 9:00am** **There will be an initial limit of 3 free guest tickets per graduate, with the potential of more available once we do our initial round of ticketing and see how many tickets were claimed.** In addition to the live event, we will be working with Grey Eagle Event Centre to livestream the event again this year. This has proven to be a wonderful way for families and friends to view this incredible event.

GRADUATION ACADEMIC GOWNS

Graduands will be picking up their gowns on **Thursday, May 7, 2026 at school at the end of the Grad Rehearsal** at Centennial High School. Students will receive their gowns, v-stoles and their caps at this time. It is imperative that students bring their gowns, v-stoles and caps to the ceremony itself on Friday, May 15. PLEASE NOTE: the cap is included as part of the Graduation fee and yours to keep. Academic gowns and v-stoles are to be returned **immediately after the ceremony**. In the event the gown is not returned on time, students will be responsible to return their gowns to Gaspards at their own expense (\$100 shipping fee).

CEREMONY ATTIRE

A dress, dress pants with shirt and tie or blouse, or skirt and blouse can be worn under the grad gown. Long dresses are not appropriate at the exercises, as this is an academic occasion. Corsages are not worn on grad gowns. Dress shoes should be comfortable for walking across the stage.

Graduands will not be permitted to take purses, hats, cameras, cell phones or other items into the ceremony. Students will not have access to lockers. Please leave these items with family or friends to avoid having to leave them behind in the gowning area. The school will not assume responsibility for the security of any student's personal items.

THE GRAD LIST

Students must be on the Centennial High School Graduation List to take part in the ceremony. The list will be posted outside of the T-Wing Guidance Office on **Monday, April 6, 2026**. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they are on the list and that their name is spelled correctly. Students must see their counselor to make any changes prior to **April 20, 2026**. The final Graduation List will be posted at the end day **April 23, 2026**, after which time no changes will be made.

PHOTOGRAPHS

At the stage, a professional photographer from Lifetouch will be taking photographs of each student. A complimentary 5x7 handshake photograph will be provided and additional copies may be purchased online. Look for details on how to acquire these photos on our school website under Graduation.

Guests are requested not to interrupt the ceremony by coming to the front to take pictures. This disturbs the audience and prevents others from seeing and hearing their graduands name being called. If friends and family wish to take pictures, they are asked to do so from their seat.

MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Thursday, May 7 (Block 4, Period 3 - 2:11pm - 3:35pm)

It is very important that all graduands participating in the ceremony be at the rehearsal (in our gym) to learn the procedures for the processional/recessional, as well as any last minute details.

CEREMONY TICKET INFORMATION

- Tickets for the May 15 Graduation Ceremony will become available **Monday, April 6 at 9:00am through to Friday, April 17 at 2:00pm**, and if available, a second round of tickets will go live on **Monday, April 20 at 9:00am-Friday, April 24 at 2:00pm**

- All ticket sales will be completed online on our Centennial website through a third party vendor. More information regarding the process for acquiring tickets will be sent out via school messenger and posted on our school website. In addition, detailed steps are included later in this booklet
- Tickets are required for ALL GUESTS (they will need their ticket to gain entrance to the Grey Eagle Event Centre to attend the Graduation Ceremony)
- Students who are crossing the stage DO NOT require a ticket
- Graduation Ceremony tickets are **FREE**
- Again, tickets are required only for GUESTS of the Graduands

The ceremony program includes a processional, during which graduands and guests enter the designated ceremony location in the building in their academic gowns while the audience stands to receive them. Each graduand crosses the stage to receive a certificate and congratulations from the Principal. Lifetouch takes a picture of the graduand as they receive their certificate. These pictures will be available on the Lifetouch website after the ceremony, the cost of which is included in student Grad fees (expanded packages will be available for purchase).

Parking at Grey Eagle Event Centre is free and is available to the south and west of the main facility.

On the day of graduation, please pay attention to the signage that will direct students to the staging area and guests to the ceremony location at Grey Eagle Event Centre. Graduands should be at the staging area at 8:15am. Students will then proceed to be lined up by Staff Marshalls.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING GRADUATION CEREMONY TICKETS

Grad Ceremony tickets will be made available through the online ticketing platform TipToe. An email will be sent through SchoolMessenger with details on how to request ceremony tickets. To receive ceremony tickets, graduates must have their grad fee paid. If you are unable to pay this fee, please reach out to school to speak to an administrator to set up a plan. The deadline to have fees paid is Friday, February 27, 2026.

Round 1 Monday, April 6 - closing Friday, April 17 - initial 3 tickets

Round 2 Monday, April 20 - closing Friday, April 24 - extra tickets - if available

How to select tickets for the Ceremony:

- Go to the *Graduation* link on our School website (on our school website, go to the “Teaching & Learning” section and then click on “Graduation”; this link should take you directly there: [Graduation - Centennial High School \(cbe.ab.ca\)](https://www.cbe.ab.ca/graduation))

- Once in the “*Graduation*” section of our website, click on the link “*Tickets*” to open the ticket selection page from the Centennial High School website (**the “*Tickets*” link will not be accessible until 9:00a.m. on April 6**)
- Select “*Buy Tickets*” – they are COMPLIMENTARY and at no cost, but you still have to select “*Buy*”
- Under “*Have an Offer Code*” please enter your “Centennial Student ID” and click “*Unlock*”; this will ensure that you receive tickets according to the student’s name and ID
- Select the number of tickets requested by adding up to 3, in the first round and additional tickets will be made available on a first come first serve basis for the second round (**should they become available**)
- Add to Cart
- Check out and enter personal information for tickets (**Please verify your correct email address to ensure you receive the confirmation email after completing the ticket request)
- Click “*Complete Checkout*”; **tickets will be sent to your email and phone if you select this option (make sure you do!)**
- Click “*Home*” and return to main menu to purchase Banquet tickets, if you are attending

