

Parent Information – Grad Gala

May 10, 2024

- On **Monday, May 6th**, we will be holding a grade level assembly for all grade 12s beginning at 10:30 am. If you student has a spare during that time, we ask that they still attend this meeting. During this time, we will be discussing the logistics of Gala (how to line up, where to walk, sit and a lot of pertinent information that will help make the evening a success). We will also be discussing the importance of academics as they move into this period of celebration. They need to stay focused on finishing the year strong.
- On **Tuesday, May 7th** during flex (lunch), every grad who has purchased a ticket to attend Grad Gala will receive an envelope. In that package will be their grad ticket, wristband (they will need to be wearing this to have access to the appetizers), tickets for any guests they have coming to support them, as well as a wristband for their plus one (if they chose to have one). There will be 2 separate colors to help the Chinook staff as well as any vendors who are helping with the event. The package will also include instructions for the day, information about the University of Lethbridge, etc.
- Table numbers for grads will be written on their wristbands as well as their tickets. It is important that students locate their table (a map of the table numbers will be included in their package) to make the transition from the march around the gym to their table as smooth as possible. As the student's cross the stage they will pause for a photo. A link will be sent out following the Gala for students to access their photo.
 - Grads were able to put in requests for seating and we have done our best to accommodate this.
- Washrooms will be open for guests of grads on the upper level of the University (out of the glass main doors) Grads may use the bathroom downstairs as they will be seated on the floor.
- Parking after 5:00pm is free at the University of Lethbridge and guests can park in whatever lot they prefer.
- Grads and plus ones will be able to eat once food is served around 9:00pm. Parents/families are not included in this (as reflected in ticket price).
- Parent/guardians first dance will happen BEFORE food is served. Families are encouraged to stay until this time to share the special moment.
 - Once the program has ended the NORTH bleachers in the gymnasium will be pushed in to clear space for the dance floor. During this time, families are asked to go up to the concourse to visit and take pictures. Once the dance floor is ready, grads and family members will be called down for the first dance.
- Wheelchair "parking" is available at the top of the concourse. Please contact Duane Piper if you have any concerns about accessibility.
- It is important that grads eat **before** the ceremony so no students get faint as food will not be served until later in the evening.

Itinerary

5:30-6:20 – Mix and Mingle (Photo opportunities with backdrops on the concourse of the University of Lethbridge)

6:20-6:40 – Guests take their seats and Grad's line up in alphabetical order (on lower concourse)

6:40-7:25 – Introduction of Grads (Grads will be called one by one onto the stage for a photo, march around the perimeter of the gym and to their tables)

7:30-8:20 – Program (Introductions, speeches and replies, grad video)

Clearing of the North bleachers will occur before the first dance (any family members sitting in these bleachers will be asked to clear the bleachers and during this time grads and families can go up to the concourse or down onto the floor by the tables to visit and take pictures). It is recommended that the elderly or those with limited mobility, sit on the South bleachers as we will be asking people to move off the North bleachers in a timely manner.

8:45- 11:00 – Dance

- First dance with the parents/guardians
- Second dance with date/friend
- Third dance Grad Class of 2024 theme song!

9:00ish – Appetizers served to grads and plus ones.

Looking forward to celebrating with you!