

# École Camrose Composite High School

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Dear Parents and Students:

The staff at ECCHS would like to celebrate the accomplishments and hard work of our Grade Twelve students. Currently, we are planning for the upcoming Class Farewell scheduled to take place Friday, May 7, 2021. We are all committed to providing a memorable experience for our Grade Twelves, but due to the regulations put in place, we know that a traditional ceremony is not possible.

As we will be required to follow all government health regulations, we will not have access to a community facility and in turn will be hosting a ceremony in our school space. We will not be able to have a ceremony outside due to the possibility of inclement weather as well as the feasibility with sound and tech equipment, not to mention the restrictions that still may be in place around outside gatherings. With regulations around mass gatherings, it is still not yet determined who can be in attendance.

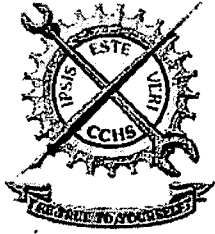
The ceremony will be live streamed to provide all families the opportunity to witness the ceremony. We have booked a professional photographer to commemorate this event. In the week following the ceremony, digital copies of the photos will be made accessible to students.

We have three tentative scenarios in place, all of which are subject to change depending on restrictions and guidelines at the time of this event:

**Plan A:** Virtual Ceremony - Farewell participants will have an opportunity to walk across a stage and receive their certificate but there will be no seated program. A photographer will be able to capture this moment, and a live stream video will be available to families to watch.

**Plan B:** Farewell Participants only - A seated program with a few speeches. Farewell participants will have an opportunity to walk across a stage and receive their certificate with a photographer capturing this moment. A live stream video will be available to families to watch.

**Plan C:** Farewell Participants with 2 Family Members in attendance - A seated program with a few speeches. Farewell participants will have an opportunity to walk across a stage and receive their certificate with a photographer capturing this moment. A live stream video will be available to families to watch.



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If we are able to host a seated ceremony, it is very likely that we will need to have multiple ceremonies throughout the day due to the size of the grade twelve class. Each ceremony will likely be an hour long, with time in between to sanitize. If this is the case, those ceremony times will be communicated with you at a later date.

In order to offset costs associated with the in-person ceremony (Plan B or C), a standard fee for all farewell participants will be \$75. This fee includes a variety of expenses such as a graduation cap, certificate folder, sound system rental, video screens, photography fees and live streaming. This fee is subject to change if the ceremony is restricted to virtual only (Plan A). Details about fees will be provided closer to the date.

Grad portraits through Smart Photography, at this time, are scheduled for March 8-12. More information about portrait sittings and times will be made available in the coming weeks.

We are committed to providing a memorable experience for our grade twelves. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this challenging time.

Principal, ECCHS

Shane Gau