

ST. PAUL'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION INFORMATION PACKAGE CLASS OF 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians of St. Paul's Graduates of 2024,

Peace of Christ! Enclosed you will find important information regarding events surrounding the 2024 graduation. The present plan is as follows:

- The Mother Son Mass & Tree Planting Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 3rd in the MultiPlex. All mothers/guardians are invited to attend this very special event, which includes a luncheon. You have most likely already registered for this event. If you haven't seen the email to register, please contact Julie Paterson @ 204-831-2327.
- A Mass for graduands, their families, and friends will be celebrated on Sunday, June 9th at 10:00 am in the MultiPlex.
- The St. Paul's Graduation Dinner and Dance is on Friday, June 14th, at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg, 375 York Ave. Parents are encouraged to attend the dinner and dance with their son and his guest. Registration will begin at 5:00 pm, banquet doors will open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Graduands, guests, and their families are welcome to arrive at the same time.
- The **Graduation Ceremony (Convocation)**, Tuesday, June 25th, will be held in the MultiPlex. The event will begin promptly at 1:00 pm. Graduands are reminded to be there between 12:15 pm 12:30 pm to facilitate grad gown assignment, etc. With the exception of jackets, FULL DRESS CODE is mandatory (dress shirt, dress pants, dress socks & shoes, and tie). We encourage graduands and their parents to invite family and friends to this event. You will receive a link to RSVP via Eventbrite closer to the date.
- The **Ernie Ostermann '57 Graduand Golf Tournament** will be held on Thursday, June 27th at Breezy Bend Golf Course, 7620 Roblin Blvd. Graduates and their mentors will spend the day golfing in pairs, with the day ending with supper in the clubhouse. Tickets will go on sale on Friday May 17th. An email will be sent home as a reminder.

The **Dinner/Dance & Safe Grad Ticket Order Form** and **Safe Grad Registration**, along with full payment, are due no later than Wednesday, May 15, 2024. The Ticket Order Form shows the cost of the tickets. The Safe Grad Committee cannot complete arrangements for the special day if the forms are not handed in on time.

The Dinner/Dance & Safe Grad Ticket Order Form is completed online and can be found HERE.

Payment for grad events can be made by using the link at the end of the grad from, or in person immediately following the Mother Son Mass from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm outside the Eddie Cass Gym. Please make sure your form above is complete prior to paying.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2024!

Sincerely.

Mr. Kevin Booth '78

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President

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excitedly preparing for the St. Paul's High School Graduation Dinner, Dance, and Safe Grad event, scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2024, at the RBC Convention Centre located at 375 York Ave.

To secure tickets for the Dinner/Dance and/or Safe Grad, you have two options:

- Online Ticket Purchase: Tickets can be purchased online through our website.
- In-Person Registration: We will have an option for in-person registration on May 3, following the Mother and Son brunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM.

Regardless of your chosen method, please ensure you review the information provided in this letter, Mr. Booth's correspondence, and the document titled "Safe Grad Information & Regulations 2024."

The evening will commence with a cash bar opening at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM. Parents and guests are welcome to stay until approximately 9:00 PM.

Registration/guardian check in tables will open at 5:00 PM for graduands and their guests. Photo ID will be required for entry, and those eligible for alcoholic beverages will receive an "Age Verified" wristband. All attendees (including guests) must carry valid photo ID at all times.

Following the Dinner and Dance, the Safe Grad party will continue until 2:00 AM. Please note that graduands and their guests are not permitted to leave the RBC Convention Centre between the Dinner/Dance and the Safe Grad portions of the evening.

Throughout the Safe Grad party, food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available, with a cash bar open until 1:00 AM and non-alcoholic bar service until 2:00 AM. The evening will feature musical entertainment and other gaming activities, along with prizes for attendees.

Graduands and their guests must be picked up no later than 2:00 AM by the person named on the release form. Pick-up drivers must present valid photo ID, as only individuals listed on the Pick-Up Driver Consent Form will be authorized for collection.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>gradcommittee@stpauls.mb.ca</u>.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Martin 2024 Grad Committee Chair

- 1. It is imperative and responsible that parents do not allow an alcohol party to be planned prior to or after the Safe Grad Party.
- Under no circumstances can a graduand or his guest attending the Graduation Dinner/Dance and Safe Grad Party at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg drive home, whether they have been drinking or not.
- 3. The RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg requires that there be no "Dressing Down" for the Safe Grad Party. Students and guests are required to remain in the formal attire for the duration of the event.
- 4. Upon arriving at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg all pre-registered graduands and guests must provide Government issued photo ID. The following forms of ID are considered valid photo identification:
 - a passport;
 - a driver's licence;
 - · an identification card issued by Manitoba Public Insurance;
 - a Secure Certificate of Indian Status issued by the Government of Canada;
 - a NEXUS card;
 - a Canadian Armed Forces identification card;
 - a possession and acquisition licence issued under the Firearms Act (Canada);
 - a Manitoba Métis Federation citizenship card;
 - two pieces of government-issued identification, with at least one piece of identification containing a photograph of the person

<u>Pictures are not an acceptable form of ID.</u> Only guests whose ID has been verified to be 18 or older can receive an "Age Verified" ID wristband.

