

Grad 2024 Update

Graduation Newsletter Spring 2024

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Grad Exercises – Saturday, May 25, 2024

Jubilee Auditorium
11455-87 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

Cap & Gown Distribution	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Line up for Exercises	12:30 p.m.
Doors open for Auditorium seating	12:30 p.m.
Exercises Program	1:00 p.m.

Graduation Criteria

In order to participate in the graduation program, students must meet specific graduation criteria for the program they are registered in. Meeting these criteria will make them eligible to receive a diploma or certificate in their high school program.

Students who meet the criteria will have their ID numbers posted on the graduation list starting on March 4, 2024. The last day to get your name on the grad list will be May 3 . **Only those students on this graduation list are eligible to participate in the 2024 Graduation Ceremonies.** Prior to this, parents of students who were in danger of not graduating were contacted by administration to potentially satisfy school graduation requirements. If you have questions about your child's eligibility, please contact Mrs. Hamilton at shelley.hamilton@gshare.blackgold.ca or Mrs. Drover at Renee.drover@gshare.blackgold.ca

Students who are rewriting a Diploma Exam in June to remain eligible for participation in the Grad Ceremonies must submit their registration form to Mr. Dechaine as soon as possible. A fee of \$26.50 must be paid to Alberta Education as well.

In order to participate in the graduation ceremonies, students *must be on target to complete their high school program and must maintain satisfactory marks. Specifically, a student should not have a failing grade in any course they need to complete their program on March 1, 2024.* These criteria are published on the school website, were included in the Fall newsletter, and were discussed with students at Grade 12 Assemblies. Students must be in good standing with the school including having their Grad Fees paid by Mar. 1st or a payment program established with the Principal before purchasing tickets to the ceremony.

VALEDICTORIAN CRITERIA INFORMATION

The valedictorian is the most academically accomplished individual in the grade 12 class.

The valedictorian must have the highest cumulative grade in the given subject areas:

1. English Language Arts 30-1
2. Social Studies 30-1
3. Three of the following five academic courses:
 - a. Biology 30
 - b. Chemistry 30
 - c. Mathematics 30-1
 - d. Mathematics 31
 - e. Physics 30
 - f. French Language Arts 30-1

The average is to be calculated at the end of quarter three, using completed course marks or midterm marks for courses taken in semester two.

The valedictorian should also represent general Leduc Composite High School core values, such as graduating with at least 110 credits, being in good standing with the school, etc.

Student Conduct During Graduation

In accordance with the Board of Trustees policy for Black Gold School division, we encourage all parents to talk with their graduands concerning proper conduct during the graduation ceremonies. Because this is a formal program and we are presenting it to honour those students who are about to reach this initial milestone in their lives, we want to take steps that will ensure that the conduct is consistent with the event. When you are organizing transportation to and from the event, please take steps to ensure that students arrive at the ceremonies without being under the influence of any kind of intoxicants.

Prior to the ceremonies we will have chaperones to help with grad line-ups. **If we feel a student has consumed alcohol or drugs, we will ask his/her parents to come and have the student sit with them in the audience.** Further disciplinary action will be taken at the school and may include suspension.

It is our sincere hope that all participants at the 2024 graduation will extend their full cooperation with both the letter and the spirit of the Board policy. Through this cooperation we will take every precaution to ensure that the graduation will be a safe, orderly event, and can continue to be an occasion that graduands, parents, staff and guests can look back on with pride.

We would like to ask all parents of graduands to discuss the matter of alcohol and other substances with their son or daughter and any guests prior to graduation. If there are any questions or concerns that come out of these discussions, please contact Mr. Brad Clarke at 780-986-2248.

Please Note: The Jubilee Auditorium and the Leduc Recreation Center have been designated as non-smoking facilities during this event. We ask the cooperation of all participants and their guests to smoke outside the buildings at both venues.

Important Information for Exercise Tickets

All tickets this year will be sold through online ticket sales. Payment may be made by visa, mastercard, debit (only some banks will allow for this), a prepaid visa or mastercard. There is handicapped seating available for those who require it. Tickets will be available for purchase starting at 9:00 am Monday, May 6, 2024. Tickets will be \$15 including Ticketmaster fees.

Do not purchase a ticket for the graduate.

For ticketing – the Jubilee policy does require that each individual, including children and infants in arms, must have a ticket.

There will be a total of 7 tickets available to the family and friends of each graduate.

After all graduates have had an opportunity to purchase tickets to commencement we will put any additional tickets for commencement on sale through the online system.

