



## RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Dear Grads and Royal Families,

As spring continues to blossom, it is time we turn our attention to celebrating this year's graduates. As announced in December, this year's graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, during the day, here at Riverview High School. With such positive feedback on last year's graduation from grads, families, staff, other students and their parents, and the community, we have decided to provide a similar format with grads and their guests participating in an intimate diploma ceremony in the school theatre at designated times. This format will also allow us to provide a safe environment to celebrate while respecting public health requirements. The final details of our graduation ceremony and numbers of guests permitted, will be planned closer to the event so we can consider the required public health requirements of that time.

During graduation last year, we were able to schedule 10 graduates in 15 minutes blocks to participate in the diploma ceremony. Please note, only three to four graduates with their guests were permitted in the theatre at the same time; however, all 10 graduates were in line together and exited the school close to the same time. Last year, graduates were scheduled in these blocks alphabetically. In hopes of allowing grads to share in the event with their close friends, we are providing you with an opportunity to give us the names of graduates (9 maximum) that they would like to be scheduled with in the same block of time. You do not have to submit any request or you can submit a list smaller than 9 other grads. If you choose to submit a request, please ensure all graduates provide the same list of people they want to graduate with. We will do our best to accommodate these requests, but cannot guarantee we will be able to do so given the complexity of scheduling the graduation. To submit a request, please complete the information on the next page and return it to the school office by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

All graduates must confirm the spelling of their legal name and preferred name. The Government of New Brunswick requires that we print diplomas using legal names as verified with government issued identification such as a birth certificate. We use grad's preferred names in the program and announcing them during the ceremony. Please confirm the spelling of both names on the next page and return it to the school office by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

For this year's graduation, we would like to have potted plants showcasing our Royal colors (red and white) lining the walkway leading up to the school. If you are willing to loan a medium-large potted plant to the school for graduation, please complete the information on the next page. You will be able to drop off the plant the day before graduation and then pick it up again the day after the ceremony.

This year's grad fee will be \$60. This fee covers the cost of the audio/visual for the day, decorations, diplomas, programs, and the grad gowns and caps (which you get to keep). The grad fee will be posted soon on SchoolCash. Please pay this fee by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

For a graduate to participate in the graduation, a parent or guardian must also complete the informed consent letter for New Brunswick's Right to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act. This will also be available soon on SchoolCash. Please complete this informed consent by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
RHS Staff