- 5. No backpacks or large hand bags will be allowed into the banquet hall. The Convention Centre has the right to search any purse/bag without permission.
- 6. All grads and guests will be asked to hand in their cell phones at the beginning of Safe Grad. Phones will be available at the checkout during Safe Grad. It is imperative that graduands and their designated pick-up drivers arrange a scheduled pick up time ahead of the event.
- All students may be subject to searches by RBC Convention Centre's Security personnel upon entry to the banquet hall. This is conducted for the purpose of locating contraband alcohol or other items deemed dangerous or illegal.
- 8. Any grad or his guest wishing to leave the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg and not attend the Safe Grad party must make arrangements beforehand with parents/guardians for transportation home.
- 9. At Safe Grad, only students aged 18 or over wearing the 'Age Verified" wristband will be allowed to purchase an alcoholic beverage. No person shall receive more than one alcoholic drink per visit to the bar and no "doubles" will be served. Shooters are not permitted. Bottles of wine can only be purchased prior to or during the dinner service, by or under the supervision of a parent that must ensure that the wine is consumed responsibly. Bartenders will have the right to refuse service. Non-alcoholic drinks and food will be available at all times.

- 10. Persons will be able to purchase a maximum of four (4) beverage tickets at a time until midnight. After midnight persons will be allowed to purchase a maximum of two (2) tickets for the remainder of the event from RBC Convention Centre cashiers.
- 11. Alcohol bar services will conclude no later than 1:00am. Non-alcoholic bar service will be available until 2:00 am.
- 12. This is a non-smoking event. Cannabis and vaping will be prohibited in events or safe grads.
- 13. Graduands are responsible for their own and their guest's behavior. Any person who is visibly intoxicated or involved in any aggressive physical behavior or verbal exchange, either as an instigator or retaliator will be removed from the party. Parents will be phoned to provide immediate transportation home for the grad and his guest. Officers from the Winnipeg Police Department will be at Safe Grad.
- 14. All transportation home from the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg is the responsibility of the parents/guardians. Only the person(s) indicated on the release form may pick up a grad or guest whether they leave early from the Safe Grad Party or at the end. Graduands are not required to leave early from Safe Grad if their guest decides to leave early. However, if the grad leaves early, the grad's guest must also leave at the same time. No one will be readmitted once signed out from safe grad. Grads and Guests must be picked up no later than 2:00 am.
- 15. The Safe Grad Committee will provide supervision to maintain as safe a graduation celebration as possible, but will not be held liable.

Friday, June 14, 2024

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Arrive at RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg and Registration

- Graduands, guests and families will arrive at the same time.
- Graduands and their guests will receive an "Age Verified" wristband upon proof of age identification. Pictures are not an acceptable form of age verification.
- Banquet doors will open at 5:00 pm, and a cash bar will also open at 5:00 pm.

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Graduation Dinner and Dance

- Parents and guests remain at the dinner and dance all evening.
- Under no circumstances can a graduand or their guest drive home from the Graduation Dinner/Dance and Safe Grad from the Convention Centre, whether they have been drinking or not.
- For those graduands/guests not attending Safe Grad at the Convention Centre, arrangements must be made with their parents for transportation home.

9:00 pm- 9:30 pm

Safe Grad Changeover

- Everyone will leave the ballroom in order to prepare the room for the Safe Grad portion of the evening.
- Parents will sign in their son and his guest (if applicable) at the sign-in table and will leave after doing so.

