

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long is the ceremony?

The ceremony will be approximately two hours in length.

How many guests may I invite?

It is expected that each student will bring two or three guests.

What should I wear for the ceremony?

You will be wearing a black gown for the ceremony, so you may choose light-weight attire that is appropriate. Avoid excessive jewelry as it distracts from the gown. Dark coloured clothing is recommended.

Are jeans allowed?

It is recommended that jeans not be worn for these reasons: (1) your Graduation is a formal celebration; therefore, celebration attire is more suitable; (2) your graduation is a memorable milestone in your life; therefore, your family and friends expect you to look your best on this special evening; and (3) jeans are made with denim, which is a heavy-weight fabric and can be very hot. Ultimately, you will decide what to wear and what not to wear.

What about shoes?

Wear shoes that will be comfortable for the entire evening. Avoid flip flops and running shoes as this is a formal evening and, in receiving your diploma, you will have to go up and down stairs.

Can I bring my purse/bag?

Please leave all valuables at home, with your parents/guests or locked in your vehicle. The school or the hall will not be held responsible for lost or missing valuables.

GRADUATION ETIQUETTE

Arrive on time!

Follow the signs posted

Check in to receive your gown, cap and graduation card

Line up alphabetically in front of the table at which you pick up your gown

Turn off all cell phones

Avoid talking or chewing gum during the ceremony

Follow your Marshal's/Prefect's directions to the hall and during the ceremony

Shake with your **right** hand and receive your diploma/award with your **left** hand (article above & handshake below)

You will receive a blank scroll on stage which you will deposit before returning to your seat

Please stay for the entire ceremony and reception

Take your graduation program with you as a keepsake

Diploma, report card and exit package will be available at the school **after** graduation

Celebrate and enjoy your evening!



**CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2017!**



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FOR
STUDENTS
AND
PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

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GRADUATION GUIDE AND TIPS



REMINDERS

Community Involvement Hours:

Forty required hours must be completed and reported by **May 31st**.

Graduation Invitations:

Invitations to the Graduation Ceremony will be mailed to your home. If you are graduating and do not receive an invitation letter, then please contact the Main Office

Student Awards:

Please see **Mr Gatti** for information about Graduation Awards

Graduation Updates:

Listen for PA Announcements and check the bulletin board for graduation updates

Graduation Ceremony:

Date: Wednesday, June 28th, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Terrace Banquet Centre
1680 Creditstone Road, Vaughan
Ontario L1N 1A1

CAPS AND GOWNS

- Please see Ms Uguccioni in the Main Office to order your souvenir cap & gown, or order at www.schoolcashonline.com
- Caps and Gowns are to be picked up in the Gowns Area (signs will be posted at the hall)
- Each participating graduate must wear a black cap and a black gown
- Caps are called “mortarboards” and they have a tassel attached. Wear the cap so that the flat top sits on top of the head, not on the back of the head. Wear your tassel to the left; during the ceremony, you will be instructed to move it to the right. This movement symbolizes that you have graduated!
- Once you have your cap and gown do not leave the Gowns Area
- Listen for marshalling instructions from staff member(s) and/or prefects and stay in queue
- When the ceremony is over, you can either keep your gown, cap and tassel or return these items to the Gowns Area



PREPARATION FOR THE CEREMONY AND THE MARSHALING PROCESS

- Arrive by 6:00pm
- Signs will indicate where to pick up your gown and cap
- Be sure to leave all personal belongings with one of your guests
- If you are chewing gum, then throw it out
- Once you enter the Gowns Area you may **not** leave
- Parents/friends/guests are not allowed in the Gowns Area
- You will have time after the ceremony to take pictures
- Gown tables are organized alphabetically
- Go to your respective table and put on your gown and cap — School staff are there to assist
- Check your graduation card for any spelling errors and assist with any pronunciation if necessary (just before you are called on stage you will hand your card to the person announcing your name)
- If you are a Special Awards recipient (this will be indicated on the card), be sure to listen for specific instructions during the ceremony
- Using your surname, line up in reverse alphabetic order from your assigned table
- The procession into the ceremony hall must be in alpha order and you will be seated in the same order for the ceremony
- The prefect assigned to your grouping will be marshalling you into the ceremony
- Refrain from using cell phones during the ceremony
- Professional photographers will be taking pictures as you receive your diploma on stage. These may be purchased at the conclusion of the ceremony
- **After the ceremony**, you and your guests are invited to a Reception in the front lobby.
- Refreshments will be provided.