GRADUATION BANQUET: DINNER & DANCE (EVENING EVENT)

Friday, May 15, 2026

Grey Eagle Event Centre

3777 Grey Eagle Dr, Calgary, AB

Reception at 6:00pm, Dinner at 6:30pm

BANQUET ATTIRE AND ETIQUETTE

- Student dress is formal or semi-formal. Both long dresses and cocktail dresses are appropriate. Tuxedos, suits or jackets and dress pants are also appropriate
- Banquet doors open at 6:00pm; dinner service will begin promptly at 6:30pm
- This is a buffet dinner reception. Should you have any questions at the banquet regarding food or service, please direct concerns to Grey Eagle Event Centre staff
- **No alcohol** is permitted at Grey Eagle Event Centre
- **All student, guest, and parent bags will be searched upon entry** to the banquet area
- Please be respectful of the Grey Eagle Event Centre security staff (it is their job to search all bags)
- Once guests have entered the banquet area they are required to remain inside
- Re-entry is not permitted for students
- Parents and/or guardians may re-enter, however, bags will be checked upon re-entry

BANQUET PARKING & SECURITY

- The area west of the Grey Eagle Event Centre is designated for taxi, car, or limousine drop-off; free parking is available in the lots south and west of Grey Eagle Event Centre
- No bags or bottles of any kind will be permitted into the venue other than purses. This is a safety and security measure enforced by the Grey Eagle security team
- Should your Graduand wish to change their attire at the end of the evening, prior to leaving, parents are permitted to retrieve their belongings from their vehicle. Parents will be required to present their banquet ticket to leave and re-enter the facility

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING GRADUATION BANQUET (DINNER & DANCE) TICKETS

- Ticket cost: **\$110.00 + GST** per banquet ticket and are **non-refundable**
- **To purchase Banquet tickets students must have all school fees paid in full by Friday, February 27. A “HOLD” will be placed on purchasing banquet tickets for the student until all fees have been paid. Any fees paid after this date will result in the possibility of not being able to purchase tickets on the first day of sales.**
- All tables seat **10** people.
- Round 1 Monday, April 6 - closing Friday, April 17 - initial 8 tickets
- Round 2 Monday, April 20 - closing Thursday, April 24 - unlimited tickets, if available

How to purchase tickets for the Banquet:

- Go to the *Graduation* link on our School website (on our school website, go to the “*Teaching & Learning*” section and then click on “*Graduation*”; this link should take you directly there: [Graduation - Centennial High School \(cbe.ab.ca\)](http://cbe.ab.ca))
- Once in the “*Graduation*” section of our website, click on the link “*Tickets*” to open the ticket selection page from the Centennial High School website (**the “*Tickets*” link will not be accessible until 9:00am on Monday April 6, 2026**)
- Select “*Buy Tickets*” – they are \$110 + GST . The Graduand plus any additional guests.
- Under “*Have an Offer Code*” please enter your “*Centennial Student ID number*” and click “*Unlock*”; this will ensure that you receive tickets according to the student’s name and ID
- **Click on the table that you wish to sit at and select the number of tickets** you wish to purchase up to 8 in the first round and, if available, in the second round as many as you require. Add to cart
- Check out and enter personal information for tickets (**Please verify your correct email address to ensure you receive the confirmation email after purchase). At the time of purchase please state each guest name and any severe allergies/dietary needs or wheelchair accessibility
- Click “*Complete Checkout*”; payment can be made by Debit, Visa or Mastercard

- Tickets will be sent to your email and phone, if you select this option, and will be required at the entrance the night of the event

***** Please note all sales are Final and non-refundable *****

BANQUET MEAL OPTIONS

The Banquet meal will be a buffet. When purchasing tickets if there are any dietary concerns such as allergies requiring a separate meal from the items listed on the buffet menu or a need for a vegan meal, please identify this at the time of purchase.

****Will be updated upon receipt of menu from Grey Eagle Event Centre****

***Special dietary menus are created ONLY for guests with severe allergies and/or food restrictions.** These meals are tailored specifically to guests that are on restrictive diets and should not be ordered as a regular menu option. We are unable to accommodate food preferences. These meals will be served as a plated meal, not buffet-style.

BABY PHOTO SLIDESHOW

It is really fun for graduands and their friends and families to see how much they have changed and how far they have come on this momentous day. A slideshow of baby pictures of the Class of 2026 will be created and made available to view on the monitors around the school.

It is easy to participate. Here's how:

FIRST, find a baby photo.

✓ Option 1: For Digital photos

- Go to the D2L site "Grad 2026 Baby Photos" (students must do this as parents/guardians do not have access to student D2L sites)
- Open the link to the Google Forms and fill out the form entirely
- Upload the chosen baby photo using the following file format name:
last name_first name_student ID_babyphoto (Eg: smith_jane_12345_babyphoto)

OR

✓ Option 2: Scan and email digital copy of a hard copy photo

- Email a copy of the baby photo to Ms. Ruault at laruault@cbe.ab.ca with photo file name as: **last name_first name_student ID_babyphoto**
- Please put [*student's full name* baby photo] in the Subject Line

Photos must be submitted by Friday, May 1, 2026 in order to be in the slideshow.



Mr. Sturgeon thanks you in advance

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Grad information will be disseminated through occasional extended Period 2 classes
- Students with Period 2 spares will attend the Learning Commons during these times
- Always check school website for updated information
- Please watch for emails through our SchoolMessenger system for further Grad updates

Thank you for your patience and support as we work together to make this a wonderful, memorable Grad!

