

SGCHS

Graduation Class of 2018



June 8, 2018 Northlands Edmonton Expo Centre

SGCHS welcomes the **Senior Class of 2018!** Information is communicated through our daily announcements, Remind and updated on our school website sgchs.psd70.ab.ca. A display case is located just outside our Student Services office where graduation information is posted. Grade 12 students and parents are reminded to keep themselves informed, as this is a very important milestone in each students' educational journey. Graduation is a time to look back at your accomplishments with pride, and strategically look ahead to your future. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nullmeyer in the main office.

REMIND

Remind is a free communication service designed for school staff to communicate with grade 12 students. There are three ways to sign up to receive messages regarding graduation information.

Method 1: Download the App

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser, go to rmd.at/sgchsgr and follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You will be prompted to download the mobile app.

Method 2: Send a Text

If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications by texting the message **@sgchsgr** to **810-10** or **832-610-3177**.

Method 3: Subscribe to an Email List

If you don't have a mobile phone, go to rmd.at/sgchsgr on a computer to sign up for email notifications.

GRADUATION FEE

Spruce Grove Composite High School students (including Outreach students) are required to pay a non-refundable Grad Fee of \$50.00 prior to booking and having their grad picture taken. This fee includes:

- rental of the graduation gown,
- graduation cap, tassel, cover and certificate that each student keeps,
- one picture of the graduate crossing the stage and receiving their certificate from their grade coordinator.

GRADUATION PICTURES

All graduation pictures are booked online and brochures explaining the booking process are available in our office. The Lifetouch appointment booking site will open on December 11, 2017. There is a \$25.00 sitting fee charge that is paid directly to the photographer at the time of the appointment. Lifetouch accepts cash or debit. **Please Note: the \$50.00 Grad Fee must be paid before booking an appointment.**

To book an appointment please go to: <http://lifetouch.ca/northernalberta>

- Scroll down to the bottom of the page **Choose Your Location**
- Select **Spruce Grove Composite High School**
- Available dates and times will appear.
- Choose the time that best suits your schedule and follow the prompts to book an appointment.
- You will receive an email confirmation of the booking.
- Two days prior to the appointment, Lifetouch will send out a reminder email.
- Should the need arise to change an appointment, please refer to the link that was sent to you from your original email confirmation.
- Be sure to review the tips on the Lifetouch link to get the most out of your once in a lifetime high school grad portrait sitting.
- If you want to take a picture with your pet, you will have to go in to the Lifetouch studio.

Graduation pictures will be taken **January 23 – 26, 2018**. Picture retakes will take place on **February 8 and 9, 2018** and **March 2, 2018**.

GRADE 12 GROUP PICTURE

The **Grade Group Picture** is taken in our bus turnaround area on **Thursday, May 10, 2018** at **11:55 am**. ***This date is dependent on the weather and may need to be rescheduled. Only senior class members may be in this picture.***

BABY PICTURES

During our Graduation Ceremony on June 8, a PowerPoint which features graduates baby pictures (*then*) and their grad photo (*now*) is played throughout the evening. We have a few, very dedicated, grade 12 students who spend countless hours putting this PowerPoint together. Please help them out by emailing a baby picture with your name in the subject line and a quote to sgchsbabypics2018@gmail.com The deadline for submissions is **March 5, 2018**.

GRAD RINGS

A **Jostens** representative comes to our school a few times throughout the course of the school year. You can also contact our representative, Barry Dmitri directly at barry.dmitri@jostens.com or call him at 780-962-0102.

FUNDRAISING

Safeway and **Sobeys** gift cards can be purchased in our main office with cash or debit in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. Each student will receive 8% of the total sales towards their tickets. For more information, please call our office and speak with Ms. Zylla.

TICKET INFORMATION

InviteRight is the company we use that allows you to purchase your Grad tickets securely online and permits you to select your table. It's just like purchasing concert tickets online, you can see a map of the venue that includes the floor plan.

