

ESBCHS GRAD 2024

October 17 - Parent/Guardian Meeting



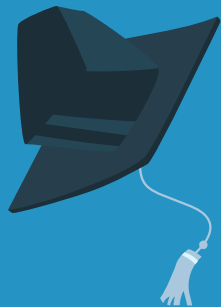
THE PLAN

Beaumont Sport &
Recreation Centre
Field House

June 22, 2024

Ceremony 10am & 12:30pm

Formal 7:30pm



CEREMONY



**We have ~297
grade 12's eligible
to participate**

- Each graduate will be allowed a limited number of guests (to be determined); event is live-streamed so others may watch from the comforts of their own home
- Members of the graduating class are welcome to attend both ceremonies
- There will be an hour long window between the two ceremonies for crossover of the two groups. At that time friends and families can meet outside for photos and well wishes.
- The ceremony portion of the day will be done by no later than 2:00 pm, this provides students and families over 5 hours for group photos, larger family gatherings and meals between the ceremony and formal events.



Commencement Ceremony Criteria

- Must be a grade 12 student who has not participated in a previous commencement ceremony.
- Adhere to the [ESBCHS Student Code of Conduct](#) as well as Section 31 of the Province of Alberta School Act.
 - Section 31 of the Province of Alberta's *Education Act* states that a student has the responsibility to:
 - attend school regularly and punctually
 - be ready to learn and actively engage in and diligently
 - pursue the student's education,
 - ensure that the student's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging, respect the rights of others in the school,
 - refrain from, report and not tolerate bullying or bullying behaviour directed toward others in the school, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means,
 - comply with the rules of the school and the policies of the board,
 - cooperate with everyone authorized by the board to provide education programs and other services,
 - be accountable to the student's teachers and other school staff for the student's conduct, and
 - positively contribute to the student's school and community.
- Must be a Student in Good-Standing
 - Enrolled as a student at ESBCHS.
 - Minimum of 60 credits by the end of Semester 1 of their grade 12 year.
 - Adherent to the conditions of a School Probation letter (if one exists)
- Pay all school fees in full by November 1st of the current school year.
- Pay Graduation fees in full by May 31st of the current school year.

Alpha group counsellors will review each grade 12 student's progress in achieving their Alberta High School Diploma or Certificate of Achievement. Counsellors will send administrators a list of students with shortfalls and administrators will issue letters to parents/students. The letters will only be regarding diploma/certificate requirements and are completely separate from participation in the commencement ceremony.

VALEDICTORIAN

Valedictorian Criteria

Calculations are based on six academic courses. Courses that are required are as follows:

Column A	Column B
English Language Arts 30-1	Math 30-2
Social Studies 30-1	Math 30-1
French Language Arts 30-1	Math 31
	Science 30
	Chemistry 30
	Biology 30
	Physics 30

All students must include:

- one course from Column A (Top Humanities) and
- one course from Column B (Top Math/Science) and
- four additional courses listed in the table above.

For any diploma course that has been completed, the blended mark will be used in the calculation. For courses that are still in progress, the current course mark will be used. If a student completed a diploma course at another school, the diploma mark will be used in the calculation and not the blended mark.

The average will be calculated at the end of quarter three, using completed course marks and midterm marks for semester two courses. The valedictorian should also represent Ecole Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School's core values and be in good standing with the school.

SALUTATORIAN

The designation of Salutatorian for the graduating class each year is given to a grade 12 student who excels in the following areas:

- Student is in good academic standing and has acted in accordance with the ESBCHS Code of Conduct.
- Student demonstrates strong public speaking ability.
- Student is involved in the school beyond the classroom setting (has extra-curricular involvement).
- Student demonstrates friendliness, courtesy, respect for and acceptance of others.



CLASS OF 2024 FORMAL

- Ticketed event (grad + guest)
- Start & End Time 7:30-11:00 pm
- Single entry ticket
- Live DJ
- Snacks (no sit down meal)
- Photo Booths
- Security + Volunteer supervisors



GRAD FEE INFORMATION

There will be one grad fee for each participating student that will include:

- Gown & stole rental
- Keeper cap & tassel
- Class group photo
- Guest tickets to the ceremony (number to be determined)
- Live streaming services
- Event decor
- Graduate & 1 guest tickets to the 2024 Class Formal
- DJ at formal
- Private security at formal

*Fee had yet to be set and will be posted on PowerSchool



STUDENT INPUT

- Grad Hoodie Designs
- Decorating ideas
- MC Nominations
- Grad song ideas
- Theme Days in June

*We communicate with students via Google Classroom



PARTICIPATION & INFORMATION COLLECTION

An email will be sent to parents this Friday (Friday October 20) with a Google Form that will need to be completed

- Declare participation of graduate
- Name to be printed on the school awarded certificate
- Phonetic pronunciation of name
- Height for gown ordering purposes
- Volunteer sign up



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Transformation of BSRC on Friday afternoon/evening
- Take down on Sunday (usually grade 11 parents)
- Construction of a #4
- Class of 2024 Formal supervision (7pm - 11pm)
- Volunteer coordinator





THINGS THAT DO NOT INVOLVE THE SCHOOL OR DISTRICT

Outdoor photos with your grad class

(ie: Legislature Ground Photos)

Safe Grad

Banquet

This presentation and all grad related information can be found on our website at esbchs.blackgold.ca/students/graduation



QUESTIONS?

Q. Why not combine the class into one ceremony, how many guest could each grad have if it was combined?

A. ESBCHS is committed to keeping the commencement ceremony a local and personalized event for each grad. With the personalized touch and handing out of awards, a combined ceremony would be 3-4 hours long. Due to fire code regulations, each grad would only be allowed 2.5 guests at the BSRC. Many grads have more than 2.5 parents and want other family members to attend as well.

Q. What happens at the ceremony?

A. The ceremony is where students wear their cap and gown, have their names announced and a personalized message read about each grad, cross the stage and receive their school awarded certificates. Grade 12 awards are announced and handed out at this time as well. There are speeches from Mr. Stiles (principal), a Black Gold School Division representative, a City of Beaumont representative as well as our class valedictorian and salutatorian.

QUESTIONS?

Q. It is a long day for the kids, why not split it into two days?

A. BGSD's joint user agreement with the City of Beaumont only allows for a single day event. We only have room in the budget for the rental of the draping, chairs, tables etc. that we require to transform the fieldhouse for a one day celebration. We rely very heavily on staff support to be able to put on such large events. The school organizes the ceremony and formal. *We also recognize that students still have diplomas to write after the celebration therefore we try to limit their studying disruptions*

Q. What do the students wear under the grad gowns for the ceremony?

A. This is completely a personal choice. Some students will wear their full formal attire for the entire day. Some will wear a different outfit for the ceremony and change for the formal. It is entirely up to your child. It is warm with the gown and cap, so many students will wear a light, shorter dress or a shirt and tie without the jacket for the ceremony.

QUESTIONS?

Q. When are grad photos?

A. Grad photos are booked here at ESBCHS for the Exam week in January (19-30). Booking is to be done online and information will be sent via email later in the year. There is a sitting fee that must be paid to the photographers the day of. Students are welcome to get their photos done with a different photographer outside of the school, we just ask that a digital copy of that photo is supplied to the school.

Q. What about having the ceremony on the football field?

A. The football field does not have a stage or enough bleachers at this time. We are not allowed to set up chairs or a stage on the field due to the artificial turf. Weather is also a very big deterrent to hosting an outdoor event.

