**Graduation Details for SVHS Graduates:**

Staff at Southern Victoria High School is excited to be able to offer an in-house, one-day graduation plan for our very deserving graduates. As per the announcement on June 4th, we are now in the Public Health Alert Yellow Level that allows 50 people inside our gym. Mini-graduation ceremonies will take place on Tuesday, **June 16th**, in the SVHS gym.

We have had to alter a few details to ensure that all Health & Safety Protocols are followed.

Graduates will be contacted by phone to provide answers to questions that are required for the abbreviated graduation ceremonies. Both roads in the school grounds will be closed to the public on June 16th. This has been approved by the town and AES. Both roads into school grounds will be barricaded and only staff for AES, the RVCC and graduates’ guests will be permitted onto school grounds. Graduates will have to provide their list of guests prior to the day of the graduation ceremonies. Guests will have to show their invitation at the road site and again to enter the school. No children under the age of 10 are permitted at the graduation due to health concerns and the unpredictability of securing their movement within the COVID 19 restrictions. One invitation will admit one person only.

Graduates parents, guardians and friendship groupings will need to be at the school and checked through the check-in point 20 minutes prior to the appointed time. Parking will be in the RVCC parking lot. Graduates will be dropped off at the side entrance to the gym and will line up six feet apart in the gym. Parents, guardians, and guests will enter the library door and will be directed to wait at a table that is distanced from the next grouping. At the appointed time, one grouping at a time will enter the gym and find seating in a bubble grouping. Each family grouping will sit together and be separated from other groupings. Family seating groups will be spaced as per the Public Health guidelines in the gym.

Guests will not be able to move out of their seats. All photos will have to be taken from your seat. When all guests are seated, announcements, videos and a special song will take place. Graduates will then be presented one at a time. Each graduate will walk to the center of the gym, pick up their diploma and other items, move their tassel to the opposite side of their cap, stand for a photo and then move to the opposite side gym door and exit to the garden area. A staff member will be running a video which includes speeches and pictures of the graduates once they are lined up in the gym.

After the five graduates have **all** exited the gym, **two** guests of each graduate can follow out the side gym door for pictures with their graduate. All other guests will exit the main gym doors respecting social distancing and exit the building via the front door. Guests will then proceed to the vehicles and leave school grounds by driving around the building and leaving by way of the street that connects to the Fort Road.

As each graduate enters the garden area they will walk to the end of the gym where the large banner is located and get their photo placard off the lawn. A photographer will take their picture. (Grads who wish to purchase an outdoor composite will deal directly with the photographer). Graduates will then use the sidewalk and move to the cement bench for a photo.

As soon as the guests have exited the building, custodians will enter the gym and clean all chairs for the next group to enter. These guests should already be in the cafeteria and waiting for their signal to enter the gym. This process will be repeated 10 times throughout the day of June 16th until all SV graduates have been officially graduated.

Graduates and two guests will have 15 minutes in total for photos (switching through the stations in the garden) and to return their gowns. While in the garden area, students can get pictures with their two guests at a bench and under the archway. Then graduates will take off their gown and stole and proceed to the door located by Mrs. DeMerchant’ s classroom where they will be given a new bag to put their gown and stole in. They will tie it up, put the label with their name on it and hand to the staff member at the door. The graduate and two guests will then leave the garden and return to their vehicle by way of the sidewalk and leave school grounds.

**Graduating students & parents will be contacted directly next week to share your graduate’s appointment time for Graduation. Please note, students & families who do not show up on time will not be worked into the next time slot because of Public Health Restrictions.** You would have to come back at the very end of the day to see if we could fit you in at that time. It is extremely important that graduates show up at the side gym door 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time and not any sooner. Each group of 5 graduates will have 15 minutes in the gym for their ceremony.