



DHS Grad 2025

Dear Grads & Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this meeting is to inform you of the dates and times of the upcoming Graduation Ceremonies for the Class of 2025.

The cost of grad is divided into two events: The **Cap and Gown** and the **Celebrations Banquet**. The **Cap and Gown** are a shared cost between the school and the students. Each grad will have a fee added to their School Fee Account to go towards the gown rentals and for the cap/tassel that each student can keep. DHS staff will look after the setup and takedown of the stage, sound system, and chairs for this event.

The cost and the decorating for the **Celebrations Banquet** will be covered by the graduate and their parents. We will divide the cost of the facility, any required rentals, the decorating, the sound system, and the meal costs of VIP's (Ross Ford and Westglen staff) equally among the grads participating in the Celebrations Banquet. The cost of the meal will be added as a "per plate" ordered by the grad. Each grad will have their grad fees added to the Student Fee Account, which covers their credits and final costs (\$200 deposit, fundraising totals) for Celebrations. If you feel there is an error, please contact us immediately. The invoice must be paid by **May 12, 2025**, for grads to take part in Celebrations.

All fees need to be paid before dinner tickets are disbursed to students. If there is a concern with paying these fees, please contact Ms. Harvey about setting up a plan to pay.

There is a Parent Decorating Committee that has been meeting to plan the details of decorating the arena. This group will require parental help with decorating and setting up for the celebrations. The arena is booked from Wednesday, May 21, at 9:00 AM to the evening of Saturday, May 24th. Before you leave tonight, please sign up to help during this time. The grade 11 students and parents will help with the clean-up of the arena after Celebrations is complete, so grad families will not have to worry about this at the end of the evening.

So there are no surprises, we want to address our expectations for Graduation. If a student uses the Cap and Gown as a forum to embarrass the school, parents, and peers, they will not be allowed to take part in any further part of the Graduation Ceremonies. This includes showing up under the influence of any type of drug or alcohol.