

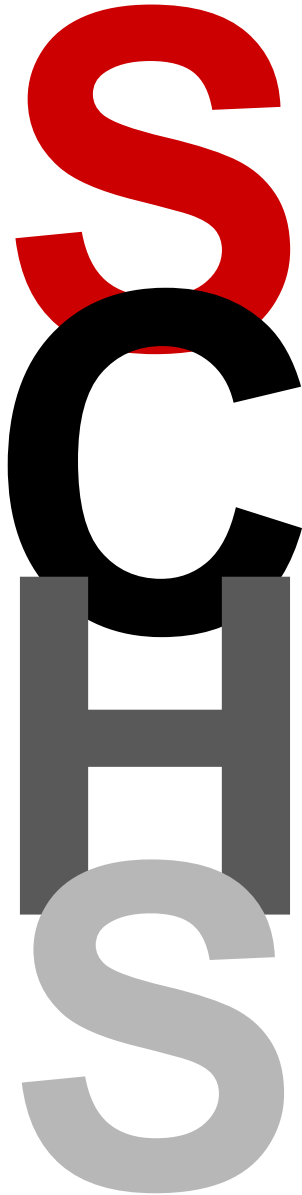


**SOUTH CENTRAL  
HIGH SCHOOL**



**GRADUATION**

*Class of 2026*



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION & KEY DATES**

**~ PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ~**

## **Principal's Message**

Congratulations Class of 2026! We look forward to celebrating your achievements at our graduation ceremony this year. It is our goal at South Central High School to have an enjoyable and memorable graduation for students and their families. Education is why you are here, along with earning your high school diploma. The finish line is in sight, so continue to put in your best effort and finish strong. While this is a very exciting time, it is important to continue making decisions that will ensure you successfully meet your goals. The information contained in the following pages should ensure that you understand the procedures and protocols attached to graduation exercises. This will help you to plan accordingly for graduation at SCHS.

### **SCHS Graduation 2026 Advisors**

#### **Cap & Gown Ceremony**

- Principal, Dawn Peers

#### **Grad Eligibility**

- Academic Advisor, Erika Tessier

#### **Graduation Celebration Planning**

- Kendra Girletz
- Sarah Hagens

#### **Student Write-Ups**

- Kendra Girletz & Sarah Hagens
- All SCHS Staff

#### **Decorating**

- Kendra Girletz, Sarah Hagens, Tricia Rolheiser
- All SCHS staff

#### **Stage/Prop Construction**

- Dustin Angle

#### **Banquet**

- Shannon Hauck (lead)
- Lara Stockman & Sarah Grover (set-up, clean-up)
- Grade 11 Parent Help (clean-up)

#### **Music & Sound Coordinator**

- Brittany Molzan

#### **Ceremony Live-Stream**

- Zach Hay

#### **Student Video/Slideshow Coordinator**

- Kendra Girletz & Sarah Hagens



## Grad Eligibility & Grad List

Students who attend SCHS in the 2025/26 school year and have the potential to earn an Alberta High School Diploma by June 2026 will be eligible to participate in the 2026 SCHS Graduation Functions.

### Grad List:

In March, the Academic Advisor will compile a "Tentative Grad List". Student progress and attendance in class, work experience, and distance learning courses will be monitored and evaluated.

In April, students who are at risk of not completing their graduation requirements will be notified by meeting with the academic advisor and administrator. If they have not completed the required work with an acceptable grade by midterm, they will forfeit the opportunity to take part in graduation exercises; grad tickets and applicable grad fees will be refunded.

Following the second semester midterm-reporting, a final "Grad List" will be made available to the potential graduates. If a student has failed to make it on this final list, they are unable to be placed on the list at a later time.

## GRAD FEES

Please ensure that your **\$250 grad fee** has been paid. This fee helps to cover costs involved with graduation, such as diplomas, gown and stole rentals, purchase of cords, caps and tassels (students keep), decorating, Legion rental, ceremony photographer, and much more!

