

St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Graduation Information 2024

Graduation Mass - Friday, June 7th 2024

The Grad Mass will be celebrated for the graduates and their parents and families the morning of Friday, June 7th at 11:00 am in the school gym. Grads will arrive at the school by **9:45 am** at the latest. We will be taking a formal group photo before lining up for the procession. Grads will have already received their gowns so please ensure they are pressed and ready to be worn at mass. 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 - 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 20th 2024

The Commencement Ceremony will take place at Massey Theatre, 735- 8th Ave, in New Westminster on Thursday, June 20th 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. Grads are to bring gowns, and bobby pins to secure the cap which will be distributed at the theater. Grads must arrive at the theater by 5:00 pm for rehearsal. Grads needing a ride to Massey Theatre can reserve a seat on the bus by emailing office@aquinas.org by 9:00 am Tuesday, June 18th. Please be at the school by 3:00 for the bus departure at 3:30 pm.

Dress code for Grads: Same as Grad Mass (Please remember your gown!)

Graduation Dinner and Dance – 2024

When: Sunday, June 23rd-- 5:30 pm to midnight. Foyer Reception at 5:30 pm. Ballroom doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow shortly thereafter. Please arrive early as there are wonderful opportunities for photos. The coat check for bags with After Grad clothing is open at 5:00 pm. Dancing ends at midnight. Parents are reminded that if they need to leave early, they can make arrangements with another family to have their son's/daughter's belongings brought home. If families need assistance with this, please contact Mrs Delgado by email at: milagroshaviles@hotmail.com

Where: Westin Bayshore Vancouver, 1601 Bayshore Dr., Vancouver, BC
Parking information will be forthcoming.

Grad Dress code: formal or semi-formal attire

Grads and their parents only are invited to this event. Please prepare your seating plan as per the instructions on the yellow order form. 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. Unlimited pop and juice bar is included. In-out privileges will not be granted during the course of the evening. Security services are provided by the hotel.