- Ticket prices for the Commencement Ceremony, Dinner and Dance are **\$85.00** each.
- Tickets for the Commencement Ceremony and Dance are **\$25.00** each.
- You are charged a service fee at the time of purchase.
- There is no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase (tables of 10).
- ALL Tickets are purchased online at: <https://sprucegrove.inviteright.com/grad2018> from **May 2, 2018 at 10:00 am** to **May 22, 2018 at 11:00 pm**
- Everyone, **including graduates**, must purchase a ticket in order to attend.
- **No refunds.**
- Northlands charges \$9.00 for parking – limos are exempt.
- **To participate in the commencement ceremony (crossing the stage), students must have met the requirements that are listed below.**
- Northlands has a ZERO tolerance for drinking under age.

GRAND MARCH

Only SGCHS 2018 graduates are permitted to participate in the Grand March (no escorts).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Each graduate is only allowed to cross the stage **one time** during their high school career.

To participate in the Commencement Ceremony, a student must be in good standing and meet the minimum course credit requirements for an Alberta High School Diploma or Certificate of Achievement as established by Alberta Education at the time of the ceremony. Students must achieve a minimum of 80 credits by the end of semester 1 in their grade 12 year and meet the requirements for diploma subjects as listed below.

Because the final grade for diploma exam subjects is established by blending the school awarded mark and the diploma examination mark, the following rules will apply:

- In the first semester, students must have earned at least 50% in the blended mark in any required diploma examination subjects.
- In the second semester, students must have earned at least 50% in the school awarded mark by April 23, 2018 reporting period for any diploma examination subject required for diploma requirements.
- Registration for, or the intent to rewrite diploma examinations at the end of June or registration in Summer School, **DOES NOT** qualify students for participation in the commencement ceremony.

OR

- Complete all the requirements for the Certificate of High School Achievement.
- At the discretion of SGCHS Administration.
- Students enrolled in SGCHS Outreach **OR** our Academic Achievement Centre (Inreach) must meet the following commencement requirements:
 - ❖ A minimum of half the modules completed in the course by **April 23, 2018 and a mark to date of no less than 50% by April 23, 2018.**
 - ❖ An average of 50% or greater in any courses required for the diploma as of **April 23, 2018.**

GRADUATION LIST

The graduation list will be posted in the display case outside of the Student Services office starting the week of **April 23, 2018.**

- **It is your responsibility to notify the school of any courses taken through Alberta Distance Learning.**
- Students' names are removed from the graduation list as a result of:
 - ❖ failing marks in required courses (below 50%),
 - ❖ incomplete courses required for commencement,
 - ❖ dropping courses prior to final examinations which result in insufficient commencement requirements,
 - ❖ failing to attend classes,
 - ❖ engaging in activities that are in violation of Parkland School Division No. 70 and/or school policies (suspension, etc).

Alberta Education High School Diploma Requirements

The requirements indicated in this chart are the minimum requirements for a student to attain an Alberta High School Diploma. The requirements for entry into post-secondary institutions and workplaces may require additional and/or specific courses.

100 CREDITS (including the following):

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – 30 LEVEL

(English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2)

SOCIAL STUDIES – 30 LEVEL

(Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2)

MATHEMATICS – 20 LEVEL

(Mathematics 20-1, Mathematics 20-2 or Mathematics 20-3)

SCIENCE – 20 LEVEL ①

(Science 20, Science 24, Biology 20, Chemistry 20 or Physics 20)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10 (3 CREDITS) ②

CAREER AND LIFE MANAGEMENT (3 CREDITS) ③

10 CREDITS IN ANY COMBINATION FROM:

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses
- Fine Arts courses
- Second Languages^④ courses
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Knowledge and Employability courses
- Registered Apprenticeship Program courses
- Locally developed/acquired and authorized courses in CTS, fine arts, second languages or Knowledge and Employability occupational courses ⑤

10 CREDITS IN ANY 30-LEVEL COURSE

**(IN ADDITION TO A 30-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
AND A 30-LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE AS SPECIFIED ABOVE)** ⑥

These courses may include:

- 30-level locally developed/acquired and authorized courses
- Advanced level (3000 series) in Career and Technology Studies courses
- 30-level Work Experience courses^⑦
- 30-level Knowledge and Employability courses
- 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program courses
- 30-level Green Certificate Specialization courses
- Special Projects 30