Also included in the fee is a Grad Hoodie for each graduate and their Banquet ticket.

### **Mandatory Grad Fee:\$250**

Includes all expenses related to both ceremonies. Also includes a Hoodie and 1 Banquet ticket for the Graduate.

### **Banquet Tickets: \$35/ ticket**

Each graduate will be allowed to purchase up to 5 tickets for family and special guests.

*Please note that **ALL** school-related fees, sport fees, and grad fees must be paid in order to take part in grad activities and before students are allowed to purchase banquet tickets.*

## Financials

We want to make sure that all graduates are able to participate in ALL grad functions and are not limited due to financial constraints. If paying your fees may be an issue, please contact Ms. Peers ASAP.

# IMPORTANT DATES

November 17	Student Grad Meeting during TAG to discuss student assignments & decoration ideas ( Mrs. Girletz's Room)
December 1	Deadline to submit your biography for Grad Program
February 23	Deadline to submit Baby/Childhood Photos for Grad Slideshow (Baby photo, family photo, 2-3 "growing up" photos) Email: <a href="mailto:kendragirletz@prrd8.ca">kendragirletz@prrd8.ca</a> <b>OR</b> graduate can place photos in their assigned folder in Google Classroom
February 23	Deadline to submit "We will Remember You For..." for student write-ups
March 27	<b>Ticket Requests</b> for Cap & Gown ceremony, Formal ceremony, and Banquet are due (Google Form - use the QR code on the last page of this document to access)
April 6	Confirmation of ticket numbers to the graduation ceremonies and banquet will be given to grads
April 10	Deadline to have ALL SCHS school/sport/grad fees paid (to purchase banquet tickets online)
April 13-17	Early Bird ONLINE Banquet Tickets available for purchase to those who have all school fees paid
April 16-17	IN-PERSON tickets available for purchase at the SCHS School Office
May 13	Grad gowns/stoles/caps and Ceremony tickets will be distributed during TAG
May 13	MANDATORY REHEARSAL @ SCHS gym - 3:15pm (Graduates Only)
May 14	Cap & Gown Ceremony at 7pm Graduates must arrive by 6:30 dressed in their gown, stole and cap.
May 15	Class Picture @ 4:30pm Banquet @ 5:00pm - Legion Hall Formal Ceremony @ 7:00pm - SCHS gym.

## Invitations

Requests for invitations must be returned via Google Form (use QR code to access) by **March 27th**. A confirmation of the number of requests will be provided once all requests have been submitted. Invitations for the Cap & Gown and Formal Ceremonies will be distributed with grad gowns on May 13th.

## Grad Gowns

The gowns are worn for the Cap & Gown Ceremony on Thursday May 14th and will be distributed to the grads during TAG on Wednesday May 13th.

Grad gowns must be returned before leaving the school after the Cap & Gown ceremony on Thursday evening, by checking them in with a staff member in Mrs. Tessier's classroom. Gowns will be boxed up that night and shipped back to Gaspar's Rental Co the next morning.

Students will sign a contract agreeing to return gown in the same condition in which it was received or they will be charged a replacement fee.

## Dress Attire

Under your grad gown, wear dark dress pants, a white dress/collared shirt, a dark-coloured tie (optional), or a dress.

When styling your hair, keep in mind that a cap will be pinned on. The cap is worn so that it is parallel to the floor. Do NOT tilt it back on your head.



# GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for Cap and Gown and the Formal Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday May 13th @ SCHS gymnasium; 3:15pm sharp!** (ends at 4:30pm)

This is the **ONE and ONLY REHEARSAL**. **ALL PARTICIPATING GRADS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE.**

Please **CHANGE** any **WORK SCHEDULES** to accommodate this rehearsal time.

