

**St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Tentative Graduation Information 2021
(Subject to Provincial Health Guidelines)**

Graduation Mass – Thursday, June 24th 2021

The Grad Mass will be celebrated for the graduates and their parents and families the morning of Thursday, June 24th at 11:00 am in the school gym.

Grads will arrive at the school by 8:45 am to set up for the group photograph and procession. After mass, the gowns will be taken home and worn again at the Commencement Ceremonies in the evening.

Dress code for Grads: 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 in

Commencement Ceremony – Thursday, June 24th 2021

The Commencement Ceremony will take place at Broadway Church, 2700 East Broadway, Vancouver Thursday June 24th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The outer doors will open at 6:30 pm. Seats are reserved for presenters and staff only. General seating is available for all other guests. All grads will be issued invitations for family and friends. Bring your gown, and bobby pins to secure the cap. Grads must arrive at the church by 4:30 pm for rehearsal. Grads needing a ride to Broadway Church can take the school bus which will depart STA at 3:00.

Dress code for Grads: Same as Grad Mass

Graduation Dinner and Dance – Saturday, June 19th, 2021

When: Saturday, June 19th, 2021 -- 6:30 pm to midnight. Foyer Reception at 6:30. Ballroom doors open at 7:00 pm and dinner to follow shortly thereafter.

Grad Dress code: formal or semi-formal attire

Where: Crystal Pavilion Ballroom, Pan Pacific, 300 – 999 Canada Place
Parking is available for a flat fee of approximately \$9 after 6:00 pm.

Grads and their parents are invited to this event. Please prepare your seating plan as per the instructions on the yellow form which will be distributed in April. Tickets are not issued for this event. Names of all families will be on the master seating plan. Our Dinner and Dance is a “dry” grad event. Complimentary punch will be available in the foyer and will be served during dinner. In-out privileges will not be granted during the course of the evening. Security services are provided by the hotel.