

**St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Graduation Information 2021**

Both the Graduation Mass and Presentation of Diplomas will be filmed for livestreaming. The Commencement Ceremony will air in full the evening of Saturday, June 26th at 7:00 pm on STA's YouTube channel. This complete version will include the Awards Recognitions and Parent Address.

Graduation Mass – Thursday, June 24th 2021 – 9:00 am

The Grad Mass will be celebrated for the graduates the morning of Thursday, June 24th at 10:00 am in the school gym.

Grads should arrive at the school via the gymnasium entrance on Keith by **9:00 am** to collect gowns and take a class photo.

Dress Code for Grads:

Masks will be worn but can be removed as you receive your diploma.
Dress for the Mass should be modest and fitting for the occasion.

Boys - dark (or uniform) dress pants, collared shirt, tie and dress shoes

Girls - simple dress or skirt/blouse, and shoes you can walk up the stairs in

Commencement Ceremony Presentation of Diplomas – Thursday, June 24th 2021 – 11:00 am

The Commencement Ceremony Presentation of Diplomas will take place after a brief break immediately following Mass in the school gym. Grads will process in alphabetically and be seated accordingly. Grads will hear the Principal's address and the Valedictory Address in addition to receiving their diploma. Current restrictions do not permit parents to attend this event.

Once the ceremony is over, grads will process out of the gym and into the cafeteria space to pick up their gift bag courtesy of STA, the STA Alumni Association and the STA Parent Association.

Grads are welcome to take photos in the cafeteria where photo op spaces will be made available.

Gathering outdoors is not permitted so grads are welcome to leave once they have collected their gift. Estimated end time is 12:30 pm.

Virtual Commencement Ceremony to be aired Saturday, June 26th 2021 - 7:00 pm

The ceremony in full will be aired beginning at 7:00 pm on STA's Youtube channel. (See invitations for further information).

Awards will be announced during this ceremony. If you are an award recipient, you may have your photo taken with the trophy on Monday, June 28th at 9:00 am on the third floor. You will receive further information for claiming your award and thanking the sponsor.

Award Recipients - Monday, June 28th 2021 – 9:00 am

Award recipients sign in on the 3rd floor to have their photo taken and receive their award information.