9:30 pm - 2:00 am

Safe Grad

- Non-alcoholic drinks and food will be available throughout the evening; the bar will be open from 9:30 pm - 1:00 am (non-alcoholic beverages served until 2:00 am)
- Only students wearing the "Age Verified" wristband will be allowed to purchase alcohol.
- Bartenders and/or parent supervisors may refuse to serve anyone.
- A casino, auction prizes, and entertainment will be a part of the evening

1:30 am - 2:00 am

Leave Safe Grad

- It is the responsibility of the parents to pick up the grad and guest. All grads and their guests may be picked up by 2:00 am.
- It is strongly suggested that a male and female couple be in the vehicles while driving graduands and their guests' home.
- If the graduand wishes to leave the Safe Grad event early, his guest must leave with him. However, a guest may leave the party earlier as long as arrangements have been made prior and will be released only to the person(s) whose name and signature have been indicated on the Pick-Up Driver Form.



April 2024

Dear St. Paul's Families,

The 2024 St. Paul's High School Grad Committee is hard at work orchestrating all the elements that will make the Dinner and Safe Grad 2024 a truly unforgettable occasion, set to take place on **Friday**, **June 14**, **2024**, at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg.

Among the highlights of the evening, the Fantasy Casino promises to be the most anticipated event. Our goal is to provide graduates and their guests with a rich variety of prizes as they cash out their 'casino winnings'. From rewards to smaller tokens of appreciation, a selection of prizes will be essential in ensuring an atmosphere of excitement and delight for our sons and their guests. We kindly invite the families, relatives, friends, and related companies of St. Paul's grads to join us in enhancing the event. While the ticket price includes a modest budget for prizes, your generous support will allow us to elevate the celebration to new heights, ensuring that every graduate leaves with cherished memories and meaningful prizes. Your contribution will truly make a difference in creating a night to remember for our graduates and their guests.

Our aim is to offer prizes of both significant and modest value. Modest prizes may include \$25 - \$50 gift cards from businesses such as gas stations, restaurants, popular retailers, movie theaters, credit cards (i.e. VISA cash card), etc. While gift card donations are not eligible for a tax receipt, they will be greatly appreciated. Contributions in cash donations towards the prizes may qualify for a tax receipt.

Prize donations can be dropped off at the school office during office hours anytime <u>between today and Friday</u>, <u>May 31, 2024</u>. Financial contributions should be made payable to St. Paul's High School and can either be dropped off or mailed to the school.

Kindly direct any donations you make to the attention of the Grad Committee. Special contributions will be recognized at our gift table during the event. Please don't hesitate to contact the Grad Committee at gradcommittee@stpauls.mb.ca if you have any questions or suggestions.

On behalf of the St. Paul's High School Grad Committee, we sincerely thank you for your support!

Best regards,

Nadiya Khrustavka, Grad Communications Chair

April 22, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians and Graduands,

Each 2024 graduand and an invited mentor are welcome to attend the Ernie Ostermann '57 Graduand Golf Tournament at **Breezy Bend Golf Course** (7620 Roblin Blvd.) on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

10:30 am- Registration 11:00 am- BBQ Lunch 12:00 pm Shotgun Start 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm- Dinner

<u>Please note that the BBQ lunch and dinner are both included in the price of the tournament.</u> The mentor can be the father, older brother, stepfather, uncle, grandfather, or another older adult who has taken a mentoring role in the graduand's life.

There are only 144 spots available (72 Graduands and 72 mentors) so register early as this event fills up very quickly. Please note that there is no rain date and <u>no refunds will be provided</u> unless the course cancels the tournament due to weather conditions.

The cost is \$175.00 per player. This fee includes the BBQ lunch, green fees, cart, dinner and prizes. Club rentals are available for \$50.00 plus tax per set. If you are renting clubs, please contact the golf course directly to arrange.

For those not participating in the tournament there are some spaces to attend the dinner only, at a cost of \$70.00 per person.

This year we will be having:

\$20.00 Putting contest with the proceeds going to the Bursary Fund.

1 drink ticket per golfer, entry into the putting contest, 1 Mulligan to be used in round.

On course hole contests for graduands and mentors: Hole in one contest, longest drive, and closest to the pin.

We are looking for **hole sponsors, donors for team prizes**, **and draw prizes**: please contact Mark Carver at <u>markchristophercarver@gmail.com</u> if you are able to help with any of these. Also, if you would like to donate an item for the gift bag for graduands, 72 will be required and they are very much appreciated.

As this event is taking place after graduation, alcohol will be available for purchase for participants aged 18 years or older. We ask that participants who choose to drink please do so responsibly, as you are still representing St. Paul's High School.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE ERNIE OSTERMANN '57 GRADUAND GOLF TOURNAMENT after May 17, 2024. The link will be available on the Grad Information website.

<u>Grad Info - St Paul's High School (stpauls.mb.ca)</u>



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024

Please note: If this cost is a barrier to registration, please have your son speak with his counsellor.