

# Yorkton Regional High School

## Commencement Protocols

### Pre-Procession Reminders

- **Be here at 12:00pm (noon) on Wednesday, June 29th for assembly and gown fitting. (*Yorkton is plagued by trains*)**
- Your cap and gown will be in assigned rooms in the A Wing, labelled by last name.
- Anyone who needs their hair fixed under the cap may need extra time and bobby pins.
- You will be on the stage from 1:00pm until approximately 3:30pm so if you have weak kidneys go to the bathroom right before processional.
- Keep fluid intake to a minimum before the processional.
- The processional will start at 1:00pm sharp, with or without you.
- Seating on stage depends on who is here so you may not sit in the same seat on June 29<sup>th</sup> as today.



### Processional Entrance

- Your entrance is like a wedding procession to the alter
  - Don't race to the stage, but don't crawl either
  - People will want to get your picture, smile, smile, smile.....

### Diploma and Award Presentations

- Diploma receiving practices: whole row gets up at once and proceeds to the exit where Mr. Ostapowich & Mr. Chapman greet you and you give him your card with your name on it with the correct pronunciation.
- As you get your diploma from Mr. Variyan, Mitch will take your picture.
- Once you've shaken three hands, Mr. Variyan, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Haczekwicz
  - Move your tassel from left to right
- Don't be in a hurry to get off the stage.
- Awards – there are 90 of them so it will take some time
  - Award receiving practice
  - If you are the lucky recipient of an award be sure to send a thank you to the sponsors
- Reminder that if you have been awarded or accepted a scholarship or award in the last number of days, please see Mrs. Yeadon so it gets into the script.

### Live Streaming of Commencement

- We are presently working on setting up Live Streaming of Commencement for family members both near and far that are unable to attend in person. Commencement will be streamed on our YouTube Channel accessed from the YRHS Website: [yrhs.gssd.ca](http://yrhs.gssd.ca)
- The TV monitor in the Barry Sharpe Foyer will also have Commencement broadcasted on it..

## **Masks and Reserved Seating**

- We will have masks available for all guests wishing to wear one as they enter the Anne Portnuff Theatre
- We will also have a section in the Anne Portnuff Theatre cordoned off for folks that are wearing masks and want to sit in an area with other mask wearers. This area will be located on the left side of the theatre behind the Scholarship Presenters.

## **Stage Presence Do's and Don'ts**

### **DO**

1. Sit on the stage with good posture.
2. Look attentive.
3. Turn off your cell phones or leave them at home.
4. Maintain the integrity of our event, in your choice of attire that is worn under your gown. It is to align with the YRHS Dress Code. If you wear shorts or a skirt, be aware that your bare legs will show below the gown when photos are taken. As well, after you return your gown, your family may wish to take some formal photos on school property.

### **DON'T**

1. Chew gum.
2. Listen to personal listening devices.
3. Arrive under the influence of drugs/alcohol. (You will not be allowed to participate in Commencement)

## **Recessional**

- At the end of the ceremony, leave in pairs at a faster pace.
- Take diplomas, awards, cards, etc. when you leave.