



UPDATED CELEBRATIONS SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 16

Saturday June 26 **Celebrations**

2:00 pm Grad 2021 Group Photo

Meet at Westhill Park at 2:00 pm to be arranged for the group picture. We will not be taking attendance at this event, so if you are late, and Mr. Neill takes the picture, you will not have a 2nd chance. Be on time!

3:00 - 4:00 pm Reverse Parade

Students meet under their banners as the public is invited to drive through town and wave to the students. Please use as much social media and influence you have to free up the parking stalls on main street so the community parade can clearly see the graduates under their banner.

*** New 5:00 pm Celebrations Program** *NOT open to the public - invited guests only*

Location: Didsbury Arena (Livestream Event)

With the recent AHS updates, the program will now take place **INSIDE** the arena. Families are limited to **8 people total**, which includes the grad. In order to be able to host the event indoors, social distancing and masks will be mandatory for the duration of the event. Additionally, attendees must remain seated, remain within their cohort and avoid mingling with others while indoors. Seating will be pre-assigned and marked for you upon arrival at the event.

In order to meet AHS restrictions regarding indoor gatherings, families are asked to arrive at the Memorial Complex as follows:

Last Name of Graduate Starting with A-G - arrive between 4:20-4:30 pm

Last Names of Graduate Starting with H-N - arrive between 4:30-4:40 pm

Last Names of Graduate Starting with O-Z - arrive between 4:40-4:40 pm

Opportunities for family photos will be set up outside of the Memorial Complex before and after the event. Please see the letter below from Rural Routes Photography regarding an exciting gift for all grad families to enjoy!

Once the program begins, it will flow continuously and will include the following:

- Introduction of Special Guests
 - Greetings from Mayor and Reeve
 - Tributes and Replies
 - SlideShow – Baby & Grad pictures
 - Guest Speaker
 - Grad Introduction (grads come on stage to be introduced as single grads or in partners of 2 or 3)
 - Thank you's
- Livestream link for the Celebrations is <https://bit.ly/DidsburyGrad2021>. Please note this link is case sensitive and will not be live until 10 minutes before the event. Please feel free to share this link with family members and friends that cannot attend in person.

6:30 Family Supper/BBQ/Gatherings

Each grad family will enjoy their own gathering and supper that they plan for the evening. Local restaurants may be able to accommodate families looking to go out for supper.

Restaurants that have indicated they will be available for advance grad bookings are:

- JD's Restaurant (will have grad specials), 403-335-3541
- All Jacked Up Bar and Grill (no minors), 403-335-3555
- The International Grill, 403-335-2362

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Decorating Committee is looking for some assistance on Thursday, June 24 between 10 am and 7 pm, and Friday, June 25 from 10 am to 4:30 pm, to help decorate the arena. If you can give a couple hours assistance, please contact Kim Rauhala at 403-335-5952. Thank you!



To the grads and graduate families of 2021,

I firstly want to commend you on your resiliency over the last 16+ months. I'm sure you've heard this a few times by now, but our community does realize the hardships the pandemic has brought to you and yet your character shines through. Congratulations on the milestone you are about to achieve!

Rural Route Photography is very much looking forward to covering some of your graduation celebration! On Saturday, Cassie Dorran and Mytayla Miller will be going around town during the Didsbury High School Parade to picture all the graduates. Have fun with this; show us your personalities! Then, later that afternoon we will move over to the parent-organized celebration, capturing the grads as they walk across stage and any other candid opportunities the event showcases. Parents, siblings, friends, teachers...we will be on-site capturing all the students in their element as your photo coverage supplier.

You can view the photos in our online gallery at:

<https://www.enjoyphotos.com/Gallery/Login.aspx?GUID=bce9908a-4c28-4e2a-b817-548c3b06e9fc>. We have tons of archival, beautiful and fun items for purchase, should you wish to gift to friends, graduates or parents! **Also, the parent committee has graciously gifted the digital downloads of the beautiful photo coverage; you will see this option within the online gallery also.** Be sure to smile for us on June 26 and then watch for that email two weeks following, so you can view the graduates!

If you would like to check us out beforehand, find us online at <https://ruralroutephotography.com> or on Facebook /RuralRoutePhotography and Instagram @rural.route.photography !

Thanks so much, and all the best in the coming weeks ahead!

Cassie Dorran

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