# CAP & GOWN CEREMONY

**Thursday May 14th, 2026 @ SCHS gymnasium**

Grads arrive with gown and stole **ON!** Meet in assembly area (Mrs. Tessier's Classroom) by **6:30pm (NO LATER!)**

- Staff will be available to help pin hats
- Line up in assigned order as soon as you have your cap, gown and stole on and secured.
- Guests can enter through the main doors or the gyms closest to the gymnasium.
- **Only guests on the Final Guest List will be permitted to enter.**

**GOWNS & STOLES are to be LEFT at the school. DO NOT take them home.**

# BANQUET & FORMAL CEREMONY INFORMATION

## Program & Times

### Friday May 15th, 2026

- 4:30 pm: Class Picture (Location TBD)
- 5:00pm: Meal @ Legion Hall
  - Toasts and speeches
- 7:00pm: Formal Ceremony @ SCHS gym
  - Processional with Parents
  - Program
  - Recessional (escort optional)

### Ticket Requests:

Requests for tickets to ALL graduation events must be **returned via Google Form by March 27th, 2026**. By April 6th, all grads will receive a "Banquet Ticket Purchase Form" which will confirm the number of tickets available for purchase for each grad.

**\*Please use the Google Form linked from the QR code on this document to submit your request**

### Options for Purchasing Banquet Tickets:

1. **EARLY BIRD - School Cash Online (April 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17)**  
If all school fees have been paid by April 10, 2026, tickets will be released **online only** through School Cash Online starting Monday April 13th through to and include Friday April 17th.
2. **IN-PERSON (Cash Only)(April 16 & 17)**  
This is for people who have to clear-up any outstanding fees

**CONGRATULATIONS!** 

## Requesting Tickets & Invitations

Please use this QR code to complete the ticket request form.



Each grad will be guaranteed a maximum number of seats/tickets. If you do not need the maximum amount, please indicate the total number of tickets you require. If you need additional tickets, please indicate the total number of tickets you wish to have for each event. We cannot guarantee all requests, so please prioritize your list and be reasonable with your requests. Once all requests have been submitted, we will be able to confirm the number of tickets available.

Maximum invitations guaranteed for  
**Cap & Gown Ceremony:**  
**14 guests**

Maximum invitations guaranteed for  
**Banquet:**  
**5 guests**  
(In addition to the graduate)

Maximum invitations guaranteed for  
**Formal Ceremony:**  
**14 guests**

**Please indicate on the tickets request form any special seating needs.**

**An example of this would be wheelchair or walker access.**

**We will do our best to accommodate these needs.**

## Other Grad Information

### Grad Photos

- Cap & Gown photos - available for purchase through Kelly Crisp
- Casual Class photo - available for purchase through Kelly Crisp
- Photo ops throughout the school on the day of Grad
- Grad Class photo before supper
- Candid Photographs throughout the evenings of both ceremonies

### Keepsakes

- Cap & Tassel
- Red & Gold Cords (if received)
- Portfolio with SCHS Graduation Certificate & Class Photo Collage

### Grad Live-Streaming

- The Graduation ceremonies will be live-streamed on the SCHS facebook page for those who are not at the ceremony, but want to help celebrate our graduates!

### Grad Slideshow

- Mrs. Girletz & Mrs. Hagens will work with volunteer students to create a slideshow for the Formal Ceremony, as well as a "Fun" video for the Banquet.
- Please email any photos you have to [kendragirletz@prrd8.ca](mailto:kendragirletz@prrd8.ca)  
Or graduate can place photos in their assigned folder in Google Classroom

### Awards

- Valedictorian - awarded to the graduate with the Highest Academic Average
- Gold Cords - awarded to those who are graduating with Honours
- Red Cords - awarded to those who are graduating with 130 or more High School Credits

### Biography for Grad Booklet:

- All graduates will complete a biography that will be printed in the Grad Booklet handed out at the ceremony.

### Grad Write-up for Yearbook

- Please complete the assignment on Google Classroom