Seating at the Jubilee Auditorium is reserved. The doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

More information about ticket purchasing will be sent out closer to the event.

Grad Council

The Grad Council is made up of students in grade 12 who would like to help make some decisions about graduation. The students have chosen gold, white and red as their colors for grad this year. They are currently collecting submissions for their grad song.

Funding Graduation

The cost of graduation is supported through ticket sales and grad fees. These costs are as follows:

- Graduation Fee - \$45.00 (Covers gown rental, souvenir cap, music, printing costs, part of the decorations, and the graduand's exercise ticket).
- Commencement Tickets - \$12.25 (Covers Jubilee rental, electrical and technical costs) Tickets are sold through Ticketmaster who will add on processing fees at the point of sale.

If any grad is experiencing financial difficulty with the payment of fees, please see Mrs. Wig as soon as possible.

****SORRY WE CANNOT ACCEPT POST-DATED CHEQUES AND NO REFUNDS ARE ALLOWED.**

Gown Sizing

Mrs. Thiessen will be sending out a Google form for students to complete. The gowns will be ordered according to the graduand's height. Each grad will be allowed to keep his/her cap and tassel as a memento of Grad 2024. Only students who have ordered gowns through the school will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies.

Audition For Musical Tributes

Auditions will take place in March for talented graduates who would like to sing or play an instrument during the commencement ceremonies. Auditions are open to all grads. Musical tributes must relate to the themes of graduation. A copy of the lyrics for songs needs to be provided prior to auditions.

***Please note that anyone who will be performing at the ceremonies must attend a sound check and rehearsal by 9:30 a.m. at the Jubilee Auditorium during the morning of the ceremonies. (May 25th)**

Program Cover Art And Poem

Each year we try to feature the creative talents of our senior class in the program. We will once again be accepting submissions for artwork and poetry. Students wishing to make submissions for this year's program can drop them off with Mrs. Mahowich at the front office.

Rehearsal: Thursday, May 23th

A mandatory grad rehearsal will take place Thursday, May 25th at 3:20 p.m. in the LCHS Gym. It is imperative that all grad participants attend. (Plan for time off work!) We will practice until we get it right. A class picture will also be taken at this time.

Personal Belongings

Coats, purses, or other personal items are not to be left with the hostesses or the staff volunteers helping with the grad gowns. **Please leave any of your personal items with your parents or a trusted friend.**

Grad Seating and Receipt of Certificates

Grads will enter the auditorium in a processional march at 1:00 p.m. and be seated in the audience. Later in the program, students, beginning with the Valedictorian, Grad Council members, performers and speakers, and then the rest of the grad class arranged alphabetically, will proceed across the stage to receive individual recognition and their graduation certificates. We have arranged for a wide screen closed-circuit TV set up so that members of the audience will be better able to view the program. Grads will exit the auditorium in a recessional through the audience at the end of the program.

Photography at Commencement

All guests at the Commencement are asked to please remain in their seats during the program. Having parents collecting in front of the stage area to take pictures when the grads are on stage is distracting to the grads and parents seated at the front. **A professional photographer will be taking a picture of each graduand receiving his or her certificate.** A copy of the "handshake photo" will be provided at no cost to each grad.

Grad Banquet

A grad celebration banquet is being planned by a sub committee of the Parent Council for graduates and their families. The banquet will be held at the Leduc Recreation Centre on Saturday, May 25th starting at 6:30 pm. with doors opening at 5:30. A grad processional and dance will follow. **Ticket prices will be determined based on the amount of fundraising accomplished.**

If you have any questions about the banquet and dance, please contact: Alice Lightning Earle or Penny Matthews:

lchsgraduation@gmail.com

The planning committee meets once a month. Please watch for details if you are interested in joining the committee or helping out with the grad banquet. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14 in the LCHS staffroom at 6:30 PM.

Fundraising for the Banquet

Leduc Grad has an account at the bottle depot. If you would like to donate your bottles to the the Leduc Grad account, our number is: **1057A**

There are some other fundraising activities planned for the grads. Please watch for announcements on Powerschool messenger and LCHS social media for upcoming events that you and your grad can become involved in. Currently, the parent group's fundraiser is Alternate Routes coffee. Here is a link to participate:

<https://www.efundrs.com/fundraiser/io804rh9bx9yjhx1ftwp0xil>

As well, if parents choose not to participate in fundraising but would like to make a donation to the fundraising efforts of the Banquet committee, a voluntary donation option is available in your fees and forms on the parent portal.