

**St. Thomas Aquinas High School  
Graduation Information 2023**

**Graduation Mass - Thursday, June 22nd, 2023**

The Grad Mass will be celebrated for the graduates and their parents and families the morning of Thursday, June 22nd at 11:00 am in the school gym.

Grads will arrive at the school by 9:30 am at the latest. We will distribute your grad gowns here and then take the grad class photograph before lining up for the procession. After mass, the gowns will be taken home and worn again at the Commencement Ceremonies.

Dress code for Grads: Dress for the Mass should be modest and fitting for the occasion.

Grad gowns and:

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

**Girls** - simple dress clothing, and shoes you can walk in

**Graduation Mass Reception** – Light refreshments will be offered in the cafeteria following Mass.

**Commencement Ceremony - Thursday, June 22nd, 2023 (tentative)**

The Commencement Ceremony will take place at Broadway Church, 2700 East Broadway in Vancouver on Thursday, June 22nd 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 but these will not need to be presented at the entrance as seating is plentiful. Bring your gown, and bobby pins to secure the cap which will be distributed at the Church. Grads must arrive at the Church by 5:00 pm for rehearsal. Grads needing a ride to Broadway Church can take the school bus which will depart STA at 4:00.

Dress code for Grads: Same as Grad Mass

**Graduation Dinner and Dance – Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**When:** Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023-- 6:30 pm to midnight. Foyer Reception at 6:30. Ballroom doors open at 7:00 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 approx. \$9 after 6:00 pm.

**Grads and their parents only** are invited to this event. Please prepare your seating plan as per the instructions on the yellow order form which will be distributed in May. Tickets are not issued for this event. Names of all guests will be on the master seating plan. Our Dinner and Dance is a “dry” grad event for